

**5th October 2016,
NEDA Maritime receives the 2016 SAFETY4SEA Excellence Award.**

During the final session of the Safety4Sea Conference held at the Eugenides Foundation in Athens on 5th October 2016, Neda received the **Safety4Sea** Excellence Award. This award was to be presented "...to any person or company that demonstrated safety excellence and performance above average in any aspect of maritime activity".

Neda received the Safety4Sea Award for its initiative on further promoting and enhancing Safety Culture and Resilience, both on board its managed fleet and amongst its shore personnel, on the basis of its association with Resilience specialist Venlys. The purpose of this cooperation is to map, establish, develop, and document NEDA staff's level of safety culture, thus assisting NEDA to fully and professionally apply the principles of Resilience throughout the Company. This principle of 'Resilience' constitutes part of oil major Shell's worldwide Partners in Safety campaign.

To achieve these targets both Neda and Venlys are working together to develop and apply NEDA-specific tools, including tailor-made training for on-board facilitators, which will ultimately promote and further enhance the safety culture on board the Company vessels.

The award was sponsored by MacGregor Greece Ltd. and was received on behalf of Neda by S&Q Director Antonis Sakellis from Mrs Athena Kanellatou, the Managing Director of MacGregor's Greek representative office.



Safety4Sea's own press release on this event is attached below.

Neda Maritime Agency Co. Ltd., Piraeus.

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SAFETY4SEA is pleased to announce that the NEDA Maritime Agency Co Ltd (Neda Maritime) has received **the 2016 SAFETY4SEA Excellence Award** at a prestigious awards ceremony during the **2016 SAFETY4SEA Forum** which successfully concluded on Wednesday 5th of October 2016 in Eugenides Foundation Athens attracting **900 delegates from 25 countries representing a total of 400 organizations.**

NEDA Maritime received the SAFETY4SEA Excellence award for the implementation of the Human Resilience campaign. Through this campaign, the company provides a framework for Reflective Learning and Learning Engagement Tools, Knowledge transfer, schemes of advanced thinking, a structured way of selecting the facilitators, an electronic monitoring plan, and a holistic documentation system articulate an original resilience driven framework. This framework is capable of guaranteeing the strengthening of the crew with additional safety skills which will eventually add to NEDA's organizational effectiveness. Other short-listed nominees for this category were: DNV GL, EMSA, Mitsui OSK Lines and UK P&I Club.

Presenting the award **Mrs. Athena Kanellatou, Managing Director of Hellenic Office of MacGregor**, on behalf of the sponsor stated: *"It is my pleasure today to present the winner of this year's SAFETY4SEA Excellence Award selected from a short list of distinguished nominees. Excellence is the result of high intention, sincere effort and intelligent execution. This is well known to our winner Neda Maritime Agency. The long term success of Neda Maritime, being frontrunner in terms of reliability and Maritime safety, proves that Rhetoric does not achieve excellence – actions achieve excellence, constant improvement, uncompromising dedication to Quality and focus on the Human Element"*

Accepting the award on behalf of **NEDA Maritime Agency Co Ltd, Mr. Antonios G.Sakellis, Safety & Quality Director/DPA** stated *"At NEDA Maritime Agency, we have identified that the best way towards the industry's common goal of zero incidents is by enhancing our sea and shore staff's safety culture. Therefore, it was decided to approach this task, through reflective learning and resilience, thus avoiding risk normalization and enhancing situational awareness, in a Company custom-made manner."*

Congratulating the winner of SAFETY4SEA Excellence Award, **Mr. Apostolos Belokas, Founder and Managing Editor of SAFETY4SEA**, commented: *'First of all, we would like to thank all voters for participating for the set of the awards. NEDA Maritime was nominated for adopting the so-called 'Human Resilience campaign' and is being awarded today for its ongoing efforts to excellence. This award reflects Company's long term commitment to safety excellence standards because through its campaign, NEDA has succeeded in strengthening crew skills and cultivating a safety culture. Lastly, we would like to congratulate all short-listed nominees as well for demonstrating motivation to strive for excellence.'*

Neda Maritime addresses the program by putting together a complete, ambitious, and efficient training and learning set up which points towards the monitored and assessed enhancement of the safety culture of the company, a holistic framework which follows the timeless values of the company - the values of safety, human protection, and the environment.

Neda Maritime attracted the most votes by the end of the voting period which held online during a two-month period. The inaugural presentation of the SAFETY4SEA Awards took place at the closing of the 2016 SAFETY4SEA forum within the scope of awarding industry's outstanding practices for Initiative, Excellence and Training. Other winners of the 2016 SAFETY4SEA Awards were: Fike for the 2016 SAFETY4SEA Initiative Award and Magsaysay People which received the 2016 SAFETY4SEA Training Award. More details on the procedure may be found at <http://www.safety4sea.com/2016-safety4sea-awards/>