SHIP CHARTERING CONTRACTS TRAINING



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Introduction

Ship Chartering Contracts examines the agreements that let traders, owners, and operators move cargo across the world's oceans. This Training Course covers voyage, time, and bareboat charters, laytime and demurrage, freight and hire, and dispute routes. Participants study GENCON, NYPE, and SUPPLYTIME forms, Incoterms 2020, and bill of lading practice. Furthermore, the programme connects charterparty wording to voyage economics through clause labs and demurrage calculation exercises. As a result, delegates leave able to negotiate, fix, and administer chartering contracts with commercial control.

Ship Chartering Contracts Course Objectives

- Define chartering and distinguish voyage, time, and bareboat charters.
- Interpret standard charterparty forms accurately.
- Apply laytime, demurrage, and despatch calculation rules.
- Structure freight, hire, and payment terms properly.
- Read and vet bills of lading and related shipping documents.
- Apply Incoterms 2020 to chartering and delivery obligations.
- Manage owner and charterer duties, seaworthiness, and seaworthiness due diligence.
- Handle off-hire, performance, and safe port obligations.
- Manage force majeure, sanctions, and deviation risks.
- Resolve chartering disputes through negotiation and arbitration.

Course Methodology

- Interactive workshops using real charterparty and fixture files.
- Structured clause analysis of GENCON, NYPE, and SUPPLYTIME forms.
- Laytime and demurrage calculation labs with worked examples.
- Guided bill of lading vetting and shipping document review.

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- Negotiation simulation on freight, hire, and performance terms.
- Action planning that converts each session into a workplace commitment.

Who Should Take This Course

- Chartering and operations managers.
- Shipping lawyers and contracts advisors.
- Freight trading and shipping brokers.
- Shipowners' and operators' commercial staff.
- Trade finance and documentary credit officers.
- Marine insurance and claims handlers.
- Port agents and logistics coordinators.

Ship Chartering Contracts Course Outlines

Day 1: Chartering Foundations and Market Practice

- Chartering market structure and participant roles.
- Voyage versus time versus bareboat charter characteristics.
- Freight market dynamics and fixture negotiation.
- Standard forms: GENCON, NYPE, SUPPLYTIME, and SHELLTIME.
- Charterparty riders and additional clauses.
- Broker authority, recap, and fixture confirmation.
- Building the chartering file and records.

Day 2: Voyage Charterparties and Laytime

- Voyage charterparty structure and key clauses.

- Loading and discharging obligations and customary despatch.
- Notice of readiness and its validity conditions.
- Laytime commencement, exceptions, and interruptions.
- Demurrage, despatch, and detention calculations.
- Loading/discharging rates and demurrage rates.
- Time sheets, statements of facts, and claim evidence.

Day 3: Time Charterparties and Performance

- Time charterparty structure and hire payment terms.
- Delivery and redelivery conditions and bunkers.
- Off-hire events and hire suspension.
- Speed and consumption warranties and remedies.
- Safe port and safe berth obligations.
- Employment and indemnity clauses.
- Withdrawal, lien, and anti-technicality clauses.

Day 4: Bills of Lading, Cargo, and Documents

- Bill of lading functions, types, and negotiability.
- Sea waybills and electronic bills of lading.
- Charterer's and shipper's bill of lading distinctions.
- Incoterms 2020 application in shipping arrangements.
- Letters of indemnity and their risk profile.
- Cargo claims, damage, and contamination.
- Dangerous goods and IMDG Code compliance.

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Day 5: Risk, Disputes, and Chartering Governance

- Force majeure, war risk, and sanctions clauses.
- Deviation, liberty, and routing rights.
- General average and salvage interactions.
- Chartering dispute resolution and arbitration.
- LMAA, SCMA, and ICC maritime arbitration rules.
- Compliance programmes and sanctions screening.
- Personal action plan and continuous improvement.

Conclusion

By successfully completing Ship Chartering Contracts, participants will have acquired a practical command of voyage, time, and bareboat charters, laytime and demurrage, and performance obligations. They will know how to negotiate fixtures, calculate demurrage correctly, and vet shipping documents properly. In addition, the course prepares delegates to manage risk and resolve chartering disputes efficiently. As a result, they return to work ready to fix and manage charters with commercial and legal confidence. Gentex Training Center delivers this Training Course with a practical, standards-based approach.

FAQs for the Ship Chartering Contracts course

Q1 What is the "Ship Chartering Contracts" course about?

It is a five-day programme that explains the agreements used to hire ships for cargo transport. It covers voyage, time, and bareboat charters, laytime and demurrage, freight and hire, bills of lading, cargo claims, and chartering dispute resolution.

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Q2 What are the key benefits of the "Ship Chartering Contracts" course?

Participants gain the ability to negotiate fixtures that protect their position, calculate laytime and demurrage correctly, and handle off-hire and performance claims with evidence. They also learn to vet shipping documents and to manage risk from sanctions and force majeure events.

Q3 What skills will I gain from the "Ship Chartering Contracts" course?

Charterparty interpretation across voyage, time, and bareboat forms, laytime and demurrage calculation with claim preparation, freight, hire, and performance term negotiation, and shipping document vetting with risk and dispute management.

Q4 What tools, methods, or standards are covered in the "Ship Chartering Contracts" course?

The course covers GENCON, NYPE, SUPPLYTIME, and SHELLTIME standard forms, charterparty rider drafting, notice of readiness and statements of facts practice, laytime, demurrage and despatch calculation methods, speed and consumption warranty provisions, safe port and safe berth obligations, bill of lading functions and negotiability rules, Incoterms 2020, letters of indemnity, the IMDG Code, the York-Antwerp Rules on general average, and LMAA, SCMA, and ICC maritime arbitration rules.

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Q5 How is the "Ship Chartering Contracts" course applied in real-world practice?

Delegates apply it through fixture negotiations, recaps and charterparty drafting, laytime and demurrage statements, notice of readiness records, off-hire and performance claims, bill of lading vetting, letters of indemnity, sanctions screening, and arbitration submissions. They also use it to advise operations teams on voyage risk and to manage vessel performance exposure.