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IMO NEWS & EVENTS

WHAT'S NEW

World Maritime theme 2022: New technologies for greener shipping

"New technologies for greener shipping" has been chosen as the World Maritime theme for 2022, reflecting the need to support a green transition of the maritime sector into a sustainable future, while leaving no one behind.

The IMO Council, meeting for its 125th session (28 June-2 July), endorsed the theme following a proposal by IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim. Mr. Lim said the theme would provide an opportunity to focus on the importance of a sustainable maritime sector and the need to build back better and greener in a post pandemic world. [More...](#)

International Maritime Prize to go to Mr. Paul Sadler (UK)

Prize for 2020 is to be awarded to Mr. Paul Sadler, former representative of Government of the United Kingdom to IMO and of IACS.

The prestigious International Maritime Prize for 2020 is to be awarded to Mr. Paul Sadler, former representative of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the International Maritime Organization (IMO). Mr. Sadler also represented the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) at IMO meetings and served as a governor of the World Maritime University (WMU) for ten years.

In their nomination, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) commended Mr. Sadler for his contribution to the development of IMO regulations over many years. [More...](#)

Vietnamese rescuer to receive IMO Bravery Award

Mr. Tran Van Khoi, Search and Rescue Officer from Viet Nam, will receive the award for rescuing four survivors from a sunken vessel.

A search and rescue officer from Viet Nam has been selected to receive the 2021 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea, after saving the lives of four people from a sunken cargo ship in extreme weather and heavy seas.

Mr. Tran Van Khoi, Search and Rescue Officer of the Regional Maritime Search and Rescue Coordination Center No.II, Viet Nam Maritime Administration, was nominated by Viet Nam, for his extraordinary courage, determination and endurance. [More...](#)

Programme of Meetings for 2021 (issued 8 December 2020) can be downloaded [here](#)

Previous Meetings (REMOTE)

[Facilitation Committee \(FAL 45\)](#) – 1-4 June

[Marine Environment Protection Committee \(MEPC 76\)](#) – 10-17 June

[Council \(C 125\)](#) – 28 June – 2 July

Forthcoming Meetings (REMOTE)

Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III 7) – 12-16 July

Legal Committee (LEG 108) – 26-30 July

RECENT SPEECHES BY IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL KITACK LIM

Council (C 125) – 28 June – 2 July ([Closing](#) remarks)

World Ports Conference Keynote: Implementing the IMO GHG Strategy – [keynote](#) 25 June

[G7++ Friends of the Gulf of Guinea London Technical Plenary](#), 24 June

IMO NEWS MAGAZINE [Summer 2021](#)

IMO PUBLISHING [Just Published 2021](#)

UNITED NATIONS

'Simply no scenario' where humanity can survive on an ocean-free planet. *UN News.*

1 June 2021. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/06/1093142> The world must harness "clear, transformative and actionable solutions" to address the ocean crisis, the President of the UN General Assembly said on Tuesday, opening a meeting to generate momentum towards the 2022 UN Ocean Conference, when public health safety measures allow.

High-Level Debate on Oceans - General Assembly, 75th session. *United Nations.* 1 June 2021.

Available from: <https://media.un.org/en/asset/k1j/k1jstg0sie> High-level thematic debate on the ocean and Sustainable Development Goal 14: Life Below Water. [Video; Part 2](#) 📺

Yemen: Health, environment and economy remain under threat from stricken oil tanker.

UN News. 3 June 2021. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/06/1093352> There has been no further investigation into the state of the *FSO Safer*, a stricken tanker anchored just 4.8 nautical miles off the Yemen coast, meaning the risk of a massive oil leak continues to grow with each passing day, a senior UN official told the Security Council on Thursday.

UN health agency urges nations to donate 250 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine. *UN News.*

4 June 2021. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/06/1093372> Some two billion doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been distributed globally but only 0.5 per cent have reached low-income countries where frontline health workers and the elderly have yet to receive a shot, the World Health Organization said on Friday.

WHO warns of 'two-track pandemic' as cases decline but vaccine inequity persists.

UN News. 7 June 2021. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/06/1093472> Even though COVID-19 cases and deaths have declined in recent weeks, the world is facing a "two-track pandemic", the UN's top health official said on Monday in his ongoing campaign to get more vaccines to developing countries.

Foreign Minister of Maldives elected next General Assembly President. *UN News.*

7 June 2021. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/06/1093532> 📺 The UN chief welcomed the election on Monday of Abdulla Shahid, Foreign Minister of the Maldives, as President-elect of the 76th session of the General Assembly.

End war on nature and ensure ocean health, UN chief says in message for World Oceans Day. *UN News.*

8 June 2021. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/06/1093572> 📺 Ending the "war on nature" must be part of global recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, UN Secretary-General António Guterres said on Tuesday in his message for World Oceans Day.

Landmark G7 agreement pledges 870 million COVID-19 vaccine doses. *UN News.*

13 June 2021. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/06/1093932> A senior UN official welcomed on Sunday, the Group of Seven (G7) leading industrialized nations' commitment to immediately share at least 870 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines, supporting global access and helping to end the acute phase of the pandemic.

The United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund steps up its climate action with new ambitious targets. *United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF).* 17 June 2021. Available from:

<https://www.unjspf.org/the-united-nations-joint-staff-pension-fund-steps-up-its-climate-action-with-new-ambitious-targets/> Supporting the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and specifically climate action, the Office of Investment Management (OIM) of the UNJSPF is a member of the UN-convened Net-Zero Asset Owner Alliance formed in 2019.

António Guterres secures second term as UN Secretary-General, calls for new era of 'solidarity and equality'. *UN News*. 19 June 2021. Available from:

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/06/1094282> 📰 António Guterres was on Friday re-appointed to a second term as UN Secretary-General, pledging as his priority, to continue helping the world chart a course out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 impact on tourism could deal \$4 trillion blow to global economy: UN report.

UN News. 29 June 2021. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/06/1095052>
The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on tourism could result in a more than \$4 trillion loss to the global economy, UN trade and development body UNCTAD said on Wednesday in a report issued jointly with the UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

CASUALTIES

Indonesia ferry catches fire at sea; all 195 aboard safe. *Associated Press*. 29 May 2021.

Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/indonesia-fires-business-2dc064249ac6c76b895fa25e1162854d> A large ferry with nearly 200 people on board caught fire Saturday while traveling to a remote island in north eastern Indonesia, forcing passengers and crew to jump into the sea but causing no casualties, officials said.

Cyclone Tauktae: Aground at Palghar, barge wreckage raises oil leak fears. Yogesh Naik. *Indian Express*. 30 May 2021. Available from:

<https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/mumbai/mumbai-aground-at-palghar-barge-wreckage-raises-oil-leak-fears-7336064/> A “sheen” of oil reported by the Coast Guard at Valrai Rocks off Palghar where ONGC offshore accommodation barge *Gal Constructor* ran aground during Cyclone Tauktae has raised fears that a large amount of diesel stored on it has begun leaking into the sea.

Crewman dead and docker missing after Turkish cargoship capsizes in Spain. Gary Dixon.

TradeWinds. 31 May 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/news/crewman-dead-and-docker-missing-after-turkish-cargoship-capsizes-in-spain/2-1-1017987> The vessel was loading cargo at the time, according to the Turkish consulate in Barcelona.

Sri Lanka ship fire finally extinguished; S'pore shipping firm to be sued for marine pollution. Rohini Mohan. *Straits Times*. 1 June 2021. Available from:

<https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/south-asia/sri-lanka-to-sue-singapore-shipping-company-for-marine-pollution> The fire aboard a Singapore-registered container vessel off Colombo port was finally extinguished on Tuesday (June 1), after causing extensive marine pollution in Sri Lanka's waters.

CID to probe X-Press Pearl fire. Camelia Nathaniel. *Daily News (Sri Lanka)*. 1 June 2021.

Available from: <http://www.dailynews.lk/2021/06/01/local/250572/cid-probe-x-press-pearl-fire> Initially, the General Manager of Marine Environment Protection Authority (MEPA) had made a complaint at the Colombo Harbour Police on May 23 and accordingly the Colombo Harbour Police initiated an investigation and reported the facts to the Colombo Magistrate's Court.

Officials investigating why Iran warship caught fire and sank in Gulf of Oman. Martin Chulov.

The Guardian. 2 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/jun/02/iran-warship-has-caught-fire-and-sunk-in-gulf-of-oman-say-local-agencies> Military officials in the Gulf are investigating what caused the Iranian navy's largest vessel to catch fire and sink in the latest mysterious incident to affect shipping linked to Tehran.

Accident Investigation Report 7/2021: Grounding of general cargo vessel *Kaami*. *UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB)*. 3 June 2021. Available from:

<https://www.gov.uk/maib-reports/grounding-of-general-cargo-vessel-kaami> In the early morning on 21 March 2020, the general cargo vessel *Kaami* ran aground on Sgeir Graidach shoal in the Little Minch, on the west coast of Scotland. [Report](#) [Annex](#)

Norwegian cargoship grounded minutes after warning from trawler. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*.

3 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/norwegian-cargoship-grounded-minutes-after-warning-from-trawler/2-1-1019894> A Norwegian cargoship ended up being scrapped after grounding off Scotland last year, despite a warning of imminent danger from a fishing vessel.

X-Press Pearl blaze shines spotlight on boxship fires. David Osler. *Lloyd's List*. 3 June 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137017/X-Press-Pearl-blaze-shines-spotlight-on-boxship-fires> Fires on boxships continue to cause concern among marine insurers, with *X-Press Pearl* the latest in a long line of such casualties in recent years.

Sri Lanka: Fears of environmental disaster as chemical-laden cargo ship X-Press Pearl sinks. Amar Mehta. *Sky News*. 3 June 2021. Available from: <https://news.sky.com/story/sri-lanka-fears-of-environmental-disaster-as-chemical-laden-cargo-ship-x-press-pearl-sinks-12323067> A fire-stricken cargo ship carrying tonnes of chemicals has sunk off the coast of Sri Lanka, sparking fears of an environmental disaster.

X-Press Pearl sinking. *The Island (Sri Lanka)*. 3 June 2021. Available from: <https://island.lk/x-press-pearl-sinking/> An attempt was made yesterday to tow it away to deep seas to minimise the damage from the expected massive oil spill to Sri Lanka's beaches.

Sunken ship off Sri Lanka: CEO of vessel operator apologises. *Channel News Asia*. 3 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bdQKJmEJJl&t=80s> The company that operates the cargo ship that sank off Sri Lanka has apologised for the incident, which has caused the country's worst man-made environmental disaster.

Fire on X-Press Pearl: Ship's VDR recovered. *Sri Lanka Ports Authority*. 5 June 2021. Available from: <https://news.slpa.lk/index.php/2021/06/05/fire-on-x-press-pearl-ships-vdr-recovered/> Marine experts from the Merchant Shipping Secretariat with the assistance of the Sri Lanka Navy, today have recovered the Voyage Data Recorder, or VDR commonly known as the "Ship's Black Box" of *MV X-Press Pearl*.

Sri Lanka Shippers' Council raises alarm over X-Press Pearl catastrophe. *Daily FT (Sri Lanka)*. 7 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.ft.lk/shippingaviation/Sri-Lanka-Shippers-Council-raises-alarm-over-X-Press-Pearl-catastrophe/21-718892> The Sri Lanka Shippers' Council (SLSC), the apex body representing importers and exporters of the country, has expressed serious concerns over the *X-Press Pearl* catastrophe calling for an independent probe as well as suggesting best way forward to avoid future such mishaps.

How the X-Press Pearl disaster could have been avoided. Carlos Luxul. *Splash 247.com*. 9 June 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/how-the-x-press-pearl-disaster-could-have-been-avoided/> The *X-Press Pearl* sank on June 2 in what is now referred to as the worst maritime ecological disaster in Sri Lanka's history.

MSC Fleet Oiler Rescues Crew of Sinking Freighter in Gulf of Aden. *Maritime Executive*. 10 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/msc-fleet-oiler-rescues-crew-of-sinking-freighter-in-gulf-of-aden> On Monday, the T-AO USNS *Patuxent* was notified by the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) watch center that the 30-year-old coastal freighter *Falcon Line* had lost propulsion and was taking on water.

X-Press Pearl disaster: Govt. to submit initial US\$ 50 million claim as compensation. Ifham Nizam. *The Island (Sri Lanka)*. 13 June 2021. Available from: <https://island.lk/x-press-pearl-disaster-govt-to-submit-initial-us-50-million-claim-as-compensation/> The government will submit an initial claim for US\$ 50 million as compensation from the owners/insurance agents of the *X-Press Pearl* vessel, which was destroyed in a blaze in Sri Lankan territorial waters, a top government official said.

MV X-Press Pearl: A wakeup call to the maritime industry. *Daily FT (Sri Lanka)*. 14 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.ft.lk/front-page/MV-X-Press-Pearl--A-wakeup-call-to-the-maritime-industry/44-719170> In the wake of the MV X-Press Pearl disaster, much attention has been drawn to the shipping agent and the role played by the agent in handling Dangerous Cargo (DG Cargo) and also incidents related to damages and handling of such instances.

Three UN Ecology experts here today to assess damage, calculate rightful claim. *Daily News (Sri Lanka)*. 16 June 2021. Available from: <http://www.dailynews.lk/2021/06/16/local/251736/three-un-ecology-experts-here-today-assess-damage-calculate-rightful-claim> Coastal Conservation State Minister Dr. Nalaka Godahewa said three United Nations (UN) Marine Ecology experts will arrive today to assess the damage to calculate a rightful claim over the damage caused by MV X-Press Pearl's fire and sinking.

Body found after blast rips through cargoship in the Philippines. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 16 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/body-found-after-blast-rips-through-cargoship-in-the-philippines/2-1-1025935> A body has been recovered near a coastal cargoship that suffered a devastating explosion and fire in the Philippines.

Sri Lanka probing deaths of sea animals following ship fire. Rohini Mohan. *Straits Times*. 17 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/south-asia/sri-lanka-probing-deaths-of-sea-animals-following-ship-fire> The carcasses of five dolphins and more than 30 sea turtles have been found along the western coast of Sri Lanka after the burning of a cargo ship near the capital Colombo, sparking concerns that the accident is devastating marine wildlife in the region.

German containership leaks oil off India after fuel tank cracks. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 18 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/german-containership-leaks-oil-off-india-after-fuel-tank-cracks/2-1-1027346> TB Marine vessel stable after incident en route from Sri Lanka.

EU Sends Team to Assess "Significant Damage" From X-Press Pearl Wreck. *Maritime Executive*. 20 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/eu-sends-team-to-assess-significant-damage-from-x-press-pearl-wreck> A UN-backed team has arrived in Sri Lanka to help local officials estimate the extent of the environmental damage from the burning and sinking of the container feeder X-Press Pearl, which went down earlier this month off Colombo.


Ever Given insurers hoping for breakthrough. *Lloyd's List*. 21 June 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137259/Ever-Given-insurers-hoping-for-breakthrough> The insurers of Ever Given are hopeful of securing the release of the vessel after tabling a confidential proposal to the Suez Canal Authority.


"Perils at sea with X-Press Pearl as a case study". *The Morning (Sri Lanka)*. 22 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.themorning.lk/perils-at-sea-with-x-press-pearl-as-a-case-study/> When a Vessel calls on a scheduled port of call on her regular service, she would comply with normal port entry formalities which includes the notice of arrival, International Ships and Ports Security (ISPS) Clearance – a responsibility delegated to the Navy (SLN) in Sri Lanka, the declaration of cargoes, stores (items for the ship's use), and the crew's effects.

MSC containership suffers engine room fire off Sri Lanka. Dale Wainwright. *TradeWinds*. 28 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/msc-containership-suffers-engine-room-fire-off-sri-lanka/2-1-1031312> Vessel reportedly now under tow to Singapore after crew manage to bring fire under control.

ENVIRONMENT

Arctic sea ice thinning faster than expected. *University College London*. 4 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/news/2021/jun/arctic-sea-ice-thinning-faster-expected>
Sea ice thickness is inferred by measuring the height of the ice above the water, and this measurement is distorted by snow weighing the ice floe down.

Why the Ocean Matters in Climate Negotiations. *COP26 Universities Network Briefing*. 7 June 2021. Available from: https://www.gla.ac.uk/media/Media_795093_smxx.pdf 
The ocean plays a central role in regulating our climate and weather.

Climate change: Oceans are in a 'death spiral' with world leaders 'dragging their feet', Greenpeace warns. Thomas Moore. *Sky News*. 8 June 2021. Available from: <https://news.sky.com/story/climate-change-oceans-are-in-a-death-spiral-with-world-leaders-dragging-their-feet-greenpeace-warns-12327285>  The oceans are in a "death spiral" from climate change and destructive fishing, with world leaders doing little to stop it, an environmental pressure group has warned.

Chilliest Spring in years is cold comfort as CO2 emissions rise: WMO. *UN News*. 8 June 2021. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/06/1093592> Confirmation that Europe has just had its chilliest Spring in years is cold comfort for the planet, amid rising greenhouse gas levels which will bring negative impacts for generations to come, UN weather experts said on Tuesday.

Moored cruise ships off Dorset coast 'scarred' seabed. Stephen Stafford. *BBC News*. 21 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-dorset-57509931> 
Cruise ships moored off the Dorset coast caused "extensive scarring" to the seabed, sonar scans have shown.

Great Barrier Reef 'in danger', Sussan Ley defends government's management. Dan Jervis-Bardy. *Canberra Times (Australia)*. 22 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/7307929/govt-blindsided-after-great-barrier-reef-ruled-in-danger/> A "stunned" federal government has attacked a UN organisation for a "complete subversion of normal process", after it recommended the Great Barrier Reef be declared endangered due to its fast-deteriorating condition.

Unesco recommends Great Barrier Reef world heritage site should be listed as 'in danger'. Graham Readfearn. *The Guardian*. 22 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/jun/22/great-barrier-reef-should-be-listed-as-in-danger-unesco-recommends> The Great Barrier Reef should be placed on to a list of world heritage sites that are "in danger", according to a recommendation from UN officials that urges Australia to take "accelerated action at all possible levels" on climate change.

Report: Sea Turtles Found After X-Press Pearl Sinking Had "Acid Burns". *Maritime Executive*. 23 June 2021. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/report-sea-turtles-from-x-press-pearl-disaster-had-acid-burns> The sea turtle die-off reported near Colombo in recent weeks was caused by fire and pollution from the wrecked boxship *X-Press Pearl*, according to the Sri Lankan government.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

Sri Lanka faces 'worst-ever beach pollution' from burning ship. *Deutsche Welle (Germany)*. 29 May 2021. Available from: <https://www.dw.com/en/sri-lanka-faces-worst-ever-beach-pollution-from-burning-ship/a-57712086> Millions of plastic pellets from a container ship ablaze off Colombo have already washed up on beaches, along with other hazardous waste. The disaster threatens the lucrative fishing and tourism sectors.

3,000 Shipping Containers Fell Into the Pacific Ocean Last Winter. Tim Lydon. *EcoWatch*. 2 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.ecowatch.com/shipping-container-accidents-ocean-pollution-2653208097.html> One off the coast of Sri Lanka that was carrying 25 tons of nitric acid and other cargo suffered an explosion after containers caught fire on May 20 and burned for more than a week, littering the beaches with plastic pollution.

Singapore-registered Containership 'X-Press Pearl' - Operations Underway to Minimise Environmental Impact. *Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)*. 2 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/62427527-1907-4074-9121-a3a21bd914f2> A Singapore-registered containership 'X-Press Pearl' had caught fire on 20 May 2021 in the waters of Sri Lanka after departing from the Indian port of Hazira.

CO2 emissions from coal shipping stay strong in 2020 as green pressures grow. Jonathan Saul. *Reuters*. 3 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/business/environment/co2-emissions-coal-shipping-stay-strong-2020-green-pressures-grow-2021-06-02/> Carbon emissions produced from seaborne coal exports stayed steady last year despite the impact of the coronavirus on consumption, a study showed on Wednesday, although the sector faces growing environmental scrutiny.

