

**Malta Anti-Piracy Conference 2011 -**

***“The Intelligent Approach to Maritime Security”***

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
InterContinental Hotel – St. Julian’s – Malta

**PROGRAMME**

08:30 – 09:00

**Registration**

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09:00 – 09:15

**Welcome Speech**

**Mr. Geoff Moynan**

Director of Security  
Maritime & Underwater Security Consultants (MUSC)

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09:15 – 09:30

**Opening Speech**

**The Hon. Dr. Jason Azzopardi LL.D., M.A., M.P.**

Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, the Economy and Investment

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09:30 – 10:15

***‘Legal Aspects of Piracy’***

Laws and Regulations Relating to Piracy and Anti-Piracy

Speaker:

**Capt. Reuben Lanfranco, BA (Crim), M. Jur (Int. Law), LL M (IMLI), Dip. Mar. Sur.,  
AMRINA, MIFireE, MCILT, AFRIN, FNI, FIIMS, MIM.**

Maritime Security Consultant

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10:15 – 11:00

***‘The Changing Dynamics of Somali Piracy’***

Evaluating the Changing Threat and Analysing the Continued Evolution and  
Adaptation of Somali Pirate Gangs

Speaker:

**Tim Hart**

Maritime Security Analyst  
Maritime & Underwater Security Consultants (MUSC)

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11:00 – 11:15

**Questions by delegates**

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11:15 – 11:45

**Coffee and Tea Break**

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11:45 – 12:30

***‘On Board Procedures’***

The Piracy Specific Ship Security Assessment, mitigation measures, Passive and Active defence measures and BMP4.

Speaker:

**Gary Higson**

Operations Manager  
Maritime & Underwater Security Consultants (MUSC)

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12:30 – 13:15

***‘Overview and Background on Piracy, and Piracy Update’***

Maritime Liaison Unit (MARLU)

Speaker:

**Lt Cdr Christopher L. Godier**

Officer in Charge,  
Maritime Liaison Office,  
Naples, Italy

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13:15 - 13:30

**Questions by delegates**

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13:30

**Drinks**

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**Speakers' Bios**  
In Alphabetical order  
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***Godier, Christopher L.***

U.S. Navy Maritime Liaison Officer, Naples

Lieutenant Commander Godier is currently the Officer in Charge of Maritime Liaison Unit (MARLU) in Naples, Italy. MARLU Naples (MARLU-N) is responsible for facilitating the exchange of information between the United States Navy (U.S. Navy) and the commercial maritime community in the U.S. Naval Forces, Europe/Africa (NAVEUR/NAVAF) area of responsibility. MARLU-N operates as a conduit for information focused on the safety and security of shipping and is committed to assisting all members of the commercial maritime community. Our liaison officers travel regularly throughout Europe and Africa to foster communication, stay apprised of changes in local port infrastructure and management, and address proactively the maritime communities concerns and questions. MARLU-N liaisons provide the maritime industry with piracy briefings and alerts, transit guidance, information on naval exercises, aids to navigation, medical evacuation assistance, security, and augments regional search and rescue centers as well as liaison directly with the U.S. Navy as some primary responsibilities.

Prior to serving at MARLU Naples, LCDR Godier served at the Maritime Liaison Office (MARLO) as the Executive Officer. MARLO has the same mission as MARLU-N, but is responsible for serving between United States Navy, Combined Maritime Forces, and the commercial maritime community in the Middle East. During his time with MARLO, LCDR Godier served as a liaison to Egypt, Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

***Hart, Tim***

Maritime Security Analyst, MUSC

Tim Hart heads up the Maritime Intelligence and Research Analysis division of Maritime and Underwater Security Consultants (MUSC). The company is one of the world's oldest Maritime Security Consultancies having been accredited consultants to Lloyds since 1974. Mr Hart is a graduate of the War Studies Department of Kings College London.

