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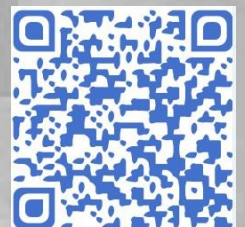
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IMO NEWS & EVENTS

WHAT'S NEW

Day of the Seafarer – 25 June 2020 campaign – Seafarers are Key Workers

Seafarers are on the frontline of the COVID-19 pandemic, playing an essential role in maintaining the flow of vital goods, such as food, medicines and medical supplies. However, the crisis has led to difficult working conditions for seafarers, including uncertainties and difficulties about port access, re-supply, crew changeovers and repatriation.

This year, the Day of the Seafarer campaign calls on Member States to recognize seafarers as key workers – and to provide them with the support, assistance and travel options open to all key workers during the pandemic. [More...](#) [Seafarers are Key Workers](#) 🇮🇹

UN Day of the Seafarer highlights sacrifice of key workers at sea during pandemic

The 2020 Day of the Seafarer pays tribute to unsung heroes of the COVID-19 pandemic: the seafarers who continue to carry essential goods despite facing tremendous challenges, including being stranded on board. Organised by IMO, this year's campaign calls on governments to take action and formally recognise seafarers as key workers. [More...](#)

FAQ: Crew changes and repatriation of seafarers – a key issue explained

Seafarers have been the unsung heroes of this pandemic, as the world relies on them to transport more than 80% of trade by volume, including vital food and medical goods, energy and raw materials, as well as manufactured goods across the globe. They have also been collateral victims of the crisis, as travel restrictions have left tens of thousands of them stranded on ships, or unable to join ships.

Here are the answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about crew changes and repatriation of seafarers. [More...](#)

Keep ships moving, ports open and cross-border trade flowing, urge UN entities

The International Maritime Organization (IMO), which regulates shipping, and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), which tracks world trade, reiterated calls for Governments to promote crew well-being by allowing crew changes and ensuring seafarers and other maritime personnel have access to documentation and travel options so that they can return home safely. [More...](#)

[IMO MEETINGS FOR 2020 – List of meetings postponed to the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

LATEST PRESS BRIEFINGS

[UN entities and private sector join forces to tackle invasive species and reduce emissions](#)

Briefing: 18, June 8, 2020

[Celebrating the oceans on World Oceans Day – a message from IMO Secretary General Kitack Lim](#)

Briefing: 17, June 8, 2020

RECENT SPEECHES BY IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL KITACK LIM

Webinar "Seafarers are Key Workers: Essential to Shipping, Essential to the World"
24/26 June 2020 ([Opening](#) Remarks)

[Capital Link Operational Excellence Digital Forum - keynote speech](#) 16 June 2020

[Statement on piracy and armed robbery in the Gulf of Guinea](#) 10 June 2020

IMO NEWS MAGAZINE ([Spring Summer 2020](#))

IMO PUBLISHING

[Just Published 2020](#)

[June/July 2020 Newsletter](#)

UNITED NATIONS

World slowly starts travelling again: UN Tourism Organization. *UN News*. 1 June 2020.

Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/06/1065242> After months of lockdowns, countries are cautiously starting to ease travel restrictions put in place to stop the spread of COVID-19, according to research published Monday by the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). Secretary-General Zurab Pololikashvili, stressed "the need for vigilance, responsibility and international cooperation as the world slowly opens up again."

'Dogged pragmatism' needed to save Ocean: UN Special Envoy. *UN News*. 2 June 2020.

Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/06/1065192> Peter Thomson, who hails from the Pacific Ocean island of Fiji, spoke to UN News ahead of World Oceans Day marked annually on 8 June, and explained why it's crucial not to forget how important the Ocean is, to the future of the planet.

Turkish diplomat elected President of historic 75th UN General Assembly. *UN News*.

17 June 2020. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/06/1066562> Turkish diplomat Volkan Bozkir was elected President of the forthcoming session of the UN General Assembly in a vote held on Wednesday that was emblematic of its time.

Kenya wins final contested seat on Security Council. *UN News*. 18 June 2020. Available from:

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/06/1066632> Kenya has been elected a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council, defeating Djibouti for a seat designated for African countries.

New UN report offers blueprint for greener, more resilient world of work. *UN News*.

19 June 2020. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/06/1066642> Jobs, livelihoods and the well-being of workers, families and businesses across the globe, continue to take a hit from the COVID-19 pandemic; with micro, small and medium enterprises in particular, suffering the dire economic consequences, according to a new policy brief released by the UN on Friday.

WHO reports largest single day increase in COVID-19 cases. *UN News*. 22 June 2020.

Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/06/1066852> The World Health Organization (WHO) reported the largest single-day increase in coronavirus cases over the course of Sunday, registering more than 183,000 new infections in 24 hours, bringing the total to some 8.8 million cases worldwide, with more than 465,000 deaths.

Trade falls steeply in first half of 2020. *World Trade Organization (WTO)*. 22 June 2020.

Available from: https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/pres20_e/pr858_e.htm World trade fell sharply in the first half of the year, as the COVID-19 pandemic upended the global economy.

Sustainable Ocean Series: Legal Protection for our Oceans. *United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI)*. 22 June 2020. Available from:

<https://academicimpact.un.org/content/sustainable-ocean-series-legal-protection-our-oceans> World Oceans Day, celebrated every year on 8 June, is an opportunity to reflect on the importance of oceans to our lives and livelihoods, and the environmental impact of human activity on oceans.

Extreme weather 'record' likely in Arctic Circle, says UN weather agency WMO. *UN News*.

23 June 2020. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/06/1066882> Reports that temperatures in a Russian town in the Arctic Circle likely reached a record 38C (100.4F), last weekend, have been approved by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) pending final verification, it said on Tuesday.

COVID-19: Recovery will be slower following ‘crisis like no other’, IMF predicts. *UN News.* 24 June 2020. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/06/1067052> Economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic is projected to be more gradual than previously forecast, according to a report published on Wednesday by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

World Economic Outlook Update, June 2020. *International Monetary Fund (IMF).* June 2020. Available from: <https://www.imf.org/en/Publications/WEO/Issues/2020/06/24/WEOUpdateJune2020> Global growth is projected at –4.9 percent in 2020, 1.9 percentage points below the April 2020 World Economic Outlook (WEO) forecast. [Report](#) 📄

UN marks 75-year milestone anniversary of founding Charter. *UN News.* 25 June 2020. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/06/1067242> 📄 The UN Charter “brought rules and hope to a world in ruins”, Secretary-General António Guterres told a virtual ceremony on Friday, commemorating 75 years since the Organization’s foundational text was signed.

CASUALTIES

APL England shipmaster charged over container spill, operator ordered to pay \$22 million before ship will be released. Kevin Nguyen. *ABC (Australia)*. 30 May 2020. Available from: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-05-30/shipmaster-of-apn-england-charged-over-container-spill/12304214> 📰 The shipmaster of a Singapore-registered vessel which spilled over 50 shipping containers off the New South Wales coast has been charged with pollution and damaging marine environment.

APL England shipping container loss - Update(s). *Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)*. 1 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.amsa.gov.au/news-community/campaigns/apl-england-container-loss> In rough weather, early in the morning of 24 May, about 50 containers were lost overboard from the Singapore-flagged container ship *APL England*.

Shipping containers found in NSW, but authorities 'have a big job ahead'. *Sydney Morning Herald (Australia)*. 2 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/shipping-containers-found-in-nsw-but-authorities-have-a-big-job-ahead-20200602-p54yux.html> 📰 Sixteen of the 50 shipping containers lost off the *APL England* in heavy seas almost 10 days ago have been recovered, but NSW authorities admit with most still missing "we have a big job ahead of us".

9 Firefighters Hospitalized in Florida After Ship Explosion. *U.S. News & World Report*. 5 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.usnews.com/news/us/articles/2020-06-05/9-firefighters-hospitalized-in-florida-after-ship-explosion> Nine firefighters responding to a fire aboard a ship in Florida have been hospitalized after the ship exploded, injuring eight and sending one to a hospital for heat exhaustion, authorities said.

Coast Guard, partner agencies respond to cargo ship fire near Blount Island. *United States Coast Guard*. 5 June 2020. Available from: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/28f1fd1> Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville watchstanders were notified at 3:53 p.m. of a fire on board the *M/V Höegh Xiamen*, a 600-foot vehicle carrier.

Maersk boxship explosion caused by 'severe' turbocharger breakdown. Adam Corbett. *TradeWinds*. 8 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/maersk-boxship-explosion-caused-by-severe-turbocharger-breakdown/2-1-821911> An engine room explosion on a Maersk boxship, which disabled the vessel south east of Newark late last week, was caused by a "severe" turbocharger breakdown, according to its operator.

Accident Investigation Report 10/2020: Accident on the stern ramp of the ro-ro freight ferry *Seatruck Progress* with loss of 1 life. *UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB)*. 11 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/maib-reports/accident-on-the-stern-ramp-of-the-ro-ro-freight-ferry-seatruck-progress-with-loss-of-1-life> On 15 May 2019, the third officer was struck and fatally injured by a freight vehicle semi-trailer while standing on the vessel's stern ramp. [Report](#) 📰 [Safety Flyer](#)

AMSA has issued a direction ordering the owner of *APL England* to search for missing containers that were lost from their vessel off New South Wales last month. *Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)*. 15 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.amsa.gov.au/news-community/news-and-media-releases/apl-england-container-loss-update> AMSA has identified a priority search area of about 1000km² stretching between the Illawarra and Sydney's southern suburbs.

Vessel fires flare up off the US coast. Catherine Austin. *Safety at Sea*. 15 June 2020.

Available from: <https://safetyatsea.net/news/2020/vessel-fires-flare-up-off-the-us-coast/>

A fire that started in the cargo area of a roll-on, roll-off (ro-ro) vessel in the port of Jacksonville (JAXPORT) shortly after completing loading operations has finally been fully extinguished after smouldering for a week.

Hawaiian Barge Loses More Than 20 Containers Overboard Off Hilo. Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*.

22 June 2020. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/hawaiian-barge-loses-more-than-20-containers-overboard-off-hilo/> A Hawaiian interisland barge lost more than 20 containers overboard off the coast of Hilo on Monday morning and several containers remain missing.

Coast Guard, salvage team continues response to containers lost off Hilo, Hawaii. *United States Coast Guard*. 23 June 2020. Available from:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/29248a8> The Coast Guard is continuing the response Tuesday to a report of containers lost from the barge *Ho Omaka Hou* inbound to Hilo Harbor Monday.

Greek bulker destroys rail bridge in Panama Canal. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 24 June 2020.

Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/greek-bulker-destroys-rail-bridge-in-panama-canal/2-1-831769> An investigation has begun after a Greek handysize destroyed a railway bridge in the Panama Canal.

Ship *Navios Unite* loses three containers off Cape Leeuwin, WA. *Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)*. 26 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.amsa.gov.au/news-community/news-and-media-releases/ship-navios-unite-loses-three-containers-cape-leeuwin-wa> The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) is responding to an incident involving the loss of about three shipping containers from the Liberian-flagged container ship, *Navios Unite*.

Bangladesh ferry accident kills at least 23. *Reuters*. 29 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-bangladesh-ferry/bangladesh-ferry-accident-kills-at-least-23-idUSKBN2400VS> At least 23 ferry passengers were killed in the Bangladesh capital Dhaka on Monday when the vessel sank after a collision, officials said.

Launch capsizes in Buriganga: 32 bodies recovered so far. *Daily Star (Bangladesh)*.

29 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.thedailystar.net/launch-capsizes-after-being-hit-another-in-dhaka-buriganga-river-1922237> Rescue workers recovered the bodies of 32 people after a launch carrying over 100 passengers capsized in Buriganga river at Dhaka's Shyambazar this morning, fire service sources said.

ENVIRONMENT

New dates agreed for COP26 United Nations Climate Change Conference. *UK Government.* 28 May 2020. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-dates-agreed-for-cop26-united-nations-climate-change-conference> The Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change), with the UK and its Italian partners, agreed today new dates for the COP26 UN climate conference, which will now take place between 1 and 12 November 2021 in Glasgow.

The world must pull together to stem the urgent crisis in our ocean. Tetsuji Ida. *World Economic Forum.* 29 May 2020. Available from: <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/05/fighting-the-rising-tide-of-the-ocean-environmental-crisis/> The world's oceans are now facing a multidimensional crisis, of which human-made climate change, overfishing, plastic pollution and ocean acidification are all factors.

Crisis in the Caspian Sea: The world's largest lake drying up? *MEHR News Agency (Iran).* 30 May 2020. Available from: <https://en.mehrnews.com/news/159207/Crisis-in-the-Caspian-Sea-The-world-s-largest-lake-drying-up> According to a report by the Water Research Institute at the Iranian Center for Caspian Sea Studies and Research, the water level of the Caspian Sea in 2019, following its declining trend since 1995, has reached its lowest level in 30 years.

United Nations Global Compact Launches the Ocean Stewardship 2030 Report. *United Nations Global Compact.* 31 May 2020. Available from: <https://www.unglobalcompact.org/news/4570-05-31-2020> New roadmap developed jointly by the private sector and UN organizations defines ten critical ambitions for ocean-related industries to deliver on the Global Goals by 2030.
[Ocean Stewardship 2030 Report](#)

Ocean likely to heat up at 7 times its current rate, new study finds. Jordan Davidson. *World Economic Forum.* 1 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/06/oceans-heat-up-seven-times-greenhouse-emissions> 📄 The depths of the oceans are heating up more slowly than the surface and the air, but that will undergo a dramatic shift in the second half of the century, according to a new study.

Dona Bertarelli: Special Adviser for the Blue Economy. *United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).* 2 June 2020. Available from: <https://unctad.org/en/Pages/About%20UNCTAD/Special-Advisers/Dona-Bertarelli.aspx> 📄 In the Decade of Action, Sustainable Development Goal 14 (SDG14) calls on us to conserve and sustainably use the ocean, seas and marine resources.

3 innovations which are leading the fight to save our ocean Kaya Bulbul. *World Economic Forum.* 3 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/06/3-innovations-that-are-leading-the-fight-to-save-our-ocean/> 📄 The ocean is our lifeline - we rely on it for the food we eat, the air we breath, as well as for millions for jobs worldwide.

Protect the environment, prevent pandemics, 'nature is sending us a clear message'. *UN News.* 4 June 2020. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/06/1065692> 📄 On this year's World Environment Day, celebrated on June 5, the UN is drawing links between the health of the planet, and human health, and highlighting the importance of protecting biodiversity, the system that supports life.

World Environment Day: Celebrating the UK's precious biodiversity. *The Guardian.*

5 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/gallery/2020/jun/05/world-environment-day-celebrating-the-uks-precious-biodiversity> To mark World Environment Day, WWF has selected some snapshots of UK nature and wildlife – from land and ocean species to breathtaking plant life – in an attempt to raise awareness of the ongoing fight for our world and its vital biodiversity, the threat to which is both an urgent and existential concern.

The hunt for the fish pirates who exploit the sea. Richard Gray. *BBC Future.* 5 June 2020.

Available from: <https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20190213-the-dramatic-hunt-for-the-fish-pirates-exploiting-our-seas> For 10 years, a rogue fishing vessel and its crew plundered the world's oceans, escaping repeated attempts of capture.

Fighting Three Words is changing the fisheries sector the fisheries sector. *Food and*

Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). 5 June 2020. Available from:

<http://www.fao.org/fao-stories/article/en/c/1278709> Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU)--these three adjectives ultimately jeopardize the whole of the fisheries sector.

Record CO2 levels and temperatures highlight need for action on World Environment Day.

World Meteorological Organization (WMO). 5 June 2020. Available from:

<https://public.wmo.int/en/media/news/record-co2-levels-and-temperatures-highlight-need-action-world-environment-day> As the global community comes together to celebrate World Environment Day, important new data shows that the causes and indicators of climate change have reached new heights.

Coral reefs are facing their own pandemic—but we have a survival guide. Jack Kittinger. *CNN.*

7 June 2020. Available from: <https://edition.cnn.com/2020/06/07/opinions/coral-reef-survival-guide-spc-intl/index.html> For years, people have compromised the immunity of these ecosystems through pollution and overfishing.

Special World Ocean Day Interview with Ambassador Peter Thomson. *Our Daily Planet.*

7 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.ourdailyplanet.com/story/special-world-ocean-day-interview-with-ambassador-peter-thomson/> We were honoured to get a few minutes with Ambassador Thomson, the UN Special Envoy for Oceans, to talk about the importance of the day and what lies ahead for ocean conservation.

We need to slow down and reconnect with our Ocean for the future of the planet.

Stuart Minchin. *Pacific Islands News Association (PINA).* 8 June 2020. Available from:

<http://www.pina.com.fj/index.php?p=pacnews&m=read&o=5771539435edda4b5d34902206abc4>

The devastating impact of the global pandemic on people's lives and the world's economy is a jarring and historic turning point for all of us but it is also an opportunity to re-think many of our practices.

World Oceans Day: what is the shipping industry doing to clean the seas? Ilaria Grasso

Macola. *Ship-technology.com.* 8 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.ship-technology.com/features/world-oceans-day-shipping-industry-doing-clean-seas/> Since 1992, every 8 June we celebrate the World Oceans Day to honour our seas and foster a global consciousness regarding the threats human activities pose to them.

To Save the Climate, Look to the Oceans. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson. *Scientific American.*

8 June 2020. Available from: <https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/to-save-the-climate-look-to-the-oceans/> They can be a source of clean, renewable energy, sustainable food, and more.

Protection of seagrasses key to building resilience to climate change, disasters - new UN report. *United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)*. 8 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.unenvironment.org/news-and-stories/press-release/protection-seagrasses-key-building-resilience-climate-change> 📄 Seagrass meadows can be a powerful nature-based climate solution and help sustain communities hard-hit by stressors such as the COVID-19 pandemic, but these important ecosystems continue to decline.

Deep-sea mining: An environmental solution or impending catastrophe? Elizabeth Claire Alberts. *Mongabay*. 16 June 2020. Available from: <https://news.mongabay.com/2020/06/deep-sea-mining-an-environmental-solution-or-impending-catastrophe/> A new report by the Deep Sea Mining Campaign and MiningWatch Canada examines the potential risks of seabed mining operations targeting polymetallic nodules: rock concretions that harbor minerals like manganese, nickel, cobalt and copper.

Predicting the Impacts of Mining Deep Sea Polymetallic Nodules in the Pacific Ocean. *MiningWatch Canada*. May 2020. Available from: https://miningwatch.ca/sites/default/files/nodule_mining_in_the_pacific_ocean.pdf 📄 Deep sea mining (DSM) in the Pacific is of growing interest to frontier investors, mining companies and some island economies.

Mangrove Conservation Can Help Countries Meet Emissions Reduction Goals. Polita Glynn and Nathan Fedrizzi. *Pew Charitable Trusts*. 16 June 2020. Available from: <https://bit.ly/3jKX7RK> New research highlights the economic and societal value of protecting coastal forests.

5 ways the ocean can contribute to a green post-COVID recovery. Nina Jensen and Martin Stuchtey. *World Economic Forum*. 22 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/06/5-ways-the-ocean-can-contribute-to-a-green-post-covid-recovery/> The COVID-19 epidemic has profoundly emphasised the links between nature and human health - placing it among the 70% of emerging infectious diseases originating from wildlife and domesticated animals.

Fujairah's divers build artificial 'mega reef' in a bid to protect UAE sea life. Farah Andrews. *The National (United Arab Emirates)*. 22 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.thenational.ae/lifestyle/travel/fujairah-s-divers-build-artificial-mega-reef-in-a-bid-to-protect-uae-sea-life-1.1037230> 📄 A group of divers in Fujairah have come together to build an artificial "mega reef", which they hope will protect sea life, combat coral bleaching and other coral degradation caused by climate change.

Shipping, aviation 2030 climate goals too weak, research finds. Nina Chestney. *Reuters*. 24 June 2020. Available from: <https://uk.reuters.com/article/climate-change-shipping/shipping-aviation-2030-climate-goals-too-weak-research-finds-idUKL8N2E04QQ> The international shipping and aviation sectors' 2030 climate targets are too weak and their emissions are on course to reach dangerous levels despite the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, research showed on Wednesday.

International Shipping. *Climate Action Network Europe*. June 2020. Available from: <https://climateactiontracker.org/sectors/shipping/> The international shipping industry - through the International Maritime Organization (IMO) - adopted an initial emissions reduction strategy in 2018: a 2030 target to reduce carbon intensity by at least 40% below 2008 levels, and a 2050 goal of at least halving emissions from 2008 levels.

Biggest Open Ocean Clean-up Ever! *Ocean Voyages Institute*. 25 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.oceanvoyagesinstitute.org/news-and-updates/> 📄 Ocean Voyages Institute's marine plastic recovery vessel, *S/V KWA!*, docked at the port of Honolulu today, after a 48-day expedition, successfully removing 103 tons of fishing nets and consumer plastics from the North Pacific Subtropical Convergence Zone, more commonly known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch or Gyre.

Europe's seas face uncertain future if urgent, coherent action not taken. *European Environment Agency (EEA)*. 26 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.eea.europa.eu/highlights/europes-seas-face-uncertain-future> Faced with the increased threats posed by overexploitation of marine resources, pollution and climate change, urgent action is needed to bring Europe's seas back to good condition.
[Marine messages II: Navigating the course towards clean, healthy and productive seas](#)

The COVID-19 Slowdown Will Show Whether Quieter Seas Help Killer Whales. Christina Couch. *Smithsonian Magazine*. 29 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/quieter-seas-covid-19-killer-whales-180975177/> Giles, a killer whale biologist at the University of Washington's Center for Conservation Biology, is cruising the Strait of Juan De Fuca, a roughly 15-mile-wide inlet between Canada's Vancouver Island and Washington state.

The World Oceans Day - June 8 2020: Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean. *United Nations Oceans Day*. June 2020. Available from: <https://unworldoceansday.org/page/home> 📄 Join us for the United Nations World Oceans Day virtual event in celebration of the 2020 theme, Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

Putin orders state of emergency after huge fuel spill inside Arctic Circle. *The Guardian*. 3 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/jun/03/vladimir-putin-orders-state-of-emergency-huge-fuel-spill-siberia-power-plant-kerch> 📄 Vladimir Putin has ordered a state of emergency after 20,000 tonnes of diesel fuel spilled into a river inside the Arctic Circle.

