**Safety Forum 2:** 

Harbour Craft
Incident StatisticsInfluencing Decisions
for Safety at Sea

Capt. Hari Subramaniam





#### **CAPT HARI SUBRAMANIAM**

- 17 years sailing experience on all types of vessels including offshore vessels with 3 years in command.
- General Manager (Head of Marine) Commercial Business and Operations for bulk carriers, offshore vessels, tugs and barges including chartering, agency and operations.
- Sr Manager Offshore looking after the operations and running of offshore support vessels and supervising delivery of new vessels.
- Loss Prevention Manager Managed the Branch's Risk Management/Loss Prevention department for 10 years including claims analysis and causation, condition surveys, conducting risk assessments, management audits training and initiatives.
- Regional Head of Business Relations Facilitates deeper engagement with key stakeholders to conceptualize programmes to improve safety awareness and risk management ethos across the industry. Running of Medisea (Epeme) scheme for the Club.

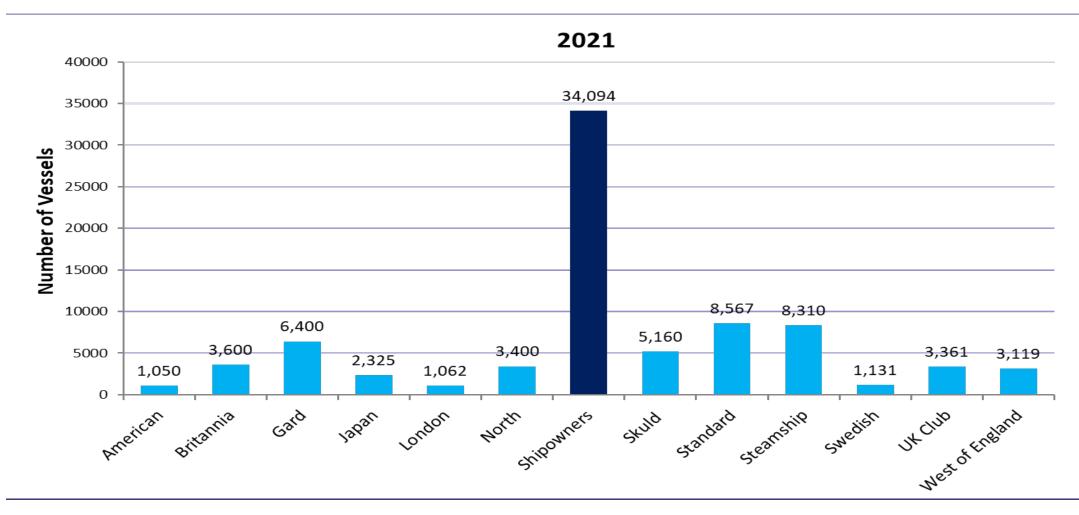




### The Shipowners P&I Club

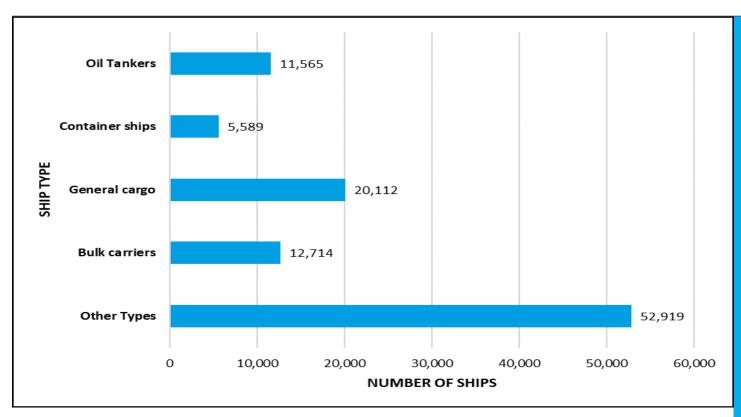
- Established in 1855 (second oldest P&I insurer)
- Part of the International Group of P&I Clubs who collectively insure 95% of world tonnage.
- P&I insurance for smaller and specialised vessels.
- Financially sound (Standard & Poors A stable rated)
- Established office in Singapore in September 2009.
- Largest presence of any P&I Club in terms of number of insured members and vessels globally.
- Our experience and understanding of the brown water tonnage and how claims are handled is second to none.

