The IMO International Maritime Law Institute (“IMLI”) announces the publication of its “IMLI Manual on International Maritime Law”. This three-volume work will adopt for the first time an all-encompassing approach to the subject of international maritime law. Each chapter in these volumes will set out the current state of the law in the area studied and will guide the reader to other works where further information may be found. It will also comprise fields in which cutting edge legal developments are taking place. This will make the Manual an essential research tool for academics, practitioners and students. The IMLI Manual will be published by Oxford University Press.

The Manual will reflect the importance of the IMLI’s work and will confirm its effective capacity-building role in the field of international maritime law. IMLI was established in 1988 through an international agreement between the International Maritime Organization (“IMO”) and the Government of Malta. IMLI has a world-wide reputation as an international centre for the training of specialists in maritime law and the development and dissemination of knowledge and expertise in the international regime of merchant shipping and related areas of maritime law and the general law of the sea. IMLI provides advanced specialized training programmes, incorporating both the study of, and research in, international maritime law and legislation for the regulation of international shipping. It further encourages research and other appropriate programmes for the enhancement of maritime law and legislation and the effective global implementation of treaties, and other international instruments.

IMLI's contribution to the international maritime community has been repeatedly recognized by the United Nations General Assembly through its Resolutions. The latest of such Resolutions is A/Res/67/78 entitled "Oceans and the law of the sea", adopted on 11 December 2012. Through the more than 600 professionals from over 125 States and territories worldwide, who have undergone studies at the Institute, IMLI contributes to the attainment of the international goal of improved safety at sea, efficiency in maritime
navigation and related activities and the prevention of marine pollution, giving special attention to the international regulations and procedures for furthering the purposes and objectives of the IMO.

The IMLI Manual on International Maritime Law will be divided into three volumes: Volume One will be dedicated to the Law of the Sea, Volume Two will be dedicated Shipping Law and Volume Three will be dedicated to Marine Environmental Law and International Maritime Security Law. The Manual will look at all these areas from the point of view both of their history and their contemporary development, for instance, through the inclusion of the subject of human rights and the law of the sea, which traditionally was not included in publications on the law of the sea. In treating the subject in breadth and depth, the work will provide both the academic world and practitioners with a source of information on what the law is and on the most up to date theory and research relating to it. It will also provide comprehensive references and bibliography on the subjects, so that its users will have a single source from which to branch out into even more detailed research in the fields.

The Manual will be written and edited by a group of academics and practitioners who are leading experts in their respective areas. Their eminence and expertise will guarantee that the work will be of an exceptionally high quality, well written and well researched. Further, since the editors’ and authors’ contributions have been drawn from a very wide number of States, the academic value of the Manual will have no geographical boundaries since it will address international maritime law from the point of view of international conventions, customary law and commercial practices in the fields studied.

The in-depth approach to all the pertinent issues discussed in this three-volume work will make it a unique contribution to the current corpus of legal literature; one of fundamental importance for anyone interested in the public and aspects of international maritime law.

It is expected that Volume One will be published in March 2014 to coincide with the Institute’s 25th Anniversary.
Volume I of the IMLI Manual on International Maritime Law, which is dedicated to the Law of the Sea, will be edited by Professor David Attard, Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice and Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez.

This Volume covers all the major issues traditionally dealt with by publications on the law of the sea, namely historical developments, the different maritime zones recognized under international conventions, straits used for international navigation, the legal regime of islands, archipelagic States, land-locked and geographically disadvantaged States, marine living resources, marine scientific research, settlements of disputes, as well as the legal regime of the Arctic and Antarctic.

In addition, this Volume includes chapters on emerging topics such as human rights and the law of the sea, genetic resources of the sea, protection of underwater cultural heritage, the development of sui generis maritime zones and the contribution of international organizations and tribunals to the development of the law of the sea.

The chapters included in Volume I and their respective authors are:

