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### St. Vincent and the Grenadines Maritime Administration 3rd Annual Essay Competition in commemoration of World Maritime Day, 28th September 2023



#### Theme “MARPOL at 50 – Our commitment goes on”

##### Three categories:

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?** (700 - 800 words)
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?** (1500 - 2000 words)
3. **17 to 25** – Topic: **Reflect on the 50th anniversary of MARPOL. What progress has been made in protecting our oceans, and what challenges remain?** (2000 - 2500 words)

**Deadline for submission of essays is on 12th September 2023 at 10.00 p.m.**

**SUBMISSIONS** must be made via e-mail to [wmdessay.svgmarad@gmail.com](mailto:wmdessay.svgmarad@gmail.com)

##### Prizes include:

- \* **9 to 12 Category** – First prize: one tablet plus cash prize
- \* **13 to 16 Category** - First prize: one tablet plus cash prize
- \* **17 to 25 Category** - First prize: one laptop
- \* **Cash Prizes will go to second and third place winners in each category.**
- \* **The school with the most participants will be awarded a cash prize.**
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### GUIDELINES

1. The ESSAY COMPETITION is open **ONLY** to nationals and residents of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, **between the ages of 9 years and 25 years**.
2. EACH participant must select a category depending on their age.
3. SUBMISSIONS must be written in Standard English.
4. SUBMISSIONS **must** have a **cover page**. The cover page **MUST** include the following details: World Maritime Day 2023 Theme, the research topic, name of the participant, school of participant (if applicable), age of the participant, e-mail address, telephone number, and word count.
5. SUBMISSIONS **must** include the following details in the header of the document: **the research topic and word count**. (No other information must be there)
6. SUBMISSIONS **must** include page numbers at the bottom of each page.
7. PLAGIARISM is **NOT ACCEPTED** in the submission. All participants guilty of plagiarism will be disqualified. The source of your information **MUST** be included at the end of your essay. (not to be included in the word count).
8. EACH participant, through entering the competition, agrees to the publishing of their name and essay on the website and social media pages of the Ministry of National Security, local online newspapers, and our Partners.
9. WORD COUNT- All participants are required to strictly adhere to the word count.
10. CATEGORIES of the competition: 9 to 12 years (700 – 800 words); 13 – 16 years (1500 – 2000 words); 17 – 25 years (2000 – 2500 words)
11. SUBMISSIONS must be typed, and in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx.), or in PDF Format (.pdf). Each submission must be typed in Times New Roman font size 12 with 1.5 spacing.
12. THE FINAL COPY submitted must be the participant’s own work and should not be excessively corrected or improved by another person.
13. Participants not adhering to the rules **will be disqualified**.
14. Participants may be asked to verify their age.
15. The decisions of the SVG Maritime Administration shall be final.