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Editorial...

Celebrating the start of a new year, I wish all our readers a 'merry time'. I hope the previous year ended with all your wishes being fulfilled, since rumor has it that Santa Claus accomplishes this particular task with exceptional finesse.

Being part of the editorial team of a magazine, I cannot help but notice how the whole business of writing has changed over the past decades and centuries. It was over 400 years ago, in 1611 that the first version of the King James Bible was published. The work for the Bible being already started in 1604, it took the translators over six years to complete their work. In today's modern world, writing, editing and publishing on paper has lost its prominence, being overtaken completely by the digital press. Although, it can be argued that we are doing nature a big favor by considerably slowing down the rate of rainforest destruction, nevertheless, the era of paper press will soon come to a close, and we would be the last generation to benefit from it.

But until such time comes, we shall continue to print Maritimes in paper and have it ready for your reading. The theme for this issue as is evident is 'Christmas and New Year'. Included in the edition is information on the Global MET Conference that took place at TMI, a knowledgeable case study by Cmdr. H. A. Gokhale, interview of Mr. Arun O. Mahajan, a whole page of information on Christmas that you might not know and a whole new 'What Next?'. I sincerely hope you enjoy reading this edition.

-Aniruddh Rao
Editor

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Cargo Loading – Always a Battle Of Wits

As told by Cmdr. H.A. Gokhale

Cargo operations is a very important duty of a Chief Officer. It is his task to ensure that right amount of cargo is loaded correctly. It is a sort battle of wits between the stevedores, the port authorities and the ship when each is trying to do what is best for itself, which occasionally can run contrary to the interest of the other party. I had experienced this truism when my ship had to load concentrates in the ports of Richards Bay and Saldhana Bay in South Africa.

Loading of concentrates is tough on a ship because of the cargo density, propensity of easy liquification and angle of repose. These cargoes tend to heap easily creating very high spot-stresses on the tank top. Great care is to be taken to ensure that such cargoes are loaded evenly in the hold, are correctly trimmed and have valid certificates of “transportable moisture limit” and “moisture content”. Difficulties were experienced on all these three accounts. The ship had to stand up to the overbearing Stevedores and Port authorities to ensure compliance with the BC Code which advises that the shipper has to provide current information of the cargo regarding SF, chemical hazards and history of shifting if any.

- If enough information is not provided for high density cargo, the weight per hatch (in MT) is not to exceed $0.9 \frac{L}{(Length\ of\ hold\ in\ meters) \times B\ (Average\ Breadth\ in\ meters) \times D\ (Summer\ Load\ Draft\ in\ Meters)}$
- If not trimmed, height of biggest heap from the tank top is not to exceed $1.1 \times D\ (Summer\ Load\ Draft\ in\ Meters) \times SF\ (m^3/T)$

The ship was a 45,000-tonne handy-max bulk carrier with 6 holds. The ship arrived at Richards Bay (East Coast of South Africa) to load Rutile sand (high Density non-cohesive) in one hatch and Titanium Sulphate (High density and cohesive) in three hatches. The ship was then to round the Cape of Good Hope and load Lead and Copper sulphides (High density, liquifiable) in Saldhana Bay on the western coast.

Loading at Richards Bay

On the first day, 5000 tons of Rutile sand was loaded. It is a dry cargo with an angle of repose of 32°. This being an expensive cargo, used primarily for car paints, loading was attended by representatives of shipper, the consignee and the port authorities, careful trimming was done with spout and loading met all the criterion of high density cargo loading described in BC Code.

Titanium Sulphates which has a SF = 0.418 M3/Ton was loaded directly from the vertical tube after removing the spouts. This was done to increase the rate of loading. We requested the shipper, the stevedores and the Port Representative to use the spout to ensure proper trimming. But they declined, stating that spout would clog up the cargo and affect loading rate. After the first 2000 tonnes were loaded, I found that the heaps had already reached a height of 4.8m from the tank top which was very close to the BC Code recommended limit of 5.11m. It meant that no more heap loading could be done and any further cargo had to be properly trimmed by doing spout loading. This, the stevedores refused to do. We forced the stevedores to suspend loading and asked for the services of a PI club surveyor. On arrival, the surveyor supported the ship's view. Soon the shipping agent also supported the ship's view.

The stevedores had to accede to our request, but port authorities were obdurate and warned us of delay at our cost. We did not subscribe with this view and insisted on ship's safety and forced the use of spouts for loading. The ship had little difficulty in loading thereafter, though the stevedores did extract some revenge by doing a shabby job of the trim loading, but it did not matter much from the point of the ship's safety.