Russian Emergencies Minister to fly to fuel spill area in Norilsk. *TASS Russian News Agency*. 3 June 2020. Available from: <https://tass.com/emergencies/1163825> Russia's Emergencies Minister Evgeny Zinichev flies to the city Norilsk, where a diesel fuel spill accident occurred at the CHPP-3 power plant, the ministry's press service told TASS on Wednesday.

Pain in the boat: Ships in Bay cause resident concerns. Louise Hill. *Isle of Wight County Press*. 4 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.countypress.co.uk/news/18496630.pain-boat-ships-bay-cause-resident-concerns/> Sleepless nights, nasty smells and loud noises are just some of the things Sandown residents say they are having to endure as the Bay is turned into a maritime pay and display during the coronavirus crisis.

Our film on the 'Battle Against Plastic Waste' launches on World Oceans Day. *Seafish*. 8 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.seafish.org/article/our-film-on-the-battle-against-plastic-waste-launches-on-world-oceans-day> 📄 We've developed this short film to give the seafood industry a clearer understanding of the challenges created by marine litter, including plastic and lost or discarded fishing gear.

Race to clean up Russia oil spill hampered by strong winds. Alice Tidey. *Euronews*.

9 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.euronews.com/2020/06/09/russia-oil-spill-putin-declares-state-of-emergency-over-pollution-in-arctic-circle> 🗣️ Russian experts and environmentalists are battling to clean up a massive oil spill in Siberia, amid fears it could reach the Arctic Ocean.

How face masks, gloves and other coronavirus waste is polluting our ocean.

Charlotte Edmond. *World Economic Forum*. 11 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/06/ppe-masks-gloves-coronavirus-ocean-pollution/> 🗣️

Waterlogged masks, gloves, hand sanitizer bottles and other coronavirus waste are already being found on our seabeds and washed up on our beaches, joining the day-to-day detritus in our ocean ecosystems.

The Oil Spill From Russian Nickel Mine Is Moving Toward The Arctic Ocean. Jackie Northam.

National Public Radio (US). 16 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.npr.org/2020/06/16/878852931/the-oil-spill-from-russian-nickel-mine-is-moving-towards-the-arctic-ocean> 🗣️

Arctic watchers fear 150,000 barrels of diesel oil from a ruptured fuel tank at a Russian nickel mine will spill into the Arctic Ocean, as cleanup efforts falter.

A killer whale's tale: Protect critical habitats by addressing scrubber washwater from ships.

International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT). 18 June 2020. Available from:

<https://theicct.org/blog/staff/killer-whale-tale-scrubbers-062020> 🗣️ Killer whales are both iconic in pop culture—you've probably seen them in movies, at amusement parks, and, if you're lucky, in the wild—and cultural symbols for North America's Pacific Northwest.

Report highlights risks for container ships in Wadden Sea. Mike Corder and Frank Jordans.

Associated Press. 25 June 2020. Available from:

<https://apnews.com/f310c19dd71979d6d4369a93ab60b30e> A Dutch safety watchdog said Thursday that it is "undesirable" for large container ships to use a shipping route through an environmentally sensitive, shallow sea off the coast of the Netherlands, Germany and Denmark in heavy northwesterly storms because of the heightened risk of them losing their cargo.

Safe container transport north of the Wadden Islands. Lessons learned following the loss of containers from MSC ZOE. Dutch Safety Board. 25 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.onderzoeksraad.nl/en/page/13223/safe-container-transport-north-of-the-wadden-islands.-lessons-learned> 🗣️

The Wadden area must be better protected against the loss of containers on the shipping routes that pass the islands to the north. [Report](#) 🗣️ [Recommendations](#) 🗣️

Hull fouling estimated to cost owners extra \$6bn on bunkers. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*.

25 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insight/hull-fouling-estimated-to-cost-owners-extra-6bn-on-bunkers/2-1-832258> New research has found shipowners could be spending an extra \$6bn on fuel each year due to hull fouling.

Seawater seeping into decaying oil tanker off Yemen coast. Maggie Michael. *Associated Press*.

26 June 2020. Available from: <https://apnews.com/e8d9e1a1d674a2d6784a2c53dfe628e2>

The United Nations said an abandoned oil tanker moored off the coast of Yemen loaded with more than 1 million barrels of crude oil is at risk of rupture or exploding, causing massive environmental damage to Red Sea marine life, desalination factories and international shipping routes.

International team of scientists warns of increasing threats posed by invasive species.

University of Rhode Island (US). 26 June 2020. Available from:

<https://today.uri.edu/news/international-team-of-scientists-warns-of-increasing-threats-posed-by-invasive-species/> In a new study, scientists from around the world – including a professor at the University of Rhode Island – warn that the threats posed by invasive alien species are increasing.

Egypt removes 14 tonnes of waste from Red Sea. *Ahram Online (Egypt)*. 29 June 2020. Available from: <http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/1/64/373018/Egypt/Politics-/Egypt-removes--tonnes-of-waste-from-Red-Sea.aspx> Egypt's environment ministry announced the removal of 14 tonnes of waste from the Red Sea port as part of a government campaign launched recently to protect biodiversity in the coastal destination.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Central and South America now 'intense zones' for COVID-19 transmission. *UN News*. 1 June 2020. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/06/1065252> Greater solidarity must be shown to Central and South American countries which have become "the intense zones" for COVID-19 transmission, a top official with the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Monday.

Suicide led Columbia to bring in professional psychologists to help crew. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 2 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/ship-management/suicide-led-columbia-to-bring-in-professional-psychologists-to-help-crew/2-1-817160> As crews endure prolonged stays on ships because of coronavirus, Columbia Shipmanagement has revealed why offering professional mental health help for its seafarers is more important than ever.

ShipInsight sets a standard for 'fake news'. Paul Gunton. *ShipInsight*. 3 June 2020. Available from: <https://shipinsight.com/articles/shipinsight-sets-a-standard-for-fake-news> Last week I wrote about seafarers' mental health and quoted Kuba Szymanski, secretary general of InterManager, criticising "fake news in the press" about the difficulties of crew changes in certain countries.

COVID-19 toll for livestock carrier crew hits 20, one hospitalised. Zoe Reynolds. *Safety at Sea*. 4 June 2020. Available from: <https://safetyatsea.net/news/2020/covid-19-toll-for-livestock-carrier-crew-hits-20-one-hospitalised/> Twenty of the 48 crew on board the *Al Kuwait* livestock carrier in Fremantle, Australia, have now tested positive for COVID-19, with one transferred to a hospital after his condition became serious.

81% of COVID-positive passengers on Antarctic cruise ship had no symptoms: new study. Sarah Maguire. *Macquarie University (Australia)*. 4 June 2020. Available from: <https://lighthouse.mq.edu.au/article/june-2020/81-of-COVID-positive-passengers-on-Antarctic-cruise-ship-had-no-symptoms-new-study> The study was carried out in real-time on the Australian-owned *MV Greg Mortimer* cruise ship, operated by Aurora Expeditions, which became stranded off South America in late March as border closures to combat the spread of COVID-19 swept the globe.

WHO urges mask use in confined public areas, where coronavirus still spreads. *UN News*. 5 June 2020. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/06/1065782> Governments in areas with widespread COVID-19 transmission should encourage the use of non-medical masks on public transport, in shops and in other locations where physical distancing is difficult, the World Health Organization (WHO) recommends, in updated guidance published on Friday.

USCG Medevacs Burned Crew Member of Maersk Ship in Atlantic. Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*. 5 June 2020. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/uscg-medevacs-burned-crew-member-of-maersk-ship-in-atlantic/> The U.S. Coast Guard medevacked a crew member of a Maersk containership who sustained burns in some kind of engine room explosion approximately 275 miles off the coast of Ocean City, North Carolina on Friday.

Coast Guard, assisted by Navy, medevacs man 275 miles off Ocean City, Maryland. *United States Coast Guard*. 6 June 2020. Available from: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/28f460f> The Coast Guard medevacked a man from a container ship approximately 275 miles off the coast of Ocean City, Friday morning.

How wholesome food is critical to mental health at sea. Richard Clayton. *Lloyd's List*. 11 June 2020. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132654/How-wholesome-food-is-critical-to-mental-health-at-sea> Crew welfare is rising up the agenda. Internet connectivity, exercise and mental illness are all being taken seriously.

Embracing new normal even at sea. Norzuhaira Ruhanie. *New Straits Times (Malaysia)*. 14 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.nst.com.my/opinion/columnists/2020/06/600586/embracing-new-normal-even-sea> The commanding officer (CO) of the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) ship KD Lekiu knows full well how Covid-19 can affect a tightly-run operation.

Webinar to explore initial findings of the Social Interaction Matters (SIM) Project. *International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN)*. 15 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.seafarerswelfare.org/news/2020/webinar-to-explore-initial-findings-of-the-social-interaction-matters-sim-project> As part of the Social Interaction Matters (SIM) Project, ISWAN recently conducted a survey to investigate the barriers and drivers of social interaction on board.

Weary sailors pose risk to world merchant fleet: U.N. shipping chief. Jonathan Saul. *Reuters*. 16 June 2020. Available from: <https://uk.reuters.com/article/us-shipping-seafarers/weary-sailors-pose-risk-to-world-merchant-fleet-un-shipping-chief-idUKKBN23N205> Hundreds of thousands of weary seafarers stuck on ships for many months and unable to go home due to the coronavirus pose a risk to the safe operation of the world's merchant fleet, the UN's shipping chief said on Tuesday.

Covid measures prove costly for crewing sector. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 17 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/covid-measures-prove-costly-for-crewing-sector/> Ship operators are doing all they can to ensure the safety of seafarers around the globe and the trade of vital food and supplies – but these important measures are proving costly as well as tricky warns a crew specialist.

Cases of self-harm at sea increase. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 18 June 2020. Available from: <https://splash247.com/cases-of-self-harm-at-sea-increase/> Cases of self-harm at sea are on the increase as the months stretch by without a global solution to the crew change crunch.

Message to Seafarers Concerning Recent COVID-19 Cases, Ongoing Need for Vigilance. *Seafarers International Union (SIU)*. 23 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.seafarers.org/message-to-seafarers-concerning-recent-covid-19-cases-ongoing-need-for-vigilance/> While we've all been dealing with pandemic-related adjustments for months, COVID-19 has hit home especially hard within the last week or so.

Crew Well-Being A Critical Challenge To Supply Chains – CSA President. *The Gleaner (Jamaica)*. 23 June 2020. Available from: <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/shipping/20200623/crew-well-being-critical-challenge-supply-chains-csa-president> The psychological well-being of crew members on board vessels awaiting transfer is the most pressing challenge facing the maritime industry currently.

Mercy Ships medics and crew: the epitome of key workers. Paul Berrill. *TradeWinds*.

25 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insight/mercy-ships-medics-and-crew-the-epitome-of-key-workers/2-1-828032> The Day of the Seafarer theme that seafarers are key workers is particularly relevant to Mercy Ships, which takes medical help on its converted ferry to some of the neediest parts of the world.

Mental health of ships' crews at risk as they are stuck at sea for months because of coronavirus pandemic. Stuart Heaver. *South China Morning Post*. 25 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.scmp.com/lifestyle/health-wellness/article/3090193/mental-health-ships-crews-risk-they-are-stuck-sea-months> 🇮🇳 The phrase "lost at sea" has taken on a depressing new meaning for the likes of Captain Hrisheet Barve, who recently arrived home in Goa, India, after more than seven-and-a-half months on a tanker.

Report investigates technology's role in crew welfare. *Inmarsat*. 25 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.inmarsat.com/news/report-investigates-technologys-role-in-crew-welfare/> Inmarsat has published a new report focusing on the way technology can benefit crew safety, health and wellbeing at sea, at a moment when COVID-19 has exposed the welfare of seafarers to global scrutiny.

LR and industry partners launch survey on COVID-19 impact on maritime workforce. *Lloyd's Register*. 25 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.lr.org/en/latest-news/surveying-views-from-the-maritime-workforce/> Lloyd's Register (LR) in partnership with the UK Chamber of Shipping, the Mission to Seafarers, Safety at Sea and with the support of other leading maritime organisations, will run an industry-wide survey to evaluate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on employee wellbeing and operational practice.

Shipowners, agents and insurers: ignore crew fatigue at your peril. Christofer Laskaris.

TradeWinds. 26 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/shipowners-agents-and-insurers-ignore-crew-fatigue-at-your-peril/2-1-832629> Fatigue is a state of feeling weary, tired or lethargic that results from physical or -mental work, anxiety, harsh environments or loss of sleep.

Covid-19 breaks out on Greek tanker in Antwerp and Maersk boxship in US.

Harry Papachristou and Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 26 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/covid-19-breaks-out-on-greek-tanker-in-antwerp-and-maersk-boxship-in-us/2-1-833530> The crew of a Greek-managed product tanker have been in isolation in their cabins at the port of Antwerp after more than half contracted the coronavirus on board.

Gujarat: Two Filipinos, an Indian captain among four Covid cases at Alang ship-breaking yard. Avinash Nair. *Indian Express*. 29 June 2020. Available from:

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/gujarat-alang-ship-breaking-yard-coronavirus-covid-19-cases-6481994/> The two foreign nationals were among the 14 member crew who had beached a vessel "MV Jakarta" on Saturday at Alang and were immediately quarantined after disembarkation.

COVID-19 pandemic 'not even close to being over', WHO chief warns. *UN News*. 29 June 2020.

Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/06/1067342> Nearly six months after the new coronavirus first emerged, the COVID-19 pandemic is "not even close to being over", the head of the World Health Organization (WHO) warned on Monday.

IMO

Infographic: Shifting Currents - IMO2020, past and present. Britt Russell-Webster and Sarah Jane Flaws. *S&P Global Platts*. 1 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.spglobal.com/platts/en/market-insights/latest-news/oil/060120-infographic-shifting-currents-imo2020-bunker-fuels-oil-shipping> Unprecedented times hit the marine fuel market as coronavirus casts a shadow over demand, bucking many expectations for the year that IMO 2020's sulfur cap on marine fuels took effect.

Pandemic stalls IMO talks on regulating autonomous ships. Marc Deglinnocenti. *Professional Mariner*. 2 June 2020. Available from: <http://www.professionalmariner.com/June-July-2020/Pandemic-stalls-IMO-talks-on-regulating-autonomous-ships/> The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has suspended its Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) meetings until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Shipping's decarbonisation efforts are worryingly askew. Adam Sharpe. *Lloyd's List*. 2 June 2020. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132549/From-the-News-Desk-Shippings-decarbonisation-efforts-are-worryingly-askew> Decarbonisation remains the biggest challenge facing the maritime industry but there are well-founded concerns that not enough shipowners are taking the issue seriously, while there are also question marks over the data being used by regulators to set targets and measure progress.

NIMASA, IMO regulations and its council seats. Okey Ibeke. *Vanguard (Nigeria)*. 17 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2020/06/nimasa-imo-regulations-and-its-council-seats/> One of the major issues that are likely to occupy the mind of the newly inaugurated Director-General of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency, NIMASA, Dr. Bashir Jamoh, is how to return Nigeria to Category C of the International Maritime Organisation, IMO, council seat.

Pacific Should Ask For Carbon Tax. Peter Nuttall. *Fiji Sun Online*. 24 June 2020. Available from: <https://fijisun.com.fj/2020/06/24/pacific-should-ask-for-carbon-tax/> When the pandemic hit and borders closed around the world, the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) negotiations over how this critically important emitting sector, is already moving at an unacceptable glacial speed, ground to a halt.

Day of the Seafarer: IMO increases call on governments to give crews key worker status. Gabriella Twining. *Safety at Sea*. 24 June 2020. Available from: <https://safetyatsea.net/news/2020/day-of-the-seafarer-imo-increases-call-on-governments-to-give-crews-key-worker-status/> The International Maritime Organization (IMO) is using its annual Day of the Seafarer campaign, on 25 June, to call on Member States to recognise seafarers as key workers and support them with travel assistance.

LAW & POLICY

Report to Congress on Changes in the Arctic. *US Naval Institute News*. 28 May 2020.

Available from: <https://news.usni.org/2020/05/27/report-to-congress-on-changes-in-the-arctic-5>

The diminishment of Arctic sea ice has led to increased human activities in the Arctic, and has heightened interest in, and concerns about, the region's future.

Changes in the Arctic: Background and Issues for Congress. *US Congressional Research Service*. 18 June 2020. Available from: <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R41153>

The diminishment of Arctic sea ice has led to increased human activities in the Arctic, and has heightened interest in, and concerns about, the region's future.

Minister Garneau announces updated measures for cruise ships and passenger vessels in Canadian waters up to October 31, 2020. *Government of Canada*. 29 May 2020. Available from: <https://bit.ly/332UPYq> The Government of Canada continues to monitor the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic and the impacts it is having on the marine and tourism sectors.

Athens rejects 'illegal' Turkey drilling plan. *EurActiv*. 2 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.euractiv.com/section/global-europe/news/athens-rejects-illegal-turkey-drilling-plan/> Greece on Monday (1 June) attacked Turkey's plan to carry out oil drilling in the eastern Mediterranean, describing it as "a new provocation".

Treasury Targets Maritime Entities for Supporting Illegitimate Maduro Regime in the Venezuela Oil Trade. *US Department of the Treasury*. 2 June 2020. Available from: <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sm1022> Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) designated four companies for operating in the oil sector of the Venezuelan economy.

Standing NATO Maritime Group 2 Supports Operation Sea Guardian in Central Mediterranean. *NATO Allied Maritime Command (MARCOM)*. 3 June 2020. Available from: <https://mc.nato.int/media-centre/news/2020/standing-nato-maritime-group-2-supports-operation-sea-guardian-in-central-mediterranean> Standing NATO Maritime Group Two (SNMG2), is currently deployed in support of Operation Sea Guardian in the Mediterranean, from 10 May 2020.

Meet the Innovator Protecting our Oceans in Solomon Islands: Dr. Katy Soapi. *Pacific Islands News Association (PINA)*. 4 June 2020. Available from: <http://www.pina.com.fj/index.php?p=pacnews&m=read&o=13321147225ed85cd3709da8e93a9e> Katy's work researching marine Genetic Resources has played an important role in ongoing United Nations negotiations over the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction.

Maritime Laws Coming. Garfield L. Angus. *Jamaica Information Service*. 4 June 2020. Available from: <https://jis.gov.jm/maritime-laws-coming/> Minister of Transport and Mining, Hon. Robert Montague, says several pieces of legislation will be enacted to ensure improved working conditions for ship workers and to decrease pollution of the country's maritime space.

Australia signs maritime declaration with India. *Government of Australia*. 4 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/marise-payne/media-release/australia-signs-maritime-declaration-india> Australia has signed a wide-ranging maritime declaration with India, marking a major step forward in the security and defence relationship as part of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between our countries.

Joint Declaration on a Shared Vision for Maritime Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific Between the Republic of India and the Government of Australia. *Government of India*. 4 June 2020. Available from: <https://bit.ly/3g91CDr> The Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Scott Morrison MP and Prime Minister of the Republic of India, H.E. Mr Narendra Modi discussed maritime cooperation between the two Indo-Pacific partners during their Virtual Summit on 4 June 2020.

COVID-19: Seafarers continue working, but are denied basic human rights. *European Transport Workers' Federation*. 5 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.etf-europe.org/covid-19-seafarers-continue-working-but-are-denied-basic-human-rights/> An ILO webinar on COVID-19 and maritime labour issues took place online this morning, with representatives of various industry stakeholders, including Nautilus International, ETF affiliate.

'From Source to Sea': embracing the complexity of international waters work. *Global Environment Facility (GEF)* 5 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.thegef.org/news/source-sea-embracing-complexity-international-waters-work> 🗣️ Christian Severin is the GEF's Coordinator for the International Waters focal area.

IMarEST outlines high level priorities for UN Ocean Decade. *Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST)*. 8 June 2020. Available from: <https://bit.ly/2P0mPU2> The IMarEST has set four high-level priorities mapping out its strategy for supporting the aims of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, or Ocean Decade, which runs from next year through to 2030.

Joint Statement on the Role of a Sustainable Ocean Economy in a Post-COVID-19 World. *High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy (HLP)*. 8 June 2020. Available from: <https://oceanpanel.org/news/joint-statement-role-sustainable-ocean-economy-post-covid-19-world> Today, we celebrate World Oceans Day under unprecedented circumstances, as the world battles the COVID-19 pandemic and its associated health and economic challenges.

COVID-19 offers opportunity to save our ocean. *United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)*. 8 June 2020. Available from: <https://unctad.org/en/pages/newsdetails.aspx?OriginalVersionID=2387> The world celebrates Oceans Day on 8 June, but we all depend on the ocean and its resources every day for jobs, food and economic prosperity.

COVID-19 to Plunge Global Economy into Worst Recession since World War II. *World Bank*. 8 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2020/06/08/covid-19-to-plunge-global-economy-into-worst-recession-since-world-war-ii> The swift and massive shock of the coronavirus pandemic and shutdown measures to contain it have plunged the global economy into a severe contraction.

Canada leads push to safeguard world's oceans. *United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)*. 8 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.unenvironment.org/news-and-stories/story/canada-leads-push-safeguard-worlds-oceans> World Oceans Day on June 8 is a time to celebrate and honour the oceans that feed us, regulate our climate, and generate most of the oxygen we breathe.

South China Sea disputes again putting spotlight on Beijing. *ABC News (US)*. 8 June 2020. Available from: <https://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/south-china-sea-disputes-putting-spotlight-beijing-71126481> In recent developments impacting tensions in the South China Sea, the Philippines decided not to suspend a defence pact with the U.S., avoiding a major blow to one of America's oldest alliances in Asia.

US sanctions on Iran shipping companies come into effect. Jack Dutton. *The National (United Arab Emirates)*. 8 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.thenational.ae/world/the-americas/us-sanctions-on-iran-shipping-companies-come-into-effect-1.1030802> US sanctions on a large Iranian shipping company and its subsidiary came into effect on Monday, as relations continued to simmer between Tehran and Washington.

'We Need to Protect the Ocean Before it's Too Late'. Gitika Bhardwaj and Karen Sack. *Chatham House Royal Institute of International Affairs*. 8 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.chathamhouse.org/expert/comment/we-need-protect-ocean-its-too-late> President and CEO of Ocean Unite, Karen Sack, speaks to Gitika Bhardwaj about why the first global treaty to protect the world's ocean is urgently needed.

