



Minister of Public Utilities and Aviation, Hon. Deodat Indar meets SAG Executives

Minister of Public Utilities and Aviation, Hon. Deodat Indar, and Parliamentary Secretary, Hon. Thandi McAllister, met with the Chairman of the Shipping Association of Guyana (SAG), Dr. Komal Singh, and SAG leaders to discuss the ongoing development of the maritime sector on March 20th. Minister Indar said his ministry is allocated \$6.3 billion for dredging works.

He also mentioned that the Administration is working to establish a maritime port authority, in keeping with a commitment of President Dr. Irfaan Ali to transform Guyana into a maritime hub. Minister Indar also committed to re-establishing a tripartite committee to enhance coordination among maritime operators.

SAG, Police Traffic Department in Talks over Road Safety for Container Transport



The Shipping Association of Guyana (SAG) held consultations with the Guyana Police Force Traffic Department on March 20 to discuss strategies aimed at improving road safety in relation to container transport. Traffic Chief Assistant Commissioner Mahendra Singh spoke about established adherence to safety protocols for container trucks and haulers operating from wharves and warehouses throughout the national road network. SAG Chairman Dr. Komal Singh pledged to support the facilitation of training and refresher programmes for drivers as well as engage other stakeholders in collaborative efforts to promote safer roadways.

Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA) Officials Visit Guyana to Advance Preparations for 56th Annual Conference

Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA) Officials Visit Guyana to Advance Preparations for 56th Annual Conference Georgetown, February 24 - The Shipping Association of Guyana (SAG) hosted Ms. Milaika Capella Ras (General Manager) and Dionne Mason-Gordon (Operations Manager) of the Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA) from February 18-19 in preparation for its 56th Annual General Meeting, Conference and Exhibition in Guyana this year. The CSA Executives along with the SAG planning team met with key local stakeholders to advance planning for the highly anticipated regional maritime event, which is scheduled for October 25–28, 2026. This will mark the first time Guyana will host the CSA's flagship conference. The conference brings together over 350 key



maritime stakeholders from around the world. During the visit the delegation engaged in strategic discussions with SAG Chairman, Dr. Komal Singh and members of the Local Organising Committee (LOC). The meetings focused on logistical coordination, venue readiness and compliance with CSA conference standards.

SAG Engages Stakeholders on Industry Challenges



The Shipping Association of Guyana (SAG) met in February with several of its members and the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI) to discuss a range of concerns and challeng-

es currently facing the shipping and logistics industry— issues which directly impact end users in Guyana.

Key areas discussed included demurrage, port management, delays in the processing of documents by brokers, applications for special import licenses for certain products, inefficiencies at various operational levels, delays in clearing items at the airport, the Trusted Traders programme, port congestion, remittances of freight charges to parent

companies, increase in freight rates, port development and dredging and other related matters

MATPAL Marine Institute to provide Training to SAG membership with CSA support

Talks with MATPAL Marine Institute continued in January 2026 to advance preparation for specialized training services for Guyana's maritime sector by the institute. This followed discussions held with Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA) Chairman Mr. William Brown, executives of SAG and MATPAL Marine Institute during Mr. Brown's visit to Guyana in last December. The SAG has solicited support services through MATPAL Marine Institute to deliver specialised training for its members



together with a scholarship programme. It was agreed that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to support this initiative be developed by MATPAL and submitted for consideration.

MATPAL agreed to facilitate the preparation of a detailed Training package and develop a proposal to facilitate related maritime training, which will be considered for part-sponsorship by the CSA, through the MOU with the SAG.

Members' Webinar on Digital Solutions for local Shipping Industry



During the month of January, the SAG in partnership with Jamaican-based ADVANTUM hosted a Webinar to showcase a range of software modules and digital solutions that can be beneficial to our members.

Over 25 participants from the Association's membership attended the live Webinar held under the theme: "Exploring Digital Solutions for the Modern Shipping Industry,". The programme focused on the technologies transforming port operations, cargo management, and logistics efficiency.

ADVANTUM offered a free network health check during the month of February, exclusively for SAG members in attendance. This complimentary assessment was designed to help identify potential Information Technology (IT) network risks, performance gaps and opportunities to strengthen IT and cybersecurity posture.

ADVANTUM is specialized in providing logistics, labour and resource management solutions to clients in the regional maritime community.

PFSOA executives meet SAG Management



The Management Committee of the Shipping Association of Guyana (SAG) led by Chairman Dr. Komal Singh held discussions with members of the newly incorporated Port Facility Security Officers Association of Guyana (PFSOA) aimed at strengthening collaboration within the maritime sector. The PFSOA team was led by its President Major Salim October.



SAG publishes 2025 Newsletter

A recap of major activities in the local shipping industry were featured in the latest edition of the SAG Newsletter. Among the articles were training programmes conducted by the Association, SAG's participation at the CSA 55th Annual General Meeting, Conference and Exhibition in Suriname, the new SAG management committee, SAG's participation at GuyExpo 2025 and WMD activities as well as the Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony.

