



# GLOBAL MARINE INVESTIGATORS

NETWORKING ACROSS BOUNDARIES AGAINST MARINE FRAUD

## Why should YOU join GMI?

*"The case is neat and clear, the mosaic is remarkably complete, and all the evidence fits neatly. A great position, but, alas, the case is not solved and you have to bid "farewell" while looking into the eyes of some marine criminals. Once again the red tape between regional, governmental and international agencies has won. A myriad of languages, of units, ignorance, distrust, incompatible software, time zones, shifting bank holidays, you name it... lots of sand in the gears has prevented an otherwise brilliant success."*

Indeed, a familiar challenge, one that is often the daily bread of any marine investigator, law enforcement officer, surveyor or insurance claim handler, isn't it? This is where GMI comes into play!

Imagine combining our individual capacities to create an efficient and rapidly moving problem solving net - a net that actually catches and catches on time, before criminals disappear passing many borderlines right before our eyes.

A networking based on the synergy of individual and unique strengths of its members saves resources, time and money, but most of all, produces results - better and faster. Only a high level of interactive trust, a culture of trust, makes such efficiency possible ... this is what GMI is about.

In a field such as marine investigation, where handling information may be a sensitive matter, an environment of mutual and interactive trust is indispensable. Every actor must be ready to commit her/his resources without worrying about backlashes. And every actor must know that the commitment will certainly be returned at some stage by another member. At GMI, we have created such an environment of trust that became our paramount weapon against marine criminals - especially in the international scene.

## Join GMI today!

Be part of our and your community of marine professionals eager to create a better business environment.

Together larger our network of trust is and stronger we are.

## Membership

GMI offers a variety of memberships to eligible persons interested in its objectives:

**The Personal Membership (Law Enforcement)** is available to representatives of municipal, county, state, federal, national, or international law enforcement agencies. Vessel registering officials and titling authorities are also eligible.

Private marine investigators, surveyors, insurance investigators and marine industry representatives as well as retired law enforcement officers are encouraged to apply for a **Personal Membership (Non-Law Enforcement)**.

New applicants may be sponsored by a GMI member in good standing or, may apply directly to the Steering Committee. Membership is subject to approval by the Steering Committee.

In addition to the Personal Membership, an **Agency Membership** is available and encouraged for interested agencies and companies - both Law Enforcement and Non-Law Enforcement.

Few **Lifetime Membership** positions are available to exceptional contributors to the association over extended time.



**Global Marine Investigators (GMI) is a non-profit international organization dedicated to combating marine theft and insurance fraud through interagency networking.**

## Our Objectives

Professional Training and Networking on strictly non-profit basis:

- Promote the prevention and suppression of marine crime including cross-border sea crime, cargo crime, piracy, smuggling, trafficking, terrorism and theft of marine property.
- Provide training upon boat safety, vessel accident prevention and environmental protection.
- Provide a forum for information exchange, accumulation and dissemination concerning marine investigations and related topics.
- Provide marine investigative training.
- Encourage mutual cooperation between law enforcement agencies, marine organizations and associated industries.
- Address interfering issues with the administration of justice.

## Training Seminars

GMI develops and provides high levels of training to members. The seminars provide an overview of several aspects of the field. The in-depth training events provide hands-on training in a special field of interest. Both events also create and deepen the trust and bond of the participants.

Some topics covered are:

- Marine theft and recovery
- Hull and serial number fraud
- Accident reconstruction
- Fire/arson investigation
- Investigation of sunken vessels
- Invoicing frauds
- Intelligence management
- Bank and insurance fraud investigations
- Updates on regulations and policies
- Admiralty law
- Interpol

## Networking

GMI facilitates networking of both public agencies and the marine industry to combat marine theft, arson,

fraud and other criminal activity in the international marine environment.

## Certified Marine Investigator

The CMI – Certified Marine Investigator Plan is a certification program ensuring that the title holder has qualifications in various aspects of marine investigation – among others in marine terminology, fire investigation, forensic photography, investigative techniques, admiralty law and insurance fraud.

## Our History

It all began when European police officers and investigators started joining 1990 a national organization in the USA founded to combat inter-state marine crime. The increase in the number of European members caused the USA organization to become international in 1994, re-branding itself “IAMI” – “International Association of Marine Investigators”. In 1996 IAMI started to organize training events in Europe and every year since then we have had an annual training seminar held all over Europe – including Southampton, Copenhagen, Hamburg, Stockholm, Rotterdam, Mallorca, Dubrovnik, Cork, Riga, Malta, Athens, and many more interesting locations.

In 2001 IAMI’s European Steering Committee commenced.

In 2018, following the request of the European members, the European branch of the association rebranded itself into GMI – the Global Marine Investigators.

Today GMI is a European association, duly established by Dutch law and seated in the Netherlands.

The association have had very good support from the law enforcement community since its inception, enabling a great international collaboration. Its members, like one large family, which is what GMI is after all, always have a great time during their meetings, while immersing themselves in training seminars with very interesting agendas.



## Contact us today:

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