New research reveals ocean noise from shipping traffic reduced during COVID-19 pandemic. Raúl Nava. *Phys.org*. 3 June 2021. Available from: <https://phys.org/news/2021-06-reveals-ocean-noise-shipping-traffic.html> The COVID-19 global pandemic upended life around the world and disrupted global economic activity.

Cruise ships restart in Venice, bring environmental protests. Colleen Barry. *Associated Press*. 6 June 2021. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/europe-cruises-lifestyle-travel-health-0010dc455a1eabd367460d955e6418ce> The first cruise ship since the pandemic wended its way Saturday through the heart of Venice, escorted by triumphant water-spouting tugboats and elated port workers as it travelled down the Giudecca Canal but also protested by hundreds on land and a small armada of wooden boats waving "No Big Boats" flags.

Turkey's 'sea snot' is part of a growing environmental threat. Martin Kuebler. *Deutsche Welle (Germany)*. 8 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.dw.com/en/turkey-sea-snot-baris-salihoglu-aegean-marmara-sea-climate-change-pollution-environment/a-57811689> The Marmara Sea has been swamped by a thick, slimy blanket of sludge which thrives on pollution and warm temperatures.

Sri Lanka cargo ship disaster: Large spill visible in satellite images. Sanya Burgess. *Sky News*. 10 June 2021. Available from: <https://news.sky.com/story/sri-lanka-cargo-ship-disaster-large-oil-spill-visible-in-satellite-images-12328569> Evidence of a substance seeping from the vessel can be seen in images taken on Monday, raising fears of the environmental impact.

Yemen's FSO SAFER: it's not if, it's when, and the impact could be huge. Ahmed El Droubi. *Greenpeace International*. 10 June 2021. Available from:

<https://www.greenpeace.org/international/story/48350/> The FSO SAFER is one of the world's largest tankers and is anchored 60 kms north of the port of Hodeidah, a key lifeline for aid supplies to much of Yemen's population.

Sea life at great risk from 70bn plastic pellets. Nadia Fazlulhaq. *Sunday Times (Sri Lanka)*.

13 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.sundaytimes.lk/210613/news/sea-life-at-great-risk-from-70bn-plastic-pellets-446436.html> For nearby marine life, the explosion and fire in the ship carrying hazardous chemicals that sank off Sri Lanka would have had an impact akin to an atomic bomb blast, with some sea creatures going into shock and others dying due to lack of oxygen from the chemical reaction, experts said.

Massive oil slicks head for Corsica after ships empty oil reserves into the sea. Daniel Bellamy.

Euronews. 13 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.euronews.com/2021/06/13/massive-oil-slicks-head-for-corsica-after-ships-empty-oil-reserves-into-the-sea> The spills, which are 35 kilometres long, were made deliberately by ships trying to save money by dumping used oil overboard rather than having it removed in port.

Exhaust emission: Ferry company says issue was 'identified and rectified without delay'.

Neil Camilleri. *Independent (Malta)*. 15 June 2021. Available from:

<https://www.independent.com.mt/articles/2021-06-15/local-news/Exhaust-emission-Ferry-company-says-issue-was-identified-and-rectified-without-delay-6736234369> Photos shared on social media showed black smoke belching out of the *HSC Artemis*, owned by Ponte Ferries, which will soon become the second company operating a ferry service between Malta and Sicily.

UN envoy: Study other options to prevent Yemen tanker spill. Edith M. Lederer.

Associated Press. 16 June 2021. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/united-nations-middle-east-yemen-business-04651e7dc1bc4c29475dbc6dfe2fad4d> The UN should keep negotiating with Yemen's Houthi rebels but also look at other possible options to ensure that an oil tanker moored off the war-torn country's coast loaded with more than 1 million barrels of crude oil doesn't rupture or explode causing an environmental catastrophe, the U.N. envoy for Yemen said Tuesday.

Rena shipwreck debris suspected to be behind plastic bead mystery at Tairua Beach.

Ella Stewart. *Radio New Zealand*. 16 June 2021. Available from:

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/444815/rena-shipwreck-debris-suspected-to-be-behind-plastic-bead-mystery-at-tairua-beach> An investigation has been launched into whether mysterious plastic beads that have appeared scattered across Tairua Beach could be from the wreck of the *Rena*, which sank almost 10 years ago.

Ensuring we will have more fish than plastic in the ocean. *Gard*. 17 June 2021. Available from:

<https://www.gard.no/web/updates/content/31890384/ensuring-we-will-have-more-fish-than-plastic-in-the-ocean> International conventions expressly prohibit the discharge of plastic into the sea, but plastic can still find its way into our oceans from careless handling on the vessel or mismanagement downstream and onshore.

BIMCO launches initiatives to address shipping's plastic footprint. Beverley Mackenzie.

BIMCO. 17 June 2021. Available from: [https://www.bimco.org/news/environment-](https://www.bimco.org/news/environment-protection/20210617-bimco-launches-initiatives)

[protection/20210617-bimco-launches-initiatives](https://www.bimco.org/news/environment-protection/20210617-bimco-launches-initiatives) With discussions at the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee meeting (held 10 to 17 June 2021) on sea-based sources of marine plastic delayed until the end of the year, BIMCO is looking at what the shipping industry can do to reduce its plastic footprint to ensure momentum is not lost in the absence of formal discussions at the IMO.

The dumped munitions in our oceans causing serious pollution. Denis Loctier. *Euronews*.

18 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.euronews.com/green/2021/06/18/the-dumped-munitions-in-our-oceans-causing-serious-pollution> 📺 A ticking time bomb is lying beneath the surface of many European seas.

Blue crabs: Alien stowaways in the Mediterranean. *France 24*. 18 June 2021. Available from:

<https://www.france24.com/en/tv-shows/down-to-earth/20210618-blue-crabs-alien-stowaways-in-the-mediterranean> 📺 A captivating crustacean and a ferocious predator: in this edition we discover a transatlantic invader that's taking no prisoners in its quest for domination.

The long-term impact of oil pollution in the marine ecosystem and the contribution of European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) to prevention. Anna Adamou. *Cyprus Shipping News*.

24 June 2021. Available from: <https://bit.ly/3xAbe32> The oil pollution affecting our marine ecosystem has been a major problem for many consecutive years.

Container vessel detained over oil spill. Christopher Serju. *The Gleaner (Jamaica)*. 27 June 2021.

Available from: <https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/news/20210627/container-vessel-detained-over-oil-spill> Container ship *CSS Wind* has been detained pending the payment of costs incurred for the cleanup of an oil spill from one of its containers on Wednesday.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Visiting sailors vaccinated for Covid-19 at Port of Long Beach. *Port of Long Beach*.

28 May 2021. Available from: <https://polb.com/port-info/news-and-press/visiting-sailors-vaccinated-for-covid-19-at-port-of-long-beach-05-28-2021/> International ship crews arriving at the Port of Long Beach and neighbouring Port of Los Angeles are receiving COVID-19 vaccinations as part of an ongoing partnership between the Port of Long Beach, the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services and the National Guard.

Carnival Cruise Line Agreements with Miami, Galveston and Port Canaveral Gain CDC Approval As Restarts Plans Progress. *Carnival Corporation & plc*. 28 May 2021. Available from:

<https://carnival-news.com/2021/05/28/carnival-cruise-line-agreements-with-miami-galveston-and-port-canaveral-gain-cdc-approval-as-restarts-plans-progress/> Carnival Corporation today received U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention's acceptance of its Phase 2A Port Agreements for PortMiami, Port of Galveston and Port Canaveral – all key homeports for Carnival Cruise Line and the first three homeports that Carnival is focusing on for its return to guest operations this summer.

Covid-19 outbreak in Chinese container port causes more delays. Dag Holmstad.

ShippingWatch. 31 May 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/article13019103.ece> A new outbreak of Covid-19 has partially paralyzed major Chinese container port Greater China Yantian, after the authorities has shut it down.

California ports set to vaccinate over 900 seafarers against Covid-19. Dale Wainwright. *TradeWinds*. 1 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/ports/california-ports-set-to-vaccinate-over-900-seafarers-against-covid-19/2-1-1018449> West coast terminals among growing number of US ports offering vaccine to visiting crews at no charge.

Covid-19 virus onboard. Brenda V. Pimentel. *Manila Times*. 2 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/06/02/business/maritime/covid-19-virus-onboard/1801614> One of the twelve seafarers who were found positive of the Covid-19 virus onboard *MV "Athens Bridge"* and who were disembarked from the ship and brought for treatment in Manila expired last Sunday.

Weary seafarers come ashore in US for J&J one-dose Covid vaccine shots. Brendan Murray. *Business Standard (India)*. 2 June 2021. Available from: <https://bit.ly/3xvu1fM> Ports around the U.S. are rolling out vaccines for seafarers, extending a lifeline to thousands of mostly foreign workers who've spent the pandemic isolated aboard ships ensuring goods kept trading across a battered global economy.

Group seeks more vaccination sites for seafarers. *Manila Times*. 2 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/06/02/business/maritime/group-seeks-more-vaccination-sites-for-seafarers/1801617> The Associated Marine Officers and Seamen's Union of the Philippines (AMOSUP) along with various stakeholders have called on the government to designate other vaccination sites solely for seafarers when the vaccination program starts this month.

ECSA and ETF renew their joint call for prompt seafarers' vaccination. *European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA)*. 2 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.ecsa.eu/news/ecsa-and-etf-renew-their-joint-call-prompt-seafarers-vaccination> On the 21st of April 2021, the recognized European social partners of the maritime transport sector - ETF and ECSA - issued a Joint Statement on the recognition of seafarers as key workers that reiterates their previous calls for seafarers' prompt vaccination. [Joint Statement](#)

87% of seafarers still to receive a first vaccine according to initial results of BMA mental health survey. *Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA)*. 2 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.bahamasmaritime.com/bma-news/87-of-seafarers-still-to-receive-a-first-vaccine-according-to-initial-results-of-bma-mental-health-survey/> The Seafarer COVID-19 Welfare Survey announced recently by The Bahamas Maritime Authority has already garnered very high levels of support from maritime organisations and seafarers themselves.

When COVID invades a ship: Filipino captain tells ordeal of infection while at sea. Richa Noriega. *Manila Bulletin*. 6 June 2021. Available from: <https://mb.com.ph/2021/06/06/when-covid-invades-a-ship-filipino-captain-tells-ordeal-of-infection-in-the-middle-of-the-sea/> The captain of the cargo vessel *MV Athens Bridge*, which carried seafarers infected with India variant of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), has shared what he described as a "horrendous" experience during their battle against the viral disease at sea.

Royal Caribbean won't require U.S. cruise passengers to get vaccinated. Taylor Dolven. *Tampa Bay Times (US)*. 6 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tampabay.com/news/business/2021/06/05/royal-caribbean-wont-require-us-cruise-passengers-to-get-vaccinated/> Royal Caribbean International will no longer require any of its cruise passengers to be vaccinated for COVID-19 as it had previously planned to.

ISWAN launches vaccination drive for Indian seafarers. *International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN)*. 8 June 2021. Available from:

<https://www.seafarerswelfare.org/news/2021/iswan-launches-vaccination-drive-for-indian-seafarers>

In response to the second wave of COVID-19 in India, the International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN) has launched a 'Vaccination Drive for Indian Seafarers' in collaboration with Narayana Health and the Medica Group of Hospitals.

AMOSUP opens facilities for seafarer vaccination. Yashika F. Torib. *Manila Times*. 9 June 2021.

Available from: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/06/09/business/maritime/amosup-opens-facilities-for-seafarer-vaccination/1802503>

The vaccination program for Filipino seafarers will start rolling out this month with the Association of Marine Officers' and Seamen's Union of the Philippines (AMOSUP) opening its facilities nationwide as the venue of inoculation.

Passengers on MSC Seaside cruise ship test positive for coronavirus, disembark in Sicily.

Morgan Hines. *USA Today*. 9 June 2021. Available from:

<https://eu.usatoday.com/story/travel/cruises/2021/06/09/msc-cruise-passengers-disembark-italy-after-positive-covid-tests/7627317002/>

Two passengers on board MSC Cruises' Seaside ship tested positive for the coronavirus that causes COVID-19, disembarking Tuesday during a scheduled port call at Siracusa, a city in Sicily, Italy.

Ship carrying dead captain will arrive in Italy next week. Idha Toft Valeur. *ShippingWatch*.

10 June 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article13047131.ece> The ship carrying the dead captain, whose body has been on board *Ital Libera* since his passing in the middle of April, will finally arrive in Italy next week, where his body will be returned to his family, Evergreen confirms in a statement to ShippingWatch.

2 Passengers on Royal Caribbean Cruise Test Positive for COVID. *Voice of America*.

11 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.voanews.com/covid-19-pandemic/2-passengers-royal-caribbean-cruise-test-positive-covid>

Two passengers on a Royal Caribbean cruise ship have tested positive for COVID-19.

Royal Caribbean says no change to sailing plans despite Covid cases on Celebrity ship.

Nadine El-Bawab. *CNBC (US)*. 11 June 2021. Available from:

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/06/11/royal-caribbean-cruises-to-sail-despite-covid-cases-on-celebrity-ship.html>

Royal Caribbean Cruises said Friday it isn't changing its sailing plans this summer despite reporting two positive Covid-19 cases aboard its Celebrity Millennium cruise ship on Thursday.

Social media may damage mental wellbeing at sea. *Nautilus International*. 15 June 2021.

Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/social-media-may-damage-mental-wellbeing-at-sea/>

The research, reported in the International Maritime Health Journal, examined the daily time that crew members spent using social media.

Seafarer dies and five others test positive on V. Ships containership. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*.

16 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/containerships/seafarer-dies-and-five-others-test-positive-on-v-ships-containership/2-1-1025834>

A crew member has died and another five have tested positive for Covid-19 after an outbreak on a V. Ships-managed containership off Ecuador.

Royal Caribbean delays new cruise liner launch after crew tests positive for COVID-19.

Nivedita Balu. *Reuters*. 16 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/world/royal-caribbean-ceo-says-crew-members-odyssey-seas-test-positive-2021-06-16/> Royal Caribbean Group (RCL.N) said on Wednesday it would delay the launch of its new cruise liner by nearly a month after eight crew members tested positive for COVID-19, the latest setback in its push to restart the much-awaited U.S. summer trips.

Legal action seeks immediate release of detained Darwin wharfies as COVID tests clear seafarers on vessel involved in alleged biosecurity breach. *Maritime Union of Australia*.

17 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.mua.org.au/news/legal-action-seeks-immediate-release-detained-darwin-wharfies-covid-tests-clear-seafarers> Legal action seeking the immediate release of 13 Darwin wharfies from the Howard Springs quarantine facility will be heard tomorrow, after COVID testing cleared all seafarers onboard the container ship at the centre of the alleged biosecurity breach at the Port of Darwin.

UK says non-resident seafarers are eligible for vaccines. Declan Bush. *Lloyd's List*.

24 June 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137313/UK-says-non-resident-seafarers-are-eligible-for-vaccines> The Department for Transport confirmed resident and non-resident seafarers aged 18 and over were eligible for free vaccines as of June 18.

Toll unclear as latest wave of Covid-19 brings risk to seafarers. *TradeWinds*. 25 June 2021.

Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/ship-management/toll-unclear-as-latest-wave-of-covid-19-brings-risk-to-seafarers/2-1-1030366> While seafarers' challenges as a result of Covid-19's impact on crew change is widely known, the pandemic is also affecting them in another way.

Germany and Cyprus Join Efforts to Vaccinate Seafarers. *Maritime Executive*. 25 June 2021.

Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/germany-and-cyprus-joins-efforts-to-vaccinate-seafarers> Among the efforts to mark the International Day of the Seafarer, the port of Hamburg and Cyprus both announced efforts to expand COVID-19 vaccinations to seafarers.

New Orleans Port Ministry Helps Connect International Seafarers To COVID Shots.

Frank McCormack. *Waterways Journal Weekly (US)*. 25 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.waterwaysjournal.net/2021/06/25/new-orleans-port-ministry-helps-connect-international-seafarers-to-covid-shots/> In the United States for the past month or more, the supply of COVID vaccines has far outpaced demand.

Two guests aboard Royal Caribbean cruise test positive for Covid. Nadine El-Bawab.

CNBC (US). 25 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.cnbc.com/2021/06/24/two-guests-aboard-royal-caribbean-cruise-test-positive-for-covid.html> Two guests aboard Royal Caribbean Cruise's *Adventure of the Seas* ship tested positive for Covid-19 during routine testing and are now returning home.

Villars host vaccination of Pinoy seafarers. *Government of the Philippines*. 26 June 2021.

Available from: http://legacy.senate.gov.ph/press_release/2021/0626_villar1.asp Senator Cynthia A. Villar and daughter Las Pinas Rep. Camille Villar yesterday served as among the hosts in the nationwide vaccination of Filipino seafarers who were hardest hit by the pandemic.

Jamaica Provides Greater Protection For Hospitality Workers On Ships. Peta-Gay Hodges. *Jamaica Information Service*. 29 June 2021. Available from: <https://jis.gov.jm/jamaica-provides-greater-protection-for-hospitality-workers-on-ships/> Jamaica has provided greater protection for persons working in the hospitality division of passenger ships, such as bartenders, stewards and nail technicians, under the Shipping (Amendment) Act.

Lack of international vaccination strategy is failing seafarers. Eric Martin. *TradeWinds*. 30 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/lack-of-international-vaccination-strategy-is-failing-seafarers/2-1-1032040> Seafarers are at a disadvantage when it comes to vaccinating against the coronavirus.

Over 1,000 PH seafarers vaccinated during Int'l Seafarers' Day. Yashika Torib. *Manila Times*. 30 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/06/30/business/maritime/over-1000-ph-seafarers-vaccinated-during-intl-seafarers-day/1805137> More than 1,000 Filipino seafarers nationwide received Covid-19 vaccinations in time with the International Seafarers' Day last June 25, Friday.

New mobile app offers seafarers offline access to ISWAN's 24-hour support and resources. *International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN)*. 30 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.seafarerswelfare.org/news/2021/new-mobile-app-offers-seafarers-offline-access-to-iswans-24-hour-support-and-resources> The International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN) has joined forces with The Shipowners' Club to launch a new app, ISWAN for Seafarers.

IMO

Maersk expresses frustration at IMO's new CO2 target proposal for 2026. Tomas Kristiansen. *ShippingWatch*. 31 May 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13018957.ece> The gap between the least and most ambitious nations in the IMO circle is abysmally large when it comes to the question of how much shipping must improve its CO2 intensity.

Harsh criticism of the run-up to IMO's crucial climate summit. Tomas Kristiansen. *ShippingWatch*. 31 May 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13018437.ece> The IMO's work to decarbonize shipping is met with harsh criticism after last week's preparatory meeting before the crucial session on June 10-17, which will determine the short-term CO2 reduction target for shipping.

IMO carbon cut plans could boost emissions, BIMCO warns. David Osler. *Lloyd's List*. 1 June 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1136979/IMO-carbon-cut-plans-could-boost-emissions-BIMCO-warns> Calculations are essentially ambiguous and don't recognise that fully-laden ships may be relatively more efficient even if absolute carbon output is higher, according to leading shipowner trade association.

A Club for Old Sailors? New York Times Article Blasts IMO's Secrecy. Barry Parker. *gCaptain*. 3 June 2021. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/a-club-for-old-sailors-new-york-times-article-blasts-imos-secrecy/> Secrecy of individual companies, based on tradition, and perhaps- fear of divulging competitive secrets, has kept the media mainly in the dark, which is the way that many industry folks have preferred it.

EU presses shipping regulator for tougher carbon reduction standards. Kate Abnett. *Reuters*. 3 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/business/sustainable-business/eu-presses-shipping-regulator-tougher-carbon-reduction-standards-2021-06-03/> The European Union will push for tougher standards to cut the CO2 emissions intensity of ships at a meeting of the United Nations' maritime agency next week, a senior official said on Thursday.

