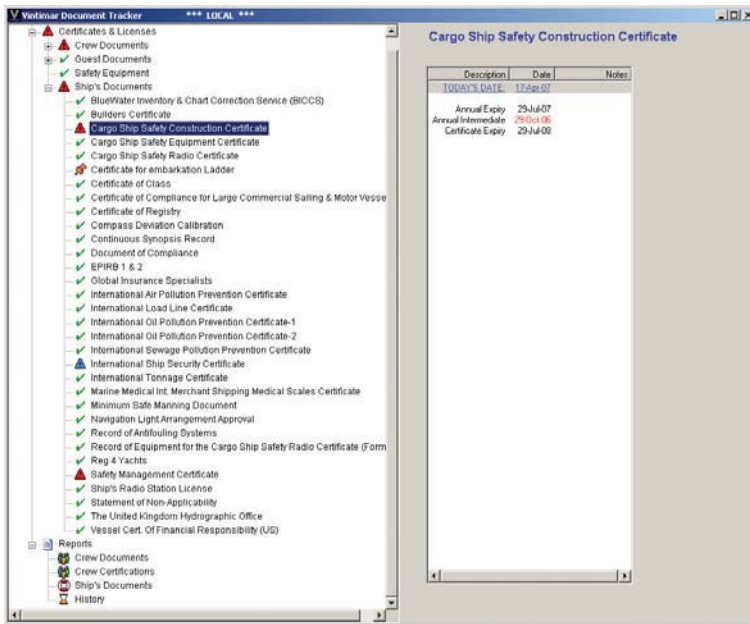


Document Tracking Made Easy



A useful software product for captains and crew who need to keep track of expiry dates of crew, guest and ship documents, among their other numerous duties, was launched in March this year – the Document Tracker developed by Vintimar. Crew documents that the system can track includes certifications, licences, visas, passports and more. While ship documents include those issued by class and flag state. The tracker took around four months to develop, Vinit Sethi from Vintimar told *TYR*. The first yacht to be fully installed with the system is M/Y *Fortunate Sun*, whilst

M/Y *Skat* has also purchased the Document Tracker, though it's yet to be installed on board. The system on M/Y *Fortunate Sun* is a software application, which runs on a regular PC. The Captain, Klaus Jackson, offered his first-hand views and experience of the tracker: "We have been using the new Document Tracker software for the last few months and have found it invaluable in assisting with keeping track of vessel and crew certification (expiry dates). As a full ISM boat, to keep track of Flag & Class, not to mention crew document expiry dates, was a full-time job for our officers, now (after initial set-up) it is on our monthly checklist and takes all of five minutes. In short, I highly recommend it." Vintimar told *TYR* that the system can be beneficial to any size yacht that has to keep track of document renewals; although, of course, for smaller yachts, this is not as big a manual chore as it is for larger yachts. The program automatically calculates the next

renewal date once the user renews the relevant document. The user can also create reminder tasks and get pre-warnings for upcoming renewals. The company states that the software is user-friendly and has powerful reporting capabilities including the generation of a variety of reports including a historical one that ensures users have an audit trail of all document revisions. Furthermore, a special version for yacht management companies is also available, making it possible to track documents for all yachts in their fleet. www.vintimar.com

PremierSail at Dubai

Due to have its official launch at the Monaco Yacht Show in September, PremierSail is a new company that has been created to provide a hassle-free alternative to sole ownership of sailing superyachts. A superyacht purchase and management company, PremierSail has recently been set up to offer luxury sailing for a fraction of the cost while maintaining safe, relaxing and rewarding holidays for its members. Co-owners, ranging from two to eight per yacht, will each pay a one-off membership fee and an annual management fee to cover all operating costs. This is less than half the price for chartering the same yacht, is all-inclusive and guarantees the return of the purchase fee when members relinquish their shares. Usage of the

superyacht is dependent on the amount of shares a member has purchased. A membership of eight members each owning one share, will give four weeks (28 days) use of the superyacht every year for each member. The 28 days are split into two 14-day periods, each taken in one of the two annual seasonal locations. Members choose each holiday period six months in advance using an equitable, rotational scheduling programme. In the next ten years, the company aims to have seven yachts available for fractional ownership schemes in an assortment of prime yachting destinations around the world, including the Bahamas, Hawaii, the Caribbean, the south of France, Turkey, Queensland and New Zealand. It has also just attended the Dubai Boat Show with a view to gauging the future of the area in terms of superyacht potential. Although no members have

signed up to date, PremierSail is offering free workshops in London in June, July and August this year in order to introduce the benefits and financial rewards of joining the PremierSail Club and to give interested parties the opportunity of asking questions about the Club and membership details. Should you not be able to attend, however, a one-to-one meeting can be arranged for a nominal fee. The company is currently scouting for its first sailing yacht purchase, with *Mirabella III* and *Philanderer* high on the wish list – and hope to make their first purchase in October/November this year. In the meantime, PremierSail has been busy at the Monaco, London and Dubai Boat Shows sourcing all the latest water toys and safety equipment to offer members a full package of luxury combined with fun but safety the number one priority. www.premiersail.com