International Maritime Organization (IMO) & Predecessors

The Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO) was started in 1958 as a UN Specialized Agency, changing its name to IMO in 1982. The Assembly meets every two years, and the Council, more often. IMO is headquartered in London, England.

Predecessor Conferences

P.1 1st International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, London, England, 12 Nov.1913-Jan. 1914

P.2 2nd International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, London, England, 16 Apr.-31 May 1929



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P.3 3rd International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, London, England, Apr.-Jun. 1948

P.4 International Conference on Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 26 Apr., 3 May & 12 May 1954

Founding of IMCO

In Oct. 1946 the UN formed the Provisional Maritime Consultative Council (PMCC) which prepared a recommended Maritime Convention which was presented to the UN Maritime Conference in 1948.

F1. UN Maritime Conference, Geneva, Switzerland, 19 Feb.-6 Mar. 1948

A Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO) was drawn up by the Conference and opened for signature & acceptance on 6 Mar. 1948.

F2. 1st Session, IMCO Preparatory Committee, Geneva, Switzerland, 6 Mar. 1948

F3. 2nd Session, IMCO Preparatory Committee, Lake Success, NY, USA, 39 Nov.-1 Dec. 1948

IMCO came into existence on 17 Mar. 1958.

F4. 3rd Session, IMCO Preparatory Committee, United Nations, NY, USA, 3-4 Jun. 1958

F5. 4th Session, IMCO Preparatory Committee, London, England, 5 Jan. 1959

IMCO Assembly Sessions

A.1 1st, London, England, 6-19 Jan. 1959



UN-New York used slogan honoring Assembly 6-26 Jan. 1959

No philatelic or postal history is currently known for subsequent IMCO or IMO Assemblies. Listings will be added if such is found.

Other IMCO and IMO Conferences

Note: Venues of conferences are only listed where verified. It is assumed that London is the venue of many of these.

1960/1 4th International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, London, England, 17 May-17 Jun. 1960

1960/2 IAEA/IMCO Symposium on Nuclear Ship Propulsion, Taormina, Italy, 14-18 Nov. 1960



H1. Obs. 14 Nov. 1960

Philatelic cover, \$6

1962/1 International Conference on the Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 26 Mar.-13 Apr. 1962

1962/2 Conference of the Contracting Parties to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 4 & 11 Apr. 1962

1965/1 1st Session, International Conference on Facilitation of Maritime Travel & Transport, 24 Mar.—?? 1965

1966/1 International Conference on Load Lines,

3 Mar.-5 Apr. 1966

1969/1 International Conference on Tonnage Measurement, 27 May-23 Jun. 1969

1969/2 International Conference on the Intervention on the High Seas in Case of Oil Pollution Casualties & Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 10-29 Nov. 1969

1969/3 International Legal Conference on Marine Pollution Damage, 10-28 Nov. 1969

Other IMCO and IMO Conferences, continued

1971/1 International Conference on Special Trade Passenger Ships, 27 Sep.-4 Oct. 1971

1971/2 International Legal Conference on Maritime Carriage of Nuclear Substances, 29 Nov.-17 Dec. 1971

1971/3 Conference on the Establishment of an International Compensation Fund for Oil Pollution Damage, 29 Nov.-18 Dec. 1971
 1972/1 International Conference on the Revisions of the Interna-

tional Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 4-20 Oct. 1972 1972/2 Inter-governmental Conference on the Convention on Dumping Wastes at Sea, 30 Oct.-13 Nov. 1972

1973/1 International Conference on Special Trade Passenger Ships, 9-13 Jul. 1973

1973/2 $\,$ $\,$ International Conference on Marine Pollution, 8 Oct.-2 Nov. 1973

1974/1 5th International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, London, England, 21 Oct.-1 Nov. 1974

1974/2 International Legal Conference on the Carriage of Passengers & their Luggage on Board Ships, Athens, Greece, 2-13 Dec. 1974



H1. Obs. 2 Dec. 1974

Philatelic cover, \$10

1975/1 International Conference for the Establishment of an International Maritime Satellite System, 23 Apr. 1975-1 Sep. 1976 (3 Sessions)

1976/1 International Conference on the Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1-19 Nov. 1976

1976/2 Conference to Revise the Unit of Account Provision in the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 17-19 Nov. 1976

