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SAILING AS 2nd ENGINEER

Having completed his MEML programme as part of MEML 1 2nd Engineer Yigezu, Biruk Shimelis currently serves as 2nd Engineer onboard tankers in the Thenamaris Fleet. 2nd Engineer Admassu, Workneh Yilikal completed his MEML programme as part of MEML 4 and is currently serving as 2nd Engineer on vessels in the XT Management Fleet. At present both are assisting in the practical training of seafarers at the Academy during their break ashore. They give a bit of perspective on their experience of sailing as 2nd Engineers.



2nd Engineer YIGEZU, BIRUK SHIMELIS



2nd Engineer ADMASSU, WORKNEH YILIKAL

Q: How is life onboard different for you serving as one of the management level members on board?

A: There are many differences to being on the operational level. Starting from simple things like where you will seat in the mess room and your cabin. The way of approaching crew members and tackling problems vary depending on the specific situation. There is also a considerable amount of pressure especially at the beginning because of the huge responsibility on a tanker vessel. Planning in advance and being resilient are very important as are good communication with other departments.

A: Working as management level changes my way of looking at things. It makes me a much more responsible person compared to my time as junior engineer. I have to be more careful and much more aware of what is going on in the engine room. After all whatever the mistakes and whoever make them eventually they will flow to me.

Q: Has reaching the level of 2nd Engineer met your dreams and expectations?

A: I can say that it has met my expectations for example in terms of income. The salary as a management level is almost double than the operation level. And the other is in terms of respect among the crew member and also the owner company. In addition it is also a path way to be a Chief Engineer.

A: While reaching 2nd Engineer I realized that the crew on board welcomes me with respect and appreciation which becomes fuel for me to put in even more effort. At the same time they expect all decisions and managements to fit the 2nd Engineer rank, which is a challenge immediately after promotion.

Q: How has it affected your life both ashore and onboard?

A: Higher income has helped me to improve my personal and family's life. It is also encouragement for others to see that the senior guys are progressing on the ladder of the profession.

Earning more respect and satisfaction for reaching on the management level. It has an intrinsic value of how far one has accomplished in his career. Even though being on management level has more stress and responsibility, it is a level that should be experienced to become a chief engineer and even more to build a career in the maritime industry.

A: As a 2nd Engineer life can get tough since we need to manage the crew in addition to technical tasks. Crew onboard is multinationals, so we need to find common ground to create a good team. I can say life as second is not as easy as it was.

On the other side my life ashore is getting simpler since I have financial freedom. I have more salary and I can stay on vacation without any financial problem. I have a shorter contract which means I can visit my family more often.

Q: Any specific advice to those seafarers in the process of preparing to qualify for serving at the management level?

A: If someone has the required sea time and experience on the operational level, I advise to join the MEML program and get the license. Sometimes you don't know when the window will be open for promotion and being qualified is advantageous if promotion opportunities arise. There is always a shortage of management level in the maritime industry and the market is wide open for seniors.

A: My advice for those of my friends who are preparing for management level is to earn the trust the seniors as well as to get as much experience as possible so that not to be stressed while you take over the 2nd Engineer rank. I believe taking the MEML course sooner is a good decision. Any way the promotion can come whenever you feel you are ready for it.

LONG SERVICE MEMBERS

A hearty and well deserved congratulations from all of EMTI to the following staff members that have reached 10 years of service with the company:

Chief Warden Tesfaye Wude – October 2011

Warden Molla Alemu – October 2011

Mr Dagnachew Tefera – September 2011

Your loyal and professional conduct and service during the past decade and the impact you have made on ensuring the success of the EMTI programmes and our seafarers is much appreciated.

MEML 6 AND 7

In order to accommodate all those candidates signing of in December and January MEML 6 has been scheduled to commence at the end of January 2022. MEML 7 is scheduled to commence in July 2022.

Potential candidates for both courses are once again reminded to contact Mr. Dereje Alemayehu Zemedkun (DZemedkun@emacrew.com) at the Addis Office regarding further information and application to participate in the programme.

