

For Six Month Period Ending 10/31/2010  
(Insert date)

**I - REGISTRANT**

1. (a) Name of Registrant  
Office Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs

(b) Registration No.  
No.4860

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant  
Vanuatu Maritime Services Limited  
39 Broadway, Suite 2020  
New York, NY 10006

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

(a) If an individual:

(1) Residence address(es)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(2) Citizenship	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3) Occupation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(b) If an organization:

(1) Name	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(2) Ownership or control	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3) Branch offices	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in items (a) and (b) above.

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**IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4 AND 5(a).**

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C<sup>1</sup>, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes  No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>1</sup> The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

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4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date connection ended
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(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes  No

If yes, identify each such person and describe his service.

(b) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or connection	Date terminated
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(c) During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(c) of the supplemental statement?

Yes  No

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

**II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL**


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7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal

Date of termination

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8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal<sup>2</sup> during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and address of foreign principal

Date acquired

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9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principals<sup>2</sup> whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

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10. **EXHIBITS A AND B**

(a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 8 the following:

Exhibit A<sup>3</sup> Yes  No

Exhibit B<sup>4</sup> Yes  No

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

(b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during the 6 month period? Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes  No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

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<sup>2</sup> The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a)(9).) A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

<sup>3</sup> The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3 (Formerly CRM-157), sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

<sup>4</sup> The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4 (Formerly CRM-155), sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

**III - ACTIVITIES**

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11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

The office of deputy Commissioner, c/c Vanuatu Maritime Services LTD., is responsible for the promotion of the registration of vessels under the Flag of Vanuatu. Part of our services is to contact individuals among the ship industry by letter, fax, phone, e-mail, or visits to inform them of Vanuatu ship registry.

We prepare officials documents on behalf of the Vanuatu Government for ship owners and financial institutions.

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12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity<sup>5</sup> as defined below? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates and places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes  No

If yes, describe fully.

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<sup>5</sup> The term "political activities" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

## IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**14. (a) RECEIPTS - MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes  No

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies<sup>6</sup>.

Date	From whom	Purpose	Amount
5/01/2010- 10/30/2010	Republic of Vanuatu	contract six month stipend	390,000.00

390,000.00

Total

**(b) RECEIPTS – FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fund raising campaign<sup>7</sup>, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D<sup>8</sup> to your registration? Yes  No

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date \_\_\_\_\_

**(c) RECEIPTS – THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value<sup>9</sup> other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal	Date received	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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<sup>6, 7</sup> A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. (See Rule 201(e).)

<sup>8</sup> An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fund raising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

<sup>9</sup> Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) **DISBURSEMENTS – MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes  No

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes  No

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To whom	Purpose	Amount
5/01/2010- 10/30/2010	Vendors	Office expenses	\$ 149,015.91
5/01/2010- 10/30/2010	Vendors	Travel expenses	\$ 9,510.80
5/01/2010- 10/30/2010	Vendors	Entertainment	\$ 0.00
5/01/2010- 10/30/2010	Vendors	Advertising	\$ 1027.75
5/01/2010- 10/30/2010	Vendors]	Employee Expenses	\$ 293,679.29
	Transferred funds		
5/01/2010- 10/30/2010	Republic of Vanuatu	Fees	\$ 486,735.21

\$ 939,968.96

Total

**(b) DISBURSEMENTS – THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value<sup>10</sup> other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date disposed	Name of person to whom given	On behalf of what foreign principal	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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**(c) DISBURSEMENTS – POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value<sup>11</sup> in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or thing of value	Name of political organization	Name of candidate
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<sup>10, 11</sup> Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

**V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials<sup>12</sup>?  
 Yes  No

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

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18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- Radio or TV broadcasts       Magazine or newspaper articles       Motion picture films       Letters or telegrams  
 Advertising campaigns       Press releases       Pamphlets or other publications       Lectures or speeches  
 Internet       Other (specify) a quarterly update

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- Public officials       Newspapers       Libraries  
 Legislators       Editors       Educational institutions  
 Government agencies       Civic groups or associations       Nationality groups  
 Other (specify) current and potential ship owners

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- English       Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes  No

<sup>12</sup> The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

**VI – EXECUTION**

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature )

11/22/10

*Arthur C. Bjorkner*

(Type or print name under each signature<sup>13</sup>)

ARTHUR C BJORKNER

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<sup>13</sup> This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.





