

Abstract

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Manning Draw backs in evacuation of passenger Ships

Recent Ro–Ro passenger ships accidents, particularly, in Egypt such as Al-Salam Boccaccio 98 carried a lot of fatalities, suffer of losing beloveds and perhaps total loss of assets, which alert us of the need to ensure consistency in rules that apply in the maritime community, irrespective of ship's flag. This paper reviews some of the difficulties, problems and hindrances encountered by passengers and crew during evacuation of a ship. Moreover, the objective of this paper is to address the safe manning issue during the abandonment of passenger ships. Additionally, it identifies the gaps in international and national regulations and it examines the need to reconsider the minimum applicable maritime safety standard applied on board passenger ships, particularly the minimum safe manning with regard to life saving appliances.