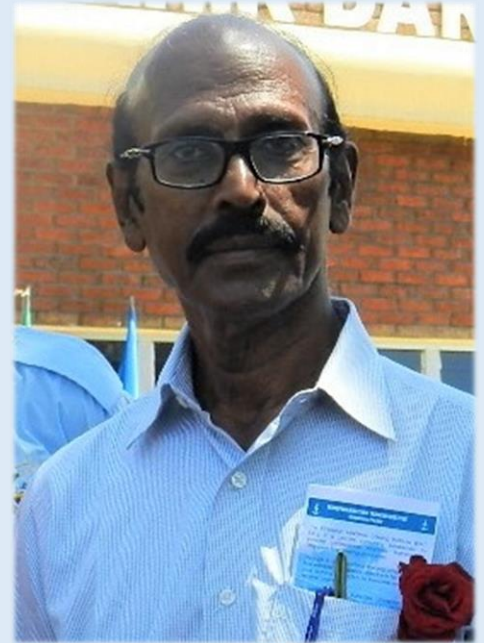


IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Mr Dharmaraj Emerson Dhansingh on Sunday 26 December 2021, at age 83, in Chennai India.

Mr Dhansingh played an integral part in the design and establishment of the ETO programme at EMTI. He continues to serve as great example to many, a fantastic teacher and student of life, and will be fondly remembered by all of us that had the privilege to cross paths with him. Many of the graduates he taught he continued to mentor, even after he retired, for many years ensuring his legacy remains.

Our sincere condolences to his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and his many colleagues and friends.



COVID 19

Two years later and the COVID 19 pandemic is still with us. The danger of COVID in our communities and onboard vessels remain. The disease is still having devastating consequences with (at the end of November 2021) having claimed over 5,2 million lives of the approximately 263 million cases reported around the world. At present over 7,9 billion vaccination doses have been administered worldwide preventing serious disease, hospitalization, and death. With the new Omicron variant of the virus being discovered in late November 2021 it is predicted that this saga will continue for a while. It therefore reminds us to get vaccinated, for those who have not, and continue applying the basic safety precautions of wearing masks in confined spaces, social distancing where required and hygiene measures. **Keep yourself, your families, and shipmates SAFE, and AVOID BECOMING A STATISTIC.**

COURSES

Courses Being Conducted:

ETO 19 – 2 August 2021 to 9 February 2022

ME 19 - 30 August 2021 to 1 June 2022

Courses Completed:

MEML 5 – Graduation 16 October 2021

STCW Refresher Training: Courses Numbers SRC 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

STCW Refresher Courses – It is important to note that your PSCRB and Advanced Fire Fighting courses are only valid for 5 years. Confirm with your crew operator.

Courses Scheduled:

STCW Refresher Training (No 32) – January 2022

MEML 6 - 24 January to 25 June 2022

ETO 20 - Commence 1st Quarter 2022

ME 20 – Commence 2nd Quarter 2022



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RECENT PROMOTIONS

A hearty and well-deserved congratulations to the following officers on their recent promotions:

Promotion to Second Engineer

2/E Mogas, Abebe Teferi

2/E Abera, Petros Tegegn

2/E Degefu, Belay Ayalew

2/E Tefera, Demeke Gebreegziabher

Promotion to Third Engineer

3/E Gemechu, Biruk Chaka

Promotion to Fourth Engineer

4/E Mindaralew, Abraham Mekonnen

4/E Feyissa, Tayew Mekonnen

4/E Abdulkerim, Khalid Abdallah

4/E Tilbe, Balbo Banto

4/E Teklu, Haftom Gebremariam

Promotion to Electro Technical Officer

ETO Wanore, Aklilu Endrias

ETO Hailemariam, Hailemikael
Gabereyohanise

ETO Gedu, Getasew Yayu

ETO Chebecho, Mekasha Menjore

ETO Shiferaw, Amesias Zerihun

ETO Weldemeskel, Yonas Hailegiorgis

ETO Hailu, Hailekiros Hailemariam

ETO Urge, Bereket Assefa

ETO Ayele, Adem Kibret

ETO Mohammed, Amir Redi

ETO Tewabe, Alemayehu Iyassu

ETO Muche, Cherie Tilahun

THEN AND NOW





CHANCE ENCOUNTERS

Marine Surveyor Capt Yigezu Demeke with 4 of our seafarers, all serving onboard the MV AAL Kembla, taken in Hamburg earlier this year:

2/E Berhe, Dawit Tetemke
4/E Abitew, Alex Mekashaw
ETO Yirga, Fanus Aweke
OLR Ayano, Giyon Alemu



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