

World Maritime day, 2021

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In news- IMO's World Maritime Day was celebrated on 30th September themed "**Seafarers: at the core of shipping's future**".

About International Maritime Organisation (IMO) –

- An international conference in Geneva in 1948 adopted a convention formally establishing the IMO, a specialized UN agency that develops and maintains a comprehensive regulatory framework for shipping.
 - The IMO's original name was the **Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO)** but the name was changed in 1982 to IMO.
 - It focuses on areas such as safety, environmental concerns, legal matters, technical co-operation, maritime security and the efficiency of shipping.
 - It is headquartered in **London, United Kingdom**.
 - It has **174 member states** and three associate members.
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- India joined IMO in 1959.
 - Its **parent organization** is the United Nations Economic and Social Council (**UN ECOSOC**).
 - The work of IMO is conducted through five committees and these are supported by technical subcommittees.
 - In January 1959, IMO began to maintain and promote the 1954 International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil (OILPOL) Convention.
 - World Maritime Day was **first held on March 17, 1978** to mark the date of the **IMO Convention's entry into force in 1958**.