In the end, the stevedores complimented us and informed us that ours was the first ship to have insisted on correct and safe loading. The owner's agent told us that he would recommend this method to other ships in future.

Loading at Saldhana Bay

The loading of the concentrates in Saldhana bay went off without a hitch with loading and trimming. But the ship faced a different problem. The agent looked askance when he was asked for certificates of “Flow Moisture Point” and “Moisture content”. After a lot of running around and VHF talk (as there were no cell phones in those days), he did get a certificate, but it was of little use as it was not dated (the BC code recommends 7 days as the limit). After some more efforts, the agent did

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produce a bonafide certificate. He also mentioned that we were the first ship to ask for such certificates but in future he is going to ensure that such certificates were made available to the ships.

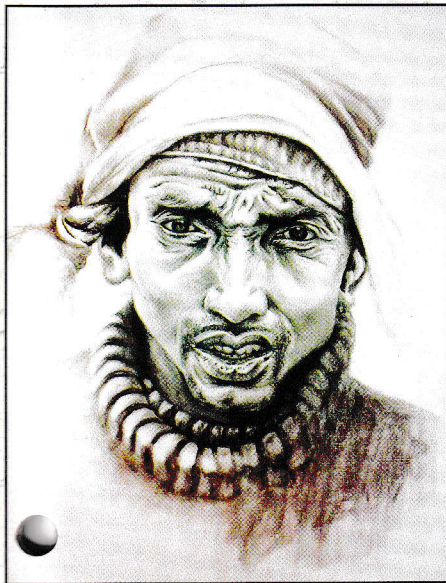
The ship finally set sail for the port of Yokkaichi in Japan.

Photographic Cum Visual Art Exhibition

Pranjal Jain

In the year 2009, the creative and artistic minds of TMI started the Art Club under the guidance of Cdr. Sukanta Dasgupta. The continuous effort put up by the cadets made it possible to conduct the first ever Art exhibition in TMI. It was held on the 11th and 12th December, 2011 between 0900hrs-1900hrs outside the Library premises in the Annex building. There were a total of 45 photographs and 40 paintings, including sketches, that were displayed at the exhibition. Since it was an open event, cadets from all years took part in it enthusiastically. Even faculty members participated in it. Mr. A. Mahajan displayed 3 pencil sketches that he had made many years ago and his

brother-in-law put up 3 acrylic paintings. Preksha Ramrakhiani, daughter of Mr. Prem Kumar Ramrakhiani, displayed her Resin work. The response shown by the Staff members and cadets can be adjudged by the fact that it started as an Art Exhibition but by the evening of 11th, it turned into an Art Exhibition-cum-Sale event. Principal Dr. B.K.Saxena with Mrs. Saxena, Provost Capt. Razdan with Mrs. Razdan, Capt Iyer, Capt Hirkane visited the Exhibition and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Though every work was a masterpiece in itself, the ones that gained the most attention were the photograph titled 'Mariner', captured by Cdt. Piyush Sharma, which will now become the front cover of Reflections 2012, the work of Cdt. Deepu Dalan consisting of 'Scenery' (soft pastel) and 'Man in Pain'(charcoal), 'Marine Sketching' by cadet Zeeshan Ali Khan and the photograph 'Spider Trap' by cadet Mohit Mishra. Cdr. Dasgupta also displayed some of his talented work on Charcoal and Paper Collage. The event concluded on a very high note giving the much required motivation and inspiration to the cadets. Cdr. Dasgupta has asked interested cadets to come and be a part of the Art Club so their talent can be shaped and these types of exhibitions can be held annually on a regular basis.



Fresher's Party

Md. Zeeshan Ali

All first years were charged up for the Fresher's Night. The crowd gathered in the campus auditorium on Saturday evening, with full gusto to witness their first cultural event as cadets of TMI. The environment was brimming with excitement and anticipation for some dazzling performances. The auditorium was packed with first years, seniors and faculty members.

To set the crowd in the mood, there were a few games including a quiz, about TMI itself. The anchors were the first year cadets. Excitement began with an original composition by the Pre-Sea cadets. The Pre-sea guitarists gave a pilo-erection to the audience with their tune and melody. It was then followed by a first year band performance with many remixes and intermingled versions. An awesome, solo song was then performed by a first year girl cadet named Arushi.





