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Irish Navy joins d'Amico

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Four Irish Navy officers have completed a period of secondment on board product tankers owned by Dublin-based but Italian owned d'Amico.

The Italian shipping company manages the vessels under the Irish tonnage tax regime from its Dublin office.

“We are delighted that this first step in training co-operation has gone so well,” commented Capt John Dolan, d'Amico Tankers' general manager.

“The primary objective was to provide the Irish Naval Service personnel with training on board our merchant vessels. The four officers were seconded to products tankers within our fleet as these vessels were considered the most appropriate, based on their size, trading schedules and cargoes carried.

“This enabled the officers to gain valuable experience in modern tanker operations, safety management and compliance, the handling of hazardous cargoes, large vessel manoeuvring and deep sea navigation,” Dolan explained. “The officers were also able to meet and discuss topical issues with our senior marine and technical group managers, Ishima Ship Management, in Singapore.”

Dolan added; “We hope that this relationship will develop further with the recent entry of d’Amico dry into the tonnage tax scheme. This, in turn, represents our commitment to the maritime cluster and is consistent with promoting the tonnage tax scheme in Ireland to boost and retain maritime skills in the country.”

Commander Martin Counihan, commandant Naval College & associate head of the National Maritime College of Ireland, emphasised how useful this deployment was for both the Naval Service and the training officers embarked with d’Amico.

“The sea-time and experience gained is essential to both our naval training and the achievement of shipping industry standard STCW certification. Our officers gained important practical experience on board modern merchant vessels.

“They were also able to better appreciate the operational routines behind the success of a first class international commercial shipping operation which manages large ocean-going tankers safely on a daily basis. This partnership has been most successful and hopefully will continue into the future,” he concluded.

It is likely that similar arrangements will be put in place for more naval officers in due course, d’Amico said.

Incorporated in Ireland since 2002, the Italian company has steadily increased its presence and commitment to its Dublin-based operations.

D’Amico Tankers entered the Irish tonnage tax scheme in 2007, while d’Amico Dry entered the scheme this year.



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