On World Oceans Day, South Asia launches new initiative to fight plastic pollution. Hartwig Schafer and Cyrill Gutsch. *World Bank*. 8 June 2020. Available from: <https://blogs.worldbank.org/endpovertyinsouthasia/world-oceans-day-south-asia-launches-new-initiative-fight-plastic-pollution> A quiet revolution is underway in Maldives, a low-lying archipelago of more than 1200 coral islands surrounded by some of the bluest water in the Indian Ocean.

Greece and Italy sign 'historic' maritime borders accord. *Ekathimerini (Greece)*. 9 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.ekathimerini.com/253489/article/ekathimerini/news/greece-and-italy-sign-historic-maritime-borders-accord> Greek Foreign Minister Nikos Dendias and his Italian counterpart Luigi Di Maio on Tuesday inked a maritime borders agreement delimiting an exclusive economic zone (EEZ) between the two countries.

Fiji strives for healthy oceans. Luke Nacei. *Fiji Times*. 9 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.fijitimes.com/fiji-strives-for-healthy-oceans/> The COVID-19 pandemic had granted our oceans some measures of reprieve from the stresses of maritime travel and overfishing, says Climate Change Minister and Attorney-General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum.

Danish Shipping Industry Releases Plan for Climate and Decarbonization. *Maritime Executive*. 10 June 2020. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/danish-shipping-industry-releases-plan-for-climate-and-decarbonization> The Climate Partnership for a Blue Denmark, representing Denmark's shipping industry, has developed its plan as part of the nation's overall effort to address climate change and achieve carbon neutrality.

2020 Blue Economy Report: Blue sectors contribute to the recovery and pave way for EU Green Deal. *European Commission*. 11 June 2020. Available from: <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/news/2020-blue-economy-report-blue-sectors-contribute-recovery-and-pave-way-eu-green-deal> With a turnover of €750 billion in 2018, the EU blue economy is in good health. [Blue Economy Report 2020](#)  [Infographic](#) 

Law of the Sea disputes can now be heard in Singapore. *Channel News Asia*. 11 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/law-of-the-sea-disputes-can-now-be-heard-in-singapore-12827212> Law of the Sea disputes can now be heard in Singapore as it agreed to provide facilities for an international tribunal to preside over such cases in the country.

Legal issues arising from use of tankers as floating storage. *Maritime Cyprus*. 11 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.maritimecyprus.com/2020/06/11/legal-issues-arising-from-use-of-tankers-as-floating-storage/> In recent years, international oil markets have witnessed collapsing oil prices as a result of an excess in supply and a corresponding decrease in demand as consumer behaviour switches slowly away from a dependency on oil.

State aid: Commission approves Italian tax measures for maritime transport.

European Commission. 11 June 2020. Available from:

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_20_1039 The European Commission has approved under EU State aid rules the prolongation until end 2023 of various Italian support measures for maritime transport under Italy's "International Registry" scheme.

Human Rights at Sea Impact Report for Year Six Issued. *Human Rights at Sea (HRAS)*.

12 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/06/12/human-rights-at-sea-impact-report-for-year-six-issued/> Human Rights at Sea today publishes its Impact Report for the sixth year of its charitable NGO work and activities in raising global awareness of human rights abuses at sea to drive institutional change and better protections for those living, working, transiting and otherwise operating in the maritime environment.


[Impact Report of Human Rights Development Work in the Maritime Environment](#) 

EU takes first step in intervention against Asian state aid. Thomas Kristiansen and

Mette Mandrup. *ShippingWatch*. 15 June 2020. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article12222560.ece> Wednesday this week, Competition Commissioner Margrethe Vestager will take the first major step in the intervention against unfair competition from Asia heralded by the EU.

Maritime UK publishes Sector Recovery Plan. Ben Murray. *Maritime UK*. 15 June 2020.

Available from: <https://www.maritimeuk.org/media-centre/news/maritime-uk-publishes-recovery-plan/> Maritime UK has published its Sector Recovery Plan, having written the document with its trade association and regional cluster members. [Maritime Sector Recover Plan](#) 

MSC Gayane Crew Member Pleads Guilty to Cocaine Trafficking Stemming from One of the Largest Drug Seizures in U.S. History. *US Department of Justice*. 15 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-edpa/pr/msc-gayane-crew-member-pleads-guilty-cocaine-trafficking-stemming-one-largest-drug> United States Attorney William M. McSwain announced that Vladimir Penda, 27, of the country of Montenegro, entered a plea of guilty before United States District Court Judge Harvey Bartle III on charges of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 5 kilograms or more of cocaine on a vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.


Clamour grows for ending trafficking, slavery on the seas. *Antara News (Indonesia)*.

16 June 2020. Available from: <https://en.antaranews.com/news/150860/clamor-grows-for-ending-trafficking-slavery-on-the-seas> On June 5 this year, two sailors — Reynalfi, 22, and Andri Juniansyah, 30 — jumped off Chinese-flagged fishing vessel Fu Lu Qing Yuan Yu 901 as soon as it entered Indonesia's territorial waters in the Malacca Strait.

Commission Formally Launches Investigation of Canadian Government Ballast Water Regulations. *US Federal Maritime Commission (FMC)*. 16 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.fmc.gov/commission-launches-investigation-of-canadian-ballast-water-regulations/> The Federal Maritime Commission formally initiated its investigation of pending Canadian ballast water regulations alleged to be unfavourable and detrimental to U.S. flag Laker vessels when it voted today to issue a "Notice of Investigation and Request for Comments".

The Belt and Road Initiative: Impacts on Global Maritime Trade Flows - Discussion Paper.

International Transport Forum. 16 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.itf-oecd.org/belt-and-road-initiative-impacts-global-maritime-trade-flows> This paper analyses the potential impacts on global trade initiated by the Belt and Road Initiative. [Discussion Paper No. 2020/02](#) 

10 Reasons European Governments Must Act Promptly to End Overfishing. Andrew Clayton.


Pew Charitable Trusts. 18 June 2020. Available from: <https://bit.ly/2X5AuxP> A deadline to set science-based fishing limits in line with the EU's Common Fisheries Policy by 2020 has already passed.

The US sanctions another two ships for trading with Venezuela. Christian Carlsen. *ShippingWatch*. 19 June 2020. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article12233654.ece> Two tankers have been blacklisted by the US, which accuses them of participating in a Mexican setup that has exported Venezuelan oil.

APL container vessel released by Australian authorities. Katrine Grønvald Raun. *ShippingWatch*. 22 June 2020. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article12237744.ece> Container vessel *APL England* is bound for China after it was able to leave the Port of Brisbane this weekend, where the vessel has been detained by Australian authorities since the end of May.


Investment In Border Security Essential To Supporting Blue Economy. Rosheika Grant. *Jamaica Information Service*. 25 June 2020. Available from: <https://jis.gov.jm/investment-in-border-security-essential-to-supporting-blue-economy/> Minister of National Security, Hon. Dr Horace Chang, says the Government's investment in strengthening the capacity of the security forces, particularly in the area of border security, positions the country to more aggressively pursue development of the Blue Economy.

Iceland's New Climate Action Plan: NGOs Call for Heavy Fuel Oil Ban in Icelandic Waters. *Clean Arctic Alliance*. 25 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.hfofreearctic.org/en/2020/06/25/icelands-new-climate-action-plan-ngos-call-for-heavy-fuel-oil-ban-in-icelandic-waters/> Responding to the Government of Iceland's second Climate Action Plan, published on 23 June, the Clean Arctic Alliance and the Iceland Nature Conservation Association urged the government to go further by making a commitment to eliminate the use of heavy fuel oil use and carriage within Iceland's 200 nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

Reducing UK emissions: 2020 Progress Report to Parliament. *UK Committee on Climate Change*. 25 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/reducing-uk-emissions-2020-progress-report-to-parliament/> This year, the report includes new advice to the UK Government on securing a green and resilient recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic. [Report](#) 

UK climate committee urges IMO to make 2050 GHG goals more strict. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 26 June 2020. Available from: <https://splash247.com/uk-climate-committee-urges-imo-to-make-2050-ghg-goals-more-strict/> The Committee on Climate Change (CCC) has given a progress report on how well the UK is proceeding in cutting emissions in which it urges for shipping and aviation to be formally included in the UK climate goals and for the UK to put pressure on the International Maritime Organization to make its own 2050 targets more strict.

ASEAN Leaders' Vision Statement on a Cohesive And Responsive ASEAN: Rising Above Challenges And Sustaining Growth. *Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)*. 26 June 2020. Available from: <https://bit.ly/2CSJK1a> ASEAN Leaders' Vision Statement on a Cohesive and Responsive ASEAN: Rising Above Challenges And Sustaining Growth.

Maritime Sector Recovery Plan. *Maritime UK*. June 2020. Available from: <https://www.maritimeuk.org/programmes/maritime-sector-recovery-plan/> The UK is one of the world's leading maritime nations, and maritime is one of the driving forces of the British economy. [Maritime Sector Recovery Plan Version 1.0](#) 

MARINE TECHNOLOGY

Scrubbers: science, shipowner feedback, remote monitoring and future trends.

Martyn Wingrove. *Maritime Optimisation & Communications*. 29 May 2020. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/news-content-hub/scrubbers-science-shipowner-feedback-remote-monitoring-and-future-trends-59620> At Riviera Maritime Media's MAP: Scrubbers: service experience, sulphur spreads, safety and science webinar, panellists from around the industry forecast a long-term future for exhaust gas cleaning systems and sought to highlight the technology's credentials in improving air quality and human health in ports and coastal communities.

DCSA Establishes IoT Standards for Container Connectivity. *Digital Container Shipping Association (DCSA)*. 2 June 2020. Available from: <https://dcsa.org/dcsa-establishes-iot-standards-for-container-connectivity/> Digital Container Shipping Association (DCSA), a neutral, non-profit group established to further digitalisation of container shipping technology standards, in conjunction with its nine member carriers, today published IoT connectivity interface standards for shipping containers.

Sniffing out the IMO2020 miscreants. Jake Frith. *Maritime Journal*. 2 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.maritimejournal.com/news101/pollution-control/sniffing-out-the-imo2020-miscreants> Against the backdrop of the IMO 2020 regulations, Finnish companies Meritaito Ltd, part of the Arctia group, and Kine Robot Solutions Ltd have jointly developed the Sniffer Buoy for air quality and emission monitoring.

Weighing up Hydrogen and Ammonia. Malcolm Latache. *ShipInsight*. 2 June 2020. Available from: <https://shipinsight.com/articles/weighing-up-hydrogen-and-ammonia> When selecting the power source for a ship there is always a trade-off between the space and weight of the fuel and power generator and the total capacity of the ship.

EU grants €7.5m for research into autonomous shipping. *Digital Ship*. 3 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.thedigitalship.com/news/electronics-navigation/item/6603-eu-grants-7-5m-for-research-into-autonomous-shipping> A project to demonstrate how autonomous ships and automation in ports can make waterborne transport more flexible and reduce environmental impact has received EUR 7.5 million from the EU's Horizon 2020 research and innovation program.

DNV GL and ABB launch new MOU to advance marine digitalization with a remote signing ceremony. *DNV GL*. 4 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.dnvgl.com/news/dnv-gl-and-abb-launch-new-mou-to-advance-marine-digitalization-with-a-remote-signing-ceremony-176893> DNV GL, the world's leading classification society, and technology leader ABB have signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to accelerate digitalization in the maritime industry.

ABB provides 24/7 remote support to Sovcomflot's trailblazing LNG carrier on the Northern Sea Route. *ABB*. 5 June 2020. Available from: <https://new.abb.com/news/detail/63301/abb-provides-247-remote-support-to-sovcomflots-trailblazing-lng-carrier-on-the-northern-sea-route> ABB has signed a contract to support icebreaking LNG carrier *Christophe de Margerie* with remote diagnostics services for increased safety and performance as the vessel completed the transit of the Northern Sea Route, bound for China with Yamal LNG cargo two months earlier than usual.

Autonomous drone inspections move step closer after successful test. *DNV GL*. 9 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.dnvgl.com/news/autonomous-drone-inspections-move-step-closer-after-successful-test--177264> A drone has successfully inspected a 19.4 meter high oil tank on board a Floating Production, Storage and Offloading vessel.
[Autonomous drone inspections move a step closer](#) 📺

NYK to Participate in Crewless Maritime Autonomous Surface Ship Trial Project. *NYK Line*. 15 June 2020. Available from: https://www.nyk.com/english/news/2020/20200615_01.html NYK and NYK Group companies Japan Marine Science Inc. (JMS) and MTI Co., Ltd. are participating in the Designing the Future of Full Autonomous Ship Project (the DFFAS Project).

Initiative to Realize Autonomous Sailing Ready to Start Demonstration Voyages: Concluding Contract in R&D Grant Program Related to Unmanned Vessels with the Nippon Foundation.

Mitsui O.S.K. Lines (MOL). 15 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.mol.co.jp/en/pr/2020/20034.html> Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd. (MOL) today announced that with the consortium members, MOL, two of its group companies, and other consortium members have jointly applied to the Nippon Foundation to fund demonstration voyages to test underlying technologies for autonomous sailing within fiscal year 2020.

S. Korea to spend 160 bln won on developing self-driving ships. Kang Yoon-seung.

Yonhap News Agency (South Korea). 17 June 2020. Available from: <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20200617002600320?section=search> South Korea said Wednesday it will spend 160 billion won (US\$132 million) to launch a vessel capable of sailing with just a minimum number of sailors by 2025.

New technology in shipping is often used incorrectly. Tomas Kristiansen. *ShippingWatch*.

18 June 2020. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article12232269.ece> New technology and digitalization in shipping are often used incorrectly or end up being a stress factor for officers, a new report from Danish university Aarhus University concludes based on data from eight vessels.

Sustainable technology on the backburner, but not forgotten. *Royal Institution of Naval Architects (RINA)*. June 2020. Available from:

https://www.rina.org.uk/Sustainable_technology_on_the_backburner_but_not_forgotten.html Although overshadowed by the Covid-19 pandemic, the implementation of IMO's global sulphur cap, the transition to low sulphur fuels and scrubber installations are still ongoing, as are efforts to prevent invasive species transfer, which I-Tech CEO Philip Chaabane claims will all soon return maritime media limelight.

Robotic technology aims to revolutionise hull maintenance. *Royal Institution of Naval Architects (RINA)*. June 2020. Available from:

https://www.rina.org.uk/Robotic_technology_aims_to_revolutionise_hull_maintenance.html According to Jotun, the HSS covers antifouling, condition monitoring, inspection and proactive cleaning, technical services, and performance and service level guarantees.

MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING

Upward mobility in maritime training and education. Yashika F. Torib. *Manila Times*. 3 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2020/06/03/business/maritime-business/upward-mobility-in-maritime-training-and-education/728982/> In a world where man is measured by his titles, accomplishments, connections and wealth, a few stood certain that their ultimate measure lies not in the long list of achievements but in the depth of passion on which their actions are anchored.

How training has changed during Covid-19. *Splash 247.com*. 4 June 2020. Available from: <https://splash247.com/how-training-has-changed-during-covid-19/> Featuring the head of Ocean Technologies Group, Manish Singh, and OSM boss, Bjoern Sprotte, the discussion centres around how training has changed in the last few months and what will be the likely long term changes in training as the Covid-19 pandemic recedes.

Students Poised to Tackle Environmental Challenges in ‘Hacking for the Oceans’ Course. *University of California San Diego Scripps Institution of Oceanography*. 4 June 2020. Available from: <https://scripps.ucsd.edu/news/students-poised-tackle-environmental-challenges-hacking-oceans-course> A new course offering at UC San Diego is providing students with tools and training to tackle real-world problems facing the ocean environment.

Covid-19 brings unique opportunity to reshape maritime as a more attractive career prospect. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 8 June 2020. Available from: <https://splash247.com/covid-19-brings-unique-opportunity-to-reshape-maritime-as-a-more-attractive-career-prospect/> The working conditions created ashore by Covid-19 could serve as a springboard to making shipping a more attractive career opportunity, a virtual forum featuring 15 young shipping organisations was told on Friday.

Crew training will move online post pandemic predicts crew manager. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 16 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/crew-training-will-move-online-post-pandemic-predicts-crew-manager/> Seafarer training will change significantly as a result of the coronavirus pandemic predicts crew manager Henrik Jensen.

Global Young Shipping Forum: What now? *All About Shipping*. 17 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.allaboutshipping.co.uk/2020/06/17/global-young-shipping-forum-what-now/> This virtual global gathering managed to have an impact to over 10k viewers with all speakers discussing about Shipping as an ideal career path and what are the right steps for the young generation to enhance their career in it.

Professional development in a time of pandemic. Dennis O'Neill. *Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST)*. 18 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.imarest.org/themarineprofessional/interactions/item/5677-professional-development-in-a-time-of-pandemic> Distance learning promises to be a vital tool in helping the industry re-shape in an unpredictable post-COVID-19 world.

Prime Minister Encourages Members Of CMU Council. *Jamaica Information Service*. 18 June 2020. Available from: <https://jis.gov.jm/prime-minister-encourages-members-of-cmu-council/> Prime Minister, Andrew Holness, has encouraged members of the Caribbean Maritime University (CMU) Council to have “unquestionable integrity, knowledge of the field, proven competence, visionary thinking, commitment to excellence and commitment to Jamaica”.

MARITIME SAFETY

Fijian Fishers Exploitative and Dangerous Working Conditions Exposed. Patricia Kailola.

Human Rights at Sea (HRAS). 3 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/06/03/fijian-fishers-exploitative-and-dangerous-working-conditions-exposed/> With permission from the author, Dr. Patricia Kailola, of the NGO Pacific

Dialogue based in Fiji and partner to Human Rights at Sea, the following article covers the appalling and exploitative working conditions of some fishers in the Pacific region, as told by the individuals and their families.

Talking Point: Innocent seafarers caught in vulnerable socio-economic-political climate of Gulf of Guinea region. *International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN)*.

9 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.seafarerswelfare.org/news/2020/talking-point-innocent-seafarers-caught-in-vulnerable-socio-economic-political-climate-of-gulf-of-guinea-region>

Talking Point is a series of thought pieces written by experts in the maritime industry, offering insights into different topics affecting seafarers.

It's Sea Transportation Safety Month. Carlos Salinas. *Manila Times*. 10 June 2020.

Available from: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2020/06/10/business/maritime-business/its-sea-transportation-safety-month/730765/> June has been designated Sea Transportation Safety Month

under Proclamation 115-A, series of 1966, which identified each month of the year as safety month for a specific area of our everyday lives.

Difficult for us to support any action which will affect safety at sea: Anglo-Eastern Ship Management. P Manoj. *Hindu BusinessLine (India)*. 11 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/logistics/difficult-for-us-to-support-any-action-which-will-affect-safety-at-sea-anglo-eastern-ship-management/article31802290.ece> Despite other modes of transportation coming to a standstill - across the globe - owing to the lockdown restrictions and closure of borders, ships continued to sail and help with the supply goods including essential commodities.

Safety First Isn't Just a Slogan, It's Essential for Shipping. Nikos Roussanoglou. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 16 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/safety-first-isnt-just-a-slogan-its-essential-for-shipping/> When it comes to addressing risk and threats in the maritime business, RightShip is a leading option for most ship owners.

Höegh Xiamen highlights PCTC fire risks. Declan Bush. *Lloyd's List*. 18 June 2020. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132742/> Another fire was reported on a PCTC a week after the *Höegh Xiamen* fire was put out in Florida.

MARITIME SECURITY

Interview: Ian Bramson – Chair of IMarEST’s Cyber Risk Management SIG. Dennis O'Neill. *Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST)*. 27 May 2020. Available from: <https://www.imarest.org/themarineprofessional/interactions/item/5648-interview-ian-bramson-chair-of-imarest-s-new-cyber-security-sig> As head of cyber security at ABS Group, a subsidiary of American Bureau of Shipping focused on risk and reliability, Ian Bramson has more than 20 years' experience helping organisations cope with tough digital environments – and now he's been drafted in to lead IMarEST's Cyber Risk Management Special Interest Group (SIG).

Secure at Sea: Is your vessel ready for IMO’s Cyber Security compliance? Corey D. Ranslem. *The Triton*. 30 May 2020. Available from: <https://www.the-triton.com/2020/05/secure-at-sea-is-your-vessel-ready-for-imos-cyber-security-compliance/> Cyber security threats continue to be one of the top threats facing governments, businesses, and private individuals around the globe with attacks increasing exponentially on vessels and the maritime industry.

Why maritime crime persists in Gulf of Guinea. Muyiwa Lucas. *The Nation (Nigeria)*. 2 June 2020. Available from: <https://thenationonlineng.net/why-maritime-crime-persists-in-gulf-of-guinea/> The Gulf of Gulf of Guinea has become a strategic area for global trade borders for West African countries, including Nigeria, Ghana, Togo, Nigeria, Cameroon, Gabon and Equatorial Guinea.

Number of shipping cyber attacks leaps 400% since February. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 5 June 2020. Available from: <https://splash247.com/number-of-shipping-cyber-attacks-leaps-400-since-february/> Israeli maritime cyber security experts Naval Dome claim there has been a 400% spike in shipping-targeted hacks since February this year with the coronavirus pandemic leaving the sector very vulnerable.

Police confirm cyber-attack on shipbuilder Vard in Norway. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 11 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/technology/police-confirm-cyber-attack-on-shipbuilder-ward-in-norway/2-1-824395> Police inspector Kjell Arne Hestad of the More and Romsdal force said the incident involved a data breach around 1 June, domestic media reported.

Vice Adm. Al-Balawi: Promote inter-agency cooperation in DCoC. *Saudi Gazette*. 12 June 2020. Available from: <https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/594172/SAUDI-ARABIA/Vice-Adm-Al-Balawi-Promote-inter-agency-cooperation-in-DCoC> Vice Adm. Awwad Al-Balawi, director general of Border Guard and current chairman of the DCoC Steering Committee, stressed that the road map to and for the successful implementation of the DCoC, is rooted in priority-setting and enhancing Maritime Domain Awareness and to build national capacity to respond to threats.

Risk Focus: Drug Trafficking on Ships. *Maritime Cyprus*. 18 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.maritimecyprus.com/2020/06/18/risk-focus-drug-trafficking-on-ships/> Ships are attractive to drug traffickers.

Shipping told to make cyber security a priority. Declan Bush. *Lloyd's List*. 18 June 2020. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132729/Shipping-told-to-make-cyber-security-a-priority> A Capital Link panel said shipping must co-ordinate its response to cybersecurity threats as risks increase.

