



# MTA7 Newsletter

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## NEW APIS REQUIREMENTS

Advance Passenger Information System (APIS) is a mandatory procedure requiring passenger's passport data in order to issue a ticket. This information provides immigration officers at time of flight departure with the passenger's passport data for easier arrival in the country of destination. The following information is required at the time of booking.

1. LAST NAME
2. FIRST NAME
3. DATE OF BIRTH
4. SEX
5. PASSPORT NUMBER
6. NATIONALITY
7. DOCUMENT TYPE: 'P'  
(reference for passport)

## *Chairman's Corner*

In 2006, discussions began to form a global alliance of marine based agencies: MTA7. Although all members recognized the immediate benefits of forming an alliance, we did not predict the true value of our alliance as the global economy faced a severe downturn. During this period of economic challenges, the strength of our alliance became immediately apparent.

We are proud of MTA7's performance during the past two years. We responded to the challenges of the global economy by focusing on our clients, and using all alliance resources to continue to offer competitive fares and unmatched customer service. Through sharing of best practices, our individual organizations have enhanced our client offerings. All MTA7 members now have access to over 110 marine nett airline contracts.

With the talent and dedication of MTA7 colleagues, our clients will continue to benefit as our alliance grows and strengthens.

*Alicia Mahar*



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## **Marine Crewing Service – a new division of MTS!**

MTS recognized the need to provide a single source method of acquiring crew and the logistics involved. The result of that need is **Marine Crewing Services**. MCS is operating within MTS' south Florida offices to maintain close proximity to the Ports, which operate 75% of the global Cruise Market. MCS will also serve the commercial maritime business from these locations.

The mission of MCS is to provide high quality, well trained and experienced crew along with a full service approach for the Deck, Engine and Hotel Divisions.

MCS is managed under the direction of Captain Donald Mathias. Captain Mathias has a long and distinguished career in both operations/crewing and has also sailed for major cruise and commercial shipping companies. Support and management is provided by MTS to offer a seamless line of travel, crewing and operations to all ship owners. We can and are providing a **total package** for companies to meet all their human resources requirements through one provider, **Marine Crewing Services**.

## **G R E E N   I S   G O O D ! ! !**

MTS is going green! With the intent of becoming a “greener” company, MTS now has a Green Committee. The Committee is auditing our business practices so see where we can become better stewards of our environment. The average office averages 350 pounds of wastepaper per employee per year! MTS intends to be nearly paperless by year end. Another idea presented was changing light bulbs to compact fluorescent light bulbs which use 1/3 the energy as a standard bulb. It is no coincidence that Green is the same color as cash. Ideas presented will ultimately help in decreasing expenses!

Have a Green Idea?? We'd love to hear about it. Send your suggestions to [chalda@marinetravelservices.com](mailto:chalda@marinetravelservices.com). Your idea will be shared with our business partners and posted in our next newsletter!