



TOWARDS A COMPILATION OF SELECTED PRINCIPLES OF THE LEX MARITIMA

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From enthusiasm to malaise

- The sources of maritime law
 - Lex Maritima & Lex Mercatoria
 - CMI & IMO conventions
 - Self-regulation
 - National legislation
 - Obstacles to uniformity
 - Civil law instruments



Current status of the Lex Maritima (1)

- Declarations of faith
- Customs, usages and standard clauses
 - Examples
 - Rimaboschi & Maurer
 - National legislation

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Current status of the Lex Maritima (2)

- General principles of maritime law
 - EU legal doctrine
 - US case law
 - National legislation
- Interim conclusions

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The case for a compilation of the Lex Maritima

- Potential form and content
 - What it is
 - What it is not
 - Working hypothesis of examples
- Potential uses
 - Interpretation
 - Inspiration
 - Harmonisation
 - Autonomy / specificity of maritime law

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Methodology

- Academic research
- Your input please

Conclusion

- The Lex Maritima exists but is of little practical use
- A compilation of selected principles of the Lex Maritima can make a valuable contribution to the harmonisation of maritime law
- Thanks in advance for your contribution