The crowd enjoyed a Pink Floyd cover performed by the 4th year cadets. The slow mood of the song was enhanced by the extravagant lighting on the stage. Another dance performance which included first year cadets made the audience tap their feet to the beats. It included break dance and pop styles.

Munna and circuit were amazing in the drama which incited waves of laughter in the crowd. The dance performance by the 2nd, 3rd, 4th year cadets was a mixed style dance. The audience also enjoyed a very beautiful ghazal sung by 4th year cadets as a tribute to Jagjit Singh.

The crowd then enjoyed a tabla duo between the 1st and 2nd year maestros. It was a very enjoyable performance. Last but not the least, the gathering then enjoyed a perfectly synchronized dance

performance by the girl cadets. It created a wave of awe amongst the audience.

The function concluded by a speech given by Capt. Razdan. He praised and encouraged the splendid performance

Global MET Conference

Jannat Bhuller

A conference was conducted by Global Maritime Education and Training Association (Global MET) here, at TMI on 3rd December 2011, which saw the presence of many eminent personalities from the shipping industry. Global MET is an Asia Pacific regional association that was formed to promote, develop and support quality of maritime education and training institutions. The main topic being discussed in this conference was 'Training to meet the needs of Y-Generation'. Capt. K.N Deboo, Director and Principal, Anglo Eastern Maritime Training Centre welcomed the august gathering. This was followed by an address by our Principal, Dr. B.K Saxena. Then Capt. Rodney Short, Executive Secretary, GLOBAL Maritime Education and Training Association, gave the opening speech. He talked about the impact of technology on ship operation and how education and training should address the higher rate of accidents. Mrs. Naomi Rewari, Director of Applied Research International, then gave the keynote address, wherein she described the Y-Generation and their various needs. The Guest of Honour was Cmde. Rajan Vir (Retd.)-President, Indian Maritime Foundation and the Chief Guest was Shri A. Banerjee, Chief Surveyor with the Government of India.



In the first session we had two speakers from the Y-Generation talking about the expectations of this generation on their learning needs. Then Mr. Tapash Kr. Ganguli, Dean of National Institute of Construction Management and Research, Pune, spoke about the modern methods of assessment. The conference was also attended by Mr. Stephen Gosling and Ms. Faye Turner from the Nautical Institute, London who spoke about the modern methods of teaching. Other speakers included Mr. Pooran Chugani, CEO, Board of Examination for Seafarers Trust, Capt. Kapil Dev Bahl who conducted the panel discussion, Cdt. Jannat Bhullar and Cdt. Sagar Bhanti who represented the cadets of TMI. The panel comprised of sailing officers and cadets. Finally, Capt. Rodney Short summed up the conference and read out the draft prepared after the day's discussions which is to be presented to the IMO at its next gathering.

Faculty Interview – Mr. Arun O. Mahajan

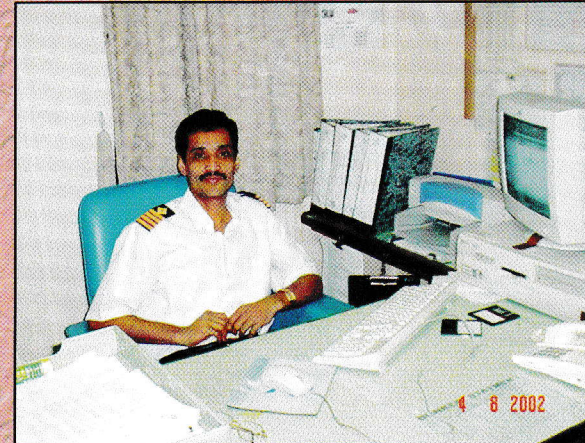
Sankash Sood

- **Sir, we would like to know about your childhood.**

I was born on 22 of July, 1959 in a small village of Morshi in Amravati district of Maharashtra. I studied in Sanik School in till higher secondary at Bijapur, karnataka.

- **Where did you pursue your higher studies?**

After being educated in Sanik School for seven years, obviously I tried for National Defense Academy. Sadly I did not get selected. Further, I joined the Govt. Engineering College, Amravati, where I pursued my B.E. Mechanical Engineering under Nagpur University.



- **How did you come to be in the marine field?**

After my engineering, I did a one year course from DMET Mumbai (MERI) and then joined SCI as a junior engineer. Until I got my Chief's ticket I sailed with SCI. Then, in the year 1990, I joined Anglo Eastern Ship Management.

