

**CML Port Side SOT Gathering Students Dinner**  
**17 January 2025 | Centre for Maritime Law, Block B,**  
**NUS Law (Bukit Timah Campus)**



‘When ships go bump into the night’ was the catchy title of the start-of-term event organized by CML Port Side for NUS Law’s maritime law students. Over thirty people enjoyed a dinner buffet and a speech by Mr Paul Apostolis (Campbell Johnston Clark) about his experience as a marine casualty lawyer. Students also interacted with other maritime lawyers and alumni present at the event. They learnt that through literature, Mr Apostolis became interested in maritime law and marine casualty work. Mr Apostolis shared his interesting and varied work, including treasure trove claims, inexplicable collisions (crew distracted by a Manny Pacquiao boxing match), and strange cases such as a brown dog being stolen and painted black to replace a missing black dog onboard a ship! He identified three attributes of a good marine casualty lawyer: fearlessness and having a keen interest in the subject matter being among them. He explained that a casualty lawyer must be able to go to government officials to have detained ships and crews released, to visit crew in jail, to explain to family members that their loved ones had perished, and to be frank with the opposing side to reach an out-of-court resolution.





*CML Port Side is an initiative to provide opportunities for students and young alumni members to engage with the local maritime law community and, by doing so, increase the visibility of the career opportunities that this industry has to offer.*