

WHAT IS INTERTANKO AND WHAT IS ITS FUNCTION FOR SHIP-OWNERS

INTERTANKO is the International Association of Independent Tanker Owners. INTERTANKO has been the voice of independent tanker owners since 1970, ensuring that the oil that keeps the world turning is shipped safely, responsibly and competitively.

Membership is open to independent tanker owners and operators of oil and chemical tankers, i.e. non-oil companies and non-state controlled tanker owners, who fulfill the Association's membership criteria. Independent owners operate some 80% of the world's tanker fleet and the vast majority are INTERTANKO members. As of January 2007, the organization has 260 members, whose combined fleet comprises some 2,900 tankers totaling 236 million dwt, which is 75% of the world's independent tanker fleet. INTERTANKO's associate membership stands at some 300 companies with an interest in shipping of oil and chemicals.

INTERTANKO is a forum where the industry meets, policies are discussed and statements are created. It is a valuable source of first-hand information, opinions and guidance. INTERTANKO has a vision of a professional, efficient and respected industry, that is dedicated to achieving [Safe transport](#), [cleaner seas](#) and [free competition](#).

The strong support that INTERTANKO enjoys allows it to speak authoritatively and proactively on behalf of tanker operators at international, regional, national and local level. It is also able to maintain a 25-strong secretariat and a network of 14 committees and four regional panels that coordinate an extensive work programmed that comprises more than 50 agenda items. Governments and shipping regulators have taken a closer interest in tanker shipping in recent years. INTERTANKO has responded by establishing, strengthening and maintaining relationships with legislators on all levels, working with them to ensure a fair and equitable distribution of the responsibilities and liabilities involved in carrying oil and chemicals by sea.

Underlining its commitment to representing its members where key decisions are made, INTERTANKO opened offices in Singapore and Washington DC in 1999, in addition to its principal offices in Oslo and London. Within the shipping industry itself, INTERTANKO participates in discussions within the International Maritime Organization (IMO) where we have NGO status and the International Oil Spill Compensation Fund. In addition, it has consultative status at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Oil and its derivatives will remain the world's most critical commodity in the foreseeable future and tankers will be needed to distribute it to where it is needed. As long as tankers are vital to this distribution INTERTANKO will provide leadership in the development and implementation of industry standards and practices, and international regulations for maritime safety and environmental protection.

INTERTANKO is actively involved in a wide range of topics, which include commercial, technical, legal and operational matters. INTERTANKO's direct contact with the members and original sources enables it to select and promulgate the information which is essential to the tanker industry.

INTERTANKO's information and advisory services include our Weekly NEWS, courses, seminars and free access to a range of web based services. INTERTANKO produces publications, specializing in technical, operational, environmental, documentary and market issues. Members and associate members are also entitled to direct expert opinions from resourceful and experienced lawyers, mariners, naval architects, marine engineers, economists and other specialists within INTERTANKO. Their wide network of contacts routinely benefit directly members and associate members.

MISSION

Provide leadership to the Tanker Industry in serving the world with the safe, environmentally sound and efficient seaborne transportation of oil, gas and chemical products.

VISION FOR THE TANKER INDUSTRY

A responsible, sustainable and respected Tanker Industry, committed to continuous improvement and constructively influencing its future.

INTERTANKO AND ITS MEMBERS GOALS

Be the representative forum of choice for all quality tanker owners and managers.

Enhance public and political awareness of the importance and positive performance of the tanker industry.

Promote balanced terms of trade and a competitive, transparent and sustainable tanker industry.

Lead the development, acceptance and implementation of uniform, worldwide international tanker standards

Lead in establishing and maintaining partnerships, cooperation and open and constructive dialogue with the relevant maritime authorities, organizations, associations and special interest groups.

INTERTANKO MEMBERS will:

Lead the continuous improvement of the Tanker Industry's performance in striving to achieve the goals of:

- Zero fatalities
- Zero pollution
- Zero detentions

Deliver the highest quality services to meet the expectations of their stakeholders.

Promote the availability and utilization of personnel with the highest quality marine skills and competencies

The Tanker NEWSLETTER is a new publication from INTERTANKO, launched in October 1998 to bring useful information about the industry out beyond the ranks of

the tanker community itself to all those having some contact with tanker shipping and a desire to learn more form a first-hand source. The tanker industry has played, and continues to play, a key role in the development of a rigorous safety regime aimed at ensuring the accident and pollution-free delivery of those cargoes so vital to our everyday life. Great progress has been made in improving safety levels over the past two decades, but standards can never be relaxed and further work still needs to be done before the industry's ultimate goal of zero pollution is achieved. The Tanker NEWSLETTER is here to record that progress.

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