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Changes to the timings of committees and AMERC NEWS will be announced at AGM As part of the transition this 'flyer' brings you up to date with the outcomes of the most recent Maritime Board. Think of it as a 'stop press' (with retained numbering.)

'REVAL CONFERENCE'

Association policy is to support GMDSS Certificates Revalidation. Consequently it is supporting an International Conference to be held at an hotel near Heathrow Airport in September 2004. Details should be available at AGM.

NAC MATTERS

Sue Jones has asked us to popint out that the courier fee has had to be raised to £20stg.

REC Coordinators are asked not to send payments to the NAC using BACs for each individual student as this increases the costs of administration

TS TARANTO

Congratulations to TS Taranto which has successfully completed its probationary period. TST has also been authorised to offer ROC courses and examinations.

GMDSS COURSE REPEATS

Maritime Board has agreed that a GOC Certificate holder who has 're-attended a course is to be issued with a second completion certificate but is not required to resit the examination. This missed the last Issue - apologies.

HMCG LIAISON

A meeting between the Association and HMCG has taken place under the Chairmanship of Mark Morgan. Items discussed or under review include syllabus matching, comparison of facilities and the sharing of good practice. Such meetings are valuable and will continue on a regular basis.

COURSE INSPECTIONS

As you know AMERC is now authorised to carry out course inspections on behalf of the MCA. The Board has set up a working party to devise inspection Guidelines.

GMDSS STATISTICS

The quarterly report of the GMDSS Examinations Statistics for the period 01 October 2004 to 31 December 2004.

EXAMINATIONS	ENTERED	PASSED
UK GOC	239	211
ALL GOC	402	358
UK ROC	62	58
ALL ROC	64	60
LRC	166	145