- **Did you ever think of taking a break from sailing?**

Actually I did, between 1996 and 2000. I quit sailing and joined the Pvt. Engineering College, Amravati as faculty of Mechanical Engineering. During that period I also completed my post graduation in the Thermal Power Engineering. After this period, in 2000 I rejoined Anglo Eastern and sailed for 3 years before I finally quit.

- **Have you ever faced any kind of crises during your career?**

Our financial condition was not very good. My training was expensive as per that time; it was around rupees 12,000 per annum. So I somehow managed to take an education loan of 4,000 rupees and rest was sponsored by SCI.

- **Sir, why did you quit sailing?**

For obvious reasons, I had a growing child, a wife and mother. Neither they could sail with me, nor was I home for longer durations. Although I made good money, for how long could I continue to sail and stay away from family? I thought it was time to quit.

- **Why did you choose teaching as a career?**

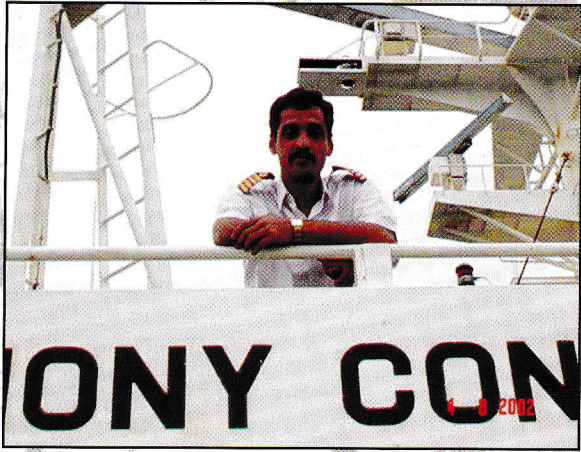
I liked teaching. I had previous experience in teaching. Earlier I had taught in Pvt. Engineering College, Amravati for four years.



- **How do you feel the training in Tolani is beneficial to the cadets?**

During our time, we did not have much infrastructure in the colleges. We would spend six months of a year attending lectures and the other six months in workshop. But we were not allowed to explore much, since only naval ships were being built there and that was out of bounds for us. Hands on practice was not available to us. Only because our basics were clear and we were graduate students, were we able to pick up more efficiently, everything else, we had to improvise. What is good about the training in Tolani is that, along with the teaching, you

are also introduced to the practical aspect of the marine -



equipment which is important when working onboard. Of course, you will benefit only if you pay attention during your sessions (laughs).

- **Sir, how do you spend your free time? Do you have any co curricular achievements?**

Yes, I was a very good athlete. Being brought up in Sanik School, I was always a good runner. Even in my engineering college I won several medals in short and long races. I even captained the college Basketball and Foot Ball teams. Also, I am a very good artist. I do pencil sketching in free time. During my sailing period, I developed a taste of photography.

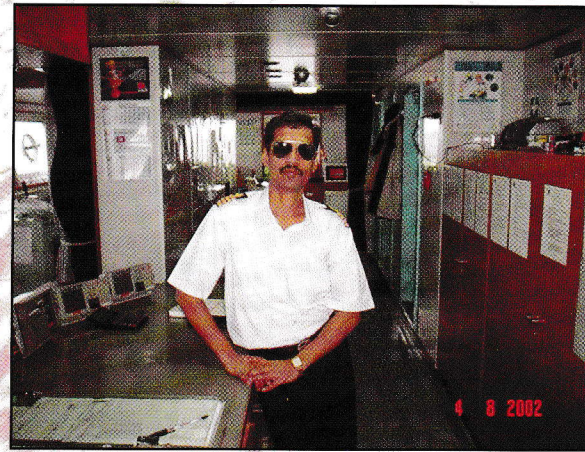
- **Sir, if you get a chance to relive your carrier. Would you follow the same course?**

I have no regrets. For many, it is the money that attracts them to this carrier. I had tried for the Indian Navy but couldn't make it, so I compromised for something in the sister field. While I was preparing for my M.Des (industrial design) for IIT, Powai, I got a call for merchant navy. I put my artistic ambitions aside and agreed to join shipping, but at the back of my mind I was always more interested in some artistic courses. However, today, when we have more openings compared to the good old times, I think I would have inclined with my artistic side.

- **Sir what do you feel about the existence of the universe? Do you believe in God?**

It's only a matter of faith, how much faith do you have. There should always be someone or something that governs your actions in life. God has come into existence to establish control over human being. It's only because of fear and awe that we go to God.