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THIS FORM IS TO BE AN OFFICIAL ATTACHMENT TO YOUR CURRENT SUPPLEMENTAL  
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SHORT-FORM REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET

SECTION A

The Department records list active short-form registration statements for the following persons of your organization filed on the date indicated by each name. If a person is not still functioning in the same capacity directly on behalf of the foreign principal, please show the date of termination.

**Short Form List for Registrant: Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs**

Last Name	First Name and Other Names	Registration Date	Termination Date	Role
Sheetz	Donald J.	10/12/1993	N/A	Deputy Commissioner
Rescigno	Dorothy A.	01/04/2008	N/A	Deputy Commissioner
Bjorkner	Arthur C.	01/04/2008	N/A	Deputy Commissioner

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SECTION B

In addition to those persons listed in Section A, list below all current employees rendering services directly on behalf of the foreign principals(s) who have not filed short-form registration statements. (Do not list clerks, secretaries, typists or employees in a similar or related capacity). If there is some question as to whether an employee has an obligation to file a short-form, please address a letter to the Registration Unit describing the activities and connection with the foreign principal.

Name	Function	Date Hired
Dorothy A Rescigno	Deputy Commissioner	01/23/1990
Arthur C. Bjorkner	Deputy Commissioner	10/09/2006

Signature: *Arthur Bjorkner*  
Title: EVP

Date: 11/22/10

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	<u>MAY-10</u>	<u>JUNE-10</u>	<u>JULY-10</u>	<u>AUG-10</u>	<u>SEPT-10</u>	<u>OCT-10</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<b><u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u></b>							
Rent - 39 Broadway	\$11,897.17	\$0.00	\$24,992.99	\$0.00	\$23,242.30	\$0.00	\$60,132.46
Offsite Storage-Rent	\$449.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$449.35
42 BROADWAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
R.E.Taxes-42 BROADWAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FARA Reg fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc. Fees - 42 BROADWAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance -Allied Risk Consult	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance -Building & Contents	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance - Liability	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance - Workmen's Comp	\$707.48	\$405.42	\$0.00	\$1,054.24	\$637.56	\$0.00	\$2,804.70
Computer Equipment	\$83.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$83.07
Computer Software	\$0.00	\$886.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$886.91
Computer Maintenance	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$3,600.00
Computer Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Copier - Rental	\$443.14	\$443.14	\$443.14	\$443.14	\$443.14	\$443.14	\$2,658.84
Postage Meter - Rental	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
US Postal Service-Reset Meter	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Fax - Rental	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Prof. Fees-legal	\$26.00	\$123.00	\$39.00	\$100.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$300.00
Prof.Fees	\$0.00	\$7,135.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,270.14	\$14,405.39
LICENSES AND PERMITS	\$305.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$305.00
PAYROLL SERVICE	\$513.63	\$506.15	\$506.15	\$519.15	\$516.75	\$510.00	\$3,071.83
Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,600.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$239.53	\$1,840.00
Deprication Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subscriptions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$905.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$905.00
Dues - Annual	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Off.Sup.	\$4,506.60	\$1,901.60	\$6,496.13	\$2,285.77	\$1,944.77	\$1,935.55	\$19,070.42
Long Distance Phone	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48.50
Phone Charges	\$645.34	\$630.44	\$9,587.43	\$464.90	\$456.20	\$562.00	\$12,346.31
Courier Charges - General Office	\$4,608.13	\$4,591.96	\$3,938.22	\$3,453.30	\$4,817.64	\$4,224.38	\$25,633.63