Fourfold rise in cyber attacks on shipping due to remote working. Paul Berrill. *TradeWinds*. 23 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/technology/fourfold-rise-in-cyber-attacks-on-shipping-due-to-remote-working/2-1-831616> Cyber insurance specialist Astaara points to heightened dangers for maritime industry as more surveys and checks are done online.

A Gulf Between Narratives: Maritime Security In The Gulf Of Aden In 2020. *Dryad Global*. 24 June 2020. Available from: <https://dryadglobal.com/a-gulf-between-narratives-maritime-security-in-the-gulf-of-aden-in-2020/> In our 2019 annual report, Dryad Global posed the question that on the basis of current trends, could it be said that piracy no longer represents the most significant threat to shipping within the Indian Ocean?

Signatories of East African Regional Agreement track improvements in maritime security measures. *Stable Seas*. 26 June 2020. Available from: <https://stableseas.org/maritime-terrorism/improvements-maritime-security-djibouti> A new Stable Seas document provides a tool for signatories of the Djibouti Code of Conduct, an agreement that coordinates efforts of regional countries to combat piracy and armed robbery and other kinds of maritime crime in the Western Indian Ocean region and the Gulf of Guinea, to measure maritime security.
[Measuring Maritime Security in the Western Indian Ocean Region: Full Report](#) 📄

MIGRANTS

Migrant rescue organization Sea-Watch: 'We shouldn't even exist'. Torsten Landsberg. *Deutsche Welle (Germany)*. 5 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.dw.com/en/migrant-rescue-organization-sea-watch-we-shouldnt-even-exist/a-53697592> 📄 Sea-Watch has been rescuing refugees from drowning in the Mediterranean for five years.

Migrants allowed to disembark from tourist boats amid takeover fears. *Times of Malta*. 6 June 2020. Available from: <https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/all-captain-morgan-migrant-boats-to-be-brought-in-to-malta.796974> Some 425 migrants who were being held offshore on four tourist boats were finally allowed to disembark on Saturday-Sunday night amid fears of a takeover on one of them.

No EU country accepted any of the 400 migrants stranded off Malta. Georgi Gotev. *EurActiv*. 8 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.euractiv.com/section/justice-home-affairs/news/no-eu-country-accepted-any-of-the-400-migrants-stranded-off-malta/> More than 400 migrants disembarked in Malta overnight Saturday (6 June) from four tourist boats in an about-face by the government that allowed them to land after nearly 40 days onboard.

Fears grow in Italy of post-Covid migrant emergency over summer. Sabina Castelfranco. *Radio France Internationale (RFI)*. 13 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.rfi.fr/en/europe/20200613-fears-grow-in-italy-of-post-covid-migrant-emergency-over-summer-libya-mediterranean-rescue> Concerns have surfaced in Italy that thousands of migrants will again begin to arrive on Italian shores, with coronavirus lockdown measures eased and NGO vessels recently resuming their patrols in the Mediterranean.

Sea-Watch rescues 165 migrants from central Mediterranean. *InfoMigrants*. 18 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/25452/sea-watch-rescues-165-migrants-from-central-mediterranean> The German-run rescue organization Sea-Watch has picked up 165 migrants from rubber dinghies off the coast of Libya on Wednesday.

28 Migrants Test Positive Aboard Quarantine Ship Off Sicily. *Maritime Executive*. 24 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/28-migrants-test-positive-aboard-quarantine-ship-off-sicily> 28 recently rescued maritime migrants have tested positive for COVID-19 aboard a quarantine ship off Sicily, according to Sicilian politician Nello Musumeci.

Italy: Quarantine rules for NGO-run migrant rescue ships spark controversy. *InfoMigrants*. 24 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/25568/italy-quarantine-rules-for-ngo-run-migrant-rescue-ships-spark-controversy> While migrant landings in Italy in the first half of 2020 have nearly tripled compared to the first semester of 2019, quarantine rules against COVID-19 for migrants rescued at sea have taken center stage.

At least six migrants died, 93 rescued off Libya's coast. *Aljazeera*. 27 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/06/migrants-drown-93-rescued-libya-coast-200627112416685.html> UN says rescued migrants, including one woman who gave birth on a rubber dinghy, brought back to Libya.

German captain Rackete: EU's record on migrants still shameful. *Deutsche Presse-Agentur GmbH (Germany)*. 29 June 2020. Available from: <https://bit.ly/2X48Px9> The European Union still has a shameful record when it comes to Mediterranean sea migrants, German charity rescue captain Carola Rackete said Monday.

NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS

AIS ship tracking data shows false vessel tracks circling above Point Reyes, near San Francisco. Bjorn Bergman. *Global Fishing Watch*. 26 May 2020. Available from: <https://globalfishingwatch.org/data-blog/circling-above-point-reyes/> Bjorn Bergman works with SkyTruth and with the Global Fishing Watch research team to track vessels broadcasting false automatic identification system (AIS) locations and to investigate new sources of satellite data for vessel tracking and for detecting dark targets at sea.

Coral mapping technology to accelerate reef restoration and protection in the Commonwealth. *The Commonwealth*. 1 June 2020. Available from: <https://thecommonwealth.org/media/news/coral-mapping-technology-accelerate-reef-restoration-and-protection-commonwealth> The Commonwealth Secretariat is joining forces with Vulcan Inc. to help member countries manage their ocean spaces via cutting-edge mapping technology.

Christophe de Margerie completes eastbound transit of NSR two months earlier than usual. *Sovcomflot*. 1 June 2020. Available from: http://sovcomflot.ru/en/press_office/press_releases/item103401.html On 31 May 2020 at 06:00 Moscow time *Christophe de Margerie*, an icebreaking LNG carrier owned and operated by SCF Group, successfully completed her passage across the Northern Sea Route (NSR), bound for China with a cargo of LNG for the Yamal LNG project.

Panama Threatens Sanctions For Ships Disabling Positioning Signals. *Maritime Executive*. 1 June 2020. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/panama-threatens-sanctions-for-ships-disabling-positioning-signals> Panama's maritime authorities issued a stern warning to all Panamanian flagged vessels seen as another crackdown on common tactics used by ships trying to avoid international restrictions or hide their activities.

AIS transmission gaps seen in sanctioned tankers linked to Venezuela. Michelle Wiese Bockmann. *Lloyd's List*. 3 June 2020. Available from: <https://lloydlist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132568/AIS-transmission-gaps-seen-in-sanctioned-tankers-linked-to-Venezuela> Vessel-tracking analysis from Lloyd's List Intelligence shows the tankers all had gaps in their Automatic Identification System.

A maritime mystery: What has been causing ships to sail in circles? Alexander Martin. *Sky News*. 4 June 2020. Available from: <https://news.sky.com/story/a-maritime-mystery-what-has-been-causing-ships-to-sail-in-circles-11999049> In the early hours of Sunday 31 May, senior officers aboard the oil tanker Willowy were called to the bridge to be told that their ship and four others in its vicinity were mysteriously sailing in circles, unable to steer, and on course to converge.

Middle East owners need to 'pay their way' for navigation aid modernisation. *Maritime Optimisation & Communications*. 8 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/opinion/middle-east-owners-need-to-pay-their-way-for-navigation-aid-modernisation-59757> Shipowners need to pay navigation dues to ensure aids to navigation are maintained and modernised to uphold ship safety.

Space for the oceans. *European Space Agency (ESA)*. 8 June 2020. Available from: https://www.esa.int/Enabling_Support/Preparing_for_the_Future/Space_for_Earth/Space_for_the_oceans With its fleet of Earth observation satellites, ESA watches over the ocean to support humanity to monitor and protect the environment, as well as to adapt to any changes.

Oil tankers turn away from Venezuela as more sanctions loom. Marianna Parraga and Jonathan Saul. *Reuters*. 9 June 2020. Available from: <https://reut.rs/3jLJvps> Oil tankers that were sailing toward Venezuela have turned around and others have left the country's waters as the United States considers blacklisting dozens of ships for transporting Venezuelan oil, according to shipping data and industry sources.

China successfully launches new ocean observation satellite. *Xinhuanet (China)*. 11 June 2020. Available from: http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-06/11/c_139130557.htm China successfully sent an ocean observation satellite into orbit from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in north China's Shanxi Province on Thursday.

Oceana Canada research reveals ships are ignoring voluntary slowdown zone designed to protect endangered right whales. *Oceana*. 11 June 2020. Available from: <https://oceana.ca/en/press-center/press-releases/oceana-canada-research-reveals-ships-are-ignoring-voluntary-slowdown> Oceana Canada today released one week of results of an ongoing analysis of vessel speeds in a voluntary slowdown zone in the Cabot Strait, a key passage for endangered North Atlantic right whales as they migrate into the Gulf of St. Lawrence in search of food.

Majority of ships ignoring voluntary slowdown in Cabot Strait. *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)*. 13 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/most-ships-ignore-voluntary-slowdown-1.5607830> Asking nicely didn't work, so an environmental group wants Transport Canada to force ships to slow down in the Cabot Strait.

ESAIL maritime satellite ready for launch. *European Space Agency (ESA)*. 12 June 2020.

Available from:

https://www.esa.int/Applications/Telecommunications_Integrated_Applications/ESAIL_maritime_satellite_ready_for_launch The ESAIL microsatellite for tracking ships developed under an ESA Partnership Project – has completed its accommodation on Vega's new dispenser for small satellites and is ready for launch.

Registry investigates newly flagged tankers over AIS gaps. Michelle Wiese Bockmann.

Lloyd's List. 12 June 2020. Available from:

<https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132683/Registry-investigates-newly-flagged-tankers-over-AIS-gaps> Middle East Gulf port from where both vessels loaded can not be determined because no AIS signals were being transmitted just before and after the tankers called to load.

Suez Canal ship transits rise amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. Paul Sand. *BIMCO*. 16 June 2020.

Available from:

https://www.bimco.org/news/market_analysis/2020/20200616_suez_canal_ship_transits Transits through the Suez Canal, the beating heart of the Egyptian economy, have stayed remarkably resilient to the fallout of the Covid-19 pandemic if judging by total transits of the three commercial shipping sectors which are up 8% year-on-year.

Geospatial Data Strategy to unlock the power of location data across the UK's Blue Economy.

UK Hydrographic Office. 16 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/geospatial-data-strategy-to-unlock-the-power-of-location-data-across-the-uks-blue-economy> New strategy sets out steps to increase data access, develop skills and support innovation across the UK's geospatial community.

Steering failure: the risks and how to avoid them. Martyn Wingrove. *Marine Propulsion &*

Auxiliary Machinery. 18 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/steering-failure-the-risks-and-how-to-avoid-them-59905> Installing redundancy systems, reducing vibration and employing automation can help mitigate the risk of steering failure.

The world's first crewless ship trial run. *Weathernews Inc*. 19 June 2020. Available from:

<https://global.weathernews.com/news/13521/> Working toward the development of a "route planning system" that uses AI to recommend the optimum sea route.

PPUs for safer port navigation. Martyn Wingrove. *Maritime Optimisation & Communications*.

19 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/ppus-for-safer-port-navigation-59917> Pilots in Ireland use handheld e-navigation units to assist ships into ports and overcome ECDIS limitations for harbour manoeuvrings.

Map of world's uncharted ocean beds takes shape despite crisis. Jonathan Saul. *Reuters*.

21 June 2020. Available from: <https://uk.reuters.com/article/us-oceans-seabed-map/map-of-worlds-uncharted-ocean-beds-takes-shape-despite-crisis-idUKKBN23R0WV> Plans to map the entire ocean floor by 2030 are going ahead despite the challenges of the coronavirus crisis, officials leading the project said, with almost a fifth covered so far.

Preparing seafarers for safer navigation. Martyn Wingrove. *Maritime Optimisation &*

Communications. 22 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/preparing-seafarers-for-safer-navigation-59940> Familiarisation training is a key requirement for safer e-navigation as seafarers will remain at the forefront of operations for the foreseeable future.

4 North Atlantic right whale deaths investigated last year were caused by ship strikes.

Hadeel Ibrahim. *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)*. 24 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/north-atlantic-right-whales-ship-strikes-2019-incident-report-1.5625140> An incident report looking into North Atlantic right whale deaths in Canadian waters in 2019 shows vessel strikes continue to be a big threat to the endangered species.

Exclusive: Oil tankers carrying two months of Venezuelan output stuck at sea.

Marianna Parraga and Roslan Khasawneh. *Reuters*. 24 June 2020. Available from: <https://uk.reuters.com/article/us-venezuela-oil-sanctions-tankers-exclu/exclusive-oil-tankers-carrying-two-months-of-venezuelan-output-stuck-at-sea-idUKKBN23V0KK> Tankers carrying nearly two months' worth of Venezuelan oil output are stuck at sea as global refiners shun the nation's crude to avoid falling foul of U.S. sanctions, according to industry sources, PDVSA documents and shipping data.

PIRACY

Somalia: all quiet on the East African piracy front. Charlie Bartlett. *Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST)*. 11 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.imarest.org/themarineprofessional/on-the-radar/item/5664-somalia-all-quiet-on-the-east-african-piracy-front> Once a dangerous and persistent problem for shipping, Charlie Bartlett looks at whether piracy in the Gulf of Aden has had its day as the political landscape changes, armed guards professionalise, and operators take a data-driven approach.

U.S. warns of pirates in southern Gulf of Mexico. *Reuters*. 18 June 2020. Available from:

<https://in.reuters.com/article/mexico-usa-pirates-idINL1N2DU2W5> The U.S. government on Wednesday issued a warning about the threat posed by pirates to boats and oil installations in the southern Gulf of Mexico, in the latest sign of concern about ongoing security challenges facing Mexico.

Winning War against Pirates. Eromosele Abiodun. *This Day (Nigeria)*. 19 June 2020.

Available from: <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2020/06/19/winning-war-against-pirates/> By the middle of last year when the Nigerian government announced the gradual deployment of the \$195 million maritime security equipment it acquired to fight piracy and insecurity in the Niger delta, a not very cheery news broke about the increasing pirates attacks on Nigeria's territorial waters.

Nigeria begins trial of pirates under new law. Robert Egbe. *The Nation (Nigeria)*. 23 June 2020.

Available from: <https://thenationonlineng.net/nigeria-begins-trial-of-pirates-under-new-law/> Nigeria will this week begin the prosecution of suspected pirates under the Suppression of Piracy and Other Maritime Offences (SPOMO) Act.

Five South Korean sailors abducted in waters off Benin. *Korea Herald (South Korea)*.

25 June 2020. Available from: <http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20200625000877> Five South Korean sailors and a Ghanaian have been kidnapped by unidentified armed groups in waters off Benin in West Africa, the Foreign Ministry said Thursday.

PORT STATE CONTROL

Protocol of the Philippines on Crew Change and Repatriation of Seafarers. *Government of the Philippines*. 29 May 2020. Available from: <https://marina.gov.ph/2020/05/29/protocol-of-the-philippines-on-crew-change-and-repatriation-of-seafarers/> The Department of Transportation (DOTr), through the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), has outlined the procedures on ship crew changes and on the repatriation of seafarers in foreign-registered or Philippine-registered vessels docked in international ports or seaports under the jurisdiction of the Philippines amid the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

'A moral obligation': radical reform urged before cruise ships allowed to return to Australia. Matilda Boseley. *The Guardian*. 30 May 2020. Available from: <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2020/may/31/a-moral-obligation-radical-reform-urged-before-cruise-ships-allowed-to-return-to-australia> Cruise ships and their crews have been largely out of sight and mind since being ordered out of Australian territorial waters in March.

Virus-hit cruise liner leaves Japan after a month's quarantine. Ju-min Park. *Reuters*. 1 June 2020. Available from: <https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-health-coronavirus-japan-cruises/virus-hit-cruise-liner-leaves-japan-after-a-months-quarantine-idUKKBN2381O9> The *Costa Atlantica* cruise ship, which docked in southern Japan with over 100 crew members testing positive for COVID-19, has left the country and is en route to the Philippines, local government officials said on Monday.

Chartered flights see crew changes take off. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 1 June 2020. Available from: <https://splash247.com/chartered-flights-see-crew-changes-take-off/> Crew changes are beginning to filter in with two weeks to go until the final deadline set by seafarer unions comes into effect.

Many Governments Failing Cruise Crew Repatriation. *Cruise Industry News*. 3 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.cruiseindustrynews.com/cruise-news/23038-many-governments-failing-cruise-crew-repatriation.html> "The challenges in repatriating seafarers on cruise vessels around the world have highlighted the shortcomings of many governments in this worldwide crisis," Lena Dyring, director of cruise operations for the Norwegian Seafarers Union, told Cruise Industry News.

Genco Shipping & Trading pulls off first full crew change under Singapore's new virus protocols. Joe Brady. *TradeWinds*. 7 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/bulkers/genco-shipping-trading-pulls-off-first-full-crew-change-under-singapores-new-virus-protocols/2-1-821339> New York-based Genco Shipping & Trading has pulled off what it said is the first full crew change by a shipowner since March in Singapore and the first allowed under the nation's new Covid-19 regime.

Hong Kong allows unrestricted crew changes. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 9 June 2020. Available from: <https://splash247.com/hong-kong-allows-unrestricted-crew-changes/> Hong Kong has made the biggest concessions in the crew change saga, making it possible for all seafarers calling the southern Chinese port to either get home or board their vessel with no quarantine measures or special permits.

Coronavirus: 3,000 cases of crew change approved by port authority in Singapore. Toh Ting Wei. *Straits Times*. 9 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/transport/coronavirus-3000-cases-of-crew-change-approved-in-singapore> The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) has approved almost 3,000 cases of crew change in Singapore since March 27, with three chartered flights set to help more seafarers leave their ships to go home this week.

Foreign flagged ships detained in the UK during May 2020. *UK Maritime & Coastguard Agency.* 9 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-flagged-ships-detained-in-the-uk-during-may-2020> The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) announced today that four foreign flagged ships remained under detention in UK ports during May 2020 after failing port state control (PSC) inspection.

New Zealand to allow some maritime vessels, cruise ships still banned. Praveen Menon. *Reuters.* 12 June 2020. Available from: <https://reut.rs/3hGXdrD> New Zealand said on Friday that it would allow entry of some maritime vessels as it looks to open up its economy after lifting all coronavirus restrictions earlier this week.

European Maritime Social Partners call for Ministers of Health to assist in ensuring crew changes can take place in EU ports. *European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA).* 12 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.ecsa.eu/news/european-maritime-social-partners-call-ministers-health-assist-ensuring-crew-changes-can-take> Today ECSA and its social partner, the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF), called on EU Ministers for Health, to assist in the implementation of the IMO protocols to ensure safe ship crew changes in the EU Member States' ports without further delay.
[Letter: Crucial role of national health services in ensuring that crew changes are able to take place in EU ports](#) 📄

Carnival Cruise and Panama Partner to Organize Cross-Country Crew Transfer tabs Part of Repatriation Effort. *Carnival Corporation & plc.* 15 June 2020. Available from: <https://bit.ly/2D9tGrU> In the final stages of its repatriation efforts for crew members, Carnival Cruise Line worked closely with key Panamanian officials, including the Panama Minister of Maritime Affairs, The Panama Maritime Authority, the Panama Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Panama Ministry of Health, to allow for the safe and efficient transfer of crew members from Carnival Miracle to cross the Isthmus of Panama via bus to join Carnival Glory on the country's opposite coast.

InterManager boss singles out Singapore, Qatar and Dubai for their poor handling of crew changes. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com.* 16 June 2020. Available from: <https://splash247.com/intermanager-singles-out-singapore-qatar-and-dubai-for-their-poor-handling-of-crew-changes/> 📄 Confusion and obfuscation reign in the public relations battle for the hearts and minds of seafarers, many of whom are now contemplating going on strike.

Crew crisis is on verge of becoming global trade crisis. Greg Miller. *Freight Waves.* 16 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.freightwaves.com/news/crew-crisis-is-on-verge-of-becoming-global-trade-crisis> Watching the growing threat to global trade from the stranded-crew crisis is like watching a train wreck in slow motion — and the governments of the world still don't see it coming.

Announcement from Djibouti Ports and Free Zones Authority. *Djibouti Ports and Free Zones Authority (DPFZA).* 16 June 2020. Available from: <https://dpfza.gov.dj/announcement-djibouti-ports-and-free-zones-authority-0> Thanks to the essential services provided by the seafarers, world trade is flowing today without any problem, despite all the disruptions and difficulties posed by the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

Netherlands top country for crew changes as repatriations grind to a halt. *Nautilus International.* 17 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/netherlands-top-country-for-crew-changes-as-repatriations-grind-to-a-halt/> The Netherlands was the top country for successful crew changes in May, with Port of Rotterdam enabling more crew transits than any other worldwide, according to data from the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS).

Updated requirements for crew change for cargo ships in the port of Singapore, to minimise risk of community spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) in Singapore (supplementary to PMC No.26 of 2020). *Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA).*

18 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/86d895bf-b0ea-4b4b-9cfa-59d75a78b530> As Singapore moves into Phase Two of re-opening, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) has updated our crew change requirements.

Auckland port keeps shore leave ban for overseas cargo ship crews. *Radio New Zealand.*

19 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/419397/auckland-port-keeps-shore-leave-ban-for-overseas-cargo-ship-crews> Cargo ship crew arriving in Auckland from overseas ports are being told to stay on board their vessel to prevent the potential spread of Covid-19.

Five cruise ships detained in Essex and Bristol over welfare fears for crew. *Sky News.*

20 June 2020. Available from: <https://news.sky.com/story/five-cruise-ships-detained-in-essex-and-bristol-over-welfare-fears-for-crew-12010991> Some of the crews had been on board for more than 12 months, payment of wages was late and "a number of expired and invalid Seafarers Employment Agreements" were found by surveyors acting for the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

Authorities clamp down on ships where seafarer contracts have expired. *Sam Chambers.*

Splash 247.com. 22 June 2020. Available from: <https://splash247.com/authorities-clamp-down-on-ships-where-seafarer-contracts-have-expired/> Authorities around the world are now taking action against ships where seafarers have been working beyond their contracts, without necessarily fixing the key issue of flights for crew repatriation.

Panama OK's crew change, citing humanitarian reasons. *Matt Coyne. TradeWinds.*

23 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/panama-oks-crew-change-citing-humanitarian-reasons/2-1-831678> Amid the worldwide crewing crisis, 15 Filipino seafarers are headed home after Panama signed off on the swap for humanitarian reasons.