Finally, there are a few elements that will certainly give a pay back in life; ambition, hard work, sincerity, honesty and respect. I believe there is nothing as an 'intelligent child' or 'bright child' it is only a matter of how your brain develops to these concepts. Anybody can achieve anything and with the exact amount of these elements put together, success can be yours.



Hard Court Tennis – The CM3 Clash

Tushar Raj

Deadly aces, delicate drop shots, rocketing forehands, sizzling slices, blood curdling smashes and vintage volleys amazed the TMI cadets as the Tennis Tournament '11 prevailed its intense fever from 7th November '11 to 14th November '11. Being organized by Intramural Extramural Sports Committee (IESC), the event was an awesome hit.

Few at TMI would have predicted this scenario a week ago that this time again Morarjee and Mudaliar (both all time rivals) would meet at the finals; but it happened. Taking last year's revenge, Morarjee outfaced Mudaliar by claiming an impeccable win over all the three subevents – the Singles, the Doubles and the Mixed Doubles. However, the journey was not as easy as it may seem, as Master and Cassim provided extreme resistance to both the aforementioned houses and made them sweat their way to the finals.



Being the chief guest, Dr. Sanjay Pohekar bestowed the cadets with rewards for their heroic performances and the elite ones were-

Aamir Poonawala (MOR) – Best Singles player

Hemant Behl and Samanshu Minhas (MOR) – Best Doubles pair

Aamir Poonawala and Namrata Chaudhary (MOR) – Best Mixed Doubles pair

“I was totally focused and calm; (pauses) 'Go ahead and stay ahead' is my playing strategy” – replied Cdt. Aamir on being asked about his match winning tactics, “and I'll continue to perform well”, he added.

In a nutshell, the overall house standings were –

1) Morarjee (7 pts.) 2)Mudaliar (5 pts.) 3)Cassim (3 pts.) 4)Master (1 pt.)

Inter House Volleyball Championship

Mridul Gupta

The inter-house volleyball championship commenced on 5th December, 2011 and continued for a whole week. It started with a highly spirited match between Cassim house and Morarjee house. The matches that followed showcased excellent sportsman spirit, talent and determination. At the end of league matches, Cassim house and Master house advanced to the finals.

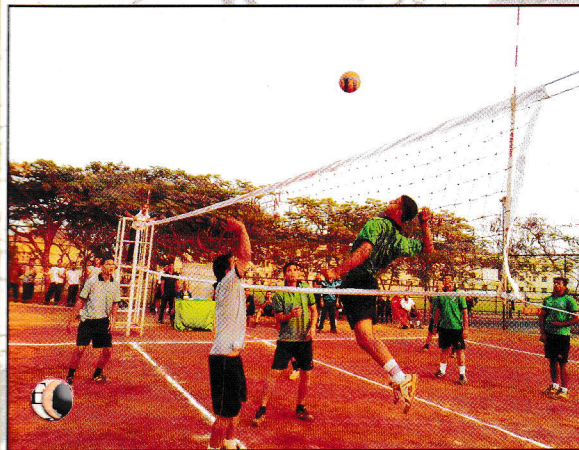
The final match of the tournament was played on 12th December, 2011 between Cassim house, the champions of academic year 2010-11, and Master house. It was an awe inspiring match, in which all the players gave their hundred percent to make their team the winner and lift the Inter-House Volleyball Cup. Cassim house emerged victorious in this clash, winning the Cup once again.



The post-match ceremony saw prizes being distributed to the players by Dr. D. D. Mundra. The Best Player Award was won by Cdt. Anupam Kumar of Cassim house in the A-team category and by Cdt. Amir Khan of Cassim house again in the B-team category.

The house standings were as follows:

- 1st – Cassim
- 2nd – Master
- 3rd – Morarjee
- 4th – Mudaliar

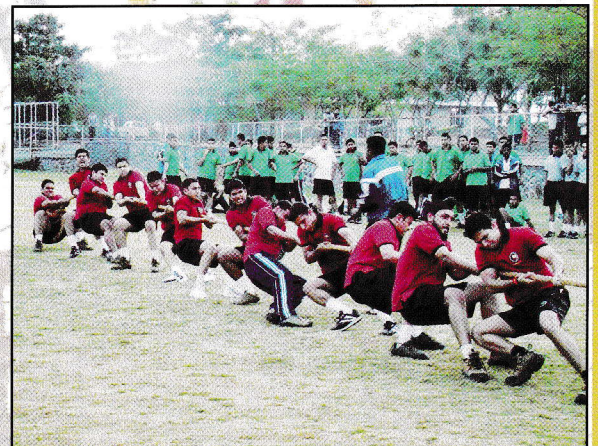


Tug Of War

Hiten Parmar

Tug of war, the power pulling game, was held as excitingly as in previous years. It was an Inter-House Competition between the four houses of TMI. Intramural Extramural Sports Committee (IESC) was the organiser of the event.