### SHIPOWNERS' PLACE IN THE INTERNATIONAL GROUP - Number of Vessels





#### **World Fleet Distribution – 2022 (Ships above 100GT)**



20%

Percentage of Number of the world's fleet insured by the Shipowners Club.

Total World fleet as per UNCTAD -102,899 (above 100 GT)

Shipowners Club's vessel count – **20,425** (above 100 GT)

Number of vessels <100 GT entered with the Club – 13,843 (mainly HC)



### MEMBERSHIP DOMICILE, VESSEL COUNT BY REGION AND TONNAGE COUNT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA & THE FAR EAST



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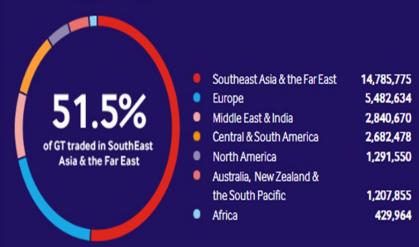






### MEMBERSHIP TONNAGE COUNT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA & THE FAR EAST

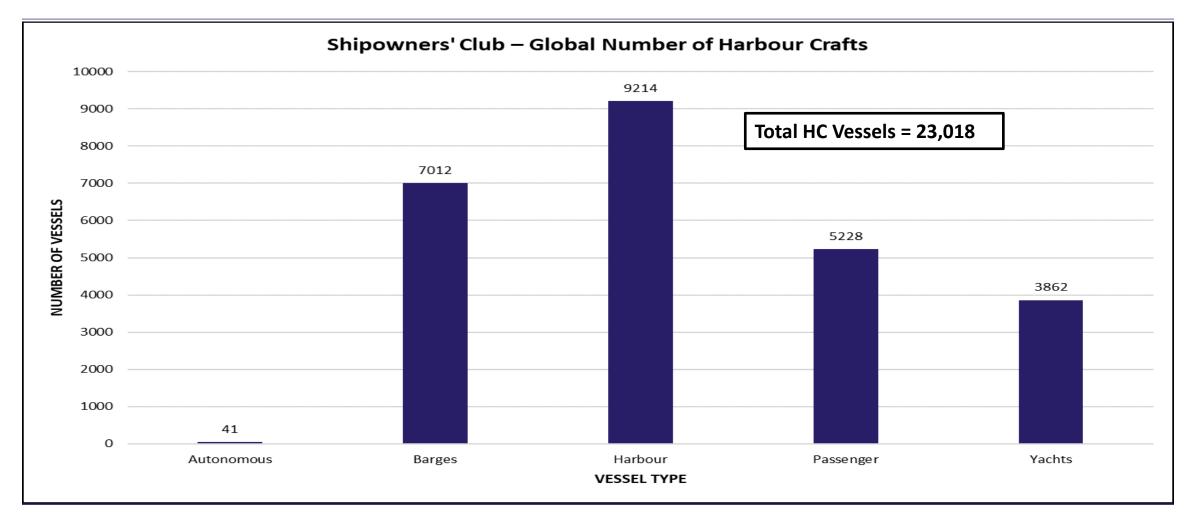
#### Total tonnage by trading area



#### Total vessels by sector

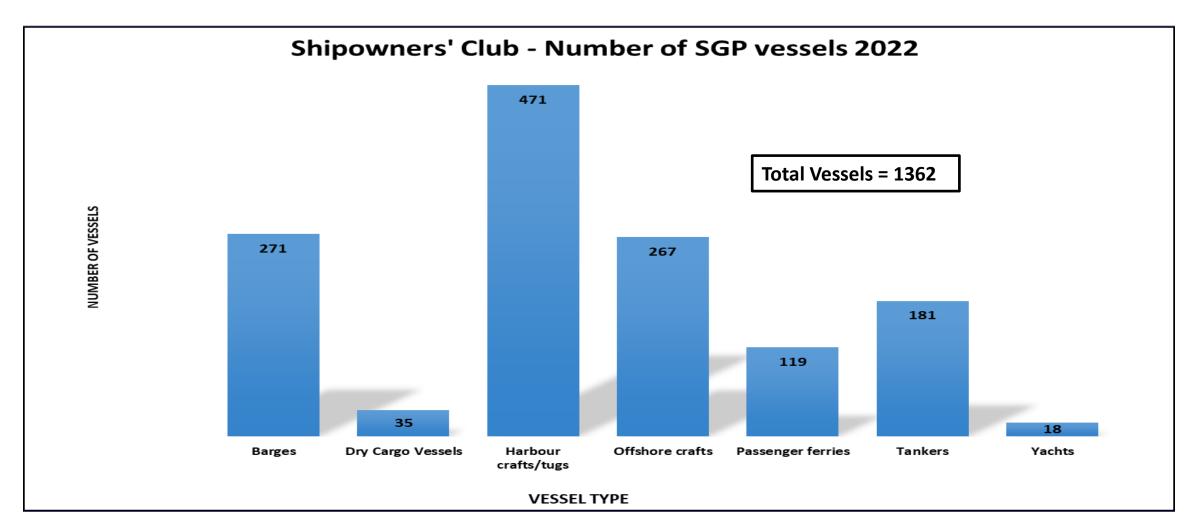


### The Club's Global Tonnage- 2022

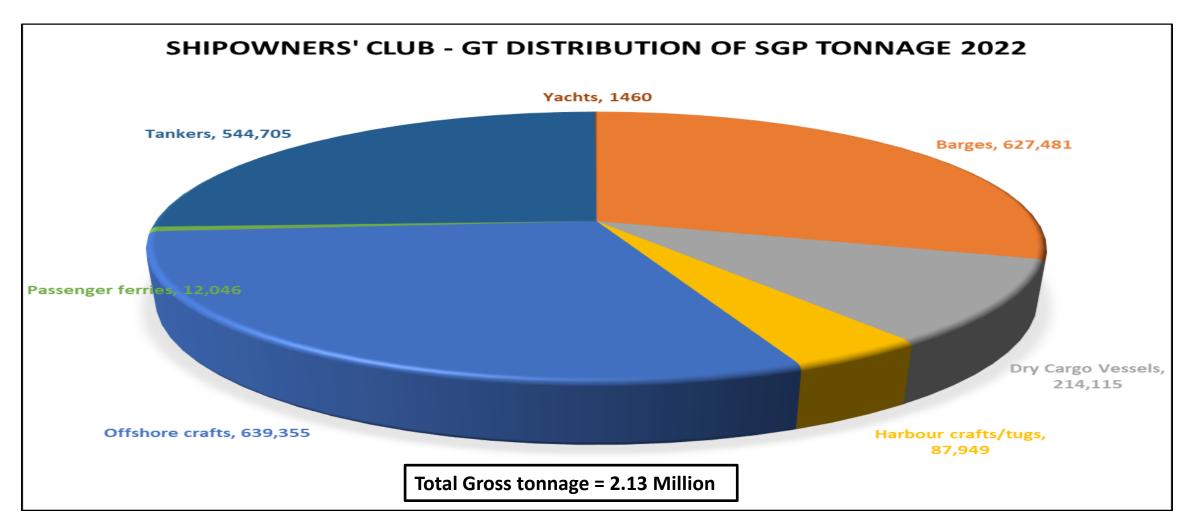




### **The Club's Singapore Tonnage- 2022**



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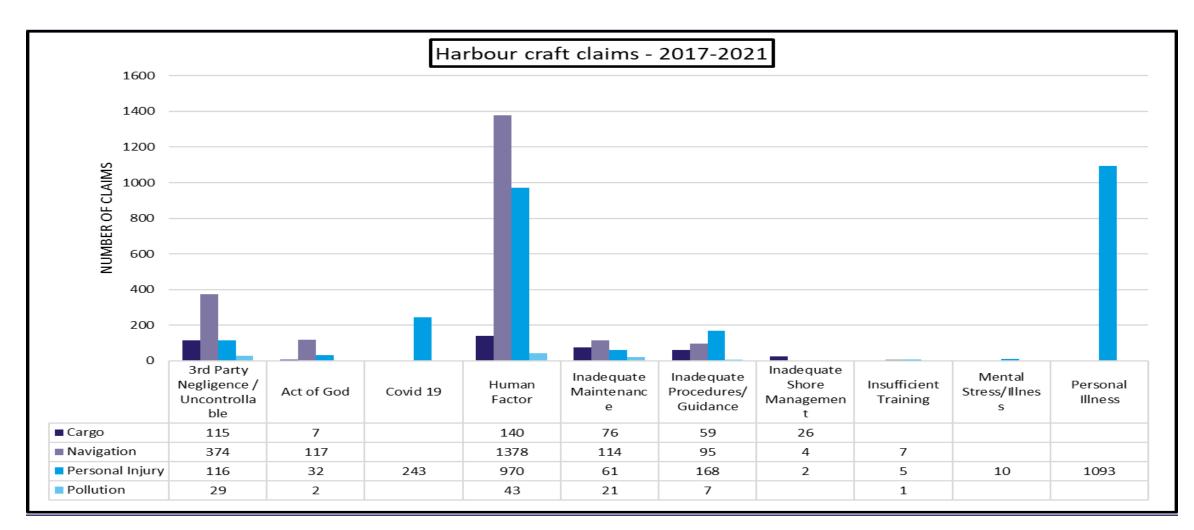