MCA cruise ship detentions sends strong message to shipping firms amid COVID-19.

Gabriella Twining. Safety at Sea. 23 June 2020. Available from: <https://safetyatsea.net/news/2020/mca-cruise-ship-detentions-sends-strong-message-to-shipping-firms-amid-covid-19/> The UK Maritime Coast Guard Agency (MCA) has detained five cruise vessels since Friday 19 June, on the grounds of late payment of wages and expired or invalid Seafarer Employment Agreements.

Blacklisting call for Panama flagged ships as seafarers told to stay onboard longer.

Nautilus International. 23 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/blacklisting-call-for-panama-flagged-ships-as-seafarers-told-to-stay-onboard-longer/> Nautilus International has called for all Panama flagged ships to be targeted for inspection by Port State Control and detained for breaching the Maritime Labour Convention when entering their country in response to its 'inhumane' extension of Seafarer contracts.

BIMCO applauds Panama for pragmatic approach to crew change. *BIMCO.* 24 June 2020.

Available from: <https://www.bimco.org/news/ports/20200624-bimco-applauds-panama-for-pragmatic-approach-to-crew-change> With clear references to crew change protocols suggested by BIMCO, ICS and other industry stakeholders in IMO circular 4204/Add. 14, the Panama Maritime Authority have allowed for facilitation of crew change and repatriation through Panama since 11 June.

Scottish government amends rules on seafarer quarantine rules after letter from UK Chamber of Shipping. *UK Chamber of Shipping*. 24 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.ukchamberofshipping.com/latest/scottish-government-amends-rules-seafarer-quarantine-rules-after-letter-uk-chamber-shipping/>

The UK Chamber of Shipping has welcomed the decision by the Scottish Government to amend regulations so Scottish seafarers no longer have to isolate for 14-days when returning to Scotland for more than 14 days of leave.

Panama Safeguards Seafarers' Rights During This World Health Crisis. *Hellenic Shipping*

News. 29 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/panama-safeguards-seafarers-rights-during-this-world-health-crisis/>

The Panama Maritime Authority (AMP) wants to emphasize that the measures adopted through MMN-003-2020 Coronavirus and Seafarers Employment Agreement and Certificates, on the extension of employment agreements for seafarers were implemented to safeguard their rights and working conditions during this health crisis (COVID-19).

Australia cracks down on crew changes. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 29 June 2020.

Available from: <https://splash247.com/australia-cracks-down-on-crew-changes/>

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) has outlined its new approach to the crew change crunch effective through to October.

Djibouti organises first crew-change in over a year for seafarers stranded due to Covid-19.

Hellenic Shipping News. 29 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/djibouti-organises-first-crew-change-in-over-a-year-for-seafarers-stranded-due-to-covid-19/>

The International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) recently called for international solidarity in helping seafarers stranded due to logistical complications caused by covid-19.

All National Law exemptions have been extended until 30 June 2025. *Australian Maritime Safety*


Authority (AMSA). 30 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.amsa.gov.au/news-community/news-and-media-releases/all-national-law-exemptions-have-been-extended-until-30-june>

We have extended existing exemptions to provide seafarers and operators with continuity and certainty.

PORTS & HARBOURS

Port Authorities Pledging Support to Keep Ports Open During COVID-19 More Than Doubles Within A Month. *Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)*. 29 May 2020. Available from:

<https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/93461147-d7e1-4eff-8f7f-2868aec2164e>

Support for the Port Authorities Roundtable COVID-19 declaration, initiated by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, has more than doubled since it was first launched on 24 April 2020. [Declaration by Port Authorities Roundtable \(PAR\) Members](#) 

Cochin Port plans to be crew-change hub. Anantha Narayanan K. *Times of India*. 29 May 2020.

Available from: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kochi/cochin-port-plans-to-be-crew-change-hub/articleshow/76092725.cms>

With Covid-19 pandemic and resultant lockdown having affected the business of Cochin Port Trust (CPT) severely, the authorities are planning to develop the port into a hub for crew change and other transshipment services like bunkering in the region.

Green Maritime Fund Critical to Emissions Reductions. *British Ports Association.* 29 May 2020. Available from: <https://www.britishports.org.uk/news/green-maritime-fund-critical-to-emissions-reductions> The British Ports Association has published new research examining the barriers to shore power in UK ports, setting out three proposals to support the industry to meet ambitious emissions reductions targets.

[Reducing Emissions from Shipping in Ports: Examining the Barriers to Shore Power](#) 

Major business boost for Mombasa port. *Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC).* 29 May 2020. Available from: <https://www.kbc.co.ke/major-business-boost-for-mombasa-port/> Business at the premier port of Mombasa has received a major boost following the arrival of the first container vessel deployed under the ASEAN service line arrangement commonly known as “School Bus”.

Ship managers plan to carry out crew change at foreign ports collapse. P Manoj. *Hindu BusinessLine (India).* 30 May 2020. Available from:


<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/logistics/ship-managers-plan-to-carry-out-crew-change-at-foreign-ports-collapse/article31709259.ece> A plan by a group of ship managers and staffing companies to carry out crew change at overseas ports involving Indian seafarers have collapsed on Saturday as a confused government denied permission to run charter flights to facilitate this task.

Port and shipping industry partners in urgent call to action to accelerate pace of digitalization to cope with a post-COVID19 “new normal”. *World Ports Sustainability Program (WPSP).* 2 June 2020. Available from: <https://sustainableworldports.org/port-and-shipping-industry-partners-in-urgent-call-to-action-to-accelerate-pace-of-digitalization/> To date, only 49 of the 174 Member States of the International Maritime Organization possess functioning Port Community Systems – co-signees call for wide-ranging adoption of secure electronic data exchange.

Development Towards Smart Port. *Port of Gdynia Authority S.A.* 2 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.port.gdynia.pl/en/events/news/1613-development-towards-smart-port> The Port of Gdynia Authority S.A. meets the needs of its partners and the inhabitants of Gdynia and takes up the challenge to improve the traffic flow in road access to and from the Port to ensure timely delivery and transport of cargo.

Usman: Manual Cargo Inspection Hampering Port Efficiency. Shulammitte 'Foyeku. *Ships & Ports.* 3 June 2020. Available from: <https://shipsandports.com.ng/usman-manual-cargo-inspection-hampering-port-efficiency/> The Managing Director of Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Hadiza Bala Usman, has said that the manual inspection of cargoes by the Nigeria Customs Service at the nation's gateways does not promote efficiency.

AIDA Cruises suspends cruises with ports in the USA and Canada for 2020. *Carnival Corporation & plc.* 5 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.carnivalcorp.com/news-releases/news-release-details/aida-cruises-suspends-cruises-ports-usa-and-canada-2020> Over the last months, huge efforts have been made worldwide to stem the spread of the coronavirus.

WPSP Survey: ports report regional transshipments on the rise with cargo call volumes flat-lining or falling. Passenger vessel calls remain off the radar. *World Ports Sustainability Program (WPSP).* 8 June 2020. Available from: <https://bit.ly/3f7YITI> Reports of more high-frequency feeder services to regional ports, whilst many passenger vessel calls remain scrapped. [IAPH-WPSP Port Economic Impact Barometer](#) 

A SLIVER OF A SILVER LINING – Covid-19 pandemic outbreak breaks new ground for SA bunkering services firm in PE. *South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)*. 9 June 2020. Available from: <https://blog.samsa.org.za/2020/06/09/a-silver-of-a-silver-lining-covid-19-pandemic-outbreak-breaks-new-ground-for-sa-bunkering-services-firm-in-pe/> 📄 The outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic in China some six months ago has without doubt brought about the greatest health risk globally and, in its wake, by some accounts, the biggest economic threat and devastation in more than 100 years.

South Korea implements emission reduction initiatives in major port areas. *GARD*. 11 June 2020. Available from: <http://www.gard.no/web/updates/content/29847462/south-korea-implements-emission-reduction-initiatives-in-major-port-areas> From 1 September 2020 all ships anchored or at berth in the Korean ports of Incheon, Pyeongtaek-Dangjin, Yeosu-Gwangyang, Busan and Ulsan must burn fuel with a maximum sulphur content of 0.10%.

4000 Approved Crew Change Cases in Singapore during COVID-19 period. *Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)*. 12 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/170390b7-76d4-41e0-b82d-caea45fc1cfa> Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, MPA continues to facilitate the disembarkation of seafarers on medical grounds, for compassionate reasons and for contracts which cannot be further extended.

UK debut on the Thames for world's biggest container ship. *Port of London Authority (PLA)*. 14 June 2020. Available from: <http://www.pla.co.uk/UK-debut-on-the-Thames-for-worlds-biggest-container-ship> 📄 The world's biggest container ship, HMM Algeciras, has docked at DP World London Gateway port in Essex at the end of her maiden voyage to the UK.

Cargo ship calls at Singapore hub plummet to 27-year low, marine fuel sales fall. *Straits Times*. 15 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.straitstimes.com/business/economy/cargo-ship-calls-at-singapore-hub-plummet-to-27-year-low-marine-fuel-sales-fall> Cargo ship arrivals in Singapore, the world's top transshipment and bunkering hub, plummeted to their lowest in nearly three decades in May, while dragging sales of marine fuels to a three-month low, official data showed.

Tracking Vessel Activity at Key Ports throughout COVID-19. *IHS Markit*. 16 June 2020. Available from: <https://ihsmarkit.com/research-analysis/tracking-vessel-activity-at-key-ports-throughout-covid19.html> A virus with such widespread impacts as this is unprecedented, as are the subsequent lockdowns enforced by governments globally.

WPCAP ports aligned in series of new climate change actions. *Port of Rotterdam*. 17 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.portofrotterdam.com/en/news-and-press-releases/wpcap-ports-aligned-in-series-of-new-climate-change-actions> The World Ports Climate Action Program (WPCAP) participants have confirmed their resolve to combat climate change.

New White Paper on Port Community Cybersecurity released. *International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH)*. 18 June 2020. Available from: <https://bit.ly/303b7OS> One major outcome of the intensive work in recent weeks by the IAPH's World Ports Sustainability Program Covid19 Task Force has been the very urgent need for ports to digitalize processes and data exchanges as we move towards a post-COVID19 modus operandi. [White Paper](#) 📄

BPA teams up with Astaara to highlight growing cyber risk management. *British Ports Association*. 18 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.britishports.org.uk/news/bpa-teams-up-with-astaara-to-highlight-growing-cyber-risk-management> Guernsey-based cyber insurance and risk management specialists Astaara has today launched a white paper in partnership with the British Ports Association aimed at highlighting the strategies to promote cyber security in ports.

Managing Port's Cyber Crisis: White Paper. ASTAARA Co. Ltd. June 2020. Available from: https://www.britishports.org.uk/system/files/documents/bpa_astaara_white_paper_0.pdf Increased regulation, the prospect of attracting government ire for failing to resist a cyberattack, the increasing digitisation of the fleet and the growing importance of connectivity between hinterland, port and vessel, all mean that ports are and will remain the subject of close interest to cyber criminals, as well as essential points of resilience for countries.

CLIA Announces Voluntary Suspension of Cruise Operations from U.S. Ports. *Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA)*. 19 June 2020. Available from: <https://bit.ly/3jO4kk8> Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) issued the following statement today to announce that the association's ocean-going cruise line members will voluntarily extend the suspension of cruise operations from U.S. ports until 15 September 2020.

WPSP Survey week 25 : first passenger and ro-pax services restarting with limited capacity in some regions. Reduced cargo volumes intensifies competition in inland transport modes. *World Ports Sustainability Program (WPSP)*. 22 June 2020. Available from: <https://bit.ly/39xGKTU> For the first time since the WPSP survey began, a limited number of sampled ports in predominantly European countries are reporting some activity on passenger and mini- cruise services with major safety restrictions in place on numbers and trajectories.
[IAPH-WPSP Port Economic Impact Barometer](#)

NZ port determined to continue development. *Port Strategy*. 22 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.portstrategy.com/news101/world/australasia/nz-port-determined-to-continue-development> A port in New Zealand is pressing on with development plans despite an ongoing debate over its future.

Dutch Seaports win International Award for Sustainability. *Port of Rotterdam*. 24 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.portofrotterdam.com/en/news-and-press-releases/dutch-seaports-win-international-award-for-sustainability> The Dutch seaports of Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Terneuzen/Vlissingen, Moerdijk, and Groningen have jointly won the 'World Ports Sustainability Award'.

Liquefied carbon dioxide ready to sail. *Port of Gothenburg*. 26 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.portofgothenburg.com/news-room/press-releases/liquefied-carbon-dioxide-ready-to-sail/> Gothenburg and Sweden could be the first in the world to create a joint infrastructure for the transport of liquefied carbon dioxide extracted using CCS technology.

Crew changes gain steam at Indian ports. Bency Mathew. *Safety at Sea*. 28 June 2020. Available from: <https://safetyatsea.net/news/2020/crew-changes-gain-steam-at-indian-ports/> Life has begun to turn around for thousands of Indian seafarers who were stranded at sea or ports due to travel bans imposed by many governments to contain the COVID-19 pandemic.

Vessel's Environmental Impact in Port Measured by New Index. *Maritime Executive*. 29 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/vessel-s-environmental-impact-in-port-measured-by-new-index> The Environmental Port Index (EPI) is a newly launched company designed to measure a vessel's level of pollution when in port creating incentives to reduce a ship's environmental impact.

Environmental Port Index: Cleaner Ports for a Greener World *Environmental Port Index (EPI)*. 29 June 2020. Available from: <https://epiport.org/> There is no question that local pollution levels and the global climate crisis are two of the biggest challenges we face today.

REGULATIONS

Navigating new rules and environmental operation. Malcolm Latache. *ShipInsight*. 1 June 2020. Available from: <https://shipinsight.com/articles/navigating-new-rules-and-environmental-operation> Within their territorial waters, nation states have always had the right to impose on ships whatever restrictions on activities they felt necessary, and since 1983 beginning with MARPOL, international regulations have been developed to cover a wide range of environmental and operational matters.

99% pass: how California is building compliance in biofouling regulations. Jamey Bergman. *Marine Propulsion & Auxiliary Machinery*. 15 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/99-pass-how-california-is-building-compliance-in-biofouling-regulations-59768> A phased implementation, grace periods to raise awareness and systematic outreach and engagement with vessel crews, managers and owners are all pillars of California's thoroughly-planned enforcement of biofouling regulations.

Op-Ed: The Time Has Arrived for Autonomous Ship Regulations. *Maritime Executive*. 17 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/editorials/op-ed-time-has-arrived-for-autonomous-ship-regulations> Capt Eero Lehtovaara is also well aware that the regulatory framework that is required for autonomous operations is lagging behind the innovative technologies developed by ABB and other members of the One Sea alliance, of which he is now chairman.

Shipping coping well with IMO 2020, but dispute cases may rise. Lee Hong Liang. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 22 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulation/shipping-coping-well-imo-2020-dispute-cases-may-rise> The shipping industry has largely experienced a smooth sailing six months into the implementation of IMO 2020, though dispute cases are expected to increase and even drag on, according to an industry panel speaking during the Informa Markets Digital Maritime Week.

SALVAGE

Giant Ore Carrier *Stellar Banner* Refloated Off Brazil. Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*. 4 June 2020. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/giant-ore-carrier-stellar-banner-refloated-off-brazil/> The refloating comes following the removal of approximately 145,000 metric tons of iron ore from the vessel's holds.

Salvors save 2.3M tonnes of pollution. Martyn Wingrove. *Tug Technology & Business*. 19 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/news-content-hub/salvors-save-23m-tonnes-of-pollution-59923> Emergency towage tugs and salvage companies saved 214 vessels from danger in 2019 and prevented environmental pollution worldwide.

SEAFARERS

Stella Maris Survey: The Impact of COVID-19 on the Lives of Seafarers. Bruno Ciceri. *Mare Report*. 22 May 2020. Available from: <http://marereport.namma.org/index.php/2020/05/22/stella-maris-survey-the-impact-of-covid-19-on-the-lives-of-seafarers/> Since the declaration of the pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO), it was clear that the lives of seafarers, fishers and their families would be impacted significantly.

Holland America Line Crew Repatriation Plan. *Holland America Line*. 28 May 2020. Available from: <https://www.hollandamerica.com/blog/topics/staff-crew/holland-america-line-crew-repatriation-plan/> We have been diligently working to repatriate our crew to their families and loved ones, but given country closures, port closure and travel restrictions this process has evolved into a more challenging and complex endeavour in recent weeks.

Best practices for crew managers and the impact of COVID-19 on seafarer rights. *InformaConnect*. 28 May 2020. Available from: <https://bit.ly/3jl3iWV> In this webinar, we will investigate the effect of the global pandemic on ship owners' responsibilities and human rights in the shipping industry.

"The New Normal" examines the consequences of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic around the globe. *France 24*. 29 May 2020. Available from: <https://www.france24.com/en/20200529-the-new-normal-france-24-reports-from-kenya-to-thailand> [Starts at 6':26"] In the Netherlands, sailors stuck in the port of Rotterdam wait to be repatriated back home.

Governments must recognise Seafarers as Professional key workers. Nish Wijayakulathilaka. *Daily News (Sri Lanka)*. 29 May 2020. Available from: <http://www.dailynews.lk/2020/05/29/finance/219585/governments-must-recognise-seafarers-professional-key-workers> As an IMO Goodwill Maritime Ambassador and the council member of the Nautical Institute United Kingdom and Secretary of the Sri Lanka Branch, I feel this is one of my duty and the time to raise the voice on behalf of the seafaring professionals and future mariners as more than 100,000 mariners are stranded at sea, and living as prisoners on board due to the travelling restrictions imposed worldwide.

Andrew on the challenges seafarers are having and the efforts of the team in The Philippines. *Mission to Seafarers*. 29 May 2020. Available from: <https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/news/andrew-on-the-challenges-seafarers-are-having-and-the-efforts-of-the-team-in-the-philippines> Many seafarers from the Philippines have been very badly affected by the current crisis, with many having to work on beyond the end of their contracts because of the severe difficulties with transit arrangements.

Coronavirus: Boy yearns to see seaman dad moored outside house. Angie Brown. *BBC News*. 30 May 2020. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-52844016> A mother has told of the heartbreak of seeing her four-year-old son waving to his father who is unable to get off his ship when it is moored outside their house during the coronavirus lockdown.

Safer Waves seeks seafarer feedback on sexual assault and harassment. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 1 June 2020. Available from: <https://splash247.com/safer-waves-seeks-seafarer-feedback-on-sexual-assault-and-harassment/> A new organisation has launched a confidential survey to collect the experiences of seafarers who have been subject to sexual assault or harassment, enabling them to share their stories.

Growing officer shortage to inflate manning costs says survey. Malcolm Latache. *ShipInsight*. 1 June 2020. Available from: <https://shipinsight.com/articles/growing-officer-shortage-to-inflate-manning-costs-says-survey> The current officer shortfall to crew the global merchant fleet is forecast to widen, despite the dampening effect of Covid-19.

Interim Guidance for Mitigation of COVID-19 Among Cruise Ship Crew During the Period of the No Sail Order. *US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*. 1 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/cruise/management/interim-guidance-no-sail-order.html> This document provides guidance for cruise ship operations in any international, interstate, or intrastate waterways subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to help prevent, detect, and medically manage confirmed and suspected COVID-19 infections, as well as exposures among crew members during periods of suspended cruise ship operations.

CDC Provides Updated Guidance Helping Cruise Ship Crew Reparations. *Maritime Executive*. 4 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/cdc-provides-updated-guidance-helping-cruise-ship-crew-reparations> The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provide an important update on its guidance for the cruise lines designed to help with the repatriation efforts of crew members during the suspension of service.

Locked down afloat: why dozens of cruise ships ended up stranded in Manila Bay. Carmela Fonbuena and Erin McCormick. *The Guardian*. 2 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/jun/02/locked-down-afloat-why-dozens-of-cruise-ships-ended-up-stranded-in-manila-bay> Thousands of Filipino and international crew members are stuck as they await results of Covid-19 tests.

Calls home ease seafarers' lockdown isolation. *Port of London Authority (PLA)*. 2 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.pla.co.uk/Calls-home-ease-seafarers-lockdown-isolation> Mobile phone credits, donated by the Port of London Authority (PLA), are keeping seafarers calling at terminals on the Thames connected with family during the COVID-19 crisis.

Manager tells crew of arrested suezmax to be 'patient' over wage delays during crisis. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 2 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/manager-tells-crew-of-arrested-suezmax-to-be-patient-over-wage-delays-during-crisis/2-1-817304> Seafarers on Indian-managed *Gulf Sky* say they are owed three months of salary as they endure food and water shortages.

Covid-19 lockdown regulations eased for SA seafarers during Level 3 : SAMSA. *South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)*. 3 June 2020. Available from: <https://blog.samsa.org.za/2020/06/03/covid-19-lockdown-regulations-eased-for-sa-seafarers-during-level-3-samsa/> Consistent with revised Government regulations for the national lockdown for Level 3 announced by President Cyril Ramaphosa a week ago, and effective on 01 June 2020, South African seafarers are now allowed to freely embark and disembark vessels in South Africa or abroad.

The Mission launches the Flying Angel Campaign in response to COVID-19. *Mission to Seafarers*. 3 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/news/the-mission-launches-the-flying-angel-campaign-in-response-to-covid-19> The Mission to Seafarers today announced the launch of a new flagship campaign to address the severe welfare issues facing seafarers worldwide in the wake of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Coronavirus strands merchant ship crews at sea for months. Elena Becatoros and Theodora Tongas. *ABC News (US)*. 4 June 2020. Available from: <https://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory/coronavirus-strands-merchant-ship-crews-sea-months-71060370> Countries across the world have imposed lockdowns, shut borders and suspended international flights to curb the spread of the new coronavirus.

A focus on Bangladeshi seafarers in COVID-19 crisis. Mostafa Aziz Shaheen. *New Age (Bangladesh)*. 4 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.newagebd.net/article/107608/a-focus-on-bangladeshi-seafarers-in-covid-19-crisis> A mariner serving on board merchant vessel had his scheduled signoff in March.

Inmarsat extends seafarer well-being commitments. *Inmarsat*. 4 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.inmarsat.com/news/inmarsat-extends-seafarer-well-being-commitments/> Inmarsat continues to ramp up its response to COVID-19, with additional initiatives to improve seafarer wellbeing.

