

World Maritime Day 2009 Takes Climate Change as a Challenge

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World Maritime Day 2009:

- International Maritime Organization (IMO) has celebrated on September 24 at the Organization's Headquarters in London.
- Theme: "Climate change: a challenge for IMO too!"
- Celebration of the IMO World Maritime Day Parallel Event in the United States of America is planned from October 15 to 18.
- Though CO₂ emissions by shipping industry is less, IMO wants to take it as a challenge to fight climate change. Global CO₂ emissions by:
 - Rail: 0.5%
 - Domestic Shipping & Fishing: 0.6%
 - International Aviation: 1.9%
 - International Shipping: 2.7%
 - Manufacturing Industries and construction: 18.2%
 - Other Transport (Road): 21.3%
 - Electricity and Heat Production: 35%
 - Other Energy Industries: 4.6%
 - Others: 15.3%

IMO has initiated an action plan to decelerate climate change by setting up

- Energy Efficiency Design Index for new ships.
- Ship Energy Management Plan for all ships (which includes guidance on best practices for fuel-efficient ship operations).
- Energy Efficiency Operational Indicator (which helps to determine the fuel efficiency of a ship).

Read the [Message from Secretary-General of IMO](#) as pdf.