He has commissioned and prepared numerous detailed briefings on high-risk areas and the current piracy threat advising Masters, Companies and Insurers on the developing maritime risk. He has also briefed naval forces as well as government agencies on threats to the maritime environment especially in the Horn of Africa, South East Asia and the Persian Gulf. Mr Hart was also one of the creators of the company's Transit Consultancy service which provides intelligence and advice to vessels and security teams passing through areas affected by pirate activity on a 24/7 basis. He also provides support to senior management in expert witness cases relating to the issue of piracy. He was previously deployed in the Middle East on EOD projects and has provided Unexploded Ordnance risk assessments for a number of locations

Mr Hart also serves as MUSCs West Africa analyst. He has prepared numerous plans for security operations in the country and advised the Nigerian House of Representatives on trends in maritime security threats.

Mr Hart has also contributed to a number of media outlets commenting on the development of maritime threats such as Lloyds List, Jane's Homeland Security Review and news outlets such as Al Jazeera, CNN and BBC.

***Higson, Gary***

Operations Manager, MUSC

Gary Higson is MUSC's Operations Manager. As such, he is responsible for the deployment and training of manpower conducting anti-piracy operations throughout the world. A former Royal Marine, Gary has strong links to the Corps and consequently, the overwhelming majority of our personnel are experienced mariners recruited from the Landing Craft Branch.

During his service Gary saw action in many different theatres including Northern Ireland, Sierra Leone, and service with the Special Boat Squadron. Since leaving the Corps in 2009, Gary has been heavily involved in all aspects of Maritime Security including training, audits, surveys and anti-piracy transits. Most recently, he has been instrumental in the implementation of the roll out of MUSC's armed guarding programme whilst ensuring that all international regulations, trade body compliance issues, and industry best practices are maintained throughout.

***Lanfranco, Reuben***

Maritime Security Consultant

Captain Reuben Lanfranco took up a nautical career following secondary education and after spending some time working on Merchant Vessels and Passenger Ferries, joined the Armed Forces of Malta, Maritime Squadron in 1986, and underwent Naval Officer training at the German Naval Academy and other Naval, Coast Guard and Federal Police Institutions in Germany, Italy and the United States of America. Throughout his career, Capt. Lanfranco was heavily involved in maritime law enforcement operations and was the founder and the first officer-in-charge of the Maritime Rapid Deployment Team of the Armed Forces of Malta. He graduated with a Bachelors degree in Criminology, and Masters Degrees in International Law and International Maritime Law as well as Diplomas in Maritime Education and Training, Marine Surveying, Ship Command and International Affairs from various Institutions. He also holds qualifications as a Harbour Master, Marine Pilot and a Nautical Surveyor and qualified as a military parachutist with the Royal Dutch Commandos and as a certified Maritime Search & Rescue Mission Coordinator with the Italian Air Force and United States Coast Guard.

Captain Lanfranco is frequently engaged as a Court-appointed expert on Maritime Casualty and Incident Investigations. He is a senior lecturer on Maritime Security, Terrorism, Incident and Risk Management, and is also a United Nations, International Maritime Organisation and European Union appointed consultant on Maritime Security and Border Control.

***Moynan, Geoff***

Director of Security, MUSC

Geoff Moynan is the Director of Security for MUSC and is based in the in the UAE where his responsibilities include security policy for MUSC operations in Iraq, as well as counter-piracy operations worldwide. Prior to that, he was Commandant of a Training Centre in the Abu Dhabi Emirate supporting the Abu Dhabi government's National Program for Leadership Development.

Geoff retired from the British Army in 2009 after a 30 year career as an Infantry Officer. A graduate of Staff College, he held numerous appointments worldwide including Hong Kong, Saudi Arabia, Belgium and Germany with operational experience in Northern Ireland, the Balkans, and Afghanistan. The final 10 years of his military career were spent working in a multi-national environment with NATO and the United Nations. His last Army appointment was Defence Attaché to the State of Kuwait where his main responsibilities focussed on supporting the British military effort in southern Iraq.