'What about us?': Filipino cruise crews struggle to get home. Ana P Santos. *Aljazeera*. 5 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/06/filipino-cruise-crews-struggle-home-200605070623815.html> Filipinos forced to wait weeks on ships anchored in Manila Bay, as authorities struggle to organise testing, quarantine.

Seafarers face uncertain future amid crew-change crisis. Declan Bush. *Lloyd's List*. 5 June 2020. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132592/Seafarers-face-uncertain-future-amid-crewchange-crisis> Crews are slowly being repatriated after lockdowns stranded seafarers around the world.

Seventh charter lands with 279 seafarers from Italy. *Times of India*. 6 June 2020. Available from: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/goa/seventh-charter-lands-with-279-seafarers-from-italy/articleshow/76225859.cms> The seventh repatriation flight landed at Goa International Airport early Friday bringing back 279 seafarers who were working with MSC Cruises in Italy.

ILO: Release more than 150,000 seafarers trapped on board ships due to COVID-19. *International Labour Organization (ILO)*. 8 June 2020. Available from: https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_747293/lang--en/index.htm The ILO has called for urgent and coordinated action to release the 150,000 to 200,000 seafarers trapped on board ships around the world because of measures to contain the COVID-19 virus.

COVID-19: Russian watchdog calls for more psychological support for seafarers. Vladislav Vorotnikov. *Safety at Sea*. 8 June 2020. Available from: <https://safetyatsea.net/news/2020/covid-19-russian-watchdog-calls-for-more-psychological-support-for-seafarers/> Russian consumer rights and protection watchdog Rospotrebnadzor has instructed its country's shipping companies to provide more psychological support for seafarers whose mental well-being might be jeopardised due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

OP-ED. Crew Voices: Fearful, Frustrated, Fatigued, Forgotten. *Human Rights at Sea (HRAS)*. 8 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/06/09/op-ed-crew-voices-fearful-frustrated-fatigued-forgotten/> Reporting for Human Rights at Sea and following her first OP-ED on 13 April, 'A UK Marine Pilot's Perspective of Seafarer's Challenges', Port of London Authority Pilot, Ms. Ivana Carrioni-Burnett, provides another insight from her recent experiences in UK waters in relation to her interactions with seafarers during the COVID-19 crisis.

DNV GL's Ørbeck-Nilssen brands treatment of seafarers 'a disgrace'. Paul Bartlett. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 8 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/ship-operations/dnv-gls-rbeck-nilssen-brands-treatment-seafarers-disgrace> DNV GL's ceo for Maritime, Knut Ørbeck-Nilssen, last week described the treatment of seafarers in the face of the global pandemic "a disgrace".

Notice to All Shipmasters. *International Federation of Shipmasters' Associations (IFMSA)*. 8 June 2020. Available from: <https://bit.ly/3318zmn> This global COVID-19 pandemic has had an enormous impact on all the maritime industry, but it is you the seafarer who must not be forgotten.

Shipmasters urged 'not to sail if their complaints not resolved'. *Nautilus International*. 9 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/shipmasters-urge-not-to-sail-if-their-complaints-not-resolved/> In a move that vindicates an earlier statement issued by the twenty-two unions affiliated to the Nautilus Federation, the International Federation of Shipmasters' Associations (IFSMA) has taken the unusual step of issuing a direct Notice to all Shipmasters calling on them to 'protect themselves and their crew against fatigue' and reminding them of their duty and responsibility to report to shipowners any complaints of breaches of the MLC.

Seafarers' plight in spotlight. Kim Link-Wills. *Freight Waves*. 10 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.freightwaves.com/news/seafarers-plight-in-spotlight> The coronavirus pandemic has brought global attention to the plight of the seafarer.

Standard Club Seafarer Wellbeing Series: A discussion with ISWAN. *International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN)*. 10 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.seafarerswelfare.org/news/2020/standard-club-seafarer-wellbeing-series-a-discussion-with-iswan> On Thursday 21 May 2020, Standard Club hosted the first webinar in its Seafarer Wellbeing series with ISWAN's Project Manager Caitlin Vaughan. [Seafarer Wellbeing Series: A discussion with ISWAN Q&As](#)

If seafarers were tourists, crew changes would not be a problem. David Osler. *Lloyd's List*. 10 June 2020. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132632/If-seafarers-were-tourists-crew-changes-would-not-be-a-problem> For too many governments, reopening bars is a higher priority than sending stranded crews back home, and that is morally unacceptable.

The seafarers stranded on the high seas. *BBC The Documentary Podcast*. 11 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p08gnld8> There are currently 200,000 seafarers stuck working on vessels across the globe and unable to be relieved of their duties.

RF Transport Ministry elaborates on validity period of seafarers' documents. *Port News*. 11 June 2020. Available from: <https://en.portnews.ru/news/297244/> Validity of credentials and medical certificates has been extended for crewmembers of sea-going ships amid the challenging epidemiological situation in different regions worldwide and with the purpose to ensure uninterrupted operation of ships flying under the flag of the Russian Federation, says the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation.

Seafarer quarantine exemption 'certificate' released for UK arrivals. *Nautilus International*. 11 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/seafarer-quarantine-exemption-certificate-released-for-uk-arrivals/> Nautilus International and the UK Chamber of Shipping have jointly produced a special 'guidance letter' for seafarers arriving into the UK supporting their exemption from the requirement to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival in the UK. [Guidance Letter](#)

Financial and Mental Pressures Weigh Heavily on Stranded Seafarers as Lockdown Continues. *Handy Shipping Guide*. 12 June 2020. Available from:

<https://handyshippingguide.com/shipping-news/financial-and-mental-pressures-weigh-heavily-on-stranded-seafarers-as-lockdown-continues-12987> Concern continues to grow for the tens of thousands of seafarers who are still unable to repatriate back to their family homes, and for those who are unable to reach their vessels and are therefore not being paid during the pandemic.

Seafarers rejected at ports, stranded at sea, tell of physical and mental exhaustion.

Nabilah Awang. *Today (Singapore)*. 13 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.todayonline.com/singapore/seafarers-rejected-ports-stranded-sea-tell-physical-and-mental-exhaustion> He had been out at sea for four months beyond his original contract, as the ship on which he worked had been repeatedly turned away at more than five ports.

Covid-19 impact: Seafarers on shore may lose NRI status as crew change drags. P. Manoj. *Hindu BusinessLine (India)*. 13 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/logistics/covid-19-impact-seafarers-on-shore-may-lose-nri-status-as-crew-change-drags/article31819515.ece> Seafarers are staring at a collateral damage as an unending delay in replacing those working overseas on board ships much beyond their original contract tenures due to the pandemic induced restrictions, robs the chances of thousands waiting on shore in India for their next assignment and by default their tax-free status.

Stranded at Sea in The Time of Corona. Laura Millan Lombrana, Laura Hurst and Jack Wittels.

Bloomberg. 14 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.bloomberg.com/amp/news/articles/2020-06-14/stranded-at-sea-in-the-time-of-corona> Spanish fisherman Josu Bilbao boarded a Qatar Airways flight headed for the Seychelles in January, just as he had done for the past 15 years.

Unions ready to take action as crewing deadline passes. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*.

15 June 2020. Available from: <https://splash247.com/unions-ready-to-take-action-as-crewing-deadline-passes/> Today marks the deadline for what was described in May as the final day before crews working beyond their stipulated contracts must be repatriated.

Utilise mainstream media to focus governments on resolving crew change crisis. Tanya Blake.

Safety at Sea. 15 June 2020. Available from: <https://safetyatsea.net/news/2020/all-eyes-on-shipping/> Shipping has received a massive amount of attention from mainstream media in 2020 because of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Panama Makes The First Isthmic Transshipment In The World, During The Health Crisis Of Covid-19 Moving Crews From The Pacific To The Atlantic. *Hellenic Shipping News*.

15 June 2020. Available from: <https://bit.ly/32ZTZvh> We are providing a humanitarian and effective response to seafarers from twenty-five (25) nations, among which are: the Philippines, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Haiti, who arrived in our jurisdictional waters in the ships: Carnival Miracle, Carnival Inspiration and Carnival Imagination, which are Cruises of the Carnival Company, coming from the west coast of the United States.

Enough is enough: World's seafarers will now exercise right to leave ships amid Covid-19 failures. *International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)*. 15 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/enough-enough-worlds-seafarers-will-now-exercise-right-leave-ships-amid-covid-19-failures> The ITF and its affiliated seafarers' unions will now assist hundreds of thousands of seafarers to exercise their right to stop working, leave ships, and return home.

Now contracts are expiring for seafarers across the globe. Katrine Grønvald Raun. *ShippingWatch*. 15 June 2020. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article12222001.ece> International Transport Workers' Federation, ITF, will not extend several contracts for stranded seafarers.

Coronavirus: 1,400 'trapped' seafarers repatriated from OSV sector. John Snyder. *Offshore Support Journal*. 15 June 2020. Available from: <https://bit.ly/3f4d9Cz> More than 1,400 seafarers from the OSV and offshore oil and gas industry have been repatriated by ship manager V. Group since the start of travel and crew change restrictions imposed during the Covid-19 lockdown.

42,000 cruise ship workers still trapped at sea. Taylor Dolven and Jacqueline Charles. *Tampa Bay Times (US)*. 15 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.tampabay.com/news/business/2020/06/15/42000-cruise-ship-workers-still-trapped-at-sea/> After 80 days at sea, three transfers between ships, four cancelled flights and one plane malfunction, Royal Caribbean Cruises music director Bruno Cruells finally touched down in his native Argentina on June 3, accompanied by 251 compatriots.

PODCAST: “Cargo can keep coming on and off even if the sailors don’t”— how the pandemic forgot merchant seamen: No port in a storm: the world’s stranded sailors. *The Economist*. 16 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.economist.com/podcasts/2020/06/16/cargo-can-keep-coming-on-and-off-even-if-the-sailors-dont-how-the-pandemic-forgot-merchant-seamen> 🎧 Pandemic policies seem to have overlooked the key workers who keep the global trade system afloat: merchant seamen.

Shipping warned it risks losing crews if it abandons seafarers. Declan Bush. *Lloyd's List*. 16 June 2020. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132711/Shipping-warned-it-risks-losing-crews-if-it-abandons-seafarers> Shipping must solve the crew change crisis or risk alienating its workforce, d'Amico Società di Navigazione's fleet director Salvatore d'Amico has warned.

ITF defends its decision to endorse seafarers' rights to down tools. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 17 June 2020. Available from: <https://splash247.com/itf-defends-its-decision-to-endorse-strikes-at-sea/> The International Transport Workers' Federation has defended its to endorse seafarers' rights to down tools despite a hail of criticism over the last 24 hours as shipping faces up to its greatest ever crewing crisis.

Defend seafaring workers hit hard by pandemic, Pope says. Philip Pullella. *Reuters*. 17 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-shipping-seafarers-pope/defend-seafaring-workers-hit-hard-by-pandemic-pope-says-idUSKBN23O2DQ> Pope Francis paid tribute on Wednesday to hundreds of thousands of seafarers stuck on ships due to the coronavirus pandemic, a situation the United Nations has said poses a risk to the safe operation of the world's merchant fleet.

For you, it's a late delivery; for them, it's months trapped at sea. Giulia Carbonaro. *China Global Television Network (CGTN)*. 17 June 2020. Available from: <https://newseu.cgtn.com/news/2020-06-17/For-you-it-s-a-late-delivery-for-them-it-s-months-trapped-at-sea-RgRob78lzy/index.html> Hundreds of thousands seafarers are currently stranded on high seas or on shore by the coronavirus pandemic.

Pandemic passport fracas leaves Indian seafarers 'stateless'. *Nautilus International.*

17 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/pandemic-passport-fracas-leaves-indian-seafarers-stateless/> Indian seafarers stuck in the UK with expired passports are being made stateless and refused transit home by immigration officials who refuse to comply with International Maritime Organization (IMO) safe crew change protocols.

Pandemic sets new reality for seafarers. Ian Stokes. *Safety at Sea.* 17 June 2020. Available from: <https://safetyatsea.net/news/2020/the-new-reality/> The work to protect crew wellbeing has taken on even greater significance during this pandemic, with a new set of challenges facing those in the seafaring community.

Stella Maris: Life at Sea report 2019: the tip of the iceberg. *Apostleship of the Sea (AoS).*

June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/sites/default/files/imce/2019%20Life%20at%20Sea%20Report.pdf> Over the last year, we helped more seafarers and fishers in crisis than in the previous 12 months.

These seafarers have been stuck at sea for months. Here's why. Ivan Watson. *CNN.*

17 June 2020. Available from: <https://edition.cnn.com/videos/business/2020/06/17/seafarers-stranded-hong-kong-ivan-watson-walk-and-talk-intl-ldn-vpx.cnn> Seafarers in Hong Kong are stranded in what a major union group is calling a "crew change crisis." CNN's Ivan Watson reports.

Tribute to our seafarers. *Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.* 17 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.kline.co.jp/en/news/csr/csr2805416148132644272/main/0/link/200617EN%20.pdf>

This unprecedented and difficult times have brought a lot of challenges to many of our seafarers: lockdowns, travel restrictions, difficulties on crew changeovers and restrictions on shore leaves are among others. [Thank you Seafarers ~Unsung Heroes~](#)

The welfare of 400,000 stranded sailors must not be forgotten. *The House (UK).* 18 June 2020.

Available from: <https://www.politicshome.com/thehouse/article/more-than-400000-sailors-remain-stranded-the-uk-must-step-up-and-protect-them> The merchant navy is key to the world's recovery from this crisis.

Statement of Human Rights at Sea in response to the Press Release/Commentary on the ITF's Call to Action 'Enough is Enough Action' issued 16th of June 2020. *Human Rights at Sea (HRAS).* 18 June 2020. Available from: <https://bit.ly/303ShXW> The Charity would like to retract the Press Release Commentary titled 'Human Rights at Sea strongly denounces ITF's 'Enough is Enough' Call to Action' published on Human Rights at Sea website and social media platforms on June 16.

Carnival repatriates 60,000 seafarers as it prepares for phased return. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds.*

18 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/cruise-and-ferry/carnival-repatriates-60-000-seafarers-as-it-prepares-for-phased-return/2-1-828659> US cruise giant still has 21,000 seafarers to return home as newbuilding delay talks ongoing.

Stranded at sea: the crew members trapped on cruise ships. Erin McCormick. *The Guardian.*

18 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.theguardian.com/news/audio/2020/jun/18/stranded-at-sea-crew-members-trapped-on-cruise-ships> Guardian US reporter Erin McCormick tells Rachel Humphreys why up to 80,000 crew are still stranded on cruise ships amid the coronavirus crisis.

The Lloyd's List Podcast: Navigating the crewing crisis. *Lloyd's List*. 18 June 2020.

Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132747/The-Lloyds-List-Podcast-Navigating-the-crewing-crisis> © Euronav chief executive Hugo De Stoop talks us through his experience of the continuing bureaucratic logjam that has stranded tens of thousands of seafarers at sea in what is fast becoming a humanitarian crisis.

Seafarers Lament Marginalisation by LNG, Foreign Shipping Companies. Eromosele Abiodun. *This Day (Nigeria)*. 19 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2020/06/19/seafarers-lament-marginalisation-by-lng-foreign-shipping-companies/> Seafarers in the country have decried what they described as marginalisation by the Nigeria LNG Limited and foreign ship owners in preference for their counterpart in other countries with less qualification.

Shipping's digital revolution has to start with the human factor. Christopher Wiernicki.

TradeWinds. 19 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/shipping-s-digital-revolution-has-to-start-with-the-human-factor/2-1-826436> Expecting crew to adopt a digital mindset without the right skills puts them in an impossible position.

CTUSAB fears for cruise ship workers stranded at sea. David Hinkson. *Barbados Today*.

19 June 2020. Available from: <https://barbadostoday.bb/2020/06/19/ctusab-fears-for-cruise-ship-workers-stranded-at-sea/> The Congress of Trade Unions and Staff Associations of Barbados (CTUSAB) has formally expressed concern about the welfare of the thousands of cruise ship workers on vessels docked in Carlisle Bay and the Port of Bridgetown.

Stuck at sea: How to save the world's seafarers and the supply systems they support.

Kate Whiting. *World Economic Forum*. 19 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/06/shipping-seafarers-covid-19-mental-health-supply-systems/> Clapping for essential workers on suburban streets cannot be heard at sea, where hundreds of thousands of crew members are stranded on ships they can't leave, risking their lives to put food on our plates.

Chief Executive of AOS UK: Seafarers among heroes of pandemic. Lydia O'Kane. *Vatican News*.

19 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2020-06/chief-executive-of-aos-uk-seafarers-among-heroes-of-pandemic.html> 🗣️ The Chief Executive of the Apostleship of the Sea, UK, expresses his gratitude for Pope Francis' video-message of encouragement to seafarers and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fourteen Ukrainian sailors back home after three-year Libyan captivity. *UNIAN Information Agency (Ukraine)*.

20 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.unian.info/society/fourteen-ukrainian-sailors-back-home-after-three-year-libyan-captivity-11044130.html> The president thanked the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Security Service of Ukraine, and all those who helped citizens be released and brought back to Ukraine.

India coronavirus: The stranded sailor yet to meet his daughter. Arunoday Mukharji,

Pooja Agarwal and Pritam Roy. *BBC News*. 20 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/world-asia-india-53104044/india-coronavirus-the-stranded-sailor-yet-to-meet-his-daughter> 🗣️ The government says it is trying to bring more of them home, but for now Mr Oak, and his daughter, are forced to wait.

Chinese seafarers stranded as ships remain adrift in coronavirus limbo. Dewey Sim.

South China Morning Post. 21 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.scmp.com/week-asia/politics/article/3089841/chinese-seafarers-stranded-ships-remain-adrift-coronavirus-limbo>

International travel curbs and border restrictions to stem the spread of the coronavirus have resulted in cruise ships being turned away each day by ports around the world.

Close to one third of Maersk's seafarers have exceeded their contracts. Trine Vestergaard.

ShippingWatch. 22 June 2020. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article12239559.ece> Upwards of 35 percent of the seafarers currently deployed on Maersk's ships have been at sea for longer than required by their contracts, the shipping line tells CNN.

Seafarers Need Recognition and Support from Governments: IMO Chief. Kitack Lim. *Wall Street*

Journal. 22 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/seafarers-need-recognition-and-support-from-governments-imo-chief-11592847895> The world's top maritime regulator writes that seafarers are ensuring the movement of essential goods during the pandemic, but restrictions on crew changes are leaving thousands stranded at sea.

Human Rights at Sea and the Dominica Maritime Administration join forces for the crew of MV Gulf Sky. *Human Rights at Sea (HRAS)*. 22 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/06/22/human-rights-at-sea-and-the-dominica-maritime-administration-join-forces-for-the-crew-of-mv-gulf-sky/> Human Rights at Sea is pleased to announce that it has partnered with the Commonwealth of Dominica Maritime Administration to work towards resolving the ongoing case of the *MV Gulf Sky*, registered under the Dominica Registry, anchored off Port Khor Fakkan Anch, UAE with 22 Indian seafarers on board.

Crew Change Crisis: ITF and JNG Joint Statement. *International Transport Workers'*

Federation (ITF). 22 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/crew-change-crisis-itf-and-jng-joint-statement> The ITF and the Joint Negotiating Group, along with the International Chamber of Shipping have worked tirelessly since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic on finding solutions to the issue of crew changes.

Samoan seafarers looking to NZ govt for help. Sela Jane Hopgood. *Radio New Zealand*.

23 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/419641/samoan-seafarers-looking-to-nz-govt-for-help> Four hundred Samoan seafarers are stranded on several cruise ships in the Caribbean and are seeking assistance from the New Zealand government to help them return home.

Thousands of seafarers are stranded as coronavirus shuts down borders — that could hurt trade. Huileng Tan. *CNBC (US)*. 24 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.cnbc.com/2020/06/24/thousands-of-seafarers-are-stranded-at-sea-amid-coronavirus-shutdown.html> Tens of thousands of exhausted seafarers are trapped at sea in a humanitarian crisis that could spill over to hurt international trade and supply chains.

Seafarers are key workers — NIMASA. Obiageli Chuma Ugbo. *Vanguard (Nigeria)*. 24 June 2020.

Available from: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2020/06/seafarers-are-key-workers-nimasa/>

The most important thought that comes to mind when the keel for a ship is about to be laid is the crew that would man the ship.

Day of the Seafarer: “Slow Response from Governments Pushing Seafarers to their Limits”. *International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (INTERCARGO)*. 24 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.intercargo.org/media-release-day-of-the-seafarer/> Despite a universal campaign from all sectors of the shipping industry to classify seafarers as key workers, and to facilitate crew transfers, many governments are still dragging their heels, says INTERCARGO, the body representing the world’s dry bulk shipowners. [Media Release](#) 📰

International Day of the Seafarer. *National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT)*. 24 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.rmt.org.uk/news/international-day-of-the-seafarer/> Seafarers’ Union RMT today launched an appeal to increase UK Ratings’ jobs and restore power to national shipping registers as part of the IMO’s annual Day of the Seafarer.

‘Panama is denying seafarers their basic workers’ rights’. Mark Dickinson. *Lloyd’s List*. 24 June 2020. Available from: <https://loydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132791/Panama-is-denying-seafarers-their-basic-workers-rights> Panama’s decision to allow seafarer tours of duty to be extended to up to 17 months verges on forced labour, writes the leader of maritime union Nautilus International.

Human Rights at Sea issues Statement for the Day of the Seafarer. *Human Rights at Sea (HRAS)*. 25 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/06/25/human-rights-at-sea-issues-statement-for-the-day-of-the-seafarer/> On the 25 June 2020, Human Rights at Sea will be celebrating the Day of the Seafarer, an IMO-led initiative which each year raises awareness on the vital role seafarers play in enabling global trade and the flow of essential goods.

UK government and UN commit to protect seafarers and help stabilise global shipping market. *UK Government*. 25 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-government-and-un-commit-to-protect-seafarers-and-help-stabilise-global-shipping-market> 📰 Marking the International Day of the Seafarer, the UK government has today (25 June 2020) announced it will host the first international summit on the impact of COVID-19 on crew changes next month, bringing together UN, political and business leaders from across the globe.