# ANALYSIS OF CLAIMS ON BOARD HARBOUR CRAFTS

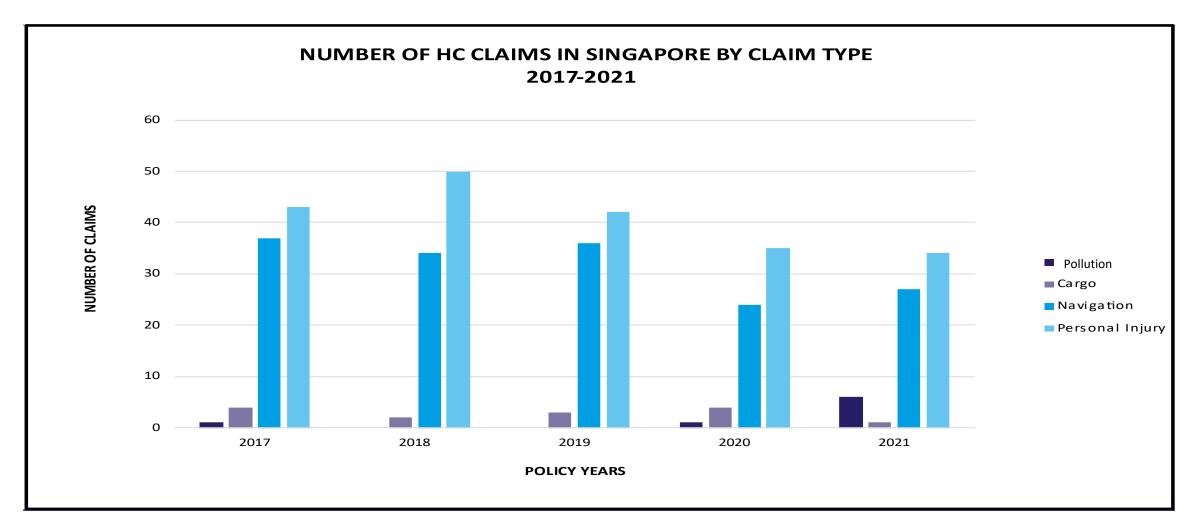


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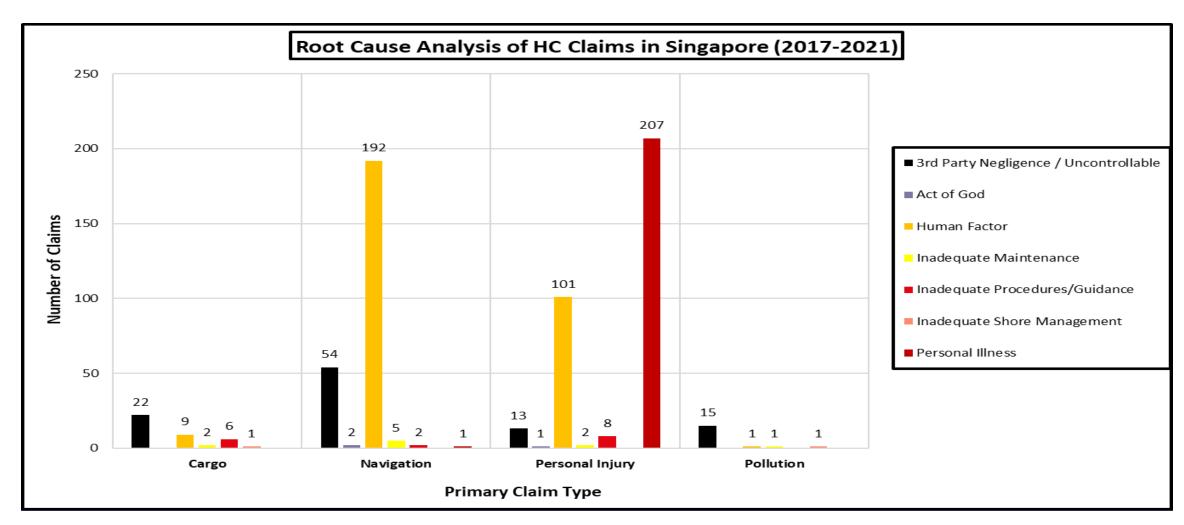
### **Global Claims on Harbour Crafts (2017-2021)**



