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The Questionnaire 88 (Q88), first issued in 1988 by INTERTANKO, has been revised for a new version 4 release, which includes the most up-to-date information for assessing vessel suitability and risk when chartering tankers.

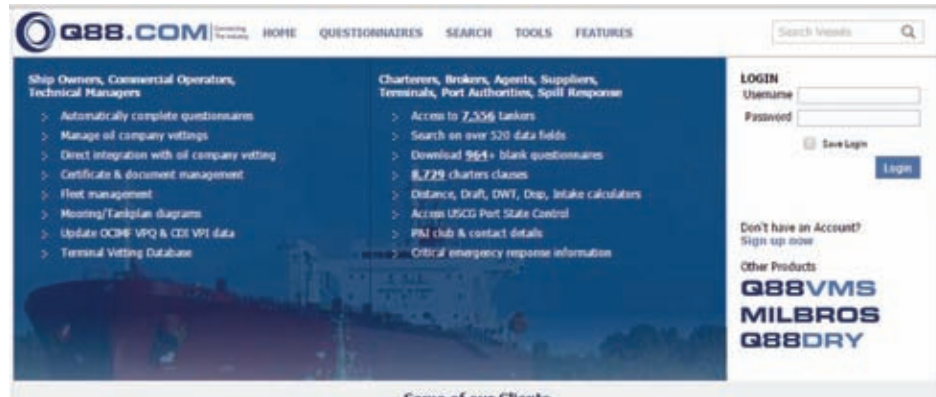
INTERTANKO's Vetting Committee re-established its 'Questionnaire 88 Working Group' under the chairmanship of Capt Ashley Cooper of Scorpio Ship Management, which has worked to ensure that the Questionnaire, the established industry standard for information on ships for commercial screening (vetting) purposes, is kept topical.

"This latest revision incorporates all the

necessary information currently required for making a ship assessment and will ensure that the Questionnaire remains the industry standard for vetting/screening assessments," said Capt Cooper, marine director at Scorpio Ship Management.

The Q88 was last revised in 2008, and this latest revision takes into account new questions and brings in changes which address recent regulations and industry requirements such as MLC and EEDI certification.

The Questionnaire will continue to be transferable between various parties' internal systems through the use of the XML data format. All existing Q88 data will automatically be migrated to the new format; however, owners/operators are



The Q88 has been in use since 1988

urged to check their ships' data to ensure that it is correct and up to date.

This revision has been carried out with the assistance of Q88 LLC which operates the www.Q88.com website.

"This revision incorporates recommen-

dations and feedback that we have had from our subscribers since the last revision in 2008, demonstrating that the revised Q88 is a collaborative effort for the benefit of our industry," said Fritz Heidenreich, president of Q88 LLC.