Shipping sector's climate obstruction exposed, again – Climate Weekly. Megan Darby. *Climate Home News*. 4 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.climatechangenews.com/2021/06/04/shipping-sectors-climate-obstruction-exposed-climate-weekly/> The secretive world of UN shipping talks came under long overdue scrutiny for its delay and obstruction of climate action from mainstream media this week.

Vanuatu opens door for development of measures for detection and mandatory reporting of lost containers. *Daily Post (Vanuatu)*. 4 June 2021. Available from: <https://bit.ly/3hu6BBM> Vanuatu's efforts before the United Nations International Maritime Organization (IMO) has paid once again with the triggering of two actions of the IMO Action Plan to address marine plastic litter from ships adopted in October 2018, following a Vanuatu led initiative.

Global Maritime Regulator Touts Contended Decarbonization Plan. Costas Paris. *Wall Street Journal*. 4 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/global-maritime-regulator-touts-contended-decarbonization-plan-11622830584> Amid global clamour for environmental action, International Maritime Organization plan would rate ships' 'carbon-intensity,' but set no specific emissions-reduction targets for at least two years.

The Lloyd's List Shipping Podcast: A guide to the next chapter of shipping emissions negotiations. *Lloyd's List*. 4 June 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137032/The-Lloyds-List-Shipping-Podcast-A-guide-to-the-next-chapter-of-shipping-emissions-negotiations> Next week the International Maritime Organization's Marine Environment Protection Committee meets — virtually — for another session of likely gruelling negotiations on action to curb emissions from international shipping.

IMO considering possible measures relating to 'parameters other than flashpoint'. *International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA)*. 7 June 2021. Available from: <https://ibia.net/2021/06/07/imo-considering-possible-measures-relating-to-parameters-other-than-flashpoint/> Concerns about fuel quality impacting on ship safety in the run-up to the IMO 2020 sulphur limit has led to the IMO's Maritime Safety Committee to take on an agenda item called "Development of further measures to enhance the safety of ships relating to the use of oil fuel."

Failure is not disaster: IMO's troubled efforts to finalise GHG measures. Thomas Timlen. *Splash 247.com*. 8 June 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/failure-is-not-disaster-imos-troubled-efforts-to-finalise-ghg-measures/> As another critical meeting of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) approaches on Thursday, there are mixed feelings regarding whether the outcome will foster a global consensus or fail to, either leaving the industry with one global set of regulations to follow or creating variants on a theme that vessel operators will have to juggle when crossing from one jurisdiction to another, respectively.

SHIPPING: Carbon tax proposals ahead of IMO meeting make owners jittery. Sameer C. Mohindru and Carina Li. *S&P Global Platts*. 8 June 2021. Available from:

<https://www.spglobal.com/platts/en/market-insights/latest-news/shipping/060821-shipping-carbon-tax-proposals-ahead-of-imo-meeting-make-owners-jittery> Shipping industry fears that any imposition of a carbon tax on ships that use traditional bunker fuels, to encourage greener fuels is likely to make freight exorbitantly expensive, reduce already paltry earnings and discourage investments on new builds, market participants said June 8.

Shipping needs its regulator to show up. Anastassios Adamopoulos. *Lloyd's List*. 9 June 2021.

Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137086/Shipping-needs-its-regulator-to-show-up> Shipping needs decisions from the International Maritime Organization this week on key issues such as short-term emissions measures, a \$5bn R&D fund and a structure for future market-based measure negotiations.

IMO chief warns 'failure not an option' on cutting emissions. Declan Bush. *Lloyd's List*.

10 June 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137101/IMO-chief-warns-failure-not-an-option-on-cutting-emissions> International Maritime Organization secretary-general Kitack Lim opened the Marine Environment Protection Committee with a stronger-than-usual warning on the need for shipping to develop emission regulations.

The next four days will define how shipping delivers on decarbonization by 2030.

Tomas Kristiansen. *ShippingWatch*. 11 June 2021. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13050244.ece> Through to Monday, the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee will deal with climate issues that divide member nations around the world: How can shipping contribute to the reduction of carbon emissions by 2030? ShippingWatch outlines the most likely scenario.

IMO adopts CO2 intensity reductions to 2026 amid strong opposition. Anastassios

Adamopoulos. *Lloyd's List*. 14 June 2021. Available from:

<https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137156/IMO-adopts-CO2-intensity-reductions-to-2026-amid-strong-opposition> The IMO agreed that ships should improve their CO2 intensity by 2% annually between 2023 and 2026.

IMO short of emissions experts. Declan Bush. *Lloyd's List*. 14 June 2021. Available from:

<https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137155/IMO-short-of-emissions-experts>

Governments have backed the IMO's request to hire two more officers as the growing workload of regulating greenhouse gases and other emissions swamps its air pollution team.

IMO agrees carbon reduction targets despite US and EU opposition. Adam Corbett.

TradeWinds. 15 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/imo-agrees-carbon-reduction-targets-despite-us-and-eu-opposition/2-1-1025105>

The International Maritime Organization has agreed a proposal to improve carbon intensity of ships by 2% annually between 2023 and 2026.

Congress dusts off green shipping bill as MEPC struggles to find environmental consensus.

Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 15 June 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/congress-dusts-off-green-shipping-bill-as-mepc-struggles-to-find-environmental-consensus/>

With this week's International Maritime Organization-convened Marine Environment Protection Committee looking like it will deliver minimal additional green targets for shipping, over in Congress in Washington DC politicians are once again preparing to take emissions matters into their own hands.

Failure is an option: MEPC's deep divisions laid bare. *Splash 247.com*. 15 June 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/failure-is-an-option-mepcs-deep-divisions-laid-bare/> "Failure is not an option," warned Kitack Lim at the start of the 76th gathering of the vitally important Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) virtual summit.

US and EU lament the IMO's carbon plan but settle for low ambitions. Tomas Kristiansen. *ShippingWatch*. 15 June 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13059075.ece> Brazil, India, Russia, China and Saudi-Arabia have succeeded in insisting on a carbon plan that several nations and green NGOs have describe as utterly unambitious.

MEPC environmental regulatory failures will put the heat under the IMO. Nick Savvides. *The Loadstar*. 15 June 2021. Available from: <https://theloadstar.com/mepc-environmental-regulatory-failures-will-put-the-heat-under-the-imo/> If ever the IMO needed regional regulation, it was at yesterday's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) meeting.

Maritime Regulator Sets Carbon Measures Amid Dissent. Costas Paris. *Wall Street Journal*. 15 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/maritime-regulator-sets-carbon-measures-amid-dissent-11623785039> The world's top maritime regulator has agreed to a plan to cut the "carbon-intensity" of ocean-going vessels, overriding objections from Western countries that the accord doesn't commit the shipping sector to specific emission cuts.

"Two major problems undermine the IMO's role as regulator of the shipping industry". Idha Toft Valeur and Tomas Kristiansen. *ShippingWatch*. 16 June 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13062570.ece> The IMO's 2030 plan is drawing fierce criticism from operators and maritime leaders, all agreeing that the deal in no way contributes enough to reduce the level of carbon emissions.

Carbon levy talks pushed back amid division at IMO. Anastassios Adamopoulos. *Lloyd's List*. 16 June 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137185/Carbon-levy-talks-pushed-back-amid-division-at-IMO> The IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee concludes on Thursday, with evidence of lasting discrepancies among states on the future use of market-based measures.

IMO disappoints but sets up debate over long-term measures. Eric Martin. *TradeWinds*. 17 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/imo-disappoints-but-sets-up-debate-over-long-term-measures/2-1-1026066> Shipping stakeholders have expressed disappointment over an International Maritime Organization agreement laying out measures to cut greenhouse gas up to the end of 2026.

IMO agrees highly inadequate carbon target and delays decisions on other key shipping impacts on nature. *WWF*. 17 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.panda.org/?2984891/IMO-environment-emissions> The IMO's Protection Committee met this week to discuss key steps to reduce the shipping industry's impact on climate and nature.

International Shipping Body Fails the Arctic and Global Climate Fight. *Seas at Risk*. 17 June 2021. Available from: <https://seas-at-risk.org/general-news/international-shipping-body-fails-the-arctic-and-global-climate-fight/> Civil society groups have damned the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for failing to take action on the Arctic climate crisis, after plans to reduce black carbon emissions from shipping in the Arctic were bumped off the agenda of its Marine Environment Protection Committee meeting (MEPC76), which ended today.

International shipping body drops the ball on arctic climate crisis. *American Journal of Transportation (AJOT)*. 17 June 2021. Available from: <https://ajot.com/news/international-shipping-body-drops-the-ball-on-arctic-climate-crisis> Civil society groups have lambasted the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for failing to take action on the Arctic climate crisis, after plans to reduce black carbon emissions from shipping in the Arctic were bumped off the agenda of its Marine Environment Protection Committee meeting (MEPC 76), which ended today.

IMO says carbon-cutting measures are ‘progress’ on long path to decarbonisation.

Matt Coyne. *TradeWinds*. 17 June 2021. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/imo-says-carbon-cutting-measures-are-progress-on-long-path-to-decarbonisation/2-1-1027230> Decision to stick with the 40% carbon intensity reduction by 2030 this week disappointed some in the industry.

IMO Environmental Meetings Conclude with Much to Look Forward to in the Months to Come.

Environmental Defense Fund (EDF). 17 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.edf.org/media/imo-environmental-meetings-conclude-much-look-forward-months-come> This week, members of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) concluded the 76th session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee, and agreed to start considering measures that would directly address shipping’s carbon emissions and support the deployment of sustainable alternative fuels.

GLOBAL: Maersk: MEPC 76 ‘exposed fundamental divide between IMO Member States on GHG measures’. Ian Taylor. *Bunkerspot*. 17 June 2021. Available from:

<https://www.bunkerspot.com/global/53491-global-maersk-mepc-76-exposed-fundamental-divide-between-imo-member-states-on-ghg-measures> In a statement sent to Bunkerspot, Maersk has said that the 76th meeting of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) has ‘exposed the fundamental divide between IMO Member States on GHG measures’ – but nevertheless ‘some important progress was made’.

U.N. adopts new measures to cut ship emissions, critics call for more. Jonathan Saul and

Kate Abnett. *Reuters*. 17 June 2021. Available from: <https://news.trust.org/item/20210618073827-z85u0> Energy efficiency measures aim to reduce the carbon intensity of international shipping by 40% by 2030 from 2008 levels - but EU officials are considering stronger steps.

MEPC adopts ‘toothless’ Arctic HFO ban. Declan Bush. *Lloyd’s List*. 17 June 2021. Available

from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137211/> The Marine Environment Protection Committee of the International Maritime Organization has adopted a ban on the use and carriage of heavy fuel oil in the Arctic which environmentalists have derided as toothless.

MEPC wraps, contentious issues pushed back for later in the year. Sam Chambers.

Splash 247.com. 18 June 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/mepc-wraps-contentious-issues-pushed-back-for-later-in-the-year/> The 76th gathering of the International Maritime Organization’s Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) wrapped on Thursday, leaving plenty of key elements on shipping’s decarbonisation path to later meet-ups.

Will the Carbon Intensity Indicator re-shape the shipping industry? Georgios Plevrakis.

Splash 247.com. 18 June 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/will-the-carbon-intensity-indicator-re-shape-the-shipping-industry/> Attention so far has been on the impact of the EEXI, but the CII could have a dramatic effect on the marketability of vessels, says Georgios Plevrakis from ABS.

MEPC proceeded as expected – and herein lies the problem for shipping. Tomas Kristiansen. *ShippingWatch*. 18 June 2021. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13067785.ece> Not least Norwegian and Danish shipping companies are left empty-handed after the 76th session of the IMO's environmental committee MEPC – proclaimed as the meeting that could not afford to fail – but has now ended.

UN greenwashes shipping with hopelessly weak carbon efficiency target. Eoin Bannon.

Transport & Environment. 18 June 2021. Available from:

<https://www.transportenvironment.org/press/un-greenwashes-shipping-hopelessly-weak-carbon-efficiency-target> Faig Abbasov, shipping programme director at T&E, said: "The maritime regulator is greenwashing shipping with a hopelessly weak ship efficiency target."

Governments agree to start negotiating mid - and long-term GHG measures. Anastassios Adamopoulos. *Lloyd's List*. 18 June 2021. Available from:

<https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137194> The IMO has approved a plan about how to develop and adopt mid-term measures on shipping emissions.

IMO needs to resolve its trust issues. *Lloyd's List*. 18 June 2021. Available from:

<https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137229> Lessons should be learned from the vexed exchanges seen inside MEPC this week — the IMO cannot expect external observers and industry to trust a body whose members have a difficult time trusting each other.

IMO adopts carbon reduction metrics but defers discussion of carbon levy. Tom Washington and Frank Watson. *S&P Global Platts*. 18 June 2021. Available from:

<https://www.spglobal.com/platts/en/market-insights/latest-news/shipping/061821-imo-adopts-carbon-reduction-metrics-but-defers-discussion-of-carbon-levy> An International Maritime Organization committee has adopted mandatory measures to reduce ships' carbon intensity and to grade their achievements in this regard, although some industry stakeholders and observers are concerned the body has not gone far enough.

Shipping Watchdog's Plan to Make a Plan to Tackle CO2 Emissions from Ships Confounds Outsiders. Jack Wittels. *gCaptain*. 20 June 2021. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/shipping-watchdogs-plan-to-make-a-plan-to-tackle-co2-emissions-from-ships-confounds-outsiders/> Under pressure to decarbonize a global shipping industry that emits more CO₂ each year than the U.K. and France combined, the world's governments agreed a plan — to make a plan.

Trafigura Calls on Shipping Watchdog to Up the Pace on CO2 Curbs. Jack Wittels. *Bloomberg*. 22 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.bloombergguint.com/business/trafigura-calls-on-shipping-watchdog-to-up-the-pace-on-co2-curbs> Trafigura Group said the shipping industry's regulator needs to act with 'lightning speed' to cut carbon emissions from an industry that spews more CO₂ into the atmosphere each year than France and the U.K. combined.

IMO moves on from criticism over emission reduction targets. Adam Corbett. *TradeWinds*.

23 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/imo-moves-on-from-criticism-over-emission-reduction-targets/2-1-1028791> The International Maritime Organization is preparing for the next stage of its decarbonisation plans after coming under heavy criticism for not setting higher operational efficiency targets at a recent key environmental meeting.

IMO rules leave shipowners in Greece and Cyprus guessing about future. Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds*. 24 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/imo-rules-leave-shipowners-in-greece-and-cyprus-guessing-about-future/2-1-1028925> Short-term decarbonisation measures at the International Maritime Organization, as their negative reception by parts of the shipping industry and public opinion, have rattled some Greek and Cypriot shipowners.

The Lloyd's List Podcast: A fair future for seafarers? *Lloyd's List*. 25 June 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137329> IMO secretary-general Kitack Lim joins the podcast this week to reflect on why the industry has struggled to resolve the crew change crisis that has left seafarers globally dealing with overly harsh, inappropriate, even unlawful restrictions on seafarers' freedom of movement.

The United Nations agency going backward on climate change. Joel Clement. *The Hill (US)*. 28 June 2021. Available from: <https://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/560473-the-united-nations-agency-thats-going-backward-on-climate-change> Achieving net-zero carbon emissions by mid-century — which scientists agree is necessary to avoid catastrophic social, ecological and economic impacts — requires an all-hands-on-deck approach to reimagining the global economy.

Has the Shipping Industry and IMO Simply Given Up on Climate Action? John Maggs. *Clean Arctic Alliance*. 28 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.hfofreearctic.org/en/2021/06/28/has-the-shipping-industry-and-imo-simply-given-up-on-climate-action/> In a serious blow to the Arctic and the fight to stop global heating, the UN's International Maritime Organisation (IMO), responsible for regulating international shipping, has firmly rejected the pleas of all of those crying out for ambitious climate action.

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Egypt court postpones *Ever Given* case trial. El-Sayed Gamal El-Din. *Ahram Online (Egypt)*. 29 May 2021. Available from: <https://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/1/64/413133/Egypt/Politics-/Egypt-court-postpones-Ever-Given-case-trial--.aspx> An Egyptian economic court adjourned on Saturday the trial on the giant *Ever Given* containership that blocked Egypt's strategic Suez Canal for six days in March to allow for further negotiations on the compensation value.

Iranian tanker seized by Indonesia is released after 4 months. *Reuters*. 31 May 2021. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/article/iran-tanker-indonesia-idUSL2N2NI06J> An Iranian-flagged tanker seized by Indonesia in January over the suspected illegal transfer of oil has been released, an Indonesian official and Iranian state media said on Saturday.

How OFAC's sanctions advisory is changing the maritime industry for good. Simon Ring. *Splash 247.com*. 31 May 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/how-ofacs-sanctions-advisory-is-changing-the-maritime-industry-for-good/> The guidance was the first to target the wider maritime industry, and it sought to make clear that the onus of responsibility for sanctions compliance lies with everyone across the supply chain, and stressed the need for the private sector to plug the many holes currently used to circumvent sanctions.

Climate activist buys into large companies to intensify CO2 plans. Jens Thomsen.

ShippingWatch. 1 June 2021. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13020679.ece> Shipping companies should view the transition to sustainable energy as an opportunity to ensure long-term survival of their companies rather than postponing the transition, says Dutch climate activist Mark van Baal.

NGO proposes significant global carbon levy on bunker fuel to reach climate goals.

Dag Holmstad. *ShippingWatch*. 2 June 2021. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13025536.ece> Green Transition Denmark, which forms part of Clean Shipping Coalition, finds that an increasing CO2 levy on bunker fuel from 2025 onwards could compel the shipping industry to switch to green fuels such as methanol or ammonia, with only a negligible increase in retail prices.

Talks break down over crumbling Yemeni tanker threatening massive oil spill. Elizabeth Fitt.

Mongabay. 2 June 2021. Available from: <https://news.mongabay.com/2021/06/talks-break-down-over-crumbling-yemeni-tanker-threatening-massive-oil-spill/>

A decaying super-tanker anchored off Yemen with 1.1 million barrels of Marib light crude oil in its hold looks increasingly likely to wreak havoc in the Red Sea, experts are warning.

EU warns Ghana against illegal fishing. *GhanaWeb*. 2 June 2021. Available from:

<https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/EU-warns-Ghana-against-illegal-fishing-1277419> The European Union (EU) has warned that it will issue Ghana a 'yellow card', should the country consistently fail to tackle the menace of illegal fishing.

Fighting against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing: Commission notifies the Republic of Ghana with a yellow card. *European Commission*. 2 June 2021. Available from:

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_21_2745 The Commission, leading the fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing worldwide, has issued a warning (so-called yellow card) to the Republic of Ghana that it risks being identified as a non-cooperating country in the fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

New global partnership to elevate marine protected areas as tool in climate response.

US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). 2 June 2021. Available from:

<https://www.noaa.gov/news-release/new-global-partnership-to-elevate-marine-protected-areas-as-tool-in-climate-response> Today, the United States, United Kingdom, Chile, Costa Rica, and France announced a new global partnership to advance the role of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) as a nature-based solution in the fight against climate change.

US and EU to call for higher carbon reduction targets in last-ditch IMO showdown. Adam

Corbett. *TradeWinds*. 3 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/us-and-eu-to-call-for-higher-carbon-reduction-targets-in-last-ditch-imo-showdown/2-1-1019253>

Europe and the US are poised to make a last-minute call for the International Maritime Organization to adopt tougher carbon emission reduction targets at a crunch meeting later this month.

Your climate change goals may have a maritime shipping problem. Esther Whieldon.

S&P Global Platts. 3 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.spglobal.com/esg/insights/your-climate-change-goals-may-have-a-maritime-shipping-problem>

The international cargo and container shipping industry plays a central role in global supply chains, but until recently has made few inroads toward decarbonization.