### **Analysis of Claims on Harbour Crafts in Singapore- (2017-2021)**

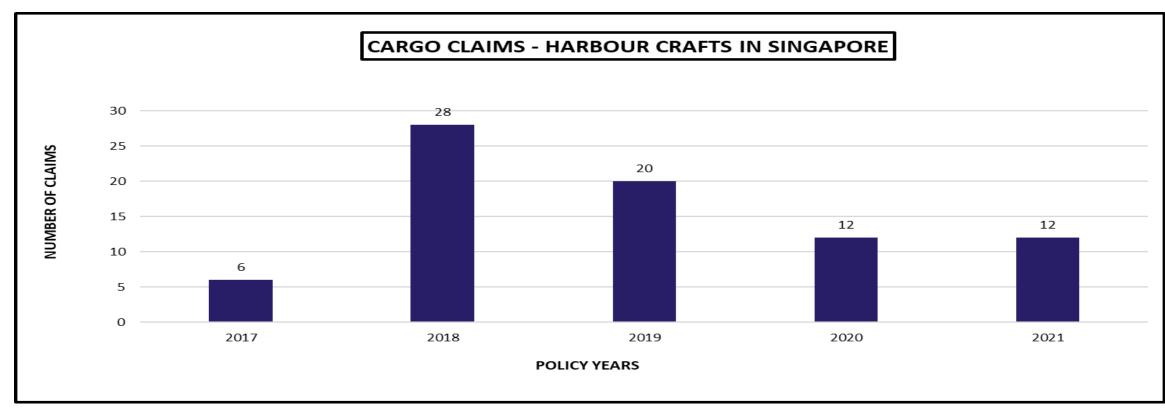


### **Root Cause Claims Analysis on Singapore Vessels (2017-2021)**



### Harbour Craft Claims in Singapore 2017-2021 Trend and average cost analysis - CARGO



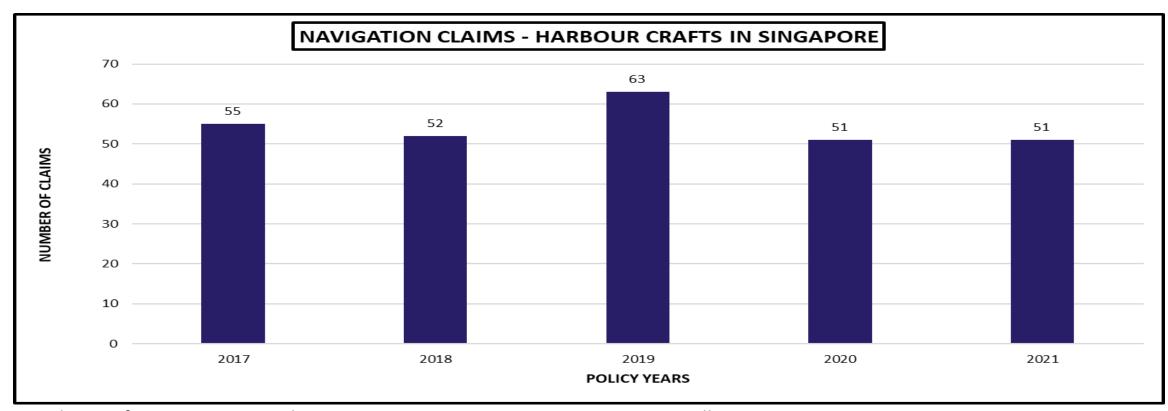


Total Cost of CARGO HC Claims in Singapore 2017-2021 — USD 1.22 Million Total Number of CARGO HC Claims in Singapore 2017-2021 — 78

Average cost of CARGO claims on HC in Singapore — **USD 16,000** per claim (approx.)