A heartfelt plea on Day of the Seafarer – Don’t Forget the Families. *Seafarers UK*. 25 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.seafarers.uk/news/a-heartfelt-plea-on-day-of-the-seafarer-dont-forget-the-families/> As the International Maritime Organization makes a call for seafarers worldwide to be recognised as key workers, the welfare charity Seafarers UK has issued a public plea to remember seafarers’ families impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

The nurse who decided to go to sea. *Splash 247.com*. 25 June 2020. Available from: <https://splash247.com/the-nurse-who-decided-to-go-to-sea/> 📰 A woman captaining a merchant ship rarer still - so with today marking the Day of the Seafarer Maritime CEO leapt at the opportunity for a video interview onboard the 4,258 teu *Luna Maersk* as the ship prepared for a rainy transit from the Pacific side of the Panama Canal.

A reflection for Day of the Seafarer. Andrew Hamilton. *Catholic Outlook*. 25 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.catholicoutlook.org/a-reflection-for-day-of-the-seafarer/> At first sight, the Day of the Seafarer might strike us as a celebration left over from the distant past.

Crew crisis overshadows day to celebrate seafaring. Nidaa Bakhsh. *Lloyd’s List*. 25 June 2020. Available from: <https://loydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132789/Crew-crisis-overshadows-day-to-celebrate-seafaring> Seafarers deserve ‘quick and decisive humanitarian action from governments everywhere’, says IMO’s secretary-general Kitack Lim.

Port Authority leading the way for seafarers to have a shore-break. K-J Millar. *Northern View (Canada)*. 25 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.thenorthernview.com/news/port-authority-leading-the-way-for-seafarers-to-have-a-shore-break/> Prince Rupert Port Authority is leading by example on International Seafarer's Day, July 25, in recognizing the plight of sailors on board ships during the COVID-19 pandemic.

International day of seafarer 2020: 150 seafarers repatriated on an Air Mauritius Flight from Rome today. *Government of Mauritius*. 25 June 2020. Available from: <http://www.govmu.org/English/News/Pages/International-day-of-seafarer-2020-150-seafarers-repatriated-on-an-Air-Mauritius-Flight-from-Rome-today.aspx> 150 seafarers were repatriated, today, on an Air Mauritius Flight from Rome according to a communiqué issued by the Shipping Division at the Ministry of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping in the context of the International Day of the Seafarer.

International Day of the Seafarer 'all wrong this year', say crew members. Holly Birkett. *TradeWinds*. 25 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/ship-management/international-day-of-the-seafarer-all-wrong-this-year-say-crew-members/2-1-832736> 🇺🇸 Seafarers and their representatives say that the International Maritime Organization's Day of the Seafarer is a tone-deaf way of "celebrating" crew at a time when hundreds of thousands of people who work at sea are stuck in limbo.

Euronav salutes ship's crews on 'The Day of the Seafarer' and demands status of 'Keyworkers'. *Euronav*. 25 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.euronav.com/investors/company-news-reports/press-releases/2020/euronav-salutes-ships-crews-on-the-day-of-the-seafarer-and-demands-status-of-keyworkers/> Euronav NV today acknowledges the incredible dedication of all seafarers around the world on their day of recognition, 25 June.

Approved Cases of Crew Change Cross 13,000 as Singapore Observes Day of The Seafarer. *Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)*. 25 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/b891d1fb-5362-4eaf-ad31-bda5bb9ea8d8> The annual Day of the Seafarer pays tribute to seafarers and acknowledges the contributions they have been making in maintaining the flow of goods.

Seafarers turning tide of global essential supplies amidst Covid-19 storm. Emma Seline Akinyi Okello. *The Standard (Kenya)*. 25 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2001376405/seafarers-turning-tide-of-global-essential-supplies-amidst-covid-19-storm> As the tide settles on the world shores today, significant men and women of the sea will be celebrating the world's seafarers day - it will be the 10th anniversary of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) day of the seafarers.

She hasn't set foot on dry land since last year. *CNN*. 25 June 2020. Available from: <https://edition.cnn.com/videos/world/2020/06/25/sailors-stuck-sea-coronavirus-watson-vpx.cnn> 🇺🇸 Priyanka is one of an estimated 200,000 professional mariners who are believed to be stranded on board their vessels due to the coronavirus pandemic while they continue to keep supplies of food, fuel and medicine flowing around the world.

Are seafarers in crew change crisis reaping what shipping has sown? Paul Berrill. *TradeWinds*. 25 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/are-seafarers-in-crew-change-crisis-reaping-what-shipping-has-sown-/2-1-831561> When lockdowns are putting a strain on delivering food, medicines and other vital goods, it should be easy enough to communicate the message that the arterial ocean lanes are dependent on seafarers crewing ships.

Day of the Seafarer: Commissioner Vălean supports the rights of seafarers and their vital role. *European Commission*. 25 June 2020. Available from: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/STATEMENT_20_1190 On 25 June, the Day of the Seafarer, Commissioner for Transport Adina Vălean issued a statement.

Day of the Seafarer 2020: Let them go home! *European Transport Workers' Federation*. 25 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.etf-europe.org/day-of-the-seafarer-2020-let-them-go-home/> It seems like everybody is aware of the situation by now – due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, seafarers around the world have been facing difficulties in being replaced by other crew and getting repatriated.

COVID-19 impact: Many Indian sailors eager to board ship; scores of others desperate to return home. *CNBC-TV18*. 25 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.cnbctv18.com/business/covid-19-impact-many-indian-sailors-eager-to-board-ship-scores-of-others-desperate-to-return-home-6204791.htm> 28-year-old Farhan Khan who works in the engine room of a merchant ship has been jobless for nearly six months now.

Their story: the hunger striking seafarers at Tilbury trying to get home. *International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)*. 25 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/their-story-hunger-striking-seafarers-tilbury-trying-get-home> Four months without pay and 48 hours without food, 47 seafarers off the coast of the UK are desperate to get home to their families.

The Seafarer – An Unsung Hero. Janet Houghman-Addy. *Ghana Maritime Authority*. 25 June 2020. Available from: https://www.ghanamaritime.org/news_page.php?id=94 Quietly, largely unappreciated, and mostly overlooked the global economy is kept afloat by a tireless professional workforce known as seafarers.

Seafarers Key Players In Development Says Transport Minister. Lusiana Tuimaisala. *Fiji Sun Online*. 26 June 2020. Available from: <https://fijisun.com.fj/2020/06/26/seafarers-key-players-in-development-says-transport-minister/> Mr Koya said Fiji recognised seafarers as key workers, and the Government, through the Ministry of Transport, would provide seafarers with the support, assistance and options open to all key workers during this pandemic.

SAFETY4SEA Crew Wellness Survey: How happy are seafarers onboard? *Safety4Sea*. 27 June 2020. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/cm-safety4sea-crew-wellness-survey-how-happy-are-seafarers-onboard/> Life onboard has its own unique characteristics but is a demanding task for those who opt for it. [Q 4 2019 Crew Wellness Survey Report](#)

Nearly 4,000 seafarers still stranded on board ships, await repatriation. Mayura Janwalkar. *Indian Express*. 28 June 2020. Available from: <https://indianexpress.com/article/india/nearly-4000-seafarers-still-stranded-on-board-ships-await-repatriation-6479681/> The Indian crew staged a peaceful protest on the ship asking the Indian government and state officials to help them return home to their families.

2,000 distressed seafarers seeking help to get off ships. Katrine Grønvald Raun. *ShippingWatch*. 29 June 2020. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article12255546.ece> The International Transport Workers' Federation, ITF, has over the course of six days received inquiries from around 2,000 stranded seafarers requesting to go ashore as soon as possible.

ISWAN launches campaign to strengthen crew relationships during current crisis. *International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN)*. 29 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.seafarerswelfare.org/news/2020/iswan-launches-campaign-to-strengthen-crew-relationships-during-current-crisis> Today marks the launch of our two-week digital campaign, Connecting Crew, to highlight the importance of connecting with others for crew wellbeing.

SEARCH & RESCUE

Germany denies scuppering migrant rescue with shipping rule. *ABC News (US)*. 10 June 2020. Available from: <https://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/germany-denies-scuppering-migrant-rescue-shiping-rule-71174229> The German government has rejected claims by humanitarian groups that a change to ship safety rules will prevent the rescue of migrants at sea.

Charity boats resume Mediterranean migrant rescue after two-month Covid-19 break. *France 24*. 11 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.france24.com/en/20200611-italy-mediterranea-saving-humans-sea-watch-migrants-tunisia-sicily-matteo-salvini> Two charity boats have headed back to the Mediterranean after a two-month hiatus in migrant rescue operations, as humanitarian groups await a new wave of arrivals.

SHIP RECYCLING

NGOs distribute emergency food to shipbreaking workers in Bangladesh. *NGO Shipbreaking Platform*. 30 May 2020. Available from: <https://www.shipbreakingplatform.org/covid-19-relief-distribution/> The current COVID-19 pandemic is affecting workers globally, including those employed in the shipbreaking sector.

Light at the End of the Tunnel for Ship Recycling. Nikos Roussanoglou. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 4 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/light-at-the-end-of-the-tunnel-for-ship-recycling/> Shipbroker Clarkson Platou Hellas commented that “with various reports this week suggesting the lockdown across the Indian sub-continent were set to be lifted after the Eid celebrations, there have been further rumours again that we may still have to wait for some time to see a change to the current regulations and India, in particular, are rumoured to be planning an extension until 15th June.

Marina opens ship-breaking, recycling opportunities. Genivi Factao. *Manila Times*. 8 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2020/06/10/business/maritime-business/marina-opens-ship-breaking-recycling-opportunities/730767/> The Maritime Industry Authority (Marina) has set up a paid-up capital requirement of P25 million to P50 million for those interested to run ship-breaking and ship-recycling facilities that would support the government’s ship retirement and replacement program.

A safe path to recycling compliance: DNV GL’s new guidance works to support shipowner decisions. *DNV GL*. 10 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.dnvgl.com/news/a-safe-path-to-recycling-compliance-dnv-gl-s-new-guidance-works-to-support-shipowner-decisions-177409> With the IMO Hong Kong Convention not yet in force, strict enforcement of the EU Ship Recycling Regulation (EU SRR) and the EU Waste Shipment Regulation (EU WSR) means shipowners must carefully plan for the end of life of their vessels.

The Lloyd's List Podcast: How to make ship recycling sustainable. *Lloyd's List*. 12 June 2020. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132659/The-Lloyds-List-Podcast-How-to-make-ship-recycling-sustainable> © This edition features speakers from Standard Chartered Bank, Lloyd's Register, Norden and The Sustainable Shipping Initiative.

Future of UK ship recycling uncertain. *The Motorship*. 16 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.motorship.com/news101/ships-and-shipyards/future-of-uk-ship-recycling-uncertain> The European Commission has clarified what will happen at the end of the Brexit Withdrawal Agreement transition period, when the EU Ship Recycling Regulation (EU) No 1257/2013 no longer applies in the UK.

BIMCO publishes COVID-19 Crew Change Clause. *BIMCO*. 25 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.bimco.org/news/priority-news/20200625-bimco-publishes-covid-19-crew-change-clause> BIMCO has produced a COVID-19 Crew Change Clause for Time Charter Parties in response to the extraordinary circumstances faced by many owners whose crew have had to remain on board during the COVID-19 "lockdown" for periods often extending beyond their contracts of employment.

SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR

Qatar signs deal with South Korean yards for more than 100 LNG ships. Christian Carlsen. *ShippingWatch*. 2 June 2020. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article12182620.ece> South Korea's three major shipyards have signed a billion-dollar deal with Qatar to reserve capacity to build more than 100 LNG vessels in the coming years.

'Design the ship around the fuel cell' for deepsea, hydrogen-fuelled vessels. Martyn Wingrove. *Marine Propulsion & Auxiliary Machinery*. 4 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/addressing-the-key-technical-challenges-of-maritime-fuel-cell-adoption-59709> At Riviera Maritime Media's 'Fuel cells: addressing the key technical challenges' webinar, experts highlighted how fuel cells are one of the most promising solutions for reducing harmful pollutants in the maritime sector.

University helps create UK's first electric sea-going passenger boat. Alan Williams. *University of Plymouth (UK)*. 10 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/news/university-helps-create-uks-first-electric-sea-going-passenger-boat> The University of Plymouth is playing a major role in a ground-breaking project to create the UK's first, sea going, electric passenger vessel.

Wärtsilä to design and equip two zero-emissions battery powered ferries. *Wärtsilä Corporation*. 18 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.wartsila.com/media/news/18-06-2020-wartsila-to-design-and-equip-two-zero-emissions-battery-powered-ferries-2731211> Wärtsilä's experience and leading position in the development of battery and hybrid propulsion vessel solutions has been recognised with the award of a contract to design and equip two new zero-emissions ferries.

Virus disruption to remove 16% of ships from 2020 delivery schedules, Clarksons says. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 23 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/shipyards/virus-disruption-to-remove-16-of-ships-from-2020-delivery-schedules-clarksons-says/2-1-831161> Newbuilding deliveries will be 16% lower than originally expected this year due to coronavirus disruption, Clarksons Research has said.

World's first full scale ammonia engine test - an important step towards carbon free shipping. Wärtsilä Corporation. 30 June 2020. Available from: <https://bit.ly/2OZadN6> The technology group Wärtsilä, in close customer cooperation with Knutsen OAS Shipping AS and Repsol, as well as with the Sustainable Energy Catapult Centre, will commence the world's first long term, full-scale, testing of ammonia as a fuel in a marine four-stroke combustion engine.

SHIPPING

Danish shipping wants to be climate-neutral by 2050. Katrine Grønvald Raun. *ShippingWatch*. 29 May 2020. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article12178206.ece> Denmark's maritime interest group Danish Shipping has a clear ambition to become climate-neutral in 30 years.

Norwegian shipowners want a global ban on fossil fuels in 30 years. Katrine Grønvald Raun. *ShippingWatch*. 29 May 2020. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article12177428.ece> From 2050, it should be prohibited to sail on non-climate-neutral fuels, says the CEO of the Norwegian Shipowners' Association, Harald Solberg.

More air cargo finds its sea legs during COVID-19. Chris Gillis. *Freight Waves*. 29 May 2020. Available from: <https://www.freightwaves.com/news/more-air-cargo-finds-its-sea-legs-during-covid-19> Escalating airfreight transportation rates and capacity shortages from China due to the global pandemic have encouraged some shippers to split supply chain shipments between ocean and air pallets.

The Lloyd's List Podcast: Shipping's decarbonisation dilemma. *Lloyd's List*. 29 May 2020. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132511/The-Lloyds-List-Podcast-Shippings-decarbonisation-dilemma> A special edition of the Lloyd's List Podcast this week features an extended debate on shipping's decarbonisation prospects, taking in everything from state support, future fuel options, fake zeros and the overwhelming need for clarity and standard definitions when it comes to ambitions.

Adjusting to the new normal: same coverage, different frequency. *MundoMaritimo*. 1 June 2020. Available from: <https://mundomaritimo.net/noticias/adjusting-to-the-new-normal-same-coverage-different-frequency> Exclusive interview with Maersk LAM CEO on COVID-19 outlook - For the maritime industry, the COVID-19 crisis is a very different one from others, as it is not a 'shipping crisis' but a worldwide domino effect that affects all industries across the global supply chain.

Singapore Crew Change Guidebook. *Standard Club*. 2 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.standard-club.com/risk-management/knowledge-centre/news-and-commentary/2020/06/news-singapore-crew-change-guidebook.aspx> In order to facilitate crew changes in Singapore, tripartite partners The Maritime & Port Authority, The Singapore Shipping Association and The Singapore Maritime Officers' Union, in cooperation with the International Maritime Employers' Council Ltd and The World Shipping Council have formed the Singapore Crew Change Working Group (SGCCWG). [COVID-19 Protocol on Crew Change and Repatriation of Seafarers: Singapore Crew Change Guidebook](#)

The CMA CGM Group heads towards carbon neutrality by 2050. *CMA CGM*. 2 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.cmacgm-group.com/en/news-media/The-CMA-CGM-Group-heads-towards-carbon-neutrality-by-2050> Our Chairman and CEO participated in the UN Global Compact online conference and announced new steps to define the shipping and logistics of tomorrow.

Stena Line reduces CO2 emissions - a leader in sustainable shipping. *Shippax*. 2 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.shippax.com/en/press-releases/stena-line-reduces-co2-emissions-a-leader-in-sustainable-shipping.aspx> Ferry shipping company Stena Line continues to reduce CO2 emissions and is now ten years ahead of the international shipping targets for reducing emissions.

Marine economy in 2018 grew faster than U.S. overall. *US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)*. 2 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.noaa.gov/media-release/marine-economy-in-2018-grew-faster-than-us-overall> America's marine economy, including goods and services, contributed about \$373 billion to the nation's gross domestic product in 2018 and grew faster than the nation's economy as a whole, according to the marine economy statistics released today by two Department of Commerce agencies. [America's Marine Economy](#) 📄

Defining and Measuring the U.S. Ocean Economy. *US Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)*. June 2020. Available from: <https://www.bea.gov/system/files/2020-06/defining-and-measuring-the-united-states-ocean-economy.pdf> 📄 The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), has developed prototype statistics to measure the ocean's contribution to U.S. gross domestic product (GDP).

Danish shipowners see fossil fuel ban as one solution among several. *Katrine Grønvald Raun. ShippingWatch*. 3 June 2020. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article12186681.ece> A global ban on fossil fuels could be one tool for achieving climate neutrality, says Danish Shipping Chair Jacob Meldgaard.

Live export sheep from coronavirus ship Al Kuwait to remain in Australia after ban exemption denied. *Eliza Laschon and Joanna Menagh. ABC (Australia)*. 3 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-06-02/fate-of-live-export-sheep-on-coronavirus-ship-al-kuwait/12307376> The Federal Department of Agriculture has refused to grant an exemption to Australia's live export ban to allow 56,000 sheep to be transported to the Middle East after the shipment's original carrier was locked down by a coronavirus outbreak.

InterManager encourages seafaring community to submit data to 'Maritime Champions Club'. *InterManager*. 3 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.intermanager.org/2020/06/intermanager-encourages-seafaring-community-to-submit-data-to-maritime-champions-club/> InterManager – the international trade association for ship and crew managers – launched its Maritime Champions League at the beginning of May 2020, and has today announced a name change of the initiative to the Maritime Champions Club.

Don't write an obituary for shipping's dirtiest fuel. *Paul Hickin. S&P Global Platts*. 3 June 2020. Available from: <https://blogs.platts.com/2020/06/03/shipping-dirtiest-fuel-hsfo-scrubbers/> High sulfur fuel oil, once the cheap staple diet of the shipping industry, has been usurped by an abundance of low-cost, premium quality bunker fuel.

Heavy fuel oil used by more than one-third of ships in Canadian Arctic waters, study finds. *Julien Gignac. The Narwhal (Canada)*. 4 June 2020. Available from: <https://thenarwhal.ca/heavy-fuel-oil-used-more-than-one-third-ships-canadian-arctic/> During a span of eight years, 37 per cent of ships in the Canadian Arctic were run on heavy fuel oil, according to a new report.

Victor Restis: Shipping in post-Covid-19 era looks bright with a low-carbon future. *Victor Restis. TradeWinds*. 4 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/victor-restis-shipping-in-post-covid-19-era-looks-bright-with-a-low-carbon-future/2-1-817726> The Greek shipowner is optimistic that shipping can chart a profitable course in the wake of the pandemic, but says IMO should review its approach to slow steaming.

COVID-19 and Shipping: Maritime Law and Policy Highlights – WMU Webinar. *World Maritime University (WMU)*. 4 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.wmu.se/news/covid-19-shipping-maritime-law-policy-highlights-wmu-webinar> The most recent offering in the WMU Alumni Webinar series took place on 29 May with the topic of COVID-19 and Shipping: Maritime Law and Policy Highlights.

Rules of the Road: Some vessels fly fraudulent flags. Jake DesVergers. *The Triton*. 4 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.the-triton.com/2020/06/rules-of-the-road-some-vessels-fly-fraudulent-flags/> Some flag states do not seem particularly bothered that their national flags are being abused in this way and no one knows exactly how many dodgy ships there are.

ANALYSIS: LNG fails to answer shipping's big energy transition question. Paul Hickin. *S&P Global Platts*. 4 June 2020. Available from: <https://bit.ly/3jMRBOA> LNG has the shipping industry's attention as the next step to meeting climate change goals.

Impacts of marine fauna on shipping. *GARD*. 4 June 2020. Available from: <http://www.gard.no/web/updates/content/29808557/impacts-of-marine-fauna-on-shipping> While shipping traffic is one of many human activities in the ocean that may have an adverse impact on marine life, the opposite is also true.

Op-Ed: What it Will Take for the Cruise Industry to Survive. Thomas P. Illes. *Maritime Executive*. 5 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/editorials/oped-what-it-will-take-for-the-cruise-industry-to-survive> In the course of the current corona crisis, advice and theories on how companies and industries should practice successful crisis, reputation and communication management are shooting up like mushrooms.

Ocean shipping shrinks as pandemic pummels retailers. Jonathan Saul, Lisa Baertlein and Sonya Dowsett. *Reuters*. 5 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-shipping-retail-idUSKBN23C0MS> Some shipping lines, whose retail customers are being hammered by the coronavirus pandemic, are reducing sailing speeds and taking longer routes around Africa, avoiding Suez canal passage fees, according to the companies and ship-tracking specialists.

Rebuilding SA's ship register remains vital to maritime sector development: SAMSA. *South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)*. 5 June 2020. Available from: <https://blog.samsa.org.za/2020/06/05/rebuilding-sas-ship-register-remains-vital-to-maritime-sector-development-samsa/> The rebuilding of a South Africa ship register and development of a greater population awareness about, and a viable channel of education and training through to meaningful engagement of people through careers remain pivotal to redevelopment and expansion of the country's maritime sector, according to the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA).

Equinor launching maritime climate ambitions. *Equinor*. 8 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.equinor.com/en/news/2020-06-08-maritime-climate-ambitions.html> On the UN's World Oceans Day, Equinor is launching its ambitions for reducing own emissions from ships and how the company will contribute to decarbonising shipping.

Confronting the challenges of Covid-19: A P&I Club operational perspective. Joe Hughes. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 8 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/finance-insurance/confronting-challenges-covid-19-pi-club-operational-perspective> Whether the calamitous consequences of the crisis were preventable has become as much an issue of political controversy as it is of scientific debate.

Last Cruise Ship Passengers Disembark After Six Month Adventure. *Maritime Executive.*

8 June 2020. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/last-cruise-ship-passengers-disembark-after-six-month-adventure> Twelve weeks after the global cruise industry announced its suspension of service, and just as some cruise lines are exploring a return to service, the last eight cruise passengers aboard an ocean-going cruise ship have arrived home.

