

OPERATIONAL MARITIME LAW

BASIC INFORMATION

Requestor/Customer:



DEU Navy HQ



USNWC

Project Team:

Lead Entity/Nation:



Host 2022:



Dates:

RfS Date:

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Executive Description

The application of international law in the maritime environment is a complex issue, subject to varying legal interpretations, political interests, and national objectives. Lack of consensus on such matters can confound attempts at both *identifying* the activities of adversaries which are inconsistent with international law, and *coordinating* effective multinational responses. Our activity is focused on providing those at the operational level of command with the training, education, and resources necessary to address and overcome these challenges.

Purpose / Desired Outcome

This activity is a forum for legal advisors and operators to collaborate in developing practical legal solutions to the problems faced by NATO and partner nations operating in confined and shallow waters around the globe. By engaging with stakeholders across government and academia the COE CSW is able to strengthen the legal resilience and compliance of the alliances' maritime operations.

Project Status / Milestones

Since 2013 the COE CSW has conducted a very well-received annual Conference on Operational Maritime Law (COML). The conference gathers together military operators and legal experts, as well as members of the civil society and academia, to discuss legal positions which may either support or hinder current and prospective operations. This year's conference will be in Vilnius, LTU in OCT 2022.

Schedule of Events / Way Ahead

JAN 2022	Work on Operational Maritime Law Podcast began
APR 2022	2 nd 'Call for Papers' for the <i>Journal of Operational Maritime Law (Vol. 2)</i> issued
23-27 MAY 2022	Maritime Ops Law Course, Souda Bay, Crete
10-13 OCT 2022	8th Annual COML, Vilnius, LTU