### Harbour Craft Claims in Singapore 2017-2021 Trend and average cost analysis - NAVIGATION

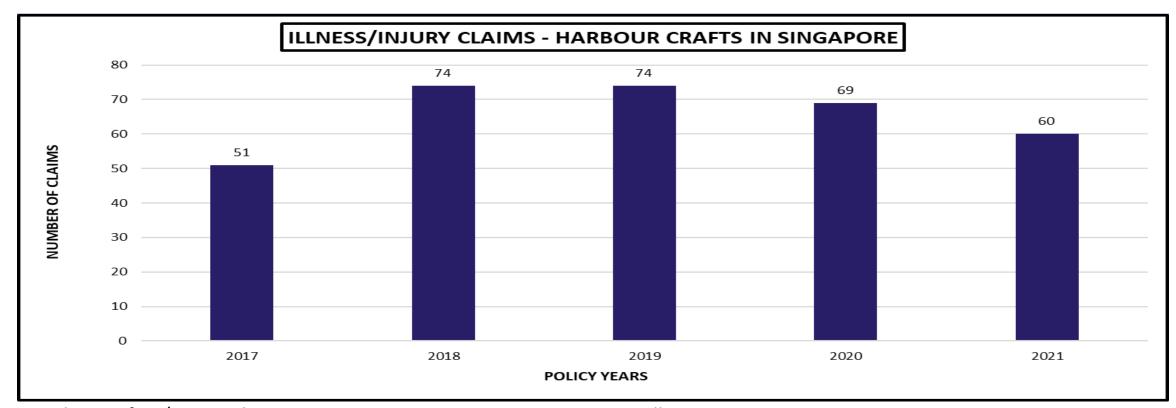




Total Cost of NAVIGATION HC Claims in Singapore 2017-2021 — USD 6.89 Million Total Number of NAVIGATION HC Claims in Singapore 2017-2021 — 272 Average cost of NAVIGATION HC claims in Singapore — **USD 25,500** per claim (approx.)



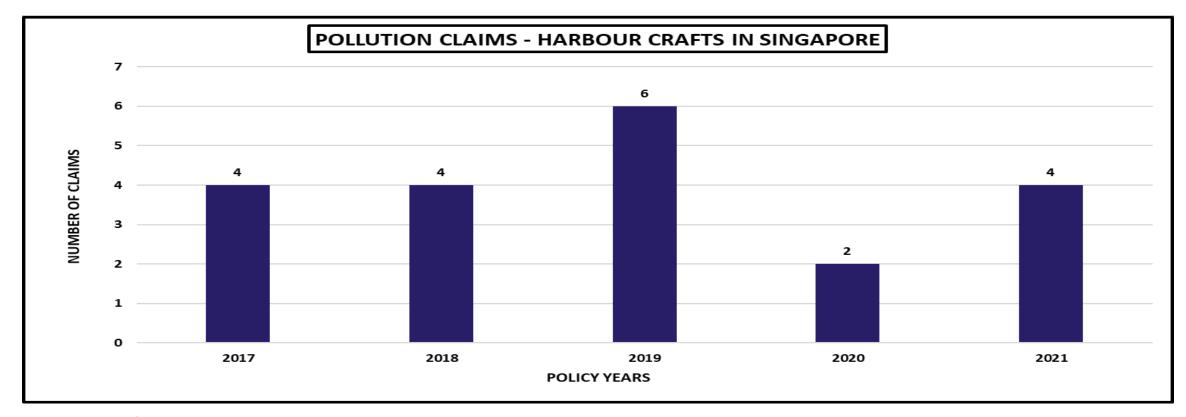
### Harbour Craft Claims in Singapore 2017-2021 Trend and average cost analysis – ILLNESS AND INJURY



Total Cost of ILL/INJ HC Claims in Singapore 2017-2021 — USD 6.00 Million Total Number of ILL/INJ HC Claims in Singapore 2017-2021 — 328 Average cost of ILL/INJ HC claims in Singapore — **USD 18,300** per claim (approx.)



