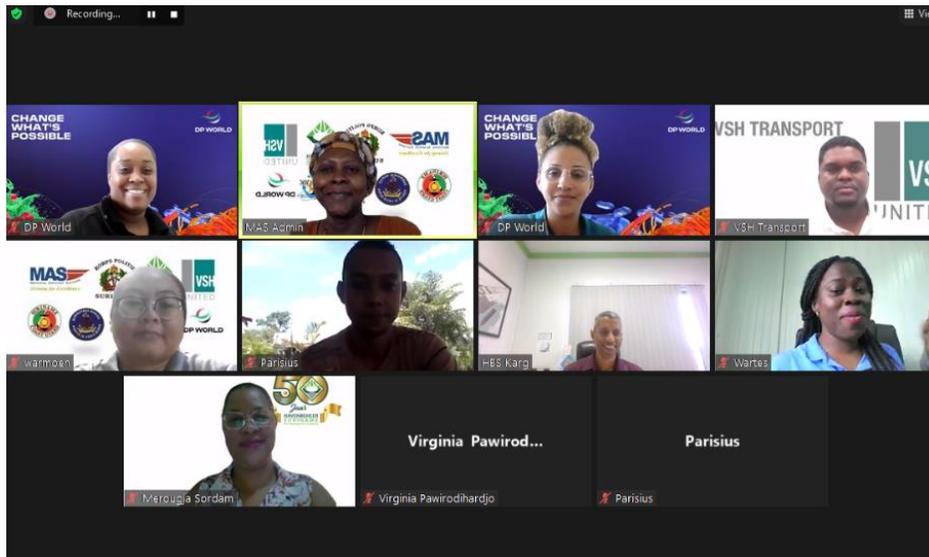


Press Release
VIRTUAL MARITIME OPEN DAY 2021



Suriname is a member of the International Maritime Organization, the International Hydrography Organization, and the International Association of Lighthouse Authorities. These organizations annually commemorate World Hydrography Day on June 21, Seafarers' Day on June 25, World Marine Aids to Navigation Day on July 1, and World Maritime Day on September 30, respectively. A theme is linked to each day, with member states highlighting a specific theme.

The themes for 2021 are:

- World Hydrography Day:
 “One hundred years of international cooperation in hydrography”
- World Marine Aids to Navigation Day:
 “Successful Voyages, Sustainable Planet”
- Day of the Seafarers:
 “Fair Future for Seafarers”
- World Maritime Day:
 “Seafarers: at the core of shipping's future”

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Suriname has implemented the commemoration of the maritime memorial days in a different way.

In that context, the MAS has organized a virtual Webinar in collaboration with organizations within the maritime sector on Friday 19 November 2021.

During the Webinar, students from junior high and advanced elementary education, students from Anton De Kom University and Poly Technical College and the entire community were informed about the maritime sector through virtual presentations.

With this open day, the organizations want to raise awareness of the sector and stimulate young people's interest in a profession in the maritime sector.

Seven organizations participated in this educational event, including Port Management Suriname, DP World, Coastguard Suriname, the Navy, the Maritime Police, VSH Transport, the Surinamese Maritime Institute, Women in Maritime Association Caribbean and the Maritime Authority Suriname.

About 500 people participated in the virtual open day. A quiz was also held. There were six winners who were given a tour on Jules Sedney harbor on Friday December 3rd, and they received a present from the Maritime Authority Suriname, DP World and VSH transport.

The organizations look back on a successful event.

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