The Past Becomes the Present

The Maritime Industry

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Merchant Marine Act of 1936

Requirements:
- American Merchant Marine be manned
- Trained efficient citizens personnel
- Health of members must be at high level
- Good health protection against unnecessary industrial hazards
- Are essential to the welfare of seamen and to the efficiency of the industry they serve
- Their interest must go hand in hand
- If industry is efficient, personnel will benefit

Early as 1948, it was decided to have a Joint Tripartite of

ILO: International Labor Organization
WHO: World Health Organization
IMCO: Governmental Maritime Consultants Organization

Purpose of Tripartite:

1. Provide an International Medical Guide for Ships
2. Ship’s Medicine Guide for Ships
3. Correlate all drugs and equipment needs to provide treatment in medical guide
4. Revision of International Code of Signals

Developed International Medicine Guide for Ships

- 1967
- 1988

United States
July 16, 1798 President
John Adams

- Signed Act for Relief of Sick and Disabled Seamen
- Authorizing establishment of Marine Hospital Service
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SHIP developed working groups on:
- Qualified shipboard person
- Physical qualifications of mariners
- Diagnosis and treatment
  - Injuries
  - Diseases
- Designing and supplying medical instruments, supplies, medicines
- Radio in medical emergencies
- Helicopters – evacuation at sea

The Treasury Department the Administrative Control for SHIP Actions

MSC Medical Director was sent by
- U.S. State Department as U.S. representative to participate in Meeting Geneva of Tripartite
  - ILO
  - WHO
  - IMCO

U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Department of Homeland Security responsible for Merchant Mariners Medical Examinations
- Using U.S. Coast Guard Guidelines and Regulations
- Medical information needed by National Maritime Center
  - U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters for approving mariners’ status
- “Is this person fit for sea duty?”
  - Navigation and vessel inspection (NTC-04-08)
- Provides the Medical and Physical Evaluation Guidelines for Merchant Mariner credentials.