**INTERNAL WATERS** (Prof. Robin Churchill, Professor of International Law, Dundee University); **TERRITORIAL SEA AND CONTIGUOUS ZONE** (Prof. Kevin Aquilina, Dean, Faculty of Laws, University of Malta); **Straits Used for International Navigation** (Dr. Alexandros Ntovas, Lecturer in Law / Member of the Institute of Maritime Law, University of Southampton); **The Regime of Islands and Rocks** (Professor Dr. Erik Franckx, Research Professor, President of the Department of International and European Law, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Law and Criminology, Vrije Universiteit Brussels); **Archipelagic States** (Amb. Arif Havas Oegreseno, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the Kingdom of Belgium and to the Professor of Public International Law, Utrecht University); **Land-Locked and Geographically Disadvantaged States** (Judge James Kateka, Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea); **Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage** (Prof. Tullio Scovazzi, Professor of International Law, University of Milano-Bicocca); **The Legal Regime of the Arctic** (Judge Vladimir Golitsyn, Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea); **The Legal Regime of the Antarctic** (Dr. Federica Mucci, Researcher in International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Rome ‘Tor Vergata’ and Dr. Fiammetta Borgia, Lecturer of International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Rome ‘Tor Vergata’); **Human Rights and the
Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Head of Mission to the European Union); CONTINENTAL SHELF (Judge Anthony Lucky, Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea/Mr. Dominic Roughton, Partner, Gaikokuho Jimu Bengoshi, Global Head of Public International Law, Herbert Smith Freehills GJBJ); EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE (Prof. Umberto Leanza, Full Professor of International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Rome ‘Tor Vergata’ and Prof. Maria Cristina Caracciolo, Research fellow – Connoisseur, Chair of International Law. Faculty of Law, University of Rome ‘Tor Vergata’); SUI GENERIS ZONES (Prof. Giuseppe Cataldi, Pro-Rector and Professor of International Law, University of Naples “L’Orientale” and Prof. Gemma Andreone, Professor of International Law, University of Naples “L’Orientale”); HIGH SEAS (Prof. David Attard, Director, IMO International Maritime Law Institute); INTERNATIONAL SEABED AREA (Judge Helmut Tuerk, Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea); DELIMITATION OF MARITIME BOUNDARIES (Judge Shunji Yanai, President, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea); MARINE LIVING RESOURCES (Dr. Simone Borg, Head, Department of Environmental and Resources Law, Faculty of Laws, University of Malta); GENETIC RESOURCES OF THE SEA (Prof. Andree Kirchner, MLS Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH and Dr. Iris Kirchner-Freis, MLS Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH); MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (Prof. Alfred Soons, LAW OF THE SEA (Dr. Irini Papanicoloopulu, Marie Curie Fellow, Faculty of Law, University of Oxford); SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES (Prof. Philippe Gautier, Registrar, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea); THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION AND THE LAW OF THE SEA (Mr. Gaetano Librando, Deputy Director, Head, Treaties and Rules Section, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, International Maritime Organization); THE UNITED NATIONS DIVISION FOR OCEAN AFFAIRS AND THE LAW OF THE SEA (Mr. Serguei Tarassenko, Director, United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea and Mr. Vladimir Jares, Senior Legal Officer, United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea); THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE AND THE LAW OF THE SEA (Judge Peter Tomka, President, International Court of Justice); THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA AND THE LAW OF THE SEA (Dr. Ximena Hinrichs, Legal Officer, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea).
Volume II of the IMLI Manual on International Maritime Law focuses on Shipping Law and will be edited by Professor David Attard, Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice, Professor Ignacio Arroyo, Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez and Ms. Elda Belja.

The Volume tackles the subject of Shipping Law from an international perspective, placing particular emphasis on the latest development in the international scene and the international instruments that regulate its particular aspects. Where no such instruments have been adopted, the reader will find a comprehensive analysis on how the particular area has been regulated by the development of the market itself, e.g. in the usage of specific standard forms, or how the initiative of a county’s legislation has been followed up by other nations.

The Volume discusses a wide range of topics which include: nationality, registration and ownership of ships, ship sale and shipbuilding contracts, ship management and ship finance, security interests in ships, international trade and shipping documents, carriage of goods and passengers by sea, maritime labour law, law of maritime safety, law of marine collisions, law of salvage and wrecks, general average, law of towage and pilotage, arrest of ships, limitation of liability for maritime claims and law of marine insurance.