The event was enjoyed for three days with a total of eleven rounds evenly distributed with two teams representing each house. The grand total of a house was the sum of the points gained by their two teams. The event was held in the football field. The HCC's and cadets of respective houses fully supported their respective teams by cheering them on. There was a tie between pair of two houses, 1. Mudaliar and Master, 2. Cassim and Morarjee.



This created confusion among the cadets as to the standing of the four houses. Ultimately, when the results were announced, Mudaliar was announced first, Master was second, Morarjee third and Cassim was fourth.

The standings were as follows:

Team A:

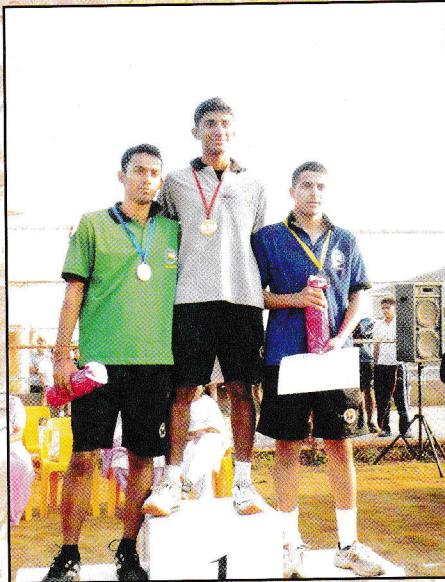
Mudaliar	12 pts.
Morarjee	08 pts.
Cassim	05 pts.
Master	03 pts.

Team B:

Master	10 pts.
Cassim	06 pts.
Morarjee	03 pts.
Master	01 pts.

Inter-house Cross-Country 2011

Arshad Ansari



The Inter-house Cross-Country Competition, 2011 was held on Sunday the 13th November, 2011. Around 600 runners from all four houses participated in this event.

The event comprised of a 6km run, in and around the TMI campus. It tested the runner's skill and endurance as the route is uneven, rocky and full of slopes.

The race was flagged off by Capt. Razdan at 0630hrs. The time limit for all male participants was 30 minutes, while that for female participants was 40 minutes.

Each runner had a look of steely determination on his or her face and a will to complete the race within the time limit.

Cadets from all four houses gave their best, and sportsman spirit was at an all time high with runners from urging on racers from other houses. Even the faculty members Capt. Iyer and Mr. Shishir Dutt took part in the run and finished

the route within the time limit.

Cdt. Sharath Krishna of Master House came first in the men's category and Cadt. Namrata Choudhary of Morarjee House stood first in the women's category.

The overall house positions were as follows:

- 1st place – Morarjee House
- 2nd place – Master House
- 3rd place – Mudaliar House
- 4th place – Cassim House

The standing in the men's category and their timing were as follows:

1. Sharath Krishna – Master House – 20 mins and 34 seconds
2. Meghraj Singh – Cassim House – 20 mins and 52 seconds
3. Anshuman Sharma – Morarjee House – 20 mins and 55 seconds

Inter House Table Tennis Championship

Syed Ameer Humza

On the evening of 23rd September, the club house of TMI turned into a battle ground as paddlers from all the houses took out their blades and stepped in for the fight. Determination, grit and the fire in their eyes was visible as a calm shrouded the club, the type usually seen before a storm.

The matches kick started with mudaliar house locking horns with morarjee in the 1st semifinal. Mudaliar quickly proved their supremacy and drew 1st blood, while cassim emerged as the victors against Master in the second semifinal.

The final showdown was between Mudaliar and Cassim where both the houses displayed talent of the same degree. In the midst of powerful smashes and skillful returns, Mudaliar finally turned out to be the champions by a narrow margin.

The winners were flying high as the presentation ceremony started to reward the best players. The ones awarded were:

- 1) Best Player (single) - Chetan Rishi (Mudaliar)
- 2) Best Player (single - girl) - Aditi Khilnani (Mudaliar)
- 3) Best Player (doubles) - Karn Kapoor and Shaswat Shivam (Cassim)

The overall house positions were:

- 1) Mudaliar
- 2) Cassim
- 3) Master
- 4) Morarjee

Ship Visit

Nitish Kr. Singh



Learning is much more fruitful if a chance to experience what has been taught in theory is made available practically. In lieu of this, a ship visit was organized for the cadets of Nautical, IIIrd year, on 6th December, 2011 to JNPT (Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust), Mumbai. The faculty members who had accompanied the cadets on this trip were Capt. Sathaye, Capt. Hirkane and Capt. Uday Gokhalay.