UK Maritime & Coastguard Agency joins Mærsk Mc-Kinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping as Knowledge Partner. UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA). *Hellenic Shipping News*. 3 June 2021. Available from: <https://bit.ly/3wo9ecJ> It means the Maritime & Coastguard Agency becomes an official partner to the Center, committing to a long-term strategic collaboration about the development of zero carbon solutions for the maritime industry.

Ambitious treaty offers a ‘once in a lifetime’ chance to protect the high seas. Rosie Frost. *Euronews*. 4 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.euronews.com/green/2021/06/04/ambitious-treaty-offers-a-once-in-a-lifetime-chance-to-protect-the-high-seas> Water covers around 71 per cent of our planet and the wealth of biodiversity found in our oceans is unparalleled.

Flag States: How Can We Get Them to Improve their Performance? *Human Rights at Sea (HRAS)*. 4 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/06/04/flag-states-how-can-we-get-them-to-improve-their-performance/> Michael Lloyd in his recent op-ed makes a number of powerful points about the failure of – or perhaps rather the practical impossibility for – many flag States to carry out their duties under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) to ensure that vessels flying their flag comply with the various international conventions developed within the IMO, but also very importantly the Maritime Labour Convention of the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

Paris Agreement alone will not hold back fossil fuel investments — what comes next? *The Hill (US)*. 4 June 2021. Available from: <https://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/556819-paris-agreement-alone-will-not-hold-back-fossil-fuel-investments> At a time when nations are promoting their pledges to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, China’s carbon emissions are skyrocketing far more than can be explained by a post-pandemic rebound, with plans for continued expansion in carbon-intensive sectors.

Co-Chair Letter Urging Strong U.S. Action to Reduce International Maritime Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Underwater Noise. *Northwest Seaport Alliance*. 4 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.nwseaportalliance.com/newsroom/co-chair-letter-urging-strong-us-action-reduce-international-maritime-greenhouse-gas> The Port of Seattle, Port of Tacoma, and the Northwest Seaport Alliance are writing to express gratitude for the renewed and active engagement by the U.S. government, under your leadership, in the development of strong environmental strategies and policies by the International Maritime Organization, especially those related to the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Italian Coast Guard detains German NGO migrant ship. *Euronews*. 5 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.euronews.com/2021/06/05/italian-coast-guard-detains-german-ngo-migrant-ship> The Italian Coast Guard detained a migrant rescue vessel belonging to a German NGO for not complying with security rules, they said.

G7 deal at odds with shipping’s tonnage tax schemes. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 7 June 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/g7-deal-at-odds-with-shippings-tonnage-tax-schemes/> Shipping’s existing taxation systems could face upheaval in the wake of the deal struck over the weekend by finance ministers of the G7 nations to push ahead with a global minimum corporate rate of 15%.

High-level Event Keeps Spotlight on Ocean Health. *International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)*. 7 June 2021. Available from: <https://sdg.iisd.org/news/high-level-event-keeps-spotlight-on-ocean-health/> The event took place in the lead-up to the Second UN Ocean Conference in Portugal in 2022, which was delayed from 2020 due to COVID-19, hampering the evaluation of progress on Goal 14.

Shareholder lobby probes Hapag-Lloyd's green plans. Ian Lewis. *TradeWinds*. 7 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/containerships/shareholder-lobby-probes-hapag-lloyd-s-green-plans/2-1-1020907> Germany's leading liner company, Hapag-Lloyd, has received a taste of the shareholder blowback over environmental concerns that has rocked the oil and gas sector.

Government sets out marine commitments to mark World Ocean Day. *UK Government*. 8 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-sets-out-marine-commitments-to-mark-world-ocean-day> Under UK leadership, 80 countries have now signed up to an international target to protect at least 30 per cent of the world's ocean by 2030.

Covid Scotland: UK-only cruise ship MSC Virtuosa 'barred from docking in Greenock'. *The Scotsman*. 8 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.scotsman.com/news/transport/covid-scotland-uk-only-cruise-ship-msc-virtuosa-barred-from-docking-in-greenock-3265549> 📰 A cruise ship carrying only UK passengers on a tour of the British Isles has been barred from docking in Greenock with just days' notice, travel agents have said.

Global Recovery Strong but Uneven as Many Developing Countries Struggle with the Pandemic's Lasting Effects. *World Bank*. 8 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2021/06/08/world-bank-global-economic-prospects-2021> The global economy is expected to expand 5.6% in 2021, the fastest post-recession pace in 80 years, largely on strong rebounds from a few major economies. [Global Economy Prospects: June 2021](#) 📰

Bringing the High Seas Biodiversity Treaty Into Port. Stewart M. Patrick. *Council on Foreign Relations*. 8 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.cfr.org/article/bringing-high-seas-biodiversity-treaty-port> Ratifying the proposed high seas pact would plug this gaping hole and help preserve the future of life on nearly half of the planet.

Shipping banks to reassess green ambitions after next climate summit. Daniel Logan. *ShippingWatch*. 8 June 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13039749.ece> This autumn, the major banks behind Poseidon Principles plan to review their set of rules following the COP26 climate summit in Glasgow.

The Government of Canada releases the 4th Oceans Protection Plan Report to Canadians, highlighting results achieved to protect our coasts. *Government of Canada*. 8 June 2021. Available from: <https://bit.ly/2TM89ya> 📰 Whether in the Atlantic, Pacific, or Arctic oceans, the health and protection of our coastline—the longest in the world—is critical to our environment, our economy, and to all Canadians.

Stagnation in R&D investment creating unacceptable risk for industry zero emissions future. *International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)*. 9 June 2021. Available from: <https://bit.ly/3AJPseR> The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) has warned that without decisive government signals declining levels of Maritime research and development could jeopardise industry's ability to decarbonise.

Emissions trading scheme's date set amid increasing ship financing complexity. Paul Berrill. *TradeWinds*. 9 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/finance/emissions-trading-schemes-date-set-amid-increasing-ship-financing-complexity/2-1-1022424> The European Union will reveal the full details of how shipping will be included in its emissions trading system (ETS) a month from now in mid-July.

Reality Check Awaits John Kerry and His Bid to Cut Carbon Emissions from Ships.

Jack Wittels. *gCaptain*. 9 June 2021. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/reality-check-awaits-john-kerry-and-his-bid-to-cut-carbon-emissions-from-ships/> John Kerry wants to accelerate the decarbonization of the global shipping industry which spews more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere each year than France and the U.K. combined.

Sri Lankan agent deleted e-mail vital to probe into S'pore-flagged ship, court told.

Straits Times. 9 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/south-asia/sri-lankan-agent-deleted-e-mail-vital-to-probe-into-spore-flagged-ship-court-told> The Singapore-registered *MV X-Press Pearl* reported an onboard acid leak to its representative Sea Consortium Lanka, which in turn failed to alert the local authorities, said the state prosecutor.

Shell promises to accelerate shift to low carbon. *BBC News*. 9 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-57415965> The oil giant Shell will reduce its greenhouse gas emissions more quickly than planned following a legal ruling in the Netherlands, its chief executive has promised in a blog post.

The spirit of Shell will rise to the challenge. Ben van Beurden. *Shell*. 9 June 2021.

Available from: <https://www.shell.com/media/speeches-and-articles/articles-by-date/the-spirit-of-shell-will-rise-to-the-challenge.html> Should a court single out an energy company to reduce its carbon emissions? On Wednesday 26 May, the District Court in The Hague ruled that by 2030 Shell must reduce its net carbon emissions by 45%, compared to its 2019 level.

Mauritius' Top Court Denies Bail to *Wakashio* Captain; Master to Remain in Jail Pending Trial. Vel Moonien. *gCaptain*. 10 June 2021. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/mauritius-top-court-denies-bail-to-wakashio-captain-master-to-remain-in-jail-pending-trial/> Mauritius' Supreme Court rejected an appeal for the release on bail of the captain of the ill-fated *Wakashio*, siding instead with prosecutors that the captain posed a flight risk due to the heavy prison sentence and hefty fine he faces if prosecuted.

Global minimum tax: a game changer for EU shipping? *European Transport Workers' Federation*. 10 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.etf-europe.org/global-minimum-tax-a-game-changer-for-eu-shipping/> In light of the G7 summit of leaders starting this Friday, the ETF reiterates its call for an international agreement on a global minimum tax for multinational companies.

US levies fresh Iran sanctions against 'businessmen and shipping experts'. Matt Coyne. *TradeWinds*. 10 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/us-levies-fresh-iran-sanctions-against-businessmen-and-shipping-experts/2-1-1023609> The US placed sanctions on an Iran-based executive and his alleged network of "businessmen and shipping experts" for benefiting Houthi rebels in Yemen, while delisting others connected to the Islamic republic.

Where do liabilities lie in maritime incidents and do flag states matter? Zhaki Abdullah.

Channel News Asia. 10 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/sri-lanka-ship-singapore-registered-x-press-pearl-liabilities-14971608> As Sri Lanka deals with its worst marine ecological disaster after the sinking of a Singapore-registered container ship, questions have been raised about who bears the responsibilities in maritime incidents.

Cruise lines, eager to go, clash with Florida on vaccines. *France 24*. 11 June 2021.

Available from: <https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20210611-cruise-lines-eager-to-go-clash-with-florida-on-vaccines> US-based cruise lines are chafing to resume voyages from Florida ports in July as the pandemic wanes—but for vaccinated passengers only—yet the state and its governor won't let them demand proof of inoculation.

As G7 leaders meet, new maritime grouping M7 sets out its agenda. Adam Corbett.

TradeWinds. 11 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/as-g7-leaders-meet-new-maritime-grouping-m7-sets-out-its-agenda/2-1-1023826> A new shipping group, M7, has formed to mirror the gathering of world leaders at the G7 summit in the UK county of Cornwall.

U.S. joins Norway, Denmark to advance zero emissions ship fuels. Jonathan Saul. *Reuters*.


11 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/business/sustainable-business/us-joins-norway-denmark-advance-zero-emissions-ship-fuels-2021-06-11/> The United States is working with Norway, Denmark and other countries to develop zero emissions fuel options for ships as part of a push to de-carbonise the industry, officials involved said.

US sanctions 'cohort' of businessmen and shipping experts linked to Yemen's Houthis.

Eric Watkins. *Lloyd's List*. 11 June 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137134/> The US Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control has designated a "cohort" of businessmen and shipping experts as members of a smuggling network that helps fund Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-Qods Force and the Houthis in Yemen.

The EU Approach on Migration in the Mediterranean. *European Parliament*. 11 June 2021.


Available from:

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document.html?reference=IPOL_STU%282021%29694413 This study examines the EU approach on migration in the Mediterranean, covering developments from the 2015 refugee crisis up to the Covid-19 pandemic, assessing the effect these events have had on the design, implementation, and reform of EU policy on asylum, migration and external border control, and documenting the ramifications these changes have had on the actors who operate and are impacted by these policies, including immigration authorities, civil society organisations, and the migrants themselves. [Study](#) 

Let's keep the ocean clean: WIMA-Ghana. *News Ghana*. 11 June 2021. Available from:

<https://newsghana.com.gh/lets-keep-the-ocean-clean-wima-ghana/> The Women in Maritime Africa, Ghana Chapter (WIMA-Ghana), has called on Ghanaians to cherish the ocean and keep it clean to ensure humans derive the maximum benefits from it.

Our Shared Agenda for Global Action to Build Back Better. *G7 Cornwall UK 2021*.

13 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.g7uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Carbis-Bay-G7-Summit-Communique-PDF-430KB-25-pages-3.pdf>  We, the leaders of the Group of Seven, met in Cornwall on 11-13 June 2021 determined to beat COVID-19 and build back better.

Sri Lankan court grants bail to captain of fire-ravaged ship. Bharatha Mallawarachi.

Associated Press. 14 June 2021. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/sri-lanka-fires-1a61bef5a4950bc0a1aa0deebc00d5b5> A Sri Lankan court granted bail to the captain of a fire-ravaged container ship on Monday, hours after he was arrested by police, officials said.

Barge disaster may be outside India's labour laws' purview. Sanjay Dutta and Mateen Hafeez. *Times of India*. 15 June 2021. Available from:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/mumbai-barge-disaster-may-be-outside-labour-laws-purview/articleshow/83522629.cms> Onus of the Mumbai barge disaster could end up at the door of Durmast Enterprises Ltd under the international regulatory regime for seafaring vessels and personnel as the incident took place outside India's territorial boundary extending up to 12 nautical miles from the shore.

Supreme Court closes all proceedings in India against Italian Marines in Kerala fishermen murder case. *Times of India*. 15 June 2021. Available from:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/supreme-court-closes-all-proceedings-in-india-against-two-italian-marines/articleshow/83533362.cms> The Supreme Court on Tuesday closed all proceedings in India against Italian Marines Massimiliano Latorre and Salvatore Gironde.

Maritime lawyers express concerns over lull in vessel calls. Godwin Oritse. *Vanguard (Nigeria)*.

15 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/06/maritime-lawyers-express-concerns-over-lull-in-vessel-calls/> In a statement, signed by the President, Mrs. Funke Agbor and Secretary, Mr. Adedoyin Afun, the Association said that NMLA was aware of the disturbing implications of continued security breaches on Nigerian waters, particularly reduced vessel calls, diversion of traffic to neighbouring jurisdictions, unlawful acts against ships and shipping, increased risk premium and general derogation of the country's reputation as a maritime destination, among others.

Spain arrests subterfuge tanker for illegal oil dumping. Declan Bush and Michelle Wiese Bockmann. *Lloyd's List*. 15 June 2021. Available from:

<https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137174/> Spain has detained a tanker after it was spotted illegally discharging hydrocarbons into the sea, causing a 55 sq km oil spot in the Atlantic.

Climate scientist calls on Poseidon Principles to embrace far higher ambitions. Daniel Logan. *ShippingWatch*. 16 June 2021. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13061457.ece> If Poseidon Principles is to support shipping in living up to the Paris Agreement, the banks behind the principles need to aim much higher than the IMO targets that the principles currently adhere to, says scientist to ShippingWatch.

Lawyers look at the scourge of stateless vessels. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*.

16 June 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/lawyers-look-at-the-scourge-of-stateless-vessels/> The problem of stateless vessels operating at sea has been an issue which has occurred for millennia, but to date little has been done to examine the issue of deflagged ships and what it means for those onboard for these floating metal refugees.

Denmark signs new maritime co-operation agreement with China. Mette Larsen. *ScandAsia*.

17 June 2021. Available from: <https://scandasia.com/denmark-signs-new-maritime-co-operation-agreement-with-china/> Denmark has signed a new maritime co-operation agreement with China that will allow Denmark to provide green solutions to the massive Chinese shipbuilding industry, The Business Ministry (Erhvervsministeriet) writes in a recent statement.

Cyprus steams ahead with green, digital, shipping vision. *Financial Mirror (Cyprus)*.

18 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.financialmirror.com/2021/06/18/cyprus-steams-ahead-with-green-digital-shipping-vision/> The new vision for shipping aims at placing Cyprus at the forefront of maritime developments, with a strategy that will take the industry to the next level of green transformation, digital services and a long-overdue 'one-stop-shop.'

Judge rules for Florida on CDC order blocking cruise ships. Curt Anderson and David Koenig. *Associated Press*. 19 June 2021. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/florida-business-health-coronavirus-pandemic-54e227910d2035c24009f742e26cc334> A federal judge on Friday ruled for Florida in a lawsuit challenging a U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention order making it difficult for cruise ships to resume sailing due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Egypt court adjourns hearing in *Ever Given* compensation case for further negotiations. El-Sayed Gamal El-Din. *Ahram Online (Egypt)*. 20 June 2021. Available from: <https://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/1/64/414645/Egypt/Politics-/Egypt-court-adjourns-hearing-in-Ever-Given-compens.aspx> The vessel has since been idle in a lake between two sections of the Suez Canal at a court order until compensation claimed by the Egyptian side is paid.

MOL establishes the “MOL Charitable Trust” in Mauritius: Providing support to local environment and communities in Mauritius. *Mitsui O.S.K. Lines (MOL)*. 21 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.mol.co.jp/en/pr/2021/21053.html> MOL President & CEO, Takeshi Hashimoto has established the “MOL Charitable Trust” (the Trust) in the Republic of Mauritius as part of its benevolent and philanthropic actions to support activities for the public benefits of Mauritius and its people to address the impacts of the oil spill from a bulk carrier the *MV Wakashio* that had been chartered from a subsidiary of Nagashiki Shipping Co., Ltd (shipowner).

Carnival Corporation Announces Initial 2030 Sustainability Goals. *Carnival Corporation & plc*. 22 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.carnivalcorp.com/news-releases/news-release-details/carnival-corporation-announces-initial-2030-sustainability-goals> World’s largest cruise company reaffirms commitment to sustainability with new 2030 targets and 2050 aspirations incorporating six focus areas to further strengthen environmental, social and governance performance.

A Cold War deal on ice: The Antarctic Treaty at 60. Donald R. Rothwell. *Lowy Institute (Australia)*. 22 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/cold-war-treaty-ice-antarctic-treaty-60> Negotiated in 1959, the treaty entered into force on 23 June 1961.

Diversity in the Indian Maritime Industry: Hiring more women for profitable businesses. Sanjam Sahi Gupta. *United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)*. 22 June 2021. Available from: <https://unctad.org/news/diversity-indian-maritime-industry-hiring-more-women-profitable-businesses> Although the maritime and oceans industry offers a variety of career opportunities at land and at sea, and despite a dearth of appropriate reports, and statistics about women employment and challenges, there is no doubt that women are underrepresented in the maritime industry in India.

Women urged to take advantage of AfCFTA. Sulaimon Salau and Adaku Onyenucheya. *Guardian (Nigeria)*. 23 June 2021. Available from: <https://guardian.ng/business-services/maritime/women-urged-to-take-advantage-of-afcfta/> The Women’s International Shipping and Trading Association (WISTA) Nigeria has urged women in the maritime Industry to explore investment opportunities in the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA).

Shoei Kisen reaches settlement over \$550m claim for Suez Canal blockage. Adam Corbett. *TradeWinds*. 23 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/shoei-kisen-reaches-settlement-over-550m-claim-for-suez-canal-blockage/2-1-1029407> The Suez Canal Authority (SCA) has reached an agreement in principle with insurers over a \$550m compensation claim for the grounding of a containership that disrupted world trade in March.

Vale's ambitions to decarbonise the front haul route *The Motorship*. 23 June 2021.

Available from: <https://www.motorship.com/news101/industry-news/vales-ambitions-to-decarbonise-the-front-haul-route> Mining major Vale's ambitions to lead the low carbon agenda include its maritime supply chain, Rodrigo Bermelho, Shipping Technical Manager at Vale explains.

Ghana-Togo Maritime Boundary Negotiations Meeting ongoing in Accra. *Modern Ghana*.

23 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.modernghana.com/news/1089916/ghana-togo-maritime-boundary-negotiations-meeting.html> Mr Samuel Abu Jinapor, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, has opened the Seventh Round of the Joint Ghana-Togo Maritime Boundary Negotiations Meeting in Accra.

LEAKED: EU's supposedly 'green' shipping law will lock in fossil fuels. Eoin Bannon. *Transport & Environment*. 23 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.transportenvironment.org/press/leaked-eu%E2%80%99s-supposedly-%E2%80%99green%E2%80%99-shipping-law-will-lock-fossil-fuels> An EU law intended to drive the uptake of clean fuels by ships will actually lock in the use of fossil fuels for decades, according to a leaked proposal, making the European Green Deal goal of decarbonisation by 2050 impossible.

[The leaked EU 'green' shipping fuel law risks being a climate disaster](#)

Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd. Takes Action Against Climate Change with Creation of Long-Term Strategy and Goal to Reach Carbon Neutrality. *Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd.*

23 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.nclhltd.com/news-media/press-releases/detail/417/norwegian-cruise-line-holdings-ltd-takes-action-against> Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd. a leading global cruise company which operates the Norwegian Cruise Line, Oceania Cruises and Regent Seven Seas Cruises brands, today announced the creation of its long-term climate action strategy and goal to reach carbon neutrality through reducing carbon intensity, identifying and investing in technology including exploring alternative fuels and implementing a voluntary carbon offset program.

