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Subject: **World Maritime Day, 2012**

The Secretary-General has the honour to advise that **World Maritime Day** this year will be observed during the week of **24 to 28 September**. Member Governments may designate a specific day during that week for their relevant celebrations, informing the Organization of any associated activities they may plan to hold.

This year's theme is "**IMO: One hundred years after the Titanic**". Documentation and related material, based on the theme for 2012, will be circulated in due course. The traditional diplomatic reception to celebrate the Day will be held at IMO Headquarters on 27 September 2012.

The **2012 World Maritime Day parallel event** will be celebrated in Bahrain, at the kind invitation of the Government of Bahrain, on 17 and 18 October. Further information on this event will be circulated at the appropriate time.