Though initially planned only as a port visit, the current security level 2 prevents outsiders to board any ship in berth, the cadets were fortunate enough to board a general cargo ship named M. V. Rainbow Fairy due to the cooperation extended by its crew. The ship was unloading its cargo, and its crew members, who were primarily from Philippines, happily showed the cadets around the ship. On the bridge the cadets got to see all the equipment including GMDSS, Radar, Magnetic Compass, Gyro Compass.

Back on the docks, the cadets saw the massive shore gantry cranes, a container vessel which was carrying out its mooring operations, an OSV (Offshore Supply Vessel), Pilot boats and Tug boats in operation.

On the whole, the cadets agreed that it was a great learning experience for them and a day well-spent.

Astro Club News

Nitish Kr. Singh

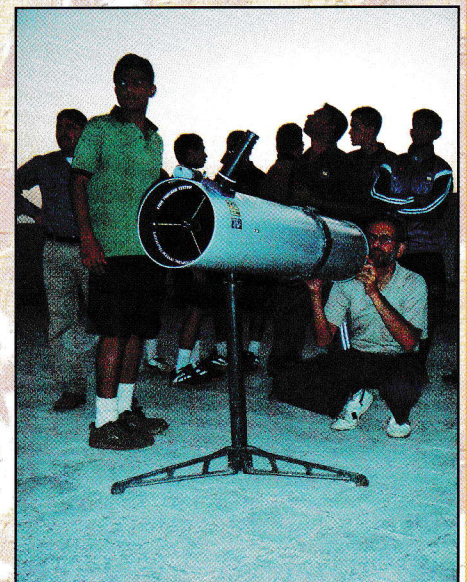
Event: Total Lunar Eclipse on 10th December, 2011

Venue: Terrace, Annex Building

Going by its active participation in Astronomical events, the Astro Club of TMI would hardly miss the Total Lunar Eclipse that took place on 10th December, 2011.

The session was conducted under the able guidance of Capt. V. B. Sathaye. A perfectly clear December sky from 1815hrs to 2145hrs provided a delightful sighting of the Eclipse. The event was attended by over 200 people including cadets, faculty members and their families.

The Lunar Eclipse reached its apex at 2001hrs and a 10-inch Reflector Telescope provided a spectacular view. Along with the Eclipse, other heavenly bodies such as Jupiter, its four Gallilean moons - Orion, Cassiopeia, Pegasus and Pisces, and the Andromeda Galaxy were also sighted.



Visits

Kashish Anand

5 th October 2011	Dr. Mukund Gharpure	Expert in Non-Conventional Energy Sources
21 st October 2011	Mr. Sudesh Pathare	Operations Manager, Bumi Armada
31 st October 2011	Dr. R. Lakshmiopathy	President, R. L. Institute
	Mr. M. Subramanian	Principal, R. L. Institute
	Mr. Hathi	Vice-Principal, R. L. Institute
	Dr. B. V. Prasad	BITS
1 st November 2011	Mrs. Zainab Ibrahim Kuchi	Petroleum Minister of State, Federal Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs
	Mrs. Amina L. Abdulrahman	Minister of State, Nigeria
5 th November 2011	Capt. Subhash Joshi	Consultant
	Mr. Satish Kadam	Chellship
9 th November 2011	Mr. Michael McCorkle	Director of Maritime Security – Carnival Corporation and PLC
	Mr. Kenneth Fortier	Director of Training, Maritime Policy & Compliance – Carnival Corporation and PLC
	Mr. Adrian Prangnell	Deputy Marine Security Manager – Carnival UK
	Mr. Prasad Hariharan	COO – Fleet Maritime Services
10 th November 2011	Mr. Chirag Bahri	TMI Alumnus (Class of 2004)-Guest lecture on Piracy.
	Capt. Bhatena, Mr. Sanjay Naik, Mr. Yatin Khamkar	Scorpio Marine Management
19 th December 2011	Mr. Mahesh Garimella, Mr. Rahul Dudhade	Northern Marine Ship Management on behalf of Chevron and Stena Shipping
27 th - 28 th Decemeber 2011	Mr. Tejinder Singh, Mr. S. K. Singh, Capt. Animesh Hore, Capt. Rajiv Kumar	Mitsui OSK Lines