HRAS initiates first House of Lords discussion on human rights at sea. *Human Rights at Sea (HRAS)*.

24 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/06/24/hras-initiates-first-house-of-lords-discussion-on-human-rights-at-sea/> The question of what the UK Government is doing to protect human rights at sea was raised as an oral question by Human Rights at Sea Patron, Lord Teverson of Tregony, in the UK Parliament and was discussed in the House of Lords for the first time on 22 June 2021.

NATO Adopts Climate Change Actions for 2030. *International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)*.

24 June 2021. Available from: <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/nato-adopts-climate-change-actions-for-2030/> The Heads of State and Government of the 30 members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) have adopted NATO 2030, "a transatlantic agenda for the future," as well as a Climate Change and Security Action Plan.

NGO: EU proposal for Green Deal locks in fossil marine fuels. Dag Holmstad. *ShippingWatch*.

24 June 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/Offshore/article13082738.ece> According to Transport & Environment, leaked documents on the EU's prestige project Green Deal on the decarbonization of shipping show that the EU will prolong the use of fossil fuels such as LNG and biofuels "for decades".

EU Climate Law: MEPs confirm deal on climate neutrality by 2050. *European Parliament.*

24 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20210621IPR06627/eu-climate-law-meps-confirm-deal-on-climate-neutrality-by-2050>
The new EU Climate Law increases the EU's 2030 emissions reductions target from 40% to at least 55%.


Success of climate change talks rests on finance, UN chief says. *Kate Abnett. Reuters*

24 June 2021. Available from: <https://news.trust.org/item/20210624113131-dqr10/>
The success of international climate negotiations in November will depend on a breakthrough in financial contributions from rich countries, U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres said on Thursday.

EU's shipping emissions approach threatens its success. *Anastassios Adamopoulos.*

Lloyd's List. 24 June 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137309/> The fragmented approach to ship emissions and fuels policies from Brussels risks not only generating ineffective policies that undermine its ultimate goals, but also creating unnecessary distractions and inserting added complications to already difficult negotiations.

News: Maritime UK publishes Maritime 2050 progress report. *Maritime UK.* 25 June 2021.

Available from: <https://www.maritimeuk.org/media-centre/news/news-maritime-uk-publishes-maritime-2050-progress-report/> Maritime UK has today (25 June) published a new report assessing progress by government and industry in delivering the recommendations set out within the UK's flagship "Maritime 2050" report. [Maritime 2050: Where are we now](#) 

Council adopts European climate law. *Council of Europe.* 28 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2021/06/28/council-adopts-european-climate-law/>  The Council today adopted its position at first reading on the European climate law, ending the adoption procedure and setting into legislation the objective of a climate-neutral EU by 2050.

President Joe Biden appoints IMarEST Fellow to lead on climate. *Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST).* 28 June 2021. Available from:

<https://www.imarest.org/policy-news/institute-news/6156-president-joe-biden-appoints-imarest-fellow-to-lead-on-climate> Dr Richard 'Rick' W. Spinrad, CSci CMarSci FIMarEST, esteemed Fellow of The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST), has been appointed by President Joe Biden as the new head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which plays a key role in protecting the environment.

Emanuele Grimaldi named ICS Chairman – Designate. *International Chamber of Shipping (ICS).*

29 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.ics-shipping.org/press-release/emanuele-grimaldi-named-ics-chairman-designate/> Mr Emanuele Grimaldi, Managing Director of the Grimaldi Group, long serving ICS Board member and immediate Vice Chairman, was named as ICS Chair – Designate following a decision by the ICS Board of Directors at a recent meeting, held 22-23 June.

Iranian box fleet continues to trade despite sanctions. *Richard Meade. Lloyd's List.*

29 June 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137377>
Only a handful of IRISL's sanction fleet have remained at anchor or hidden with no Automatic Identification System signal — the rest have regularly shuttled between Iran and China, Malaysia and UAE, while several have regularly called at EU ports.

MARINE TECHNOLOGY

Environmental compliance drives innovation in scrubber technology. Samantha Fisk. *The Motorship*. 3 June 2021. Available from: <https://bit.ly/36oHmdR> Almost as long as scrubber technology has been commercially available for shipping, questions have been raised about the potential longevity of the technology.

Ecotoxicity testing and risk assessment of wash water from open loop scrubbers. DHI A/S. 8 June 2021. Available from: https://www.egcsa.com/wp-content/uploads/EGCSCAFinalreport_11826102_2021.06.08.pdf When exhaust gas cleaning systems, also known as scrubbers, are operated in open-loop mode, the scrubber discharge water is discharged into the sea, sometimes after filtering and buffering with seawater.

Ecotoxicity assessment gives open loop scrubbers the all clear. Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems Association (EGCSA). 10 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.egcsa.com/ecotoxicity-assessment-gives-open-loop-scrubbers-the-all-clear/> A recent independent ecotoxicity study undertaken in accordance with the IMO GESAMP guidelines gives open loop scrubbers the all-clear.

Clean technologies, maritime decarbonisation and market complexity. *The Motorship*. 9 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.motorship.com/news101/comment-and-analysis/clean-technologies,-maritime-decarbonisation-and-market-complexity> Shipowners' should consider clean technologies alongside slow steaming when assessing different solutions to EEXI and CII rules, argues Noah Silberschmidt, CEO, Silverstream Technologies.

Cross-Channel 'flying ferries' concept revealed for Portsmouth route. *BBC News*. 15 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hampshire-57483039> Brittany Ferries said its proposed craft "foils like a hydrofoil, hovers like a hovercraft and flies like a plane... with the comfort and convenience of a ferry".

Hyundai Heavy tests fully autonomous ship. Chae Yun-hwan and Nam Kwang-sik. *Yonhap News Agency (South Korea)*. 16 June 2021. Available from: <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20210616004251320> Hyundai Heavy Industries Group (HHIH) said Wednesday it has successfully conducted a test-run of a fully autonomous cruise ship backed by its own autonomous navigation system and a local mobile operator's 5G network.

Finnish authorities actively using EMSA's remotely piloted aircraft to support vital coast guard tasks over the Baltic Sea. *European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)*. 16 June 2021. Available from: <https://bit.ly/3xAaPh2> The Finnish Border Guard will be using EMSA's remotely piloted aircraft services over the coming weeks from the base of Hanko to provide increased situational awareness for an array of different operational tasks in areas such as search and rescue, maritime safety and security, customs and border control, environmental protection and general law enforcement at sea.

DNV launches new digital EEXI Calculator. DNV. 17 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.dnv.com/news/dnv-launches-new-digital-eexi-calculator-202945> DNV has launched the EEXI Calculator – a digital tool to support customers in ensuring their compliance with the upcoming Energy Efficiency Existing Ship Index (EEXI).

Shipping is tough on the climate and hard to clean up – these innovations can help cut emissions. Jing Sun. *The Conversation*. 17 June 2021. Available from:

<https://theconversation.com/shipping-is-tough-on-the-climate-and-hard-to-clean-up-these-innovations-can-help-cut-emissions-162513> Ships carry more than 80% of world trade, and they rely heavily on some of the least environmentally friendly transportation fuels available.

AI-driven robot *Mayflower* sails back after fault develops. *BBC News*. 19 June 2021.

Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-devon-57538316> A crewless ship designed to recreate the *Mayflower*'s historic journey across the Atlantic 400 years ago is returning to the UK after developing a fault.

Testing Autonomous Remote Control of Ships in Singapore. *Maritime Executive*. 21 June 2021.

Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/testing-autonomous-remote-control-of-ships-in-singapore> Efforts to develop autonomous and remote control of ships are expanding, with a greater focus on highly congested ports and seaways as a proving ground for the technology.

DNV adds new class for cloud-based simulation. *ShipInsight*. 24 June 2021. Available from:

<https://shipinsight.com/articles/dnv-adds-new-class-for-cloud-based-simulation/> DNV has revised its ST-0033 Maritime Simulator Systems standard with the introduction of a new class D for all function areas covering cloud-based simulation.

Composite Technology Designed for Space Receives ABS Design Approval for Use at Sea.

American Bureau of Shipping. 29 June 2021. Available from: <https://cisin.co/3qWeiDQ> It's a key milestone in the SpaceTech4Sea project, which sees ABS, OceanFinance and Cimarron Composites joining forces to adapt composite technologies developed for the space industry to shipping.

MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING

PH seafarers at risk of EU ban on standards issue. Bernie Cahiles-Magkilat. *Manila Bulletin*.

31 May 2021. Available from: <https://mb.com.ph/2021/05/31/ph-seafarers-at-risk-of-eu-ban-on-standards-issue/> The Philippines needs to convince EU that it has complied with all the standards required for its seafarers before end this year otherwise as many as 50,000 Filipino seafarers under European flags would losing jobs with their European principals.

Officer shortfall to reach decade high by 2026. *Drewry Shipping Consultants*. 2 June 2021.

Available from: <https://www.drewry.co.uk/maritime-research-opinion-browser/officer-shortfall-to-reach-decade-high-by-2026> Diminishing attractiveness of a career at sea, coupled with rising man-berth ratios and continued fleet growth will lead to the highest shortfall of officers to crew the world's merchant fleet in over a decade by 2026, with important implications for both hiring and future manning cost inflation, according to the latest Manning Annual Review and Forecast report published by global shipping consultancy Drewry.

Meet the first 3 women training to work one of Port Saint John's most dangerous jobs.

Julia Wright. *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)*. 7 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/port-saint-john-dp-world-west-side-jobs-nb-1.6051697> Everything on the west side docks — from the container ships, to the stacks of containers, to the blue cranes designed to move those containers — is gigantic.

Europe's first maritime operations and training centre for robotic vehicles will future-proof training for civilian and military vessel operations. *UK National Oceanography Centre (NOC).* 8 June 2021. Available from: <https://noc.ac.uk/news/europes-first-maritime-operations-training-centre-robotic-vehicles-will-future-proof-training> Three key players involved in the drive to autonomous ship operations have joined forces to create Europe's first training and development centre, dedicated to supporting maritime's digital transition.

Consultation underway on new training rules for seafarers. *UK Ship Register.* 14 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.ukshipregister.co.uk/news/consultation-underway-on-new-training-rules-for-seafarers/> A consultation is underway on the rules which already apply internationally for training under the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978.

Proposed amendments to the Merchant Shipping (STCW) Regulations 2021. *UK Maritime & Coastguard Agency.* 14 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-amendments-to-the-merchant-shipping-stcw-regulations-2021> This consultation seeks your views on the proposed draft merchant shipping (Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping) (amendment) regulations 2021, that propose to implement the amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978 into UK law.

The Liberian Registry approves SQLearn on-line courses. *Liberian Registry.* 18 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.liscr.com/blog/liberian-registry-approves-sqlearn-line-courses> The Liberian Registry has been continuing its cooperation with SQLearn, a specialized provider of e-learning services.

Why technology training is best preparation for digital shipping. Richard Clayton. *Lloyd's List.* 23 June 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137295/Why-technology-training-is-best-preparation-for-digital-shipping> Human-centred seafarer training was failing to keep pace with the evolution of technology before the pandemic.

Indonesia, US to build multimillion dollar maritime training center. *Antara News (Indonesia).* 25 June 2021. Available from: <https://en.antaranews.com/news/177534/> Indonesia and the United States have commenced work on building a maritime training center that will cost millions of dollars.

MARITIME SAFETY

Alternative tank inspection process saves lives and serves the sea. *Lloyd's List.* 6 June 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1136699> MOL Chemical Tankers says it has seen strong interest in its innovative 'washing water analysis' process, jointly developed with a chemical consultancy, which has proven superior to traditional wall wash inspection.

Shipping warned not to ignore safety in sustainability push. Richard Clayton. *Lloyd's List.* 8 June 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137064> Shipping's move to decarbonisation should not be "at the expense of the safety of seafarers and vessels," according to Intercargo president Dimitris Fafalios.

Rope Selection, Procurement and Usage: Essential Guide to Towrope. *UK Chamber of Shipping*. 16 June 2021. Available from: <https://ukchamberofshipping.com/latest/rope-selection-procurement-and-usage-essential-guide-towrope/> Tow rope is the single most essential piece of equipment in the towage industry, providing the vital link between tug and tow.

Rope Selection, Procurement and Usage. *British Tugowners Association (BTA)*. June 2021. Available from: https://ukchamberofshipping.com/documents/2944/Rope_Selection_FINAL_05-28-21_wUGd2EF.pdf It may be argued that the tow rope is the single most important piece of equipment in the industry.

Tanzania to Ban Storage of Dangerous Cargo Within Port Premises. *Maritime Executive*. 24 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/tanzania-to-ban-storage-of-dangerous-cargo-within-port-premises> Importers of hazardous cargo in Tanzania will have to incur extra storage charges after authorities announced plans to ban the storage of dangerous goods within the Dar es Salaam port premises.

No compromise on safety says INTERCARGO following MEPC 76. *International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (INTERCARGO)*. 28 June 2021. Available from: https://www.intercargo.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/INTERCARGO-MEDIA-RELEASE_25_06_2021.pdf INTERCARGO acknowledges the technical and operational measures adopted at the 76th session of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 76) to reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) of international shipping but warns that there can be no compromise when it comes to safety.

MARITIME SECURITY

Maritime security expected to increase in Seychelles' waters through agreement with US. Betymie Bonnelame. *Seychelles News Agency*. 28 May 2021. Available from: <http://www.seychellesnewsagency.com/articles/14904/Maritime+security+expected+to+increase+in+Seychelles+waters+through+agreement+with+US> The National Assembly has approved the ratification of a bilateral agreement with the United States which supporters say will help increase surveillance capabilities in the Seychelles' waters.

Industry chieftains brainstorm on maritime security in GoG. Godwin Oritse. *Vanguard (Nigeria)*. 31 May 2021. Available from: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/05/industry-chieftains-brainstorm-on-maritime-security-in-gog/> The International Maritime Bureau, IMB, says fighting piracy in the Gulf of Guinea, GoG, should be through consultations and partnership rather than confrontation and taking unilateral actions.

Liberian Registry Signs Gulf Of Guinea Declaration; Addresses Security Challenges with U.S. Support. *Front Page Africa (Liberia)*. 4 June 2021. Available from: <https://frontpageafricaonline.com/front-slider/liberian-registry-signs-gulf-of-guinea-declaration-addresses-security-challenges-with-u-s-support/> As part of a global coalition of maritime stakeholders, the Liberian Registry has proudly signed on as a signatory to the Gulf of Guinea Declaration on the Suppression of Piracy.

Declaration in the Gulf of Guinea: Shipping takes a stand together. *S&P Global Platts.*

8 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.spglobal.com/platts/en/market-insights/podcasts/focus/060821-shipping-gulf-guinea-declaration-bimco-jakob-larsen-piracy-security>
S&P Global Platts speaks to the Head of Maritime Security at BIMCO Jakob Larsen on what has pushed the industry to band together and what the Declaration means for the future of security in the basin.

Buhari commissions Nigeria's ambitious N80bn maritime security assets. *Shulammite 'Foyeku.*

Ships & Ports. 11 June 2021. Available from: <https://shipsandports.com.ng/buhari-commissions-nigerias-ambitious-n80bn-maritime-security-assets/> President Muhammadu Buhari on Thursday said that Nigeria's \$195million (approximately N80 billion) maritime security project known as the Deep Blue Project will serve as a benchmark for other countries in the Gulf of Guinea.

IN THE KNOW Podcast 27: Protecting Mariners in the Strait of Hormuz. *Maritime Executive.*

11 June 2021. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/podcast/in-the-know-podcast-27-protecting-mariners-in-the-strait-of-hormuz> In this episode of The Maritime Executive's podcast series, editor in chief Tony Munoz spoke with four top officers of Coalition Task Force Sentinel (CTF Sentinel), an eight-nation maritime security partnership that guards against malign state-sponsored activity in the Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, Red Sea and Strait of Bab el-Mandeb, along with all points in between.

CBP Seizes 69 Pounds of Cocaine Found inside Cruise Ship. *US Customs and Border Protection.*

11 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-seizes-69-pounds-cocaine-found-inside-cruise-ship> US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Officers seized 69.5 Pounds (31.5 Kilos) of cocaine discovered by the security services of a cruise ship, who handed over the contraband last week upon docking into Port Everglades.

Deep Blue Project: Taking the fight to pirates, by Dakuku Peterside. *Premium Times (Nigeria).*

14 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/opinion/467675-deep-blue-project-taking-the-fight-to-pirates-by-dakuku-peterside.html> The Deep Blue project is based on the unique predictive maritime analytics system, providing comprehensive monitoring of the entire exclusive economic zone.

Two NATO maritime groups train together in the Mediterranean. *NATO Allied Maritime Command (MARCOM).*

14 June 2021. Available from: <https://mc.nato.int/media-centre/news/2021/two-nato-maritime-groups-train-together-in-the-mediterranean--3>
Standing NATO Maritime Group Two (SNMG2) and Standing Mine Countermeasures Group Two (SNMCMG2) have been working together during their patrol in the Mediterranean Sea 4-14 June 2021.

Complete cyber risk assessments to safeguard ships. *Martyn Wingrove. Maritime Optimisation & Communications.*

15 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/complete-cyber-risk-assessments-to-safeguard-ships-65990> Six months on from the enforcement of IMO's cyber risk management regulations, shipping companies are implementing cyber security across their fleets – but there are challenges ahead and issues to overcome.

HMM confirms cyber attack. *Adis Ajdin. Splash 247.com.*

16 June 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/hmm-confirms-cyber-attack/> South Korea's HMM has become the latest liner to suffer a cyber attack.

Fast Response Cutter conducts international patrol to increase maritime security in the Pacific. *United States Coast Guard*. 16 June 2021. Available from:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/2e45458> The crew of Coast Guard Cutter *Oliver Henry (WPC 1140)* returned home to Guam following a successful 37-day, expeditionary patrol supporting Operation Blue Pacific and Operation 365 to prevent, detect, and suppress illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing in Oceania and strengthen bonds with partners throughout Micronesia.

New Zealand's maritime security stressed by rising threats, new Govt strategy says.

Stuff (New Zealand). 17 June 2021. Available from:

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/125470861/new-zealands-maritime-security-stressed-by-rising-threats-new-govt-strategy-says> New Zealand's maritime security is "increasingly stressed" by escalating geopolitical tensions, transnational crime, illegal fishing, and rising seas, a new Government strategy says.


Several countries to dispatch warships in fight against pirates in the Gulf of Guinea.

Dag Holmstad. *ShippingWatch*. 22 June 2021. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13073786.ece> When Denmark deploys a frigate to fight pirates in the Gulf of Guinea off the West African coast in November, it will enter a network of warships from five to six other nations, says Danish representative for maritime security Jens-Otto Horslund to ShippingWatch.

Council adopts conclusions on the EU's intention to increase its role as a global maritime security provider. *Council of the European Union*. 22 June 2021. Available from:

<https://bit.ly/2TSf9cH> The EU depends on safe, clean and secure oceans and seas for all types of activities. This is why maritime security is a clear priority for the EU and its Member States.

[Council conclusions on maritime security](#) 

Time to review war-risk insurance on Nigeria-bound cargoes. Bashir Jamoh. *Guardian (Nigeria)*.

23 June 2021. Available from: <https://guardian.ng/business-services/maritime/time-to-review-war-risk-insurance-on-nigeria-bound-cargoes/> There has been a significant reduction in the rate of piracy on Nigeria's maritime environment since February 2021, when the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) rolled out the Integrated National Security and Waterways Protection Infrastructure, popularly known as the Deep Blue Project.

Cyber-attacks: how hackers are targeting seafarers. Frankie Youd. *ShipTechnology*.

