



## St Vincent and the Grenadines Maritime Administration

### Essay Competition for World Maritime Day 2023



The St. Vincent and the Grenadines Department Maritime Administration hosted its Third Annual World Maritime Day Essay Competition to commemorate World Maritime Day on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 under the theme “MARPOL AT 50 – Our commitment goes on”. The theme highlights the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL).

World Maritime Day is recognized every year by the maritime world on the last Thursday of September, it is used to focus attention on the importance of shipping safety, maritime security, and marine environmental protection, and to emphasize a particular aspect of the International Maritime Organisation’s (IMO) work.

The Department of Maritime Administration took this opportunity to join the world in the commemoration of World Maritime Day and to raise awareness and highlight the work of the Maritime Administration and the maritime industry within St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

A prize-giving ceremony was held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at the Fisheries Conference Room. Awards were presented to the top three winners in each category.

The winners from the three (3) categories are as follows:

**Category 1: 9 to 12 years - Topic: Imagine you’re a marine animal. How would pollution affect your life, and what can we do to help protect you?**



**Category 2: 13 to 16 years - Topic: How has MARPOL helped to reduce pollution in our oceans, and what more can we do to protect our marine life?**



**Category 3: 17 – 25 years - Topic: Reflect on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MARPOL. What progress has been made in protecting our oceans and what challenges remain?**

First Place: Mr. Zavio Richards  
Collected by Ms Monique Leacock (mom)



Second Place: Mr. Justin A. Charles



2023 Winners



A prize was given to the school with the most participants.  
This year's prize went to the **Biabou Methodist School**

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(collected by Mrs Hassan Wickham, Principal)



Prizes included a laptop computer, tablets, and cash prizes.

The Maritime Administration wishes to extend special congratulations to the winners.

**The SVG Maritime Administration** takes this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our sponsors for this year's competition.

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