1977/1 International Conference on Safety of Fishing Vessels, Torremolinos, Spain, 7 Mar.-2 Apr. 1977



H1. Obs. 24 Mar.-2 Apr. 1977

Philatelic cover, \$10

1978/1 International Conference on Tanker Safety & Pollution Prevention, 6-17 Feb. 1978

1978/2 International Conference on the Training & Certification of Seafarers, 14 Jun.-7 Jul. 1978

1979/1 International Conference on Maritime Search & Rescue, Hamburg, West Germany, 9-27 Apr. 1979





H1. Type 1 (1979) H1. Type 2 (79) Obs. 9-27 Apr. 1979



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1984/1 International Conference on Liability & Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Certain Substances by Sea, London, England, 30 Apr.-25 May 1984

1986/1 4th Session, International Conference on the Facilitation of Maritime Travel & Transport, ??-5 Mar 1986

1988/1 International Conference on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, Rome, Italy, 1-10 Mar. 1988

1988/2 Conference on the Global Maritime Distress & Safety System, 31 Oct.-11 Nov. 1988

1988/3 International Conference on the Harmonized System of Survey & Certification, 31 Oct.-11 Nov. 1988

1989/1 International Conference on Salvage, London, England, 17-29 Apr. 1989

1990/1 International Conference on the Revision of the 1974 Athens Convention, 26-30 Mar. 1990

1991/1 Conference on International Cooperation on Oil Pollution Preparedness & Response, London, England, 13-30 Nov. 1991

1992/1 International Conference on the Revision of the 1969 Civil Liability Convention & the 1971 Fund Convention, London, England, 23-27 Nov. 1992

1993/1 International Conference on Safety of Fishing Vessels, Torremolinos, Spain, 22 Mar.-2 Apr. 1993

1993/2 UN/IMO Conference on Maritime Liens & Mortgages, Geneva, Switzerland, May 1993

Other IMCO and IMO Conferences, continued

1994/1 Conference on Contracting Governments to the International Convention on Safety of Life at Sea, 17-24 May 1994
1994/2 Conference of the Parties to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1, 3 Nov. 1994
1995/1 International Oil Spill Conference & Exposition (IMO & US EPA & Coast Guard), Long Beach, CA, USA,
27 Feb. -2 Mar. 1995

27 Feb.-2 Mar. 1995
1995/1 Conference on the Standards on Training, Certification & Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 26 Jun.-7 Jul. 1995
1995/2 Conference on Contracting Governments to the International Convention on Safety of Life at Sea, 20-29 Nov. 1995
1996/1 International Conference on Hazardous & Noxious Substances & Limitation of Liability, 15 Apr.-3 May 1996
1997/1 Conference of the Parties to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 15-17,22,24-26 Sep. 1997
1997/2 Conference on Contracting Governments to the International Convention on Safety of Life at Sea, 24-28 Nov. 1997

1998/1 69th Session, IMO Maritime Safety Committee, London, England, 11-20 May 1998



Special IMO Cover for the Session, 11 May 1998

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2000/1 Conference on International Cooperation on Preparedness & Response to Pollution Incidents by Hazardous & Noxious Substances, 9,14-5 Mar. 2000

2000/2 International Conference on the Revision of the 1971 Fund Convention, 25-27 Sep. 2000

2001/1 International Conference on Liability & Compensation for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 19-23 Mar. 2001

2001/2 International Conference on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems for Ships, 1-5 Oct. 2001

2002/1 International Conference on the Revision of the Athens Convention Relating to the Carriage of Passengers & Their Luggage by Sea, 21 Oct.-1 Nov. 2002

2002/2 Conference on Contracting Governments to the
 International Convention on Safety of Life at Sea, 9-13 Dec. 2002
 2003/1 International Conference on the Establishment of a Supplementary Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage,
 12-16 May 2003

2004/1 International Conference on Ballast Water Management Systems, 9-13 Feb. 2004

2005/1 International Conference for the Revision of the SUA Treaties, 10-14 Oct. 2005

2007/1 International Conference on the Removal of Wrecks, 14-19 May 2007

2010/1 International Conference on the Revision of the HNS Convention, 26-30 Apr. 2010

2010/2 Diplomatic Conference to Adopt Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification & Watchkeeping of Seafarers, 21-25 Jun. 2010

Other IMCO and IMO Conferences, continued	
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