Messenger Service - General Office	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$74.50	\$74.50
Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Outside services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Special Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vanuatu Sales Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Corp.Income Tax Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENS</b>	<b>\$26,585.38</b>	<b>\$17,223.87</b>	<b>\$47,756.56</b>	<b>\$8,320.50</b>	<b>\$33,864.36</b>	<b>\$15,265.24</b>	<b>\$149,015.91</b>
<b><u>TRAVEL EXPENSES</u></b>							
Travel expenses	\$801.75	\$39.94	\$2,467.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,309.22
Lodging	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Food & beverage	\$147.47	\$288.77	\$1,775.46	\$617.78	\$300.66	\$228.44	\$3,356.58
Attendance Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,845.00	\$0.00	\$2,845.00
<b>TOTAL TRAVEL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$949.22</b>	<b>\$328.71</b>	<b>\$4,242.99</b>	<b>\$617.78</b>	<b>\$3,145.66</b>	<b>\$228.44</b>	<b>\$9,510.80</b>
<b><u>ENTERTAINMENT</u></b>							
Entertainment expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tips & Gratuities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL ENTERTAINMENT EXP</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b><u>ADVERTISING</u></b>							
Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Maritime Bulletins	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
News Letter	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$740.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$740.35
Brochure	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fact Files	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Give Aways	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Exhibit -Transport	\$0.00	\$287.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$287.40
<b>TOTAL ADVERTISING EXPEN</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$287.40</b>	<b>\$740.35</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,027.75</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENS</b>	<b>\$27,534.60</b>	<b>\$17,839.98</b>	<b>\$52,739.90</b>	<b>\$98,114.48</b>	<b>\$37,010.02</b>	<b>\$15,491.68</b>	<b>\$159,554.46</b>
<b><u>EMPLOYEE EXPENSES</u></b>							
Insurance	\$6,568.23	\$7,080.89	\$6,694.03	\$510.88	\$12,877.18	\$6,307.17	\$40,038.38
Payroll Expenses	\$540.88	\$540.16	\$540.16	\$645.56	\$545.36	\$540.16	\$3,352.28
Salary Expense	\$40,231.66	\$40,231.66	\$40,231.66	\$43,111.66	\$40,391.66	\$40,231.66	\$244,429.96
Employer 401k Contribution	\$295.88	\$295.88	\$295.88	\$2,651.22	\$1,657.01	\$662.80	\$5,858.67
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$47,636.65</b>	<b>\$48,148.59</b>	<b>\$47,761.73</b>	<b>\$46,919.32</b>	<b>\$55,471.21</b>	<b>\$47,741.79</b>	<b>\$293,679.29</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$47,636.65</b>	<b>\$48,148.59</b>	<b>\$47,761.73</b>	<b>\$143,546.97</b>	<b>\$55,471.21</b>	<b>\$47,741.79</b>	<b>\$293,679.29</b>
<b><u>TRANSFERS TO GOVERNMENT</u></b>							
MARINE INVESTIGATION	\$10,875.00	\$14,500.00	\$2,900.00	\$18,125.00	\$5,800.00	\$3,625.00	\$55,825.00
MARINE PARTICIPATION	\$1,214.00	\$1,981.32	\$262.64	\$1,603.16	\$686.68	\$470.60	\$6,218.40
RESIDUAL ANZ BANK	\$56,135.45	\$106,259.21	\$5,346.16	\$173,152.25	\$33,909.96	\$49,888.78	\$424,691.81
<b>TOTAL SENT TO GOVT.</b>	<b>\$68,224.45</b>	<b>\$122,740.53</b>	<b>\$8,508.80</b>	<b>\$192,880.41</b>	<b>\$40,396.64</b>	<b>\$53,984.38</b>	<b>\$486,735.21</b>

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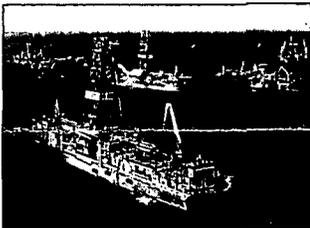
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*This Update is intended to keep our friends informed about what's new at VMSL, in Vanuatu, and elsewhere.*



**Vanuatu Vessels assisting with Deepwater Horizon accident**



**Always cross check your position by more than one method**



**Operational error**



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## ISM CODE & GUIDELINES, 2010 EDITION AVAILABLE

This version replaces the 2002 edition. The ISM is mandatory under SOLAS for passenger ships (including high-speed craft), oil tankers, chemical tankers, gas carriers, bulk carriers and cargo high-speed craft of 500 GT and upwards and for cargo ships and mobile offshore drilling units of 500GT and upwards.