The chapters included in Volume II and their respective authors are:

- **CONCEPT, SOURCES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS RELATING TO SHIPPING LAW** (Prof. Ignacio Arroyo, Professor of Commercial Law, Autonomous University of Barcelona);
- **NATIONALITY, REGISTRATION AND OWNERSHIP OF SHIPS** (Mr. Nigel Ready, Senior Partner, Cheeswrights Notaries Public);
- **SHIPBUILDING CONTRACTS** (Prof. Aleka Mandaraka-Sheppard, Founding Director, The London Shipping Law Centre);
- **SHIP SALE AND PURCHASE** (Mr. Malcolm Strong, Consultant, Ince & Co.);
- **SHIP MANAGEMENT AND SHIP FINANCE** (Dr. Ivan Vella, Maritime Practitioner and Advocate);
- **SECURITY INTERESTS IN SHIPS** (Justice James Allsop);
- **CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS AND THEIR LUGGAGE BY SEA** (Prof. Eric Røsæg, Professor, Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law);
- **LAW OF TOWAGE** (Mr. Simon Rainey, Barrister at Law and Deputy High Court Judge in the Queen’s Bench Division);
- **LAW OF HARBOURS AND PILOTAGE** (Prof. Osvaldo Agripino de Castro Jr., Professor of Maritime Law, Universidade do Vale do Itajaí (UNIVALI) and Prof. Cesar Luiz Pasold, Professor on the Law of Harbours, Universidade do Vale do Itajaí (UNIVALI));
- **LAW OF MARINE COLLISIONS** (Prof. Frank Wiswall, Vice President Honoris Causa, Comité Maritime International);
- **LAW OF SALVAGE** (Mr. Archie Bishop, Former Legal Adviser, International Salvage
President, Supreme Court of New South Wales); LAW OF MARITIME SAFETY (Dr. Philippe Boisson, Communication Director and Legal Advisor, Marine Division, Bureau Veritas); MARITIME LABOUR LAW (Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry, Officer-in-Charge, Standards, Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, International Labour Organization); INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND SHIPPING DOCUMENTS (Ms. Elda Belja, Lecturer, IMO International Maritime Law Institute); CHARTERPARTIES (Mr. David Martin-Clark, Insurance and Shipping Consultant, Commercial Disputes Arbitrator, and Mediator); BILLS OF LADING (Dr. Miriam Goldby, Lecturer in Insurance and Commercial Law Centre for Commercial Law Studies Queen Mary, University of London); STATUTORY TRANSFER OF BILLS OF LADING (Prof. Francis M.B. Reynolds, Q.C., Barrister/Professor Emeritus, University of Oxford); MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT (Dr. Mahin Faghfouri, President, International Multimodal Transport Association); LAW OF WRECKS (Dr. Patrick Griggs, Former President, Comité Maritime International); LAW OF GENERAL AVERAGE (Mr. Bent Nielsen, Retired Partner, Kromann Reumert, Copenhagen); ARREST OF SHIPS (Prof. Francesco Berlingieri, President ad Honorem, Comité Maritime International); LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR MARITIME CLAIMS (Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez, Senior Lecturer, IMO International Maritime Law Institute); LAW OF MARINE INSURANCE (Prof. Marko Pavliha, Head of Law Department, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation, University of Ljubljana and Dr. Adriana Padovan, Research Fellow, Adriatic Institute of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts).
Volume III is devoted to Marine Environmental Law and International Maritime Security Law. This Volume will be edited by Professor David Attard, Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice, Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez, and Mr. Riyaz Hamza.

The first part of Volume III will deal in-depth with the issues of most fundamental importance in the contemporary world, namely how to protect the marine environment from pollution from ships, pollution from dumping, pollution from land-based sources, pollution from seabed activities and pollution from or through air. In explaining these types of pollution various conventions concluded under the auspices of the IMO (such as MARPOL 73/78 and the 1972 London Convention) and soft law documents will be analyzed. The Volume will also include chapters on the conventions relating to pollution incident preparedness, response and cooperation, discussing also the relevance of regional cooperation. The Volume also envisages a chapter on liability and compensation for pollution damage.

The second part of Volume III, dedicated to International Maritime Security Law, will include chapters dealing with piracy and armed robbery against ships; stowaways, human smuggling and human trafficking; illicit trafficking of drugs; maritime terrorism; suppression of unlawful acts against the safety of navigation; ship and port facility security; military uses of the sea; and new maritime security threats.

The chapters included in Volume III and their respective authors are:

STATE JURISDICTION IN RELATION TO THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT (Dr. Maria Gavouneli, Lecturer in International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Athens); POLLUTION FROM SHIPS (Prof. Malgosia Fitzmaurice, The Nippon Foundation Professor on Marine Environmental Law, IMO International Maritime Law Institute and Mr. Ruben Maceda, Branch, Division of Environmental Policy Implementation, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)); PIRACY, HIJACKING AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS (Judge Markiyan Z. Kulyk, Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea); STOWAWAYS, HUMAN SMUGGLING AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING (THE HUMAN ELEMENT) (Dr. Patricia Mallia, Head, Department of International
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