MARITIME LAW & SHIPPING CONTRACTS



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Introduction

Maritime Law & Shipping Contracts examines the legal framework that governs vessels, cargo, and commercial shipping arrangements worldwide. This Training Course covers charterparties, bills of lading, carriage of goods rules, marine insurance, and salvage. Participants study Hague-Visby, Hamburg, and Rotterdam Rules, Incoterms 2020, and arrest and security procedures. Furthermore, the programme connects legal doctrine to operational reality through contract review and dispute simulations. As a result, delegates leave able to read shipping contracts carefully and manage maritime risk with confidence.

Maritime Law & Shipping Contracts Course Objectives

- Define the sources and scope of maritime and admiralty law.
- Distinguish voyage, time, and bareboat charterparties.
- Interpret bills of lading and sea waybills correctly.
- Apply the Hague-Visby, Hamburg, and Rotterdam Rules to carriage claims.
- Allocate risk through laytime, demurrage, and detention clauses.
- Apply Incoterms 2020 to shipping and delivery obligations.
- Manage marine insurance, general average, and particular average.
- Handle salvage, towage, and wreck removal obligations.
- Apply vessel arrest, liens, and security procedures.
- Manage maritime disputes through arbitration, mediation, and litigation.

Course Methodology

- Interactive workshops using real shipping contract disputes.
- Structured charterparty and bill of lading clause analysis.
- Laytime and demurrage calculation exercises.
- Guided case review of carriage and cargo damage claims.

- Role-play of maritime dispute negotiation and settlement.
- Action planning that converts each session into a workplace commitment.

Who Should Take This Course

- Shipping and maritime lawyers.
- Chartering and operations managers.
- Freight forwarding and logistics professionals.
- Marine insurance and claims handlers.
- Port authority and harbour master staff.
- Shipowners, operators, and ship managers.
- Trade finance and documentary credit officers.

Maritime Law & Shipping Contracts Course Outlines

Day 1: Foundations of Maritime Law

- Sources of maritime law: conventions, statutes, and custom.
- Vessel registration, flag state, and nationality.
- Shipowner, operator, manager, and charterer relationships.
- Ship sale and purchase: MOA and standard forms.
- Classification societies and statutory surveys.
- Jurisdiction, admiralty courts, and in rem proceedings.
- UNCLOS basics on maritime zones.

Day 2: Charterparties and Bills of Lading

- Voyage charterparties: GENCON and laytime provisions.

- Time charterparties: NYPE and off-hire clauses.
- Bareboat charters and demise clauses.
- Bills of lading: types, functions, and negotiability.
- Sea waybills and electronic bills of lading.
- Demurrage, detention, and despatch calculations.
- Freight, hire, and payment terms.

Day 3: Carriage of Goods and Cargo Claims

- Hague-Visby Rules: carrier duties and defences.
- Hamburg Rules and Rotterdam Rules comparison.
- Seaworthiness, due diligence, and deviation rules.
- Cargo damage, shortage, and contamination claims.
- Packing, stowage, and lashing obligations.
- Dangerous goods and IMDG Code compliance.
- Limitation of liability and package limitation rules.

Day 4: Marine Insurance, General Average, and Salvage

- Marine insurance policies: hull, cargo, and P&I cover.
- Institute Cargo Clauses and insured perils.
- General average and York-Antwerp Rules.
- Particular average and sue and labour charges.
- Salvage conventions and Lloyd's Open Form.
- Towage, wreck removal, and pollution liability.
- Subrogation and recovery rights.

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Day 5: Enforcement, Security, and Dispute Resolution

- Ship arrest and maritime liens.
- Security, guarantees, and letters of undertaking.
- Ship mortgage and priority of claims.
- Arbitration: LMAA, SCMA, and ICC maritime practice.
- Mediation and settlement of shipping disputes.
- Force majeure, sanctions, and blockade clauses.
- Personal action plan and continuous improvement.

Conclusion

By successfully completing Maritime Law & Shipping Contracts, participants will have acquired a practical command of charterparties, bills of lading, carriage rules, marine insurance, and enforcement procedures. They will know how to calculate laytime and demurrage, handle cargo claims, and manage arrest and security situations. In addition, the course prepares delegates to resolve shipping disputes efficiently. As a result, they return to work ready to manage maritime legal risk with confidence. Gentex Training Center delivers this Training Course with a practical, standards-based approach.

FAQs for the Maritime Law & Shipping Contracts course

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Q1 What is the "Maritime Law & Shipping Contracts" course about?

It is a five-day programme that explains the legal rules governing vessels, cargo, and commercial shipping. It covers charterparties, bills of lading, carriage of goods conventions, laytime and demurrage, marine insurance, general average, salvage, ship arrest, and dispute resolution.

Q2 What are the key benefits of the "Maritime Law & Shipping Contracts" course?

Participants gain the ability to read shipping contracts precisely, calculate laytime and demurrage correctly, and handle cargo claims with proper evidence. They also learn to manage marine insurance, general average, arrest, and security procedures, and to resolve disputes efficiently.

Q3 What skills will I gain from the "Maritime Law & Shipping Contracts" course?

Charterparty and bill of lading interpretation, carriage of goods convention application with cargo claim handling, laytime, demurrage, and marine insurance administration, and maritime enforcement with arrest, security, and dispute management.

Q4 What tools, methods, or standards are covered in the "Maritime Law & Shipping Contracts" course?

The course covers the Hague-Visby, Hamburg, and Rotterdam Rules, GENCON and NYPE charterparty forms, the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for ship sale and purchase, Incoterms 2020, the York-Antwerp Rules on general average, Institute Cargo Clauses, the Lloyd's Open Form salvage agreement, the IMDG Code for dangerous goods, UNCLOS maritime zones, London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA) and SCMA arbitration rules, and ship arrest and maritime lien procedures.

Q5 How is the "Maritime Law & Shipping Contracts" course applied in real-world practice?

Delegates apply it through charterparty negotiation and review, bill of lading vetting, laytime and demurrage statements, cargo claim files, insurance notifications, general average adjustments, arrest applications, security arrangements, and arbitration submissions. They also use it to advise operations teams on delivery terms and to manage sanctions and force majeure exposure.