The updated edition includes a number of new amendments relating to: development of plans for shipboard operations; emergency preparedness; reports and analysis of non-conformities, accidents and hazard occurrences; and certification and verification. A number of IMO circulars as well as a new form: Safety management Certificate.

## VMSL AT INTERNATIONAL WORKBOAT SHOW 2010

VMSL will be displaying at the Workboat show in New Orleans December 1-3, 2010. Please stop by and say hello.

## INDIAN REGISTER OF SHIPPING (IRS)

On June 22, 2010 IRS was accepted by the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) as its 11th full member.

## GMDSS OVERHAUL

A major overhaul of the Global Distress Safety System (GMDSS) is underway to bring the 20 year old system up to date. The IMO has broken down the issue into four areas—the functional requirements of a new system, current regulation, availability of technology and equipment performance.

## LIFEBOAT SAFETY

During two different Port State Control Concentrated Inspection Campaigns, it was determined that 12-13% of lifeboat drills were poorly performed by the vessel crews. This highlighted an issue of "serious concern" and was due to inadequate training. The entire report will be presented to the IMO for review and analysis.

## Tourism Falters

The number of tourists arriving by air in July decreased by 8% compared to July 2009 and cruise ship tourists decreased by 19%. Vanuatu had weathered the financial crises of 2008/2009 with increasing tourist arrivals, but we are no longer able to buck the world trend. Australia continues to be the major source of tourists (60%) followed by New Zealand (16%). Tourists like Vanuatu (It is consistently voted the best stop by P&O cruise passengers.) and the average stay of non-cruise visitors is a handsome 11.4 days.

## Economic Growth

The economy started slowing by the end of 2009 and continues to slow in 2010. The increase in international agricultural prices has helped the economy but the service sector is softening, with tourist arrivals decreasing noticeably and the international financial centre under pressure.

With the completion of the USA funded Millennium projects, such as the new 135km road around Efate, the island upon which Port Vila is located, construction levels slowed, exacerbated by start up delays of new residential projects. The significant slowing of new real estate sales added to the downturn, as has the change in excise tax policy which has resulted in higher alcohol and tobacco taxes.

Vanuatu's current account deficit again grew in the first six months of the year, primarily reflecting the slowing in the tourism sector. However Vanuatu's import cover still exceeds seven months of trading – a very healthy situation that most countries would envy. This cushion is expected to contract in the second half of 2010 to pay for increased imports and some repayment of government external debt, but still should not threaten the minimum policy guideline of four month's cover.

It is belt-tightening time in Vanuatu and government expenditures must contract if the government is to contain the growing budget deficit.

## Chinese Military Aid

A Chinese Admiral and five other ranking officers of the Chinese Ministry of National Defense recently visited Vanuatu and signed a Memorandum of Understanding under which China will provide military assistance to Vanuatu for the next five years. The high level visit was preceded by the visit to Port Vila of two Chinese naval vessels as a goodwill gesture.

## PM Speaks at United Nations

The Vanuatu Prime Minister recently addressed the UN General Assembly, not only as the government leader of Vanuatu, but also in his capacity as the Chairman of the Pacific Forum. He noted the Vanuatu contributions to UN peace keeping forces in East Timor, Haiti, Sudan and Bosnia.

## National Convention Centre

The Vanuatu Council of Ministers has approved the construction of a national convention centre on the Parliamentary grounds. It will be designed and built by the Chinese as part of their aid assistance to Vanuatu. Currently Vanuatu does not have a national convention centre.

## Vanuatu Asks China to Build a New Wharf

During a sponsored visit to China, Vanuatu has asked for financial and technical assistance to build a new wharf in Port Vila harbour for the exclusive use of fishing vessels. A new wharf is needed to service the long line fishing vessels (mainly Chinese) which wish to land their tuna catch here, to be processed at the new factory built by and majority owned by the China National Fisheries Corporation.

## More Scholarships from China

China has granted eight more scholarships for university study to ni-Vanuatu students. The Vanuatu Ambassador to China has announced this at the same time that the Mayor of Port Vila lead a delegation to Shanghai to further relations with that city, which was declared a "sister" city in 2005.

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