

Frankly Speaking

An exclusive interview with a senior maritime personality on the lighter side of life, shares a side of himself which is little known to others.

1) When I was little, I wanted to be...

I can't remember, but I never planned too far out into the future. Many of my choices – university, first job and so on – just felt like the right thing to do at the time. My family never put any pressure on me to join the family business, although maybe they were just doing it subliminally so I didn't notice.

2) Please share one little known aspect of your career or your personal life

I played violin from the age of five and ended up as lead violinist for my school orchestra and played in several university orchestras. I wasn't the best music student as I was also playing rugby at the time and managed to injure my fingers frequently enough not to be able to practice...

3) If I wasn't in the maritime industry, I would be....

An architect or an industrial designer perhaps. Combining creativity and engineering always appealed to me as a great way to use both sides of the brain. I have great respect for craftsmanship, whatever form that takes.

4) If you can change one thing in your life, or one trait of yours, what would it be?

I'm changing things in my life all the time. I love learning new things. Life is like being in a palace with endless rooms to discover, and it's up to you how many doors you want to open. Whether it's exploring new business opportunities, learning a new sport or discovering new music, there's so much to be experienced.

5) When I retire...

I'll be looking for new projects to keep my mind and body active. Ideally with plenty of time in nature, as I feel most at peace when I am in a place with trees and water and clean air.

What's New!

Maritime Singapore represents the diverse and vibrant eco-system of Singapore's maritime industry. The industry plays a vital role in global trade and contributes 7% to Singapore's GDP. With over 5,000 maritime establishments and more than 170,000 professionals, a sea of opportunities awaits you at Maritime Singapore.



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From the Chairman's Desk

Today, there are many maritime establishments in Singapore and about 1,000 vessels in the Singapore port at any one time. More than half of global shipowning is now based in Asia, with Singapore featuring strongly. programmes, and profiling of the industry to the general public in order to raise awareness of what the maritime industry can offer by way of rewarding careers.

In the upcoming months, you can look forward to SMF's key biennial event, Sea Asia 2017, which is co-organised with Seatrade. The event will bring together delegates from over 80 countries, and combine a world-class conference platform with an exceptional maritime exhibition. This supports another key pillar of SMF's strategy – to forge strong ties between industry players and help businesses to expand their partnerships. The Singapore Maritime Foundation is here to help

build a stronger cluster for the benefit of all industry participants. We would like to thank our partners in turn for your continued support of Maritime Singapore.

With best wishes,
Andreas Sohmen-Pao
Chairman
Singapore Maritime
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A REVIEW OF 2016, JUL TO DEC 2016, AND THE START OF 2017 STEERING AHEAD...SMF INITIATIVES



SMF New Year Cocktail Reception, 11 January

The annual SMF New Year Cocktail Reception was held at the Regent Hotel and was well attended by over 250 maritime leaders from both the private and public sectors. Our Guest-of-Honour was Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Transport, Mrs Josephine Teo. Singapore's 2016 maritime performance was also shared at the reception.



MSC Insights Forum, 8 July

The MSC Maritime Insights Forum on 8 July 2016 was organised to equip career counsellors, students and jobseekers with knowledge about the multiple pathways to a maritime career. The half-day event included a panel discussion with maritime professionals and a tour of Pasir Panjang Terminal to give a better understanding of Singapore's role as the world's largest transhipment hub.



Marine Insurance & Maritime Networking Event, 8 July

SMF and the General Insurance Association of Singapore (GIA) co-organised the sixth Marine Insurance & Maritime Networking Event on 8 July at the J Bar @ M Hotel. The event was attended by over 80 marine insurance and maritime leaders from various specialisations. The event served as a platform for guests to network with friends and forge new ties over a delectable dinner spread and drinks.



MSC Career Workshop, 5 August

Maritime and engineering tertiary students got exclusive industry insights on six port and shipping roles with good career prospects at the first-ever MSC Career Workshop. About 140 maritime professionals and students participated in the event on 5 August 2016, which had 14 representatives from nine companies share about their roles in a unique "speed-dating" format.