Visit To Indian Naval Academy

Rahul Singh Mehta

Tolani Maritime Institute lays equal emphasis on academics as well as sports. Keeping in line with this thinking, a visit to the Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala was organised from 4th to 10th October 2011. The Indian Naval Academy is the largest naval training institute in Asia spread over 2500 acres. The highlight of the visit was the sailing competition conducted between the two institutes. Lines and halyards tightened, with their their boats rigged and ready to sail, the students of TMI put up a great show in the sailing competition. The students were accompanied by Mr. Deepchand Dhankar and Mr. Shiva Walunj. A total of 6 enthralling and exciting races were organised and after several close finishes, the final score stood at 4-2 in favour of INA.

The students who represented TMI were :-

Viraf C. Heerjee
Aniket Pednekar
Mangala Deoghare
Subba S Subramaniam
Aniket Thakur
Twarit Kumar



Facts about Christmas ...

Alakshendra Joshi

World over, Christmas is one of the most anticipated and widely celebrated tradition of the year. Just the mention of it brings to mind a beautifully decorated room brightly lit up by a handsome fire, a large evergreen Christmas tree, candy-cane sticks, red stockings hung up at the fire place, Christmas carols, Santa Claus riding on his sleigh and lastly an enormous pile of gifts just waiting to be unwrapped. It is a time when family and friends all get together and enjoy the spirit of Christmas and each other's company.

But do we all know Christmas as well as we think we do? Maritimes uncovers some of the folklores and legends surrounding this tradition that we have been celebrating for centuries:

1. The word X-mas does not in any way disrespect the tradition (as some would say) at all. Chi is the first letter in the greek word for Christ. And in the modern Roman alphabet, Chi is denoted by a symbol similar to "X". Thus, it's just another simple way of saying the same thing.
2. Santa Claus, perhaps the best secular symbol of the season is known in many languages, such as:
 - Sinter Klass - Holland
 - Pire Noel - France
 - Papa Noel - Brazil
 - Christindl - Germany
 - Babbo Natal - Italy
3. The second biggest phenomenon is the Christmas tree. The Romans would adorn their houses with evergreens during their festival of agriculture. The druids would decorate an oak tree with golden apples during the early ages. This was usually done on December 24th, on the feast of Adam and Eve
4. In England, a Christian Candy maker invented a way for members of the Christian community to recognize each other. Thus the shape of the candy is in the form of a shepherd's staff. This is to symbolize that god in heaven is the "Good Shepherd". He used white candy to symbolize purity. On the staff, he placed three small red stripes. These are said to represent the trinity. A bold red stripe was placed throughout the candy representing the blood of Christ and its redeeming powers.

What Next ???

Ship brokers are the middle men between ship owners and charterers or buyers and sellers of ships. They deal with sale and purchase, which requires them to keep up with the market trends, advice the buyers and sellers financially, report on sales etc. Further on one can specialise in the sale of ships for scrapping, tanker broking, dry cargo broking and so on. As a junior one must be very flexible about his/her job description because all training and experience is gained on the job itself, since no specific qualifications are required to enter this business.

However, there are shipping business degree courses run by several British Universities (London being the hub of the industry) eg. Cardiff Business School, Southampton Institute, Institute of Chartered Ship Brokers, to name a few. Amongst these the Institute of Chartered Ship Brokers, is the only Internationally recognised professional body that represents ship brokers, ship managers and agents throughout the world. It also sets educational standards and its fellowship is a matter of great pride. Now, it is not imperative to be a member of the ICS to start off, but being a part of a professional body gives you an edge in your career. Also companies rarely advice for entrant positions in to the industry, although some of the larger firms do recruit trainees. So another advantage of being a member of the ICS is that they have their own recruitment partners which, makes it easier to get a job.

To become a member there are held certain qualification exams, 7 in number. One can be eligible for some exemptions depending on prior qualifications and industry experience. Keeping in mind the difficulty level of these exams it would be advisable to first have a post graduate degree, in say, logistics. One institute offering this is the Narottam Morarjee Institute in India.

Slowly you go on building up contacts and climbing up the ladder. Therefore it is important for any aspirant to be able to interact with people from a variety of backgrounds with ease.

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I hope you all liked the concept of the theme, this one being 'Christmas & New Year' and if you want to keep it going, kindly do let us know.

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