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Maritime and port labour organizations are often studied in the framework of local and national labour histories, or of specific industries (merchant marine, port transport, fisheries, military dockyards, shipbuilding). Yet there is a rich history of efforts at international organization of seamen and dockers sometimes in alliance with other transport workers. The International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) founded in the 1890s was the first such effort.  Today it is challenged by the International Dockers Council.  Other attempts grouped seamen separately. These attempts have been studied by historians, jurists, sociologists and labour economists. It is appropriate at the initial meeting of a network on maritime labour history to try to sketch a survey of existing literature on the subject of international labour organization of seamen and dockers in the 19th and 20th century.