The year 1998 was historic. A lot of the events that took place in the span of 1998-1999, were for the betterment of Shipping Industry as a whole. One such event was the establishment of the Tolani Maritime Institute. Since then it has been devoted to the mere task of producing competent cadets. In the year 2013, it completed 15 years of excellence in the field of Maritime education for which it also received the 2013 Gateway Awards.

With this, I would like to introduce you to the December issue of Maritimes. Inside you will find an interview with Dr. Rajendra Prasad & Mr. Varun Patwardhan. Further on, you'll find an enlightening article on the new design of the bulbous bow that surprisingly increases the fuel efficiency by 20%.

Finally, I would like to thank all the faculty advisors for their support and guidance without which this edition wouldn't have been possible. I would also like to thank my dynamic team, who has diligently worked throughout the semester to bring to you this much awaited edition. In the end, wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Himanshu Sharma

What's New?

Lloyd's Register Visit

-Amarsingh Chavan

Mr. Richard Sadler, CEO, Lloyd's Register, Mrs. Sadler and Mr. Chitta R. Dash, Country Head of Lloyd's Register (India Division), visited the Tolani Maritime Campus on 24 November, 2013. They also conducted a seminar in which they addressed cadets about the Lloyd’s Register. “It was an enriching experience and the infrastructure is world class” said Mr. Sadler. Mr. Chitta R. Dash felt that all the facilities being provided by the college are excellent.
All the talented and creative cadets of TMI presented the most eagerly awaited cultural event of this semester, the “Fresher’s Night 2k13” on 17th Oct 2013. A plethora of musical and dance performances were planned and culminated on this night. The chief guest for the night was Mrs. Sujata Naik-Tolani who reminded us all that many years down the line, it is only such events that we cherish and remember.

The night kicked off with bands jamming to rock and alternative tunes. Musicians from all years took to the stage and it was interesting to see the audience enraptured by the performances. Next up was a play with side splitting humour. The play managed to tickle the funny bones of the audience thanks to its portrayal of life in TMI, to which everyone present in the audience could relate to! The exploits of the actors whipped up a storm on stage. After the laughing riot it was time for the states of U.P. Punjab, Bihar, Maharashtra and the South to present the unique dance styles of which U.P was declared the winner at the end of the night. The musical show continued with bands playing popular compositions both Hindi and English. Though it was the melodious and splendid yet simple jugalbandi on the tabla and drums that stole the show. The performance concluded the musical concert.

The Bhangra performance was one of the most anticipated events of the night. Clad in their customized tee shirts and wielding sticks, their dancing had the crowd grooving even before the DJ had come on! Such is the charm of Bhangra performances. The fun and frolic of the evening carried on with the DJ night. The music had the gathering swaying to the latest bollywood songs and hit remixes.

In all this excitement and hysteria everyone lost a track of time and it was 11PM by the time the “Fresher’s Night” concluded and the events of the evening came to a close.

All in all, it was a heady mix of efforts by everyone with even the freshers coming up to perform on their own freshers night and making the night a memorable one.
Dr. Rajendra Prasad, who is one of the latest additions to Faculty Members at Tolani Maritime Institute, Pune is a methodical and mature person. Having spent a total of thirteen years of his life at sea as an engineer, he is well trained and an experienced seafarer. He is currently teaching the courses Ship Operations and IMO for the Fourth Year cadets and Maritime Environment Protection for the Third Year cadets. Recently, Maritimes got in touch with him and here is what we found out:

Q: Where did your journey begin?

A: I was born on 30th September, 1944 in Rajasthan. However, I lived and spent my childhood in Delhi. I did my schooling from Government Model School, Delhi Cantonment following which I joined the Marine Engineering Course at the erstwhile Directorate of Marine Engineering Training at Mumbai and Calcutta (now renamed as the Marine Engineering and Research Institute MERI, under the Indian Maritime University) from 1963-1967. My four year course was divided into three years at Mumbai and final year at Calcutta. I did my apprenticeship at Mazagaon Dock, Mumbai.

Q: Sir, what did you do before joining TMI?

A: After passing from DMET I joined Shipping Corporation of India in 1967. I got my Certificate of Competency as First Class Engineer (Motor), Government of India in 1972. Subsequently, I was promoted as Chief Engineer in 1973. I continued sailing till 1980 when SCI transferred me to its head office in Mumbai as Manager Training. In 1987-88 I did my M.Sc. in Maritime Affairs with specialization in Maritime Education and Training from the World Maritime University, Malmo, Sweden. After returning to Mumbai in 1989 I was assigned responsibility of Dean of Engineering and Management studies at the Maritime Training Institute (MTI) of SCI. This was followed by an assignment as a Superintendent and later as the General Manager Incharge of technical management of the fleet.