Singapore Maritime Dialogue, 12 August

The 3rd Singapore Maritime Dialogue was held on 12 August for the first time at Pasir Panjang Terminal 3 Building and was graced by Guest-of-Honour, Mrs Josephine Teo, Senior Minister of State (SMS), Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Ministry of Transport. Attendees had an exclusive port tour around Pasir Panjang Terminal 3 and took part in a panel discussion with SMS Mrs Josephine Teo, alongside five other maritime professionals.



MaritimeONE Scholarship Awards Ceremony, 17 August

The MaritimeONE Scholarship Awards Ceremony 2016 was held at Carlton Hotel on 17 August. A total of 37 MaritimeONE and 16 Tripartite Maritime Scholarships (TMSS) were officiated and the event was well attended by 250 guests. To date, 275 scholarships worth \$7.3 million has been awarded. The first non-maritime studies student was also awarded a scholarship at the 2016 MaritimeONE Scholarship Awards Ceremony.



**Ong Kah Hin
Swire Pacific Offshore — MaritimeONE Scholar
(Awarded in 2014)**

During my history lesson in secondary school, I learnt about Singapore as an entrepot and how it helped our country achieve its initial economic success. I became interested in the maritime industry when I realised its importance to Singapore's economic development. It was then when I decided to pursue the Maritime Studies course in the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) as the course syllabus tied in closely with the maritime industry and was aligned with my aspirations to develop a career in the maritime industry.



Maritime Knowledge Shipping Session: Piracy in the Neighbouring Region, 26 August

The last session of Maritime Knowledge Shipping Session for 2016 covered the topic of piracy in the neighbouring region and was attended by over 130 marine insurance practitioners and maritime professionals. The Q&A session was moderated by Mr Simon Stonehouse, Head of Marine of Asia Capital Reinsurance Group.



Maritime Experiential Programme, 24 - 27 October

Organised specially for secondary school students, the Maritime Experiential Programme aims to raise awareness and interest students to consider a maritime education or career. Through educational tours held in May and October, students had a first-hand experience of maritime operations. The programme reached out to more than 650 students and teachers from eight secondary schools.



7th Strategic SMF HR & PR Networking Session, 2 November

Close to 50 HR & PR professionals from the maritime industry attended the 7th Strategic SMF HR & PR Networking Session at the Kaiserhaus at Capitol Piazza. During the session, SMF's past initiatives, upcoming plans for 2017, as well as the Maritime Cluster Fund were covered. The session provided a platform for professionals to catch up with old friends and connect with new friends over a sumptuous high tea.



Singapore Ship Sale Form (SSF) Seminar, 28 November

A seminar to broaden perspectives on the use of SSF 2011 was held at the Maxwell Chambers. Insights on ship sale and purchase were uncovered by five senior industry professionals who spoke on the use of the SSF. BIMCO also presented on the use of IDEA•2, which is a one-stop digital platform for all standard maritime contracts and clauses.



MSC Connexions Forum, 2 December

Over 130 maritime HR and PR practitioners, and counsellors from schools, Workforce Singapore and e2i career centres attended the inaugural MSC Connexions Forum. This was initiated by the Maritime Singapore Connect (MSC) Office to share more about maritime manpower issues. Participants also heard from a panel of maritime employers and university career centre personnel working with students on the expectations from both sides.

YES Club Year-End Gathering, 22 December

The YES Club Year End Gathering is an annual get-together event that is organised specially for all members of the YES club and maritime students to network and be updated about the various upcoming MaritimeONE and SMF initiatives. It was held on 22 December at Neverland (Clarke Quay) with more than 180 guests including YES club members, maritime students and industry representatives in attendance.

In the 18 months that I've been with SPO, I've also travelled to Myanmar and Thailand, and worked with people of diverse nationalities and specialisations. I am truly enjoying my learning opportunities and overseas exposure and also glad that I have made the decision to carve my career in this dynamic industry. I'm proud to say that I am now part of the Maritime Singapore workforce and I look forward to more exciting challenges ahead!