### Harbour Craft Claims in Singapore 2017-2021 Trend and average cost analysis – POLLUTION



Total Cost of POLLUTION HC Claims in Singapore 2017-2021 — USD 170,000 Total Number of POLLUTION HC Claims in Singapore 2017-2021 — 20 Average cost of POLLUTION HC claims in Singapore — **USD 8,500** per claim (approx.)

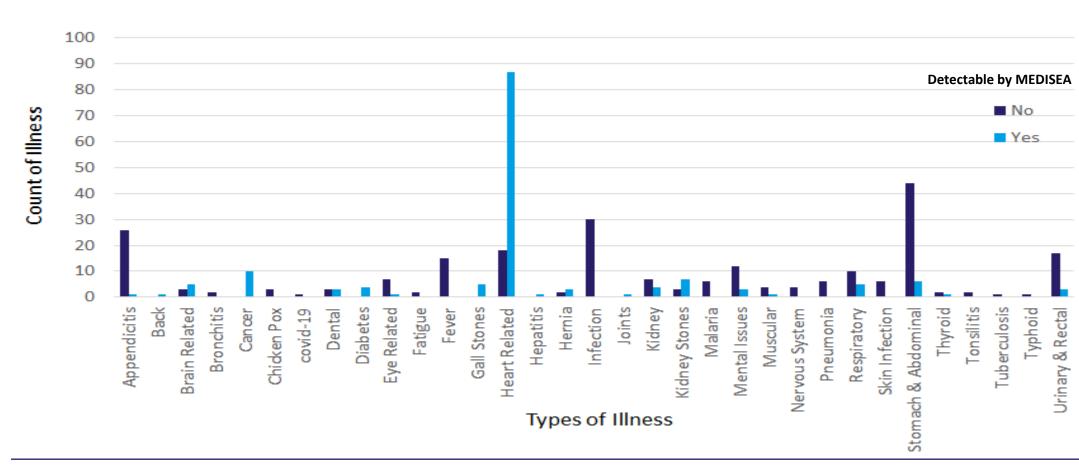


#### **Analysis of Crew Injury Claims - 2021**

- Total of 312 injury claims were analyzed for causation.
- These were further categorized into critical operations such as cargo operations, enclosed space entry, Engine room related injuries, slips/trips/falls (including those in E/R), mooring operations and General injury claims including those incurred during routine non-critical tasks.
- These were further drilled down to see whether they were caused by the Human element mainly individual deviation from set procedures, Inadequate procedures of lack of supervision for compliance with existing procedures and lastly a seafarer mental wellbeing element.
- Unsurprisingly, there was a predominant human element to most injury categories except for enclosed space whose procedures are well detailed as well as mooring operations where a lack of supervision was evident.
- These statistics necessitate an improvement in safety cultures on board including task-based training of personnel towards strict adherence to the risk management systems system on board.

THE SHIPOWNERS' CLUB **Analysis of Crew** Illness Claims - 2021 Ensuring peace of mind

#### **Analysis of Crew Illness Claims - 2021**





### **Analysis of Crew Illness Claims**

- These were further investigated to see whether these could have been detected at a pre-employment stage by the Club's MEDISEA Programme.
- Heart related illness continue to dominate the crew illness statistics. These mainly include hypertension, strokes, heart attacks, chest pain and other perceived heart related issues. A vey high percentage of these can be detected and avoided prior employment on board.
- Similarly, illnesses such Gall stones, Kidney stones, Cancer, tumors, dental issues and Diabetes and can be detected and prevented at a prejoining stage on board
- There are certain illness that cannot be detected by Medisea and develop during employment on board such as Appendicitis, infections and stomach/rectal/urinary related illnesses.
- Finally, the Club's MEDISEA (Medical Enhancement Scheme for Seafarers) can play a major role in mitigating these avoidable and congenital illness on board.

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#### **Thoughts To Take Away From Today**

- HUMAN ERROR (fault finding culture) VS HUMAN ELEMENT (cause finding culture)
- Abundance of legislation, substantial training and elaborate procedures not a lack of training/knowledge!
- Lack of concentration/ not focused? What has changed?
- Fatigue Management not necessarily equivalent to hours of rest Social distractions
- Isolation? Too few crew to interact or assist?
- Hygiene on board Physical health linking into mental wellbeing
- Work procedures Enough Shore support, encouragement to report on safety culture?
- Morale on board Food for motivation? CEO required?