23 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.ship-technology.com/features/cyber-attacks-how-hackers-are-targeting-seafarers/> Hosted by The Digital Ship – the commercial maritime authority providing information on software, navigation technology and satellite communications – on 22 June, the webinar 'Seafarer training for cyber-security' highlighted the importance of increasing seafarer's awareness when it comes to identifying phishing e-mails and what the implications of providing information to hackers could mean for the vessels.

Threat to commercial shipping in the Mediterranean. *NATO Allied Maritime Command*

25 June 2021. Available from: <https://shipping.nato.int/nsc/operations/news/2021/threat-to-commercial-shipping-in-the-mediterranean> The purpose of this report is to provide a current assessment on the threats posed to merchant vessels transiting the Mediterranean in open waters.

Nigeria to remain on insurers' riskiest waters list despite plea. William Clowes. *ShippingWatch*. 25 June 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13086233.ece>
The majority of all kidnapped seafarers worldwide are taken to Nigeria where ransoms are negotiated, prompting the Joint War Committee to uphold its assessment that there is "an enhanced risk" and allow insurers to charge more for coverage.

NIMASA Moves to End War Risk Insurance Liability in Gulf of Guinea. Chinweizu Amuta. *This Day (Nigeria)*. 27 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/06/27/nimasa-moves-to-end-war-risk-insurance-liability-in-gulf-of-guinea/> Taking in 17 countries from Senegal to Angola, the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) is richly endowed with vast reserves of hydrocarbon, solid minerals (diamond, tin and cobalt), and fisheries, making it a highly strategic area.

Shipping Companies Confront Cyber Crooks as Economies Reopen. Nicole Sadek. *Bloomberg*. 29 June 2021. Available from: <https://about.bgov.com/news/shipping-companies-confront-cyber-crooks-as-economies-reopen/> Major shipping companies, stung by ransomware attacks, are looking for ways to thwart money-motivated hackers from interfering with their deliveries as global economies reopen after the Covid pandemic.

Iran to Open Maritime Security Coordination Center in Chabahar. *Tasnim News Agency (Iran)*. 29 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tasnimnews.com/en/news/2021/06/29/2530015/iran-to-open-maritime-security-coordination-center-in-chabahar> Iran's Navy commander unveiled plans for the inauguration of a center in the country's southeastern port city of Chabahar for international cooperation on maritime security.

MIGRANTS

Over 260 migrants rescued off Tunisia. Marion MacGregor. *InfoMigrants*. 31 May 2021. Available from: <https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/32612/over-260-migrants-rescued-off-tunisia>
A statement from the Tunisian defence ministry said that a group of 158 people from Tunisia and sub-Saharan African countries was intercepted overnight from Thursday to Friday, May 28.

Greece: More asylum seekers could be sent back to Turkey under government plan. Marion MacGregor. *InfoMigrants*. 8 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/32805/greece-more-asylum-seekers-could-be-sent-back-to-turkey-under-government-plan> In a joint statement by the foreign ministry and the migration ministry on Monday the Greek government announced that it has designated Turkey as a "safe third country."

IOM and UNHCR condemn the return of migrants and refugees to Libya. *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)*. 16 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.unhcr.org/news/press/2021/6/60ca1d414/iom-unhcr-condemn-return-migrants-refugees-libya.html> The International Organization for Migration (IOM) and UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, can confirm that over 270 migrants and refugees were handed over to the Libyan Coast Guard by the ship "Vos Triton", sailing under the flag of Gibraltar.

Italy agrees to take 86 migrants rescued by German ship 'Nadir'. Marion MacGregor. *InfoMigrants*. 17 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/33012/italy-agrees-to-take-86-migrants-rescued-by-german-ship-nadir> Italy has agreed to take in 86 people found drifting in the Mediterranean on Wednesday.

Dozens die in shipwrecks off Canary Islands. Marion MacGregor. *InfoMigrants*. 29 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/33271/dozens-die-in-shipwrecks-off-canary-islands> More than 40 migrants trying to reach Spain's Canary Islands from West Africa have reportedly died in shipwrecks in the past few days. Several hundred others made the crossing to arrive in Spanish territory.

NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS

Legislation on vessel traffic management to be reformed. *Government of Finland*. 28 May 2021. Available from: <https://www.lvm.fi/en/-/legislation-on-vessel-traffic-management-to-be-reformed-1347000> The Ministry of Transport and Communications has initiated a reform of the Vessel Traffic Service Act.

'Dark' ships off Argentina ring alarms over possible illegal fishing. Elizabeth Claire Alberts. *Mongabay*. 3 June 2021. Available from: <https://news.mongabay.com/2021/06/dark-ships-off-argentina-ring-alarms-over-possible-illegal-fishing/> Last year, news of a fleet of about 300 Chinese fishing vessels swarming around the Galápagos Islands, possibly to fish illegally, grabbed the attention of the world.

How a Russian Vessel's Grounding Highlights Perils of Arctic Shipping. Ed Struzik. *Yale Environment 360*. 10 June 2021. Available from: <https://e360.yale.edu/features/how-a-russian-vessels-grounding-highlights-perils-of-arctic-shipping> On August 24, 2018, the Russian passenger vessel *Akademik Ioffe* ran aground with a shudder as it sailed through narrows in the Canadian Arctic.

Panama Canal Extends Maximum Length Overall and Increases Draft for Neopanamax Locks. *Panama Canal Authority*. 14 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.pancanal.com/eng/pr/press-releases/2021/06/14/pr709.html> Since May 21, the maximum length overall (LOA) for commercial and non-commercial vessels acceptable for regular transits of the Neopanamax Locks is 370.33 meters (1,215 feet), up from 367.28 meters (1,205 feet).

IKEA, Lenovo and many more businesses still have products stuck in the Suez Canal. Lauren Gunn. *CNN*. 15 June 2021. Available from:

<https://edition.cnn.com/2021/06/15/business/suez-canal-ever-given/index.html> 📰

The *Ever Given* is no longer blocking the Suez Canal, but the crisis is far from over for companies forced to endure a protracted legal battle in hopes of recovering goods worth hundreds of millions of dollars that have been stuck on the impounded container ship for months.

Wärtsilä and Weathernews partner to enhance smart data solutions designed to make shipping safer and greener. *Wärtsilä Corporation*. 16 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.wartsila.com/media/news/16-06-2021-wartsila-and-weathernews-partner-to-enhance-smart-data-solutions-designed-to-make-shipping-safer-and-greener-2933555> Wärtsilä Voyage and Japan based Weathernews Inc (WNI), the world's largest private weather routing provider, have signed a strategic partnership agreement.

EU ship traffic fell by 10% in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. *European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)*. 16 June 2021. Available from: <http://www.emsa.europa.eu/newsroom/latest-news/item/4437-impact-pr.html> Nearly one in every five ships worldwide sails under a European Union (EU) Member State flag, and the EU accounts for approximately a fifth of all global maritime trade. [Impact of COVID-19 on the Maritime Sector in the EU](#) 📰

BIMCO welcomes updated IMO Compendium to advance electronic data. BIMCO.

17 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.bimco.org/news/maritime-digitalisation/20210617-electronic-data> Standardising and harmonising electronic ship to shore communication for reporting purposes was high on the agenda at the IMO's virtual Facilitation Committee (FAL) meeting held from 1-7 June 2021 (FAL 45).

Friend of the Sea ranks shipping and cruise lines' engagement to reduce whale ship strikes.

Friend of the Sea. 24 June 2021. Available from: <https://friendofthesea.org/ranks-shipping-and-cruise-lines-engagement-to-reduce-whale-ship-strikes/> Friend of the Sea, the international certification of products and services which respect the marine habitat, has just released the results of a study to analyse and rank shipping and cruise lines' engagement to reduce whale ship strikes. [Ranking of cruise and shipping lines whale safe practices](#)

Erdogan takes first step in controversial Istanbul canal project. Al Jazeera. 26 June 2021.

Available from: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/6/26/turkey-erdogan-takes-first-step-in-controversial-istanbul-canal-project> While Ankara claims the project will ease traffic in the Bosphorus, critics warn of dire environmental effects.

Maritime Authority bets big on Hydrographic Office to boost trade. GhanaWeb. 28 June 2021.

Available from: <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/business/Maritime-Authority-bets-big-on-Hydrographic-Office-to-boost-trade-1296817> The Ghana Maritime Authority (GMA) is confident that Ghana's maritime trade numbers will increase with consistent updates of its nautical chart by the National Hydrography Office (NHO).

PIRACY

More than 300 organizations sign declaration against piracy in Gulf of Guinea. Jens Thomsen.

ShippingWatch. 8 June 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13040457.ece> The shipping sector is taking firm political action to combat piracy in the Gulf of Guinea with a joint declaration that serves to step up the fight against pirate attacks.

Shipping industry welcomes Nigeria's creation of "Deep Blue" to stamp out piracy in the Gulf of Guinea. BIMCO. 10 June 2021.

Available from: <https://www.bimco.org/news/priority-news/20210610-gog> Nigeria has today announced a significant investment in military and law enforcement infrastructure to secure its maritime domain as part of a stepping up of actions to address the ongoing piracy issue in the Gulf of Guinea.

Monjasa Tanker Joins West African Anti-Piracy Training Operation. Ship & Bunker.

28 June 2021. Available from: <https://shipandbunker.com/news/emea/372955-monjasa-tanker-joins-west-african-anti-piracy-training-operation> A tanker operated by global bunker supplier Monjasa has participated in anti-piracy training operation in the Gulf of Guinea.

Industry's support for piracy declaration rises to nearly 350 signatures. BIMCO. 29 June 2021.

Available from: <https://www.bimco.org/news/priority-news/20210629---gog-piracy-declaration-press-release> Steadily increasing support for the Gulf of Guinea Declaration on Suppression of Piracy, combined with Nigeria announcing significant investment to address the ongoing piracy issue in the Gulf of Guinea, raises hope that efforts are on the right track to end piracy in the region and increase safety for seafarers.

PORT STATE CONTROL

Australia's longest ever shipping ban issued for 'unbearable' conditions and 'systemic' failures. Kelly Fuller. *ABC (Australia)*. 30 May 2021. Available from: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-05-30/amsa-issues-record-shipping-ban-to-mv-maryam/100176926> Australian maritime authorities have taken the unprecedented step of banning a flag-of-convenience ship from Australian waters for 36 months for "unbearable" conditions and "systemic" failures.

COVID-19 Effects, Tech Vulnerabilities Challenge Marine Inspectors. Bridget Johnson. *Homeland Security Today*. 11 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/maritime-security/covid-19-effects-tech-vulnerabilities-challenge-marine-inspectors/> The COVID-19 pandemic challenged the ability of marine inspectors to check the safety of the domestic fleet last year and increased the Coast Guard's reliance in the short term on remote inspection techniques, according to the annual flag state control report.

Darwin: Wharfies forced into quarantine over COVID safety breach. *Maritime Union of Australia*. 12 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.mua.org.au/news/darwin-wharfies-forced-quarantine-over-covid-safety-breach> Thirteen waterfront workers have been forced into 14-day mandatory quarantine following a COVID safety breach at the Port of Darwin involving a container ship that arrived from Singapore on Thursday.

Second Vessel Refused Permission to Land Deceased Captain. *Maritime Executive*. 14 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/second-vessel-refused-permission-in-asia-to-land-deceased-captain> For more than a year, leading shipping organizations and charities have been alerting to the hardships faced by seafarers due to the restrictions put in place to control the pandemic.

Foreign flagged ships detained in the UK during May 2021. *UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB)*. 14 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-flagged-ships-detained-in-the-uk-during-may-2021> The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) announced today that four foreign flagged ships remained under detention in UK ports during May 2021 after failing port state control (PSC) inspection.

Covid quarantine protocols delaying return of deceased seafarers to their families. *Nautilus International*. 15 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/covid-quarantine-protocols-delaying-return-of-deceased-seafarers-to-their-families/> The remains of a seafarer have finally been delivered to his family two months after he died, after several countries refused to allow the disembarkation of his remains because of Covid protocols.

Seafarer groups urge IATF to revisit airport arrival protocols. Carlo Lorenciana. *Philippine News Agency (PNA)*. 16 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1143937> Several seafarer groups have urged the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF-EID) to revisit their policies governing returning overseas Filipinos (ROFs) and overseas Filipino workers (OFWs).

Denmark leads Paris MoU performance white list. Nidaa Bakhsh. *Lloyd's List*. 16 June 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137180/Denmark-leads-Paris-MoU-performance-white-list> The Paris MoU's white list of best-performing flags includes Norway and the Marshall Islands, while its black list of worst performers includes Tanzania and Belize.

2020 Performance lists Paris MoU. *Paris MoU on Port State Control*. 16 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.parismou.org/2020-performance-lists-paris-mou> The Paris MoU Committee approved at its 54th meeting the 2020 inspection results and adopted new performance lists for flag States and Recognized Organizations (ROs). [Performance lists](#) 📄

Spanish Authorities Divert and Detain Tanker for Discharging Petroleum. *Maritime Executive*. 17 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/spanish-authorities-divert-and-detain-tanker-for-discharging-petroleum> Spanish authorities have diverted and detained a tanker for discharging petroleum on the high seas about 150 miles off Las Palmas, and its operator may be facing a record-setting fine.

Shipping community puts pressure on governments to end crew change woes. *International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)*. 24 June 2021. Available from: <https://bit.ly/3hqOKeT> 📄 The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), along with members and partners, has called for governments to prioritise seafarers for vaccinations, as ships around the world sound their horns on 'Day of the Seafarer' to highlight a growing crew change crisis.

PORTS & HARBOURS

Port of Long Beach increases green ship incentive. *Port of Long Beach*. 26 May 2021. Available from: <https://polb.com/port-info/news-and-press/port-of-long-beach-increases-green-ship-incentive-05-26-2021/> Ocean carriers bringing the greenest ships to the Port of Long Beach can earn the world's most generous sustainable vessel financial incentives, beginning July 1, 2021.

Port of London Authority to build on growing power demand in new green study. Jack Donnelly. *Port Technology International*. 31 May 2021. Available from: <https://www.porttechnology.org/news/port-of-london-authority-to-build-on-growing-power-demand-in-new-green-study/> The study, to be undertaken by Royal HaskoningDHV, will look at the different needs across the tidal Thames to build on its updated strategy for the river: Thames Vision 2050.

Lebanon receives French report regarding Beirut port blast. Bassem Mroue. *Associated Press*. 31 May 2021. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/middle-east-lebanon-beirut-60234d7f9cdf5c8a1d80a45d2b97a8fa> Lebanon on Monday received a preliminary report from France regarding last year's massive port blast in Beirut that killed and wounded thousands, judicial officials said.

Kenya Adopts "Single Window" System for Port Efficiency. *Maritime Executive*. 3 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/kenya-adopts-single-window-system-for-port-efficiency> Kenya has implemented a single window system as part of efforts to improve efficiency at the port of Mombasa and address the perennial challenge of congestion that has seen importers incur losses due to demurrage charges.

Shippers expanding container fleets, but port congestion, strong demand likely to keep rates elevated. Adam Yanelli. *Independent Commodity Intelligence Services (ICIS)*. 7 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.icis.com/explore/resources/news/2021/06/07/10649189/shippers-expanding-container-fleets-but-port-congestion-strong-demand-likely-to-keep-rates-elevated> Container shipping companies are investing in new capacity, but rates are likely to remain elevated amid the global shortage that has seen average container costs rise by three or four times, especially for material from Asia to Latin America.

Cruise Port Chief Eyes Health Visa Efficiency Gains. Neil Hartnell. *The Tribune (Bahamas)*. 10 June 2021. Available from: <http://www.tribune242.com/news/2021/jun/10/cruise-port-chief-eyes-health-visa-efficiency-gain/> Nassau Cruise Port's top executive says "there is an opportunity to create greater efficiencies" with the COVID-19 related health questionnaires and documents that cruise passengers must complete.

More than 300 liners waiting for berth space, container congestion mapped globally. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 11 June 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/more-than-300-liners-waiting-for-berth-space-container-congestion-mapped-globally/> From Shekou to Seattle, Amsterdam to Auckland, containerships are backing up like never before in the 65-year history of the industry as the liner industry grapples with the enormous strain brought by Covid-19 and exceptional consumer behaviour.

Ports collaborate for safe and speedy restart of important cruise ship tourism. *Copenhagen Malmö Port*. 14 June 2021. Available from: <https://news.cmport.com/pressreleases/ports-collaborate-for-safe-and-speedy-restart-of-important-cruise-ship-tourism-3108495> Sweden's first cruise ship call of the year where passengers will be able to leave the ship to visit Gothenburg, Visby and Stockholm will take place on 15th June.

Maersk warns Yantian port congestion a 'much bigger disruption' than Suez Canal closure. Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 15 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/containers/maersk-warns-yantian-port-congestion-much-bigger-disruption-suez-canal-closure> The world's largest container line Maersk says that congestion and delays at Yantian port in South China are a much bigger disruption to its operations than the Ever Given blocking the Suez Canal in March this year.

How shipping ports are being reinvented for the green energy transition. Sylvain Roche. *The Conversation*. 20 June 2021. Available from: <https://theconversation.com/how-shipping-ports-are-being-reinvented-for-the-green-energy-transition-162907> 🗣️ When it comes to launching the energy transition, maritime policy is one of the key battlegrounds.

Venice may be put on endangered list if cruise ships not banned, says Unesco. Lorenzo Tondo. *The Guardian*. 21 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/jun/21/venice-may-be-put-on-endangered-list-if-cruise-ships-not-banned-says-unesco> 🗣️ The UN art heritage agency has said it would examine a proposal to put Venice on its endangered list if the lagoon city does not issue a permanent ban on cruise ships docking there, according to the Italian news agency Ansa.

It will take months to clear stacked containers in Yantian. Dag Holmstad. *ShippingWatch*. 23 June 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article13079965.ece> The Port of Yantian is on track to resume normal operations from June 24.

The Port of Gothenburg will offer shoreside power for tankers from 2023. *Port of Gothenburg*. 23 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.portofgothenburg.com/news-room/press-releases/the-port-of-gothenburg-will-offer-shoreside-power-for-tankers-from-2023/> The Port of Gothenburg has set itself the ambitious target of reducing carbon emissions by 70% through to 2030, including vessels.

Seaports join forces to cut emissions from berthed vessels. *Port of Rotterdam*. 24 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.portofrotterdam.com/en/news-and-press-releases/seaports-join-forces-to-cut-emissions-from-berthed-vessels> 🗞️ Five seaports in North-West Europe have agreed to work together to make shipping cleaner. [Ports moving together to reduce ship emissions at berth](#) 🗞️ [Memorandum of Understanding Onshore Power ambitions for Container Terminals in Ports](#) 🗞️

19 Port Authorities Signed Declaration on Disruption, Digitalisation and Decarbonisation at the 6th Port Authorities Roundtable. *Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)*. 24 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/013b6b57-69ac-4d96-8f3c-68123b585385> 19 port authorities from Africa, Asia, Europe, Middle East, and the US, signed a declaration on their collective response to disruption, digitalisation, and decarbonisation at the 6th Port Authorities Roundtable (PAR).

Wärtsilä and Tanger Med enable first real-life digital port call for Hapag-Lloyd vessel. *Wärtsilä Corporation*. 29 June 2021. Available from: <https://bit.ly/3qZddLN> Within the framework of a partnership previously announced between Tanger Med Port Authority and Wärtsilä Voyage - which aims at digitalising maritime port calls - Tanger Med, Hapag-Lloyd, and Anglo-Eastern Ship Management have succeeded in enabling the world's first digitally controlled port arrival.

REGULATIONS

Danish Shipping designates ballast water requirements as “the convention from hell”. *Astrid Sturlason. ShippingWatch*. 4 June 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/article13031466.ece> Danish Shipping is unperturbed by the thousands of vessels worldwide that have yet to install a ballast water system in order to live up to the rules that form part of what the organization describes as “the convention from hell.”

