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International Day for Women in Maritime

A Message from the Registrar of Ships

On this International Day for Women in Maritime, the International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize (IMMARBE) proudly joins the global maritime community in celebrating the invaluable contributions of women across every sphere of the maritime industry.

Maritime has long served as the backbone of global trade, commerce, and connectivity. Today, we pause to recognise and honour the remarkable women who navigate our oceans, manage complex operations, shape policy, strengthen institutions, and help chart the future of this vital industry.

This year's theme, "*From Policy to Practice: Advancing Gender Equality for Maritime Excellence*," resonates strongly with us at IMMARBE. It is a timely reminder that meaningful progress requires more than statements of intent or commitments on paper. It demands deliberate action, genuine inclusion, and sustained institutional commitment. Gender equality must not merely be an aspiration; it must be reflected in how we lead, operate, and evolve as an industry.

At IMMARBE, we are proud that this commitment is reflected within our own organisation. Women occupy key positions across our Registry and play an integral role in advancing our mission and strengthening our contribution to the international maritime community. Their professionalism, leadership, expertise, and dedication continue to shape the growth and direction of our organisation and stand as a powerful example of the value of inclusive leadership in practice.

Across the maritime sector, from seafarers and port professionals to maritime lawyers, naval architects, surveyors, regulators, and administrators, women continue to make indispensable contributions at every level of the industry. Their resilience, skill, and perspective are not only welcomed; they are essential to the pursuit of maritime excellence.

To every woman serving in the maritime sector, within IMMARBE and around the world, we extend our sincere appreciation and admiration. Your contributions strengthen our industry and inspire future generations of maritime professionals.

IMMARBE remains firmly committed to fostering a maritime environment that is inclusive, equitable, and forward-looking, one in which all individuals are empowered to contribute and succeed. We will continue to support and promote gender equality not only as a principle, but as a practical and enduring component of a modern and resilient maritime sector.

Together, let us continue building a maritime industry that reflects the full strength of its people: diverse, inclusive, and committed to excellence.

Happy International Day for Women in Maritime.

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