



*The Samunder Club of Florida  
wishes you all a very happy*



**May the New Year bring  
Peace within your heart  
Love from family and friends  
Faith to guide your way  
Hope to make it through each day  
Sunshine to light the day  
A tear to show compassion  
A heart to hold the love**

**Jotinder Rana  
President SCOF**

## It's Resolution Time

Here are some interesting ones courtesy the World Wide Web.

1. I will not sit in my living room all day in my pajamas. Instead, I will move my computer into the bedroom.
2. I will no longer waste my time reliving the past; instead I will spend it worrying about the future.
3. I will not bore my boss by with the same excuse for taking leave. I will think of some more excuses.
4. I will avoid taking a bath whenever possible and conserve more water.
5. I will try to figure out why I \*really\* need nine e-mail addresses.
6. I resolve to work with neglected children -- my own.

7. I will stop sending e-mail, ICQ, Instant Messages and be on the phone at the same time with the same person.
8. I will spend less than one hour a day on the Internet.
9. I will think of a password other than "password."
10. I will not tell the same story at every get together.

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## Somali Pirate in the Lloyd's Top 100 Distasteful?

Lloyd's List has unveiled its Lloyd's List Top 100, ranking the most influential people in shipping. A billionaire shipping magnate shares top five honors with the Minister of Transport for China and a Somali pirate. As per Richard Meade, news editor at Lloyd's List; "Big money and bigger egos mingle with subtle political pull and barely visible power brokers who operate behind the scenes. Governments are the only place where a single person could have influence over all of shipping and right now governments don't get much more influential than China's when it comes to shipping, so a man who does not own or operate ships and who has never even been to sea is our number one influencer: **Li Shenglin, Minister of Transport for China.**

Numbers two and three are more conventional - **Nils Andersen**, CEO of Maersk and **John Fredriksen** the billionaire shipping magnate who owns and runs companies worth \$24 billion. **Number four on the Lloyd's List Top 100 - sure to raise eyebrows through the industry and beyond - is the Somali pirate with the assumed name, Garaad Mohammed.**

"Mohammed's position on this list is representative of the influence that pirates currently hold over the shipping industry, rather than the actions of just one man," "Those appearing below him in this list may feel aggrieved to be deemed less influential than a gun-toting criminal, but the impact that pirates have had on the industry cannot be underestimated." says Meade.

**Impact or no impact, putting a criminal's name next to Andersen and Fredriksen is simply distasteful!**



## P&I Clubs warns of risks to Ship-owners posed by Venezuela narco law

The International Group of P&I Clubs says it is concerned by the "indiscriminate and disproportionate application of criminal law in Venezuela in cases where vessels have been targeted by drug smugglers for the carriage of illegal narcotics."

The International Group is warning of risks of trading vessels to Venezuela: **It has become the usual practice of the Venezuelan authorities to charge the crew of a vessel on which drugs have been found with concealment and trafficking of narcotics.** It appears that the most commonly used methods of secreting drugs on board vessels is by way of a diver attaching them to the vessel's hull or security gratings or placing them inside the rudder stock spaces. While the prosecutor has the theoretical burden of proving beyond reasonable doubt the involvement of the crew in the concealment or trafficking of drugs, in practice this burden has been shown to be relatively easily discharged. Prosecutions under the previous narcotics legislation have resulted in a number of cases of seafarers being convicted and sentenced to substantial prison terms of 8-9 years without any obvious link being established between the activities of the crew and the presence of the drugs on board the vessel. Vessels and their cargo have also been confiscated by the courts. In other cases crews and vessels have been released without members of the crew being prosecuted but only after substantial periods of detention.

It also appears that little weight has been given to cooperation by the crew with the Venezuelan authorities, since the mere presence of drugs onboard a vessel has, in the great majority of cases, resulted in the detention of the vessel and crew and charges being brought against individual crew members. The international shipping community has raised with the Venezuelan Permanent Representative to the IMO and individual members of the Venezuelan Congress, their

concerns that the application of the law has unfairly resulted in innocent seafarers being detained, prosecuted and convicted, when their vessel has been targeted by drug smugglers without their knowledge.

## The Telegraph read Down Under

Nitin & Poonam Vaidya were in New Zealand during November 2010. A copy of the SCOF annual magazine Was presented to Mr. Arthur Jobard who is the



Manager of Safety Management Systems for Maritime New Zealand. Maritime NZ is New Zealand's version of AMSA (Australia) or MCA (UK). Seen in the picture; Mr. Jobard is holding a copy of **the Telegraph's annual magazine** in his office in Wellington.