Class offers confidence in EEXI compliance: Smart decisions will pay off. *The Motorship*. 7 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.motorship.com/news101/regulation-and-classification/class-offers-confidence-in-eexi-compliance-smart-decisions-will-pay-off> John Kokarakis, Technical Director, Technology & Business Development Hellenic-BS-ME Zone at Bureau Veritas Marine & Offshore explains the operational challenge for shipowners in meeting the environmental requirements of today and the future.

BIMCO members invited to share experiences in Ballast Water Management. *Beverley Mackenzie. BIMCO*. 8 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.bimco.org/news/environment-protection/20210608-bwm> Shipowners are being invited to submit data and information directly to the World Maritime University on the Ballast Water Convention to build a complete and realistic picture of how it is really working.

Shipping faces unprecedented regulatory workload. *Paul Berrill. Seatrade Maritime News*. 10 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulation/shipping-faces-unprecedented-regulatory-workload> Global shipping faces a sea change in its regulatory framework as the industry comes under growing pressure to initiate fundamental changes to its operations more quickly.

Stop beating a dead horse — Brussels will regulate shipping. Eric Martin. *TradeWinds*. 15 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/stop-beating-a-dead-horse-brussels-will-regulate-shipping/2-1-1023358> Calls for the IMO to be the lone regulator of shipping ignore history of national governments taking action.

Shipowners still have work to do despite ‘weak’ IMO carbon targets. Adam Corbett. *TradeWinds*. 17 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/shipowners-still-have-work-to-do-despite-weak-imo-carbon-targets/2-1-1026184> The International Maritime Organization’s targets for improvements in ship operational performance do not let owners off the hook, according to classification experts, despite criticism that they fall short of expectations.

UN adopts ban on heavy fuel oil use by ships in Arctic. Jonathan Saul. *Reuters*. 17 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/un-adopts-ban-heavy-fuel-oil-use-by-ships-arctic-2021-06-17/> The United Nations shipping agency on Thursday adopted a ban on the use of heavy fuel oil in the Arctic region while green groups said the regulations contained loopholes which will allow many vessels to keep sailing without enough regulatory control.

International Maritime Organization bans toxic paint substance cybutryne. *BIMCO*. 18 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.bimco.org/news/environment-protection/20210618-imo-bans-toxic-paint-substance-cybutryne> At the 76th session of the Maritime Environmental Protection Committee, the IMO has prohibited the use of cybutryne in antifouling systems (AFS) from 1 January 2023, as studies have proven that the substance is harmful to a variety of marine organisms.

IMO approves indicative example of bunker supply licence. *International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA)*. 20 June 2021. Available from: <https://ibia.net/2021/06/20/imo-approves-indicative-example-of-bunker-supply-licence/> The 45th session of the IMO’s Facilitation Committee (FAL 45) has agreed to re-establish and IMO Correspondence group (CG) to continue development of IMO guidance aimed at addressing bribery and corruption in the maritime sector.


One Sea white paper sets agenda for autonomous ship safety regulation. *One Sea*. 21 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.oneseaecosystem.net/one-sea-white-paper-sets-agenda-for-autonomous-ship-safety-regulation/> A new white paper from the One Sea Ecosystem outlines the significant contribution autonomous ship technology can make to improving maritime safety and highlights the urgent need for a revised regulatory framework.
[Autonomous Ships and Safety at Sea](#)

North P&I: Call for clarity on the enforcement of IMO’s sulphur cap. Alvin Forster. *Manifold Times (Singapore)*. 22 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/north-pi-call-for-clarity-on-the-enforcement-of-imos-sulphur-cap/> While the IMO 0.50% sulphur cap on marine fuels has been successful from a safety perspective, complying with the regulation has proved a headache for many shipowners.

SALVAGE

Golden Ray Team to Use Explosive Charges as Operations Resume. *Maritime Executive*. 24 June 2021. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/golden-ray-team-to-use-explosive-charges-as-operations-resume> After a nearly two-week pause for maintenance, the salvage team working on the removal of the remaining sections of the *Golden Ray* wreck resumed their cutting operations.

SEAFARERS

Work in the time of COVID: Report of the Director-General. *International Labour Organization (ILO)*. 20 May 2021. Available from: https://www.ilo.org/ilc/ILCSessions/109/reports/reports-to-the-conference/WCMS_793265/lang--en/index.htm This report includes the Draft Conference outcome document, "A global call to action for a human-centred recovery from the COVID-19 crisis that is inclusive, sustainable and resilient". [Report](#) 

Impact of Covid on seafarers acknowledged at ILO global summit. *Nautilus International*. 18 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/impact-of-covid-on-seafarers-acknowledged-at-ilo-global-summit/> The International Labour Organisation (ILO) acknowledged the impact of Covid-19 on seafarers, as an agreement on pandemic recovery measures was reached at its 2021 global World of Work Summit.

Maritime Prize awarded at Danish Shipping's annual event. *Danish Shipping*. 27 May 2021. Available from: <https://www.danishshipping.dk/en/press/news/maritime-prize-awarded-at-danish-shippings-annual-event> A total of three crews received Danish Shipping's Maritime Prize on Thursday in recognition of their extraordinary courage and drive.

S Korea inks pact to better protect Indonesian seafarers. *Antara News (Indonesia)*. 31 May 2021. Available from: <https://en.antaranews.com/news/175586/s-korea-inks-pact-to-better-protect-indonesian-seafarers> Indonesia and South Korea have inked an agreement offering better protection to Indonesian crew members of South Korean fishing vessels.

Seafarers stranded onboard vessels beyond contract expiry up 24% in May. *Marcus Hand. Seatrade Maritime News*. 1 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/ship-operations/seafarers-stranded-onboard-vessels-beyond-contract-expiry-24-may> The indicator based on data from 10 leading ship managers showed that 7.4% of crew onboard were past their contract expiry in May, compared to 5.8% in the previous month, a relative increase of 24.1%.

Seafarers – scum of the earth. Frank Coles. *Splash 247.com*. 2 June 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/seafarers-scum-of-the-earth/> We have failed the youth who seek a career at sea, we have failed at human rights and have systematically abused the basic rights of the normal everyday employment of seafarers.

Stranded seafarers: an unfolding humanitarian crisis. Rochelle Bailey, Maria Borovnik and Charlotte Bedford. *Daily Post (Vanuatu)*. 4 June 2021. Available from: https://dailypost.vu/news/stranded-seafarers-an-unfolding-humanitarian-crisis/article_d56d25c0-c4c0-11eb-a5db-6f83b29a4bd2.html Closures of international borders due to COVID-19 have affected migrant workers globally, both on land and sea.

‘Tip of the iceberg’: ITF inspectors recover \$45m in seafarers’ wages amidst record-high abandonments. *International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF)*. 7 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/tip-iceberg-itf-inspectors-recover-45m-in-seafarers-wages-amidst-record-high-abandonments> New figures released by the International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF) show that \$44,613,880 USD of seafarers’ owed wages were recovered by the ITF’s network of inspectors across the world last year. Meanwhile, the number of ship abandonments reported more than doubled from 40 in 2019, to 85 in 2020.

After sailing in troubled waters, Indian crew finally makes it home. C Shivakumar. *New Indian Express*. 8 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2021/jun/08/after-sailing-in-troubled-waters-indian-crew-finally-makes-it-home-2313124.html> On June 12, 2019, veteran Deck Officer Antony* reached an Iranian port to board ship *MV ULA*, which was carrying cargo to Bangladesh.

Crew change challenge peaks with dead captain stuck on board ship for months. Idha Toft Valeur. *ShippingWatch*. 9 June 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article13043796.ece> Several members of the crew was infected, and this were the reason behind the ship being denied access to several ports in Asia, which hindered the transport of the captain’s remains back to his family in Italy.

The *Ever Given* crew are still stuck at sea. Elisabeth Braw. *American Enterprise Institute*. 9 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.aei.org/op-eds/the-ever-given-crew-are-still-stuck-at-sea/> That’s a shame because the *Ever Given* and its crew didn’t get to travel on to their destination.

Pushing boundaries for Filipina seafarers. Yashika F. Torib. *Manila Times*. 9 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/06/09/business/maritime/pushing-boundaries-for-filipina-seafarers/1802504> One of her earliest memories was boarding a ship and watching as her father ably navigated the Philippine waters.

Abandoned crews languish as cases drag on. Nidaa Bakhsh. *Lloyd’s List*. 10 June 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137051/Abandoned-crews-languish-as-cases-drag-on> Of 272 cases of abandonment recorded in an industry database in recent years, only 74 have been closed, while 90 remain unresolved.

A ‘fair future for seafarers’ is the campaign theme of international Day of the Seafarer 2021: SAMSA/Department of Transport. *South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)*. 10 June 2021. Available from: <https://bit.ly/3hoWka2> A ‘fair future’ for seafarers globally should be a shared responsibility between seafarers and the rest of other relevant stakeholders – and that is the view of seafarers themselves according to a current poll being conducted by the IMO.

Marina at 47: Full speed ahead despite the pandemic. Genivi Verdejo. *Manila Times*. 11 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/06/11/supplements/marina-at-47-full-speed-ahead-despite-the-pandemic/1802694> Impacted by the global pandemic that rendered shipping and transport almost helpless against economic slowdown with ships and crew not able to transport people and cargos, the country’s custodian of its maritime development stands at the aft, guiding a strong and resilient industry.

Death of Master, Food and Water Shortages and Failure in State Support leaves Crew Desperate. *Human Rights at Sea (HRAS)*. 11 June 2021. Available from:

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/06/11/death-of-master-food-and-water-shortages-and-failure-in-state-support-leaves-crew-desperate/> Following the unexpected death on 19 April 2021 of the Romanian Master of the *MV VANTAGE WAVE* (IMO: 9506514) Human Rights at Sea has been asked by the deceased's family, and instructed by Gard P&I insurers on behalf of owners' and crew members' interests, to bring urgent international attention to the case of the continued failure to repatriate the body after seven weeks by multiple States.

Devon people are 'the best of British' says Maritime Minister. Colleen Smith. *DevonLive (UK)*. 11 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.devonlive.com/news/devon-news/devon-people-the-best-british-5513989> 📰 The Maritime Minister has said a personal 'Thank You' to the people of Devon for the way they welcomed foreign seafarers who have been stranded at sea aboard the ghost ships throughout the pandemic.

Shipping apes G7 to spread the word for seafarers. Declan Bush. *Lloyd's List*. 11 June 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137144/Shipping-apes-G7-to-spread-the-word-for-seafarers> The UK Chamber of Shipping touted a meeting of shipowner groups from the G7 countries plus others from Australia, India, South Africa, and South Korea, plus BIMCO and the European Community Shipowners' Association.

MLC breach to be raised with the ILO after flag of convenience 'rides roughshod' over seafarers' rights to internet access. *Nautilus International*. 14 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/mlc-breach-to-be-raised-with-the-ilo-after-flag-of-convenience-rides-roughshod-over-seafarers-rights-to-internet-access/> Nautilus International asked the International Transport Workers' Federation to formally raise a breach of the Maritime Labour Convention with the International Labour Organization after the crew of a flag-of-convenience vessel were left without the broadband access necessary to contact their families.

RMT pays tribute to merchant seafarers *National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT)*. 14 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.rmt.org.uk/news/rmt-pays-tribute-to-merchant-seafarers/> Seafarer Union RMT today paid tribute to the humanitarian principles that its members continue to uphold on seas across the world.

Tameika Bucknor-Lynch charts course for 'fair future for seafarers'. *The Gleaner (Jamaica)*. 15 June 2021. Available from: <https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/shipping/20210615/tameika-bucknor-lynch-charts-course-fair-future-seafarers> When the legendary James Brown sang It's A Man's World, he was not referring to the shipping industry, but it could well be applied, since women make up only two per cent of the world's 1.2 million seafarers, according to the IMO.

Statement of Senator Richard J. Gordon on the 13 detained seafarers on *M/V Angelic Power* in Guishan, China. *Government of the Philippines*. 15 June 2021. Available from: http://legacy.senate.gov.ph/press_release/2021/0615_gordon2.asp We call on our partners in the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and Magsaysay Maritime Corporation (MMC) to exert all efforts necessary to repatriate the thirteen (13) Filipino seamen who have been unduly stranded and locked on board the *M/V Angelic Power* cargo vessel since January 2020.

Filipino seafarers stranded in China for 17 months appeal for help. Tristan Nodalo. *CNN Philippines*. 15 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.cnn.ph/news/2021/6/14/Filipino-seafarers-China-stranded-MV-Angelic-Power.html> Thirteen Filipino seafarers who have been stranded in China are begging for assistance to help them leave the ship they have been stuck in for one year and five months now and the bulk carrier *MV Angelic Power* is currently anchored in South China.

ITF Flags Concerns Over Repatriation of Deceased Seafarers' Bodies. Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*. 15 June 2021. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/itf-flags-concerns-over-repatriation-of-deceased-seafarers-bodies/> Concerns are mounting amid shocking revelations that ports are increasingly refusing to repatriate deceased seafarers' bodies under the guise of COVID-19 pandemic measures.

Etihad Airlines comes under fire over \$1,500 surcharge for returning Filipino seafarers. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 16 June 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/etihad-airlines-comes-under-fire-over-1500-surcharge-for-returning-filipino-seafarers/> 📰 Abu Dhabi-headquartered Etihad Airlines has come under fire for its decision to add a \$1,500 surcharge for Filipinos heading home.

Seafarers from Covid-hit India are struggling to get on ships—and off them. Samanth Subramanian. *Quartz*. 16 June 2021. Available from: <https://qz.com/2020528/indias-seafarers-why-these-essential-workers-are-all-at-sea/> Last August, when the first wave of India's Covid-19 pandemic was ebbing, Rajasironmani went back to sea.

ITF wins freedom for hunger-striking seafarers after two years trapped on the ULA. *International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)*. 16 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/itf-wins-freedom-hunger-striking-seafarers-after-two-years-trapped-ula> Nineteen seafarers from India, Bangladesh, Turkey and Azerbaijan will be able to see their families again this week after the ITF's advocacy brought their two-year ordeal to a close.

New Banking Payment Platform for Seafarers Launched. *Maritime Logistics Professional*. 17 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.maritimeprofessional.com/news/banking-payment-platform-seafarers-launched-368499> A new touch-free payment platform for the maritime industry has been launched by Secure Seas.

The Manila Times pays tribute to Filipino seafarers. *Manila Times*. 19 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/06/19/business/maritime/the-manila-times-pays-tribute-to-filipino-seafarers/1803836> 📰 A short film by Duncan Torres.

This cargo ship's captain died aboard. The crew was stuck at sea for weeks, with a potential Covid outbreak on its hands. Teele Rebane and Livia Borghese. *CNN*. 20 June 2021. Available from: <https://edition.cnn.com/2021/06/19/europe/italy-captain-capurro-intl-hnk-dst/index.html> Captain Angelo Capurro started showing symptoms of Covid-19 on his second day at sea.

Arbitrary quarantine of dockers in Northern Australia set a dangerous precedent, ITF calls for their immediate release. *International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)*. 20 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/arbitrary-quarantine-dockers-in-northern-australia-set-dangerous-precedent-itf-calls-their> The Northern Territory's Department of Health has gone beyond its authority — and scientific sense — in locking 13 dockers in quarantine.

Sustaining crew while decreasing emissions. Mikael Laurin. *Splash 247.com*. 22 June 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/sustaining-crew-while-decreasing-emissions/> As the maritime industry strides towards decarbonisation, much of our focus has been on new fuels and technologies to lower emissions.

Morrison Government urged to stop leaving Aussie seafarers out in the cold. *Maritime Union of Australia*. 22 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.mua.org.au/news/morrison-government-urged-stop-leaving-aussie-seafarers-out-cold> Unemployed seafarers are demanding urgent action from Morrison Government to address the decline of the nation's shipping industry, including investment in a strategic fleet of Australian flagged and crewed vessels to move essential goods around the coast.

The Mission launches its WeCare On Board Mental Health Champions programme. *Mission to Seafarers*. 22 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/news/the-mission-launches-its-wecare-on-board-mental-health-champions-programme> Our new On Board Mental Health Champions webinars and podcast series, as part of our WeCare programme, launches today.

Frank Coles: And Still They Worked On.... Frank Coles. *gCaptain*. 22 June 2021. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/frank-coles-and-still-they-worked-on/> So there is no misunderstanding, I am not a raving lunatic, just a frustrated mariner.

Seafarer abandonments on the rise over last 18 months. Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 22 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/ship-operations/seafarer-abandonments-rise-over-last-18-months> The growth in seafarer abandonments since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic was detailed and discussed in a panel at the CrewConnect Europe Virtual Event on Tuesday.

Port of Cork to Mark 'Day of the Seafarer' in Acknowledgement of all Seafarers. *Port of Cork*. 22 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.portofcork.ie/index.cfm/page/currentnews/id/272> The Port of Cork is inviting vessels across Cork Harbour to sound their horns at midday on Friday, June 25th, to mark the international 'Day of the Seafarer'.

Crewing exec laments lack of global protocol for crew changes. *Manila Times*. 23 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/06/23/business/maritime/crewing-exec-laments-lack-of-global-protocol-for-crew-changes/1804281> The varying and sometimes conflicting health and safety protocols between the Philippines and the ports of destinations is now the biggest issue saddling the crew change operation in the Port of Manila.

No place for complacency on bullying and harassment at sea. *Nautilus International*. 23 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/telegraph/no-place-for-complacency-on-bullying-and-harassment-at-sea/> Nautilus welcomes the union federation's leadership on this important matter, and acknowledges that the FNV and SGB have been leaders in the struggle against sexual harassment in the Netherlands and Switzerland, general secretary Mark Dickinson says.

Day of the Seafarer 2021: Fair future for seafarers. *World Maritime University (WMU)*. 24 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.wmu.se/news/day-of-the-seafarer-2021-fair-future-for-seafarers> 🇳🇵 Day of the Seafarer is celebrated annually on 25 June to express thanks to the world's 1,5 million seafarers serving on internationally trading merchant ships thereby contributing to the world economy and economic and social well-being.

Esben Poulsson: Dire challenges faced by seafarers greatest in 50 years. Esben Poulsson. *TradeWinds*. 25 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/esben-poulsson-dire-challenges-faced-by-seafarers-greatest-in-50-years/2-1-1030146> On Day of the Seafarer, governments must remember their responsibilities to crews who keep global shipping trade moving.

Seafarers' invisibility renders them forgotten. Carolyn Graham. *Splash 247.com*. 25 June 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/seafarers-invisibility-renders-them-forgotten/> June 25 is the Day of the Seafarer. This is the day designated by the IMO to honour and say thanks to the men and women who risk their lives to ensure that there is no disruption in global trade.

Day of the Seafarer is meaningless without vaccines and our rights restored. *International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)*. 25 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/day-seafarer-meaningless-without-vaccines-and-our-rights-restored> The life of a seafarer has always been one of sacrifice and hard work.

Vaccination, Crew Change Remain Top Priorities on Day of the Seafarer. *Maritime Executive*. 25 June 2021. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/vaccination-crew-change-remain-top-priorities-on-day-of-the-seafarer> On June 25, the Day of the Seafarer, the world maritime community turns its attention to the mariners who keep 80-90 percent of global trade moving.

Seafarer deaths highlight complicated global vaccination drive. *TradeWinds*. 25 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/ship-management/seafarer-deaths-highlight-complicated-global-vaccination-drive/2-1-1030602> The spate of deaths at sea linked to Covid-19 makes initiatives to vaccinate seafarers all the more urgent, but coordinating a global effort has been tricky.

No ordinary seafarer. *Marine Professional (IMarEST)*. 25 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.imarest.org/themarineprofessional/interactions/6129-no-ordinary-seafarer> Yrhen Bernard Sabanal Balinis is an ordinary seaman with extraordinary goals, an advocate for seafarers' rights – and a maritime journalist.

