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## O'Brien's Welcomes Captain Andreas Schepers

O'Brien's welcomes its newest International Representative to the team, Captain Andreas Schepers. For over thirty years, Captain Schepers has been active in the merchant shipping business. He completed a traditional career as seaman, from cadet to AB, in a combined program on deck and in the engine spaces. After which, he studied International Ship Management in Leer, Germany, receiving his unlimited deep-sea master and engineer license in 1997. He later served as chief mate and master on general cargo and container ships in worldwide trade, which included practical experience as rescue-man onboard a Search and Rescue (SAR) cruiser stationed offshore in the North Sea.



He later expanded his maritime proficiency by supporting shipping companies in northwest Germany, where he was responsible for the nautical and technical support of the assigned fleet. He also supervised repair, dry-docking, and new building projects, as well as crewing and placement activities.

Andreas understands the complexities of implementing national and international regulations and he has successfully provided regulation-specific, individualized training to masters, chief mates, and engineers throughout his career. For example, when the ISPS code became mandatory, Andreas facilitated the efficient implementation of the new rules in a 40-vessel fleet, trading into the US while he served as both DPA and CSO.

In 2007, Andreas started the independent consulting company, MCC Maritime Competence Center to provide expertise in maritime management to vessel owners and operators. As an example of their industry expertise, MCC conducted operations as Flag State Inspector for the Republic of Liberia and performed accident investigations for the IMO on behalf of the Flag State of Antigua and Barbuda. To date, all major IACS classification societies fully accept the emergency manuals and integrated electronic management systems that have been developed by MCC.

We are excited to announce that Captain Andreas Schepers and his team at MCC Competence Center will represent O'Brien's locally in Germany and regionally in Northern Europe as an extension of the O'Brien's team. The goal is to provide greater access to technical expertise and knowledge as well more attentive customer service to our growing customer base in Northern

Europe. As the International Representative for the region, Andreas will be calling upon your offices to ensure you are receiving the support needed from O'Brien's and to assist in resolving any concerns or issues that may arise as well as offer any additional services that may complement your current operational needs. For example, we now have increasing opportunities to locally provide technical guidance, vessel attendance, and even facilitate and evaluate your crisis/emergency response teams during ship/shore exercises.



Please join us in welcoming Captain Andreas Schepers to the O'Brien's team!

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