The Vaidyas in the Maritime NZ office



## Newsmakers

Bernard and Hermina are the proud parents of their second son **Brendan** Lobo who was born on October 19<sup>th</sup> 2010. Life is good Bernard said.



## HOW TO MAKE A DREAM CATCHER

By Anita Madan

Making a dream catcher is fun. You can easily find the materials at home or at any craft store.

### Materials

- 4" ring (an old metal bangle can also be used)
- 20" long thick yarn (you can also use the yarn used for crocheting)
- 48" wrapping tape
- silver or colorful beads
- colored feathers
- craft glue
- plastic needle for stitches



### Directions



Figure 1

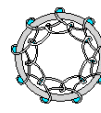


Figure 4

1. Take the wrapping tape and glue its one end to the ring.
2. Begin wrapping the ring. When you reach the beginning, overlap the ends and glue them.
3. Take the yarn and tie it to the top center of the ring. Put the other end of yarn through the plastic needle.
4. Tie half hitches (loops) at evenly spaced intervals (about an inch apart). Keep the yarn tight. There will be about 12 loops.
5. Start the second row by making a loop from the center of the loop on the ring. Adjust it to the center if it slides to the side.
6. Keeping the yarn tight, make about four rows. Add a bead and make four more rows.
7. When you reach the center, pull the thread to make the web tight. Tie it with one of the loops and cut off the extra yarn.



Figure 2

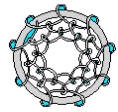


Figure 5



**A Time to Give** - Holidays are a time when everyone is getting together and rejoicing. It is also a time when most of us take special notice of those people who are less fortunate. Those who don't have families; those without a roof over their head; those without food; and those who have no one to celebrate their holidays with. As Barbara Bush said **"Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our mind to the unexplained worlds occupied by the needs of others."**



A team of volunteers from Ravenscroft Ship Management volunteered at the Camillus House in downtown Miami on December 21, serving lunch to the homeless and wishing them happy holidays.

## Important Events in the coming Quarter

**February 13-16**

**Panama Maritime X Conference  
Panama**

**March 14-17**

**Seatrade Cruise Convention  
Miami**

**March 21-23**

**CMA Shipping 2011**

**Stamford, Connecticut**

**March 30-31**

**Maritime and Navigation Risk Conference  
Montréal, Canada**

## DASF celebrates Lohri Festival



Venue: **Canyon Town Center Amphitheater**  
8802 Boynton Beach Blvd  
Boynton Beach FL 33472

Date: **January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011; Time: 7:00 pm**

Ticket Prices

Members: \$ 18.00

Non Members \$ 23.00

Kids 6-10 \$ 10.00

At the gate \$ 25.00

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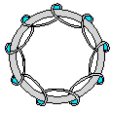


Figure 3



Figure 6

8. Take two 8" long strips of wrap tape and make a lark's head knot at the bottom of the ring.

9. Cut one strip from the middle so that you have four ties. Add two or three beads per tie and then add a feather on each.

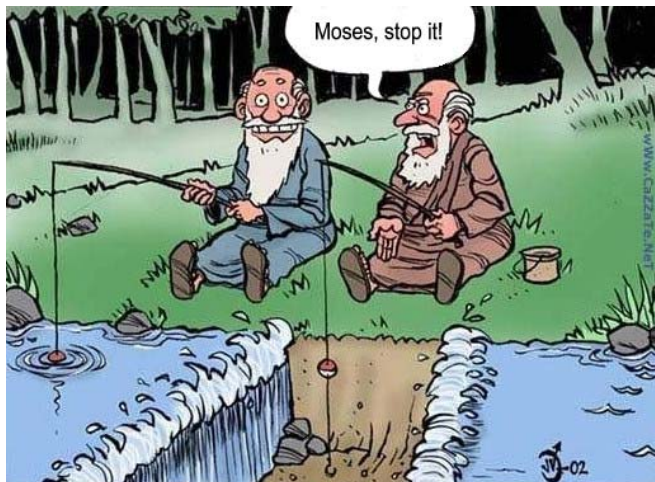
10. Take about 6" tape and tie it at the top of the ring to hang it. Your dream catcher is ready.

**You can hang your dream catcher by your bedside or on your doorknob, and have sweet dreams every night.**

## Laughter is the BEST medicine.

A naval officer fell overboard and was rescued by a deckhand. The officer asked the sailor how he could reward him. "The best way, sir," replied the bluejacket

"is to say nothing about it. If the other fellows knew I'd pulled *you* out, they'd throw me in."



From a passenger cruise ship, everyone can see a bearded man on a small island who is shouting and desperately waving his hands. "Who is it?" a passenger asks the captain. The cruise ship captain replied, "I've no idea. Every year when we pass, he goes nuts."