Slow adoption of crew change protocols is a ticking time bomb. *Nidaa Bakhsh. Lloyd's List.*

8 June 2020. Available from: <https://lloydlist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132608/Slow-adoption-of-crew-change-protocols-is-a-ticking-time-bomb> Crew changes are taking place, but it is slow and not to the scale expected when the 12-point blueprint was unveiled a month ago.

Total joins the “Getting to zero coalition” to contribute to shipping industry’s decarbonization. *Total* 8 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.total.com/media/news/communiques/total-joins-getting-zero-coalition-contribute-shipping-industrys> Total has joined the Getting to Zero Coalition to support the maritime industry's decarbonisation by collaborating with companies across the maritime, energy, infrastructure and finance sectors.

Petrojam makes transition to low sulphur heavy fuel oil. *Jamaica Observer.* 8 June 2020.


Available from: http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/petrojam-makes-transition-to-low-sulphur-heavy-fuel-oil_195786 A release from the company stated that on January 1, 2020, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) introduced new regulations to lower the sulphur cap on marine fuels, reducing the global limit from 3.5 per cent to 0.50 per cent.

S. Korea to support LNG bunkering ship project. *Yonhap News Agency (South Korea).*

9 June 2020. Available from: <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20200609001200320> South Korea said Tuesday it will support a business building a liquefied natural gas (LNG) bunkering ship with 15 billion won (US \$12.4 million).

Future Maritime Trade Flows. *International Transport Forum.* 9 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.itf-oecd.org/future-maritime-trade-flows-1> This report reviews possible determinants of global maritime goods transport over the coming decades.

[Future Maritime Trade Flows Summary and Conclusions](#) 

ABS Guides Industry on NOx Emissions Compliance and Launches New NOx Notation.

Hellenic Shipping News. 9 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/abs-guides-industry-on-nox-emissions-compliance-and-launches-new-nox-notation/> ABS has published the ABS Advisory on NOx Tier III Compliance to provide best practice for IMO Tier III compliance for new build vessels and retrofitted ships.

BMW joins UECC, GoodShipping to advance biofuel trials in shipping. *Surabhi Sahu.*

S&P Global Platts. 9 June 2020. Available from: <https://bit.ly/2CSxJZC> German auto manufacturer BMW has partnered with shipowner UECC and the GoodShipping Program to advance biofuel trials on UECC's roll-on, roll-off' car carrying vessels, paving the pathway for decarbonization for car carrier ships as environmental rules loom.

Canada positions itself as crew change hub. *Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com.* 10 June 2020.

Available from: <https://splash247.com/canada-positions-itself-as-crew-change-hub/>  Canada is positioning itself as a crew change hub with public and private sectors coming together to make the movement of seafarers far easier than most places on Earth with continued restrictive travel bans meaning there are some 200,000 men and women stuck at sea working beyond their contracts.

How to reach 50 per cent carbon reduction by 2050. Susan Parker. *Cruise & Ferry*. 10 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.cruiseandferry.net/articles/how-to-reach-50-per-cent-carbon-reduction-by-2050-1> Finding a way towards a fully sustainable cruise industry involves exploring many different options and joining forces with others.

Jutta Paulus plays a key role in the fight for CO2 quotas: "I am a big fan of shipping". Katrine Grønvald Raun. *ShippingWatch*. 10 June 2020. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article12209960.ece> MEP Jutta Paulus is not opposed to the shipping industry, but she would like it "to become more efficient, to use proper fuels, to use clean fuel and to stop pretending that they should not do anything."

Q&A: Peter Fitzpatrick on IMO 2020, environmental concerns and alternative fuels. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 10 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/saudi-maritime-congress-news/qa-peter-fitzpatrick-imo-2020-environmental-concerns-and-alternative> In this Q&A Peter Fitzpatrick, Vice President Strategic Development, ABS, talks about the development of alternative fuel sources and 2050 IMO targets.

Maersk fleet to improve ocean and climate science. *Maersk*. 10 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.maersk.com/news/articles/2020/06/10/maersk-fleet-to-improve-ocean-and-climate-science> Maersk vessels will be assisting global research efforts on weather patterns and climate change by committing 300 company-owned vessels to participate in the global Voluntary Observing Ship (VOS) program.

Shipping struggles to overcome political inertia as crew change crisis starts to bite. Richard Meade. *Lloyd's List*. 10 June 2020. Available from: <https://lloydlist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132639/Shipping-struggles-to-overcome-political-inertia-as-crew-change-crisis-starts-to-bite> A diplomatic battle is underway to win over international political support for crew change plans.

Corona restrictions could paralyze crew changes for a long time to come. Tomas Kristiansen. *ShippingWatch*. 11 June 2020. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article12213488.ece> Crew changes are slowly starting to be implemented in several places around the world.

Forging a path to greenhouse gas reduction. John Snyder. *Marine Propulsion & Auxiliary Machinery*. 11 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/forging-a-path-to-greenhouse-gas-reduction-59794> By 2050, international shipping expects to cut greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from oceangoing vessels by 50% as compared to 2008 levels, with efforts focusing on eliminating CO2.

New efficient ships won't be enough to curb shipping sector's environmental damage. *University of Manchester (UK)*. 12 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.manchester.ac.uk/discover/news/new-efficient-ships-wont-be-enough-to-curb-shipping-sectors-environmental-damage/> New climate research has stated that urgent action on emissions from existing ships is the key to tackling shipping's impact on climate change.

Scrub that: Pandemic forces ship owners to shelve anti-pollution gear. Jonathan Saul. *Reuters*. 12 June 2020. Available from: <https://uk.reuters.com/article/us-imo-shipping-scrubbers-focus/scrub-that-pandemic-forces-ship-owners-to-shelve-anti-pollution-gear-idUKKBN23J0SW> Ship owners are postponing or cancelling the installation of "scrubbers" that extract harmful sulphur emissions from their vessels as the coronavirus pandemic tightens finances.

As oil prices crashed, tankers idled off California—spewing pollution for weeks.

Alejandra Borunda. *National Geographic*. 12 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/2020/06/coronavirus-oil-prices-crashed-tankers-idled-california-spewing-pollution/> This scrum of oil tankers, right next to the Los Angeles basin, emitted tons of air pollutants and CO2 while they were parked.

ECSA launches video #EveryShipmentCounts. European Community Shipowners'

Associations (ECSA). 15 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.ecsa.eu/news/ecsa-launches-video-everyshipmentcounts> Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the European shipping industry has been working hard to ensure that goods such as food and medical supplies, as well as energy supplies and the transport services continue to be delivered to millions of EU citizens.

Shippers Contribute to Carbon Neutrality in MSC South Pole Partnership. Maritime Executive.

15 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/shippers-contribute-to-carbon-neutrality-in-msc-south-pole-partnership> Shippers have a new way to participate in the global drive to achieve carbon neutrality while working to directly lower the carbon footprint of their supply chains and cargo shipments.

Political pressure crucial to ensure crew crisis doesn't escalate. Paul Berrill. TradeWinds.

16 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/ship-management/political-pressure-crucial-to-ensure-crew-crisis-doesnt-escalate/2-1-827200> Industry has worked together like never before to tackle change-over emergency, but governments have yet to get the message.

Bunker fuel quality worsens due to IMO 2020 and coronavirus pandemic. Max Tingyao Lin.

TradeWinds. 16 June 2020. Available from: <https://bit.ly/39zEKdP> Marine fuel quality has worsened this year amid production challenges from the IMO 2020 switch and coronavirus pandemic, with substandard issues most conspicuous in Europe, according to bunker experts.

Trade in many developing countries projected to 'nosedive', warns UNCTAD. UN News.

16 June 2020. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/06/1066402> Trade in many developing countries is expected to take a "nosedive" in the second quarter of 2020, owing to the unprecedented effects of the coronavirus pandemic, UN economists said on Tuesday.

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http://www.gard.no/web/news/article?p_document_id=29880859 Gard today launched its first sustainability report as part of its commitment to the UN Global Compact. [Report](#)

No clear path to decarbonisation apart from cost, say owners. Paul Berrill. TradeWinds.

17 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/no-clear-path-to-decarbonisation-apart-from-cost-say-owners/2-1-827987> Shipowners Ioanna Procopiou and Alexander Saverys bemoan lack of alternative fuels available, but say who pays is the answer to finding them.

ECSA in full support of effective and well-targeted tonnage tax for shipping. European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA). 17 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.ecsa.eu/news/ecsa-full-support-effective-and-well-targeted-tonnage-tax-shipping> Today, the Federation of European Private Port Operators (FEPORT) and the European Association for Forwarding, Transport, Logistics and Customs Services (CLECAT) once again asked the European Commission to take action to restrict the use of the tonnage tax system for shipping companies.

UK Chamber of Shipping writes to UK PM on crew changes. *UK Chamber of Shipping.*

17 June 2020. Available from: <https://ukchamberofshipping.com/latest/uk-chamber-shipping-writes-uk-pm-crew-changes/> The UK Chamber of Shipping has written a letter to the British Prime Minister Boris Johnson demanding urgent action is taken to facilitate crew changes.

Top executives identify key barriers to shipping's climate efforts. *Katrine Grønvald Raun.*

ShippingWatch. 18 June 2020. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article12231842.ece> The price difference between new technologies and current fuels is the biggest barrier to lowering shipping's greenhouse gas emissions, believes Alexander Saverys, CEO of Belgian CMB.

Georgia strives to become regional hub for repatriation of seafarers. *Agenda.ge (Georgia).*

18 June 2020. Available from: <https://agenda.ge/en/news/2020/1919> Georgia is ready to perform the function of a transit country in the process of the repatriation of seafarers starting June 15, announces the Georgian Economy Minister Natia Turnava.

Marine fuel instability on the rise in ARA. *Erik Hoffmann. Argus Media.* 18 June 2020.

Available from: <https://www.argusmedia.com/en/news/2115660-marine-fuel-instability-on-the-rise-in-ara> The stability of marine fuels available in the Amsterdam-Rotterdam-Antwerp (ARA) hub has deteriorated in the past month because of changing blend components and co-mingling, according to bunker trading firm Integr8 and fuel testing firm FOBAS.

Shipping and the fluidity of EU-UK trade depend on a comprehensive agreement to be concluded rapidly. *European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA).* 18 June 2020.

Available from: <https://www.ecsa.eu/news/shipping-and-fluidity-eu-uk-trade-depend-comprehensive-agreement-be-concluded-rapidly> Following the plenary vote in the European Parliament today on the recommendations on the future EU-UK relations, ECSA reiterates the position of the European shipping industry and calls for urgent action: all parties should avoid at all costs a no-deal scenario.

Leading the way to a sustainable future. *Rebecca Gibson. Cruise & Ferry.* 19 June 2020.

Available from: <https://www.cruiseandferry.net/articles/leading-the-way-to-a-sustainable-future-1> Rebecca Gibson asks what new goals Kitack Lim hopes to achieve during his next four years at the helm of International Maritime Organization.

Fuel oil challenges expectations. *S&P Global Platts.* 19 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.spglobal.com/platts/en/market-insights/podcasts/oil/061920-fuel-oil-challenges-expectations-imo2020> Turbulence in oil markets and shifting regulation has led to some surprising dynamics at the bottom of the barrel.

Cyprus shipping takes risk-based approach to sanction guidelines. *Andrew Rosenbaum.*

Cyprus Mail. 22 June 2020. Available from: <https://cyprus-mail.com/2020/06/22/cyprus-shipping-takes-risk-based-approach-to-sanction-guidelines/> The US Office of Foreign Assets Control (Ofac) on June 5 issued guidance on sector-based sanctions regarding doing business with Iran contained in Iran-Related Executive Order (EO) 13902, which was issued in January 2020.

Japan's top three shipping lines lobby government on crew change. *Martina Li. Safety at Sea.*

22 June 2020. Available from: <https://safetyatsea.net/news/2020/japans-big-three-shipping-groups-lobby-government-on-crew-change/> Japan's top three shipping companies, Mitsui OSK Lines (MOL), NYK Line, and K Line are working through the Japanese Shipowners' Association to get the government to negotiate with the authorities of other countries to allow crew changes amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Repatriation of stranded seafarers necessary for global trade. *British International Freight Association (BIFA)*. 22 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.bifa.org/news/articles/2020/jun/repatriation-of-stranded-seafarers-necessary-for-global-trade> Governmental restrictions on travel and economy in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to severely hamper crew changeovers, creating what is set to become a real humanitarian crisis and a severe threat to global trade.

Stena Bulk to introduce low-carbon shipping options. *Stena Bulk*. 22 June 2020. Available from:

<https://www.stenabulk.com/press-and-news/press-releases/stena-bulk-introduce-low-carbon-shipping-options> Biofuel has the potential of putting shipping on the trajectory towards IMO's greenhouse gas reduction targets, without having to wait for new technology and zero-carbon fuels to emerge as commercially viable options.

Maersk sets \$500 misdeclaration fee for wrongly-sized out-of-gauge cargo. Gavin van Marle.

The Loadstar. 22 June 2020. Available from: <https://theloadstar.com/maersk-sets-500-misdeclaration-fee-for-wrongly-sized-out-of-gauge-cargo/> In a further effort to crack down on misdeclared cargo, Maersk Line will introduce a \$500 fee for special and out-of-gauge cargo if the actual dimensions of the cargo differ from booking details.

Domestic logjams are main barrier in crew-change problem. Vincent Wee. *Lloyd's List*.

22 June 2020. Available from:

<https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132759/Domestic-logjams-are-main-barrier-in-crewchange-problem> Ban on commercial flights into India and severe limitations in the Philippines are slowing flights bringing seafarers into a trickle.

Why shipping needs to shout louder about the crewing crisis. Richard Meade. *Lloyd's List*.

22 June 2020. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132767/Why-shipping-needs-to-shout-louder-about-the-crewing-crisis> Bureaucratic befuddlement and political inertia are not an acceptable excuse for the hidden humanitarian crisis at sea that has left tens of thousands of seafarers stranded with expired contracts, visa and passports.

Shipping breakdown. *The World (US)*. 22 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.pri.org/file/2020-06-22/shipping-breakdown>

The World's host Marco Werman speaks with retired US Navy Rear Adm. Fred Kenney, director of legal and external affairs at the International Maritime Organization, about the situation.

World's largest flag gives its blessing to keep seafarers at sea for 17 months. Sam Chambers.

Splash 247.com. 23 June 2020. Available from: <https://splash247.com/worlds-largest-flag-gives-its-blessing-to-keep-seafarers-at-sea-for-17-months/> The world's largest ship registry has given the go-ahead to keep seafarers at sea for another three months in a move that has sparked severe concern for the health of those onboard.

Two politicians waging battles about shipping's contribution to the carbon targets.

Katrine Grønvald Raun. *ShippingWatch*. 23 June 2020. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article12240650.ece> Danish Pernille Weiss is fighting German Jutta Paulus, who is looking to tighten carbon emission requirements for the shipping sector.

Covid-19: how the cruise industry got washed up. Adele Berti. *Ship-technology.com*.

23 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.ship-technology.com/features/cruise-industry-coronavirus/> The cruise industry is facing growing criticism for the way it has handled the coronavirus pandemic, with accounts of passengers stranded on quarantined ships still making headlines.

S&B Viewpoint: Seafarers Crisis Risks Poisoning Shipping's Relationship with Regulators.

Jack Jordan. *Ship & Bunker*. 24 June 2020. Available from:

<https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/287465-sb-viewpoint-seafarers-crisis-risks-poisoning-shippings-relationship-with-regulators> Shipping's ongoing crisis of what to do with seafarers during coronavirus restrictions is not just an HR issue for the industry.

INS commits to closing gender gap at sea. *International Nuclear Services (INS)*. 24 June 2020.

Available from: <https://www.innuserv.com/2020/06/ins-commits-to-closing-gender-gap-at-sea/>

International Nuclear Services is proud to announce its continued support for gender diversity for seafarers by becoming the latest firm to sign up to the Women in Maritime Charter.

Organizations accuse shipping of failing to move on climate. Christian Carlsen. *ShippingWatch*.

25 June 2020. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article12246552.ece> Two organizations say that the shipping industry is not ambitious enough in terms of reducing emissions in the short term.

New research center will lead the way for decarbonizing shipping. *Maersk*. 25 June 2020.

Available from: <https://www.maersk.com/news/articles/2020/06/25/new-research-center-will-lead-the-way-for-decarbonizing-shipping> The shipping industry has made a strong commitment to reduce its global carbon emissions towards 2050.

Why box shipping needs digitalising and downsizing. Jamey Bergman. *Container Shipping & Trade*.

25 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/news-content-hub/why-box-shipping-needs-digitalising-and-downsizing-59963> As Digital Container Shipping Association (DCSA) chief operating officer Henning Schleyerbach explained, "Covid-19 has been a stress test that has brought out the vulnerability of today's optimised but inflexible supply chain".

Biofouling survey for cargo vessels arriving in New Zealand. *Government of New Zealand*.

25 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/news-and-resources/media-releases/biofouling-survey-for-cargo-vessels-arriving-in-new-zealand/> A Biosecurity New Zealand-organised biofouling survey will involve compulsory hull checks for up to 40 arriving cargo vessels.

The Lloyd's List Podcast: Emanuele Grimaldi on waiting for the world to restart. *Lloyd's List*.

26 June 2020. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132827/The-Lloyds-List-Podcast-Emanuele-Grimaldi-on-waiting-for-the-world-to-restart> Italian shipowner Emanuele Grimaldi is our return guest and he talks candidly about waiting for the world to restart in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, why he has launched antitrust complaints against the governments he feels are distorting the marketplace and the persistently troubling subject of roro safety in the wake of yet another cargo deck fire, this time aboard Grimaldi's ro-Pax vessel *Cruise Bonaria*.

CEO Bulletin: Pressure paying off. *UK Chamber of Shipping*. 26 June 2020. Available from:

<https://ukchamberofshipping.com/latest/ceo-bulletin-pressure-paying/> As we have enjoyed sweltering heat this week here in the UK my thoughts turned to the hundreds of thousands of seafarers stuck on board ships across the world.

Global Shipping & Trade: Navigating the Perils of COVID-19. Victor Restis. *Yucatan Times (Mexico)*.

27 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.theyucatatimes.com/2020/06/global-shipping-trade-navigating-the-perils-of-covid-19/> The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed significant weaknesses in the global supply chain and has reminded us of what keeps this massive system going strong, even in times like now.

Shipping is Waiting for the Global Economy to Bounce Back. Nikos Roussanoglou. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 27 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/shipping-is-waiting-for-the-global-economy-to-bounce-back/> The recession currently underway globally is bound to have a negative impact on demand for ships.

Tankers to the rescue again: a solution to storage woes. Julian Hines, Rahul Sapra and Nick Dimokidis. *Safety4Sea*. 29 June 2020. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/tankers-to-the-rescue-again-a-solution-to-storage-woes/> The Standard Club's loss prevention (LP) department comments on how this current crisis in oil prices coupled with the fall in demand has pushed several oil producers, traders and consumers to stock up, leading to a shortage in storage space for oil, not just crude but even clean products such as aviation fuel and gasoline.

Ports, ships and the human economy of global sea trade: an interview with Laleh Khalili. Tugrul Mende. *openDemocracy*. 30 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/north-africa-west-asia/ports-ships-and-human-economy-global-sea-trade-interview-laleh-khalili/> During the COVID-19 pandemic many workers in ports and on ships have either lost their jobs or were stuck on ships with or without wages and with an uncertain future.

Cyprus gets new shipping minister as Pilides promoted in cabinet reshuffle. Harry Papachristou and Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 30 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/cyprus-gets-new-shipping-minister-as-pilides-promoted-in-cabinet-reshuffle/2-1-834887> Vassilios Demetriades, a seasoned maritime policy expert at the European Union, has become Cyprus' new cabinet member in charge of shipping, after a government reshuffle on the Mediterranean island.

China's Influence on Global Shipping Now More Important Than Ever. Nikos Roussanoglou. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 30 June 2020. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/chinas-influence-on-global-shipping-now-more-important-than-ever/> During the past two decades, China's rise as an economic powerhouse has also triggered a massive expansion of the shipping industry, both in China, but also globally.

International Shipping: More efforts needed. Jacopo Tattini. *International Energy Agency (IEA)*. June 2020. Available from: <https://www.iea.org/reports/international-shipping> International shipping accounted for around 2% of global energy-related CO2 emissions in 2019.

MTCC Caribbean Newsletter: Green Bow, Clean Wake. *MTCC Caribbean*. June 2020. Available from: <https://mailchi.mp/641c69e2b5cd/june-2020-newsletter-1384844> In this communication, we have reflected on the impact of Covid 19 on various aspects of the maritime and logistics sector, our wellbeing, and of course the Global MTCC Network Project.

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van Luijk N, Dawson J, et al. **Analysis of heavy fuel oil use by ships operating in Canadian Arctic waters from 2010 to 2018.** *FACETS*. 14 May 2020. Available from: <https://doi.org/10.1139/facets-2019-0067> In 2018, The International Maritime Organization, officially proposed consideration of a ban on heavy fuel oil (HFO) use by ships in the Arctic, because of the widely accepted understanding that HFO presents a threat to the marine environment.

Brito-Morales I, Schoeman DS, et al. **Climate velocity reveals increasing exposure of deep-ocean biodiversity to future warming.** *Nature Climate Change*. 25 May 2020. Available from: <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41558-020-0773-5> Slower warming in the deep ocean encourages a perception that its biodiversity is less exposed to climate change than that of surface waters.

Henning E, Bakir MS, et al. **Digital versus analogue record systems for mass casualty incidents at sea—Results from an exploratory study.** *PLOS ONE*. 5 June 2020. Available from: <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0234156> Objective Mis-triage may have serious consequences for patients in mass casualty incidents (MCI) at sea.

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Pyšek P, Hulme PE, et al. **Scientists' warning on invasive alien species.** *Biological Reviews*. 25 June 2020. Available from: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/brv.12627> Biological invasions are a global consequence of an increasingly connected world and the rise in human population size.

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The CAB Cover is a photograph of the international memorial to the world's seafarers, past, present and future which graces the entrance to IMO Headquarters in London. The memorial, a seven-metre high, ten-tonne bronze representation of the bow of a cargo ship with a lone seafarer on the deck, is the work of internationally renowned British sculptor Michael Sandle.