



Giles Noakes - BIMCO

Giles is the BIMCO Chief Maritime Security Officer (CMSO). BIMCO aims to provide a first class service to its cross shipping industry membership through the provision of quality information, advice, documentation and effective interventions, as well as actions promoting fairness in the international shipping industry. The security department focuses on providing security services/advice to ship owner/manager members and also advocates on their behalf.

He has been heavily involved over the last seven years with the shipping industry input into dealing with piracy off the coast of Somalia, from both a practical and advocacy position. Giles sits on the CGPCS and three of its Working Groups. He advises in many other fora, and has been intimately involved in the drafting of much of the current counter Piracy guidance including; the drafting and updates of industry BMP, guidelines on “From Capture to Release”, guidelines on the Use and Construction of Citadels and the BIMCO GUARDCON. Current focus has shifted more recently to the Gulf of Guinea and South East Asia where BIMCO is taking a stronger position .

As an ISO nominated first class liaison officer he was a member of the drafting working group of the recently published ISO 28007 - Guidelines for Private Maritime Security Companies (PMSC) providing privately contracted armed security personnel (PCASP) on board ships. BIMCO is currently providing an informal oversight mechanism by allowing PMSCs to join as Associate Members.

In addition to Piracy the current security focus of BIMCO is to address the growing prevalence of Stowaways where Giles is assisting the International Maritime Organisation (IMO). BIMCO is also actively involved with shipping aspects of counter narcotics through the World Customs Organisation (WCO) and the revitalizing of BIMCO MOUs with a number of global Customs Authorities/Border Agencies.

On leaving the Royal Marines 18 years ago he completed an MBA and became the CEO of Multistar Container Transport, a container leasing company. Since 9/11 and as the CEO of Jigsaw Container Logistics Security (JCLS), a Security MD working with Dubai Ports World and now as the CMSO of BIMCO, he has been involved and specialised in all aspects of maritime security, including container transport and the supply chain, shipping and port security operations, consultancy and auditing. He is a respected commentator on all aspects of security within the Maritime Domain.