Seafaring at the height of Covid-19. Yashika F. Torib. *Manila Times*. 25 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/06/25/business/maritime/seafaring-at-the-height-of-covid-19/1804612> What is it like to be a seafarer during a pandemic?

It's time for action rather than words. *Lloyd's Register*. 25 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.lr.org/en/latest-news/time-for-action-rather-than-words-day-of-the-seafarer/> Seafarer welfare in the spotlight on Day of the Seafarer.

Minister of Transport highlights the important contribution of seafarers. *Government of Canada*. 25 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2021/06/minister-of-transport-highlights-the-important-contribution-of-seafarers.html> Every day, seafarers play a vital role in the safe and efficient transportation of goods and people that is critical to the success of the Canadian economy.

Belgian shipping honours seafarers: Day of the Seafarer – 25 June. *Royal Belgian Shipowners' Association*. 25 June 2021. Available from: <https://kbrv.be/belgian-shipping-honours-seafarers/> For 25 June, Day of the Seafarer, the Royal Belgian Shipowners' Association has produced a series of interview videos to honour seafarers for the vital role that they play in sustaining the global supply chain.

Port of Newcastle seafarers mental health win. *Port of Newcastle (Australia)*. 25 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.portofnewcastle.com.au/news/port-of-newcastle-seafarers-mental-health-win/> Pre-pandemic seafarers worked on ships for nine months at a time but now, because crews are unable to disembark due to quarantine restrictions, they are stuck onboard vessels for two years at a time.

Why human interaction with seafarers matters now more than ever. Ian Stokes.

Splash 247.com. 25 June 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/why-human-interaction-with-seafarers-matters-now-more-than-ever/> As we emerge out of lockdown, a return to the simple acts of kindness delivered through routine ship visits is vital to ensure that seafarers' concerns are not left undetected, writes Ian Stokes, Stella Maris' head of corporate partnerships.

This Day of the Seafarer, cut the crap and get the crews home. *Lloyd's List*. 25 June 2021.

Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137332> Despite the usual outpouring of platitudes and warm words, efforts to address the crew-change crisis have left too many facing abandonment, cancelled repatriation, severe social isolation, and routine unending fatigue as their daily reality.

Chinese crew onboard international vessels top 120,000 in 2020. Katherine Si. *Seatrade*

Maritime News. 28 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/ship-operations/chinese-crew-onboard-international-vessels-top-120000-2020> A record of over 120,000 Chinese seafarers served on international, non-China vessels last year according to figures from the country's maritime safety administration.

Frank Coles launches campaign to create global green travel channel travel for seafarers.

Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 28 June 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/frank-coles-launches-campaign-to-create-global-green-travel-channel-travel-for-seafarers/> Florida-based Coles, whose career has seen him work at Wallem, Inmarsat, Transas and Pacific Basin, is pushing to create greater public awareness and thereby force politicians to act to ensure the repatriation of mariners goes ahead as well as providing suitable health care in ports during the ongoing pandemic.

Terror threat makes seafarer crew change impossible in northern Mozambique. *International*

Transport Workers' Federation (ITF). 28 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/terror-threat-makes-seafarer-crew-change-impossible-in-northern-mozambique> Ship owners should stop attempting to perform crew changes in northern Mozambique while seafarers are at risk of attack or kidnapping by violent terrorist groups operating in the region.

Stateless at sea: Seafarers facing trouble due to ship abandonment. Halligan Agade.

China Global Television Network (CGTN). 28 June 2021. Available from: <https://africa.cgtn.com/2021/06/28/stateless-at-sea-seafarers-facing-trouble-due-to-ship-abandonment/> Ship abandonment is among the many challenges that seafarers globally are confronted with, says Andrew Mwangura a Maritime Consultant based in Mombasa Kenya.

More than a year at sea puts home life at risk, survey reveals. Richard Clayton. *Lloyd's List*.

28 June 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137351/> Seafarers who are absent from home for a year or more are likely to lose touch with their children and communities, while their wives and partners become distant, a survey conducted during the pandemic has found.

Qatar Airways gives seafarers access to luxury usually reserved for C-suite executives.

Jonathan Boonzaier. *TradeWinds*. 28 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insight/qatar-airways-gives-seafarers-access-to-luxury-usually-reserved-for-c-suite-executives/2-1-1031326> Economy class is never usually a pleasant way to travel, but at least one airline has taken steps to make the long flights seafarers frequently take when joining or leaving their ships a bit more bearable.

SEARCH & RESCUE

410 migrants on board the *Geo Barents*, searching for a safe harbor. Emma Wallis.

InfoMigrants. 14 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/32913/410-migrants-on-board-the-geo-barents-searching-for-a-safe-harbor> “In less than 48 hours, seven rescues and 410 persons saved from drowning,” tweeted the humanitarian organization Doctors without Borders (MSF) on Saturday, June 12.

Turkish ship faces diplomatic crisis, mutiny over rescuing migrants. *Hurriyet Daily*

News (Turkey). 15 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkish-ship-faces-diplomatic-crisis-mutiny-over-rescuing-migrants-165537> A Turkish-owned container ship, which rescued irregular migrants stranded in a flooded inflatable boat in the Mediterranean Sea, has been caught in the middle of both an international diplomatic crisis and a mutiny.

Coast Guard rescues 16 crew from sinking ship in Maharashtra. Raina Assainar.

The Hindu (India). 18 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/rescue-operations-on-the-sea-off-maharashtra-coast/article34844421.ece> The Coast Guard on Thursday launched two separate operations — one in response to an oil spill 450 km off Chennai, and in another incident it rescued 16 crew members from a sinking merchant vessel near the Revdanda port of Maharashtra.

Indian Coast Guard Rescues Crew from Sinking Tugboat in Bay of Bengal. *Maritime Executive*.

24 June 2021. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/indian-coast-guard-rescues-crew-from-sinking-tugboat-in-bay-of-bengal> The Indian Coast Guard reports saving nine crew members from a sinking tugboat in the Bay of Bengal on June 23.

SHIP RECYCLING

WMU and CHEK consortium initiate project on decarbonizing long distance shipping. *World*

Maritime University (WMU). 7 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.wmu.se/news/wmu-and-chek-consortium-partners-initiate-project-on-decarbonizing-long-distance-shipping> Decarbonizing long-distance shipping is the aim of the Initial IMO Strategy to fully phase out greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from international shipping before the end of this century.

Crowley Maritime Corporation becomes first U.S. Ship Operator to join the SRTI. *Ship*

Recycling Transparency Initiative (SRTI). 7 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.shiprecyclingtransparency.org/crowley-maritime-corporation-becomes-first-u-s-ship-operator-to-join-the-srti/> Crowley Maritime Corporation has become the 13th ship owner-operator to publicly disclose its ship recycling policies, practices and process through the Ship Recycling Transparency Initiative (SRTI).

Bangladesh ship-breaking yards ‘virtually full’ as country locks down. *TradeWinds*.

29 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/shipyards/bangladesh-ship-breaking-yards-virtually-full-as-country-locks-down/2-1-1031658> Ship-recycling activity in Bangladesh had already taken a dip before the government’s nationwide coronavirus lockdown from 28 June.

SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR

Pictured: The world's biggest passenger ships from 1831 to now. *World Economic Forum*. 4 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2021/06/this-infographic-shows-the-world-s-biggest-passenger-ships-from-2019-to-present/> The infographic by HMY Yachts shows which vessels held the title of the world's largest passenger ship since the 19th century.

Trafigura and Yara Sign Memorandum of Understanding to Explore Opportunities for Joint Business in Clean Ammonia. *Yara International ASA*. 7 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.yara.com/corporate-releases/trafigura-and-yara-sign-memorandum-of-understanding-to-explore-opportunities-for-joint-business-in-clean-ammonia/> Trafigura Pte Ltd one of the world's leading independent commodity trading companies, and Yara International ASA, a leading global ammonia player, have signed a MoU to collaborate on the development and promotion of the use of ammonia as a clean fuel in shipping and to explore possible opportunities to work together on certain clean (green and blue) ammonia fuel infrastructure and market opportunities.

World's first large container ship converted to LNG to arrive in Hamburg. *Port of Hamburg*. 7 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.hafen-hamburg.de/en/press/news/world-s-first-large-container-ship-converted-to-lng-to-arrive-in-hamburg-37219/> During the weekend, the 15,000 TEU "Brussels Express" sailed into its home port of Hamburg for the first time.

Samsung Heavy to develop small module reactor-powered ship. Nam Kwang-sik. *Yonhap News Agency (South Korea)*. 9 June 2021. Available from: <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20210609003700320?section=news> Under the cooperation with the Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute (KAERI), Samsung Heavy plans to develop molten salt reactors, a kind of small module reactor using molten fluoride salts as the primary coolant, at low pressure, which have been emerging as a carbon-zero nuclear energy source.

Novel propulsion arrangement by Wärtsilä and RINA can deliver immediate benefits. *Wärtsilä Corporation*. 9 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.wartsila.com/usa/media/news/09-06-2021-novel-propulsion-arrangement-by-wartsila-and-rina-can-deliver-immediate-benefits-2928735> The technology group Wärtsilä and the classification society RINA have announced a novel propulsion arrangement that offers full redundancy, less machinery, lower capital expenditure, reduced operational complexity, and optimised fuel consumption to lower costs and achieve emissions compliance.

First DNV SILENT-E class notation awarded to a merchant vessel. *DNV*. 11 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.dnv.com/expert-story/maritime-impact/First-DNV-SILENT-E-class-notation-awarded-to-a-merchant-vessel.html> Canadian seaports offer attractive port fee reductions to vessels which comply with eco-friendly underwater noise standards.

35,000 ships still need to install a ballast water treatment system within the next 40 months. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 17 June 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/35000-ships-still-need-to-install-a-ballast-water-treatment-system-within-the-next-40-months/> Approximately 35,000 vessels still need to retrofit and install a ballast water management system in the next 40 months working out at 875 retrofitting installations per month.

WISP2 Project launched to further improve performance predictions, rules and regulations for wind propulsion. *MARIN (Maritime Research Institute Netherlands)*. 21 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.marin.nl/news/wisp2-project-launched-to-further-improve-performance-predictions-rules-and-regulations-for-wind-propulsion-on-commercial-ships> MARIN and ABS have kicked off the WiSP2 Joint Industry Project to help facilitate the broad uptake of wind propulsion as an important tool to decarbonise shipping.


New Tanker Demonstrates Potential to Exceed IMO's Emissions Targets. *Maritime Executive*. 22 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/new-tanker-demonstrates-potential-to-exceed-imo-s-emissions-targets> Acclaiming their newest vessel as “an international flagship concerning the environment and climate,” the Swedish shipowner Furetank reports that through the use of advanced systems they were able to achieve a very low environmental score, helping the company to already meet the IMO's emission targets for 2050.

South Korea companies develop molten salt reactor for shipping, power generation. Charles Lee. *S&P Global Platts*. 22 June 2021. Available from: <https://bit.ly/2TJ8Gkp> South Korea's state-run nuclear energy research institute and the country's major shipbuilder have agreed to join forces to develop a marine molten salt reactor as part of efforts toward developing small modular reactors to help achieve carbon neutrality in shipping and power generation.

Plans for London's first new shipyard in a century. *Port of London Authority (PLA)*. 24 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.pla.co.uk/Plans-for-London-s-First-New-Shipyard-in-a-Century> The Port of London Authority (PLA) is working with property developers, London & Regional, and the Royal Docks Team (RDT) to deliver the first new shipyard on the Thames for over a century at Albert Island in the London Borough of Newham.

SHIPPING

Reducing international shipping's carbon intensity through the IMO's EEXI and CII: Charterparty implications and challenges. Alessio Sbraga, Joseph Malpas and Isabel Phillips. *Holman Fenwick Willan LLP*. 26 May 2021. Available from: <https://www.hfw.com/Reducing-international-shippings-carbon-intensity-through-the-IMOs-EEXI-and-CII-charterparty-implications-and-challenges> The proposed measures seek to regulate both the design and operational efficiency of relevant vessels and present numerous commercial and legal challenges for all the main stakeholders in the physical transport chain.

The Lloyd's List Podcast: Why we shouldn't dismiss shipping's Black Trail. *Lloyd's List*. 28 May 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1136949/>  'How shipping pollutes the planet, avoids taxes, dodges regulations, and gets away with it' — is the eye-catching strapline to the recent documentary Black Trail which has caused a stir in shipping circles.

Cruise goes quiet on alternative fuel plans. Michael Juliano. *TradeWinds*. 29 May 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/cruise-and-ferry/cruise-goes-quiet-on-alternative-fuel-plans/2-1-1017875> Major lines have been slow in coming forward with specific plans for zero-carbon bunkers, despite early progress in cutting emissions with scrubbers and orders for LNG-fuelled vessels.

G7 summit Falmouth protestors to target cruise ship. Paul Armstrong. *Falmouth Packet (UK)*. 31 May 2021. Available from: <https://www.falmouthpacket.co.uk/news/19339847.g7-summit-falmouth-protestors-target-cruise-ship/> A cruise ship being brought to Falmouth from Estonia to house 1,000 extra police officers for next week's G7 summit is to be targeted by environmental action group Ocean Rebellion.

Developing-developed country alliance stands firm on getting real climate regulation for shipping. *Seas at Risk*. 31 May 2021. Available from: <https://bit.ly/3xtp0nV> A growing progressive bloc of both developing and developed nations united to insist that the global shipping industry reduce outright emissions this decade to help meet the goals of the Paris Agreement, as the UN's International Maritime Organisation wrapped up a week of climate talks Friday.

From Zero to Hero: Unlocking Shipping's Global Investment Opportunity. Aoife O'Leary. *Global Maritime Forum*. 1 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.globalmaritimeforum.org/news/from-zero-to-hero-unlocking-shippings-global-investment-opportunity> For countries with a large renewable energy generation potential, decarbonising the shipping industry provides a huge investment opportunity.

Shipping's "dirty fuel" stages a comeback as emissions targets loom. Britt Russell Webster. *S&P Global Platts*. 1 June 2021. Available from: <https://bit.ly/3dZnpOZ> "Dirty and unwanted" was how many market participants summarized the prospects for high sulfur fuel oil after IMO2020 took effect, but more than a year on, this outlook has refused to materialize.

Caribbean Research Institute launched at CSEC. William Brown. *The Gleaner (Jamaica)*. 1 June 2021. Available from: <https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/shipping/20210601/caribbean-research-institute-launched-csec> "Good decision-making requires reliable and relevant data," declared William Brown, president of the Shipping Association of Jamaica, during the launch of the Caribbean Research Institute (CRI) at the Caribbean Shipping Executives Conference that was staged virtually by the Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA) on May 24 and 25.

Denmark, Norway, and the United States to lead Zero-Emission Shipping Mission. *Global Maritime Forum*. 1 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.globalmaritimeforum.org/press/denmark-norway-and-the-united-states-to-lead-zero-emission-shipping-mission> Carrying between 80-90% of global trade in a less carbon-intensive manner than other freight transport modes, international maritime shipping nonetheless represents about 2–3% of the world's total annual greenhouse gas emissions.

Nordic consortium reveals promising outlook for a green ammonia-powered vessel. *Global Maritime Forum*. 1 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.globalmaritimeforum.org/press/nordic-consortium-reveals-promising-outlook-for-a-green-ammonia-powered-vessel> The Nordic Green Ammonia-Powered Ship concept study brings together key players in the entire value chain for a green ammonia-powered gas carrier. [NoGAPS: Nordic Green Ammonia Powered Ship](#) 📄

'Compensation on the table' in talks with cruise ships on anchorage reef destruction. Sandy Deane. *Barbados Today*. 1 June 2021. Available from: <https://barbadostoday.bb/2021/06/01/compensation-on-the-table-in-talks-with-cruise-ships-on-anchorage-reef-destruction/> The Government has begun "serious and stringent" talks with cruise ships that berthed off the west coast, seriously damaging coral reefs that are vital to the island's coastal protection, fisheries, marine life and tourism, according to Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy Kirk Humphrey.

Decarbonisation of the maritime industry. Alexandros Charalambides. *Cyprus Mail*. 2 June 2021. Available from: <https://cyprus-mail.com/2021/06/02/decarbonisation-of-the-maritime-industry/> Over the past five years, there has been significant growth in entrepreneurship activities in Cyprus with networking events, entrepreneurship competitions, startup accelerators and angel financings forming the backbone of the entrepreneurship activities on the island.

Taylor Maritime proves it: shipping's C-suite can have gender balance. Eric Martin. *TradeWinds*. 2 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/taylor-maritime-proves-it-shippings-c-suite-can-have-gender-balance/2-1-1016436> When Taylor Maritime Investments (TMI) carried out the first initial public offering in London for a shipping company in four years, another achievement seems to have gone unnoticed.

Skou pitches minimum \$450 per tonne of fuel tax on ships in the 'medium term' Anastassios Adamopoulos. *Lloyd's List*. 2 June 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1136996/> Maersk's chief executive said the company advocates a global tax of at least \$450 per tonne of fuel oil — around \$150 per tonne of CO₂ — 'in the medium term at the current oil price' to bridge the gap between fossil and zero carbon fuels.

Norway supports controversial CO₂ calculator that may penalize green companies. Idha Toft Valeur. *ShippingWatch*. 3 June 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13026196.ece> The Norwegian delegation is in favour of both CII and the Efficiency Existing Ship Index (EEXI) and disagrees with many other shipping stakeholders that believe the proposed measurements for CII – also known as the Annual Efficiency Ratio (AER) – will have a negative effect on the environment.

Global CO₂ levy as the green driver for shipping. Kare Press-Kristensen. *Splash 247.com*. 3 June 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/global-co2-levy-as-the-green-driver-for-shipping/> In Denmark, levies are the driver of green transition in many areas.

Coronavirus: First cruise ship arrives in Venice since pandemic began. *BBC News*. 3 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-57351338> A cruise ship has arrived in Venice for the first time since the Covid pandemic began, despite a ban on such vessels entering the city's historic centre.

Søren Skou's carbon levy proposal met with reservations in shipping industry. Tomas Kristiansen, Dag Holmstad and Idha Toft Valeur. *ShippingWatch*. 3 June 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/article13029539.ece> The surprise announcement from Maersk CEO Søren Skou regarding the pricing on carbon emissions has received lukewarm reception from other shipping owners.

Study finds FuelEU Maritime may promote biofuels, raising substantial enforcement concerns. *European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA)*. 3 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.ecsa.eu/index.php/news/study-finds-fueleu-maritime-may-promote-biofuels-raising-substantial-enforcement-concerns-0> A recent study on the upcoming FuelEU Maritime proposal finds that a promotion of biofuels may raise serious enforcement concerns, as a mandatory fuel standard is aimed to apply to fuels purchased also outside the EU. [FuelEU Maritime – Avoiding Unintended Consequences](#)

Yantian congestion pushes box spot rates to new highs, ceiling still not in sight.

Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 4 June 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/yantian-congestion-pushes-box-spot-rates-to-new-highs-ceiling-still-not-in-sight/> 📰 Hobbled by growing congestion at Chinese export gateway Yantian and key receiving terminals such as Oakland and Hamburg, the Shanghai Containerized Freight Index shot up by another 3.3% today to hit new records.

Royal Caribbean announces U.S. comeback for summer. *Royal Caribbean Group*. 4 June 2021.

Available from: <https://www.royalcaribbeanpresscenter.com/press-release/1533/calling-all-vacationers-royal-caribbean-announces-us-comeback-for-summer/> Travelers can once again mark their calendars and set their sights on a summer full of long-awaited cruise vacations.

MSC CEO Soren Toft calls for global approach to R&D and carbon pricing. *Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC)*. 4 June 2021.

Available from: <https://www.msc.com/che/news/2021-june/msc-ceo-soren-toft-calls-for-global-approach-to-r> MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company has joined other carriers in reiterating support for a global R&D decarbonisation fund and also in backing a potential worldwide market-based measure that would include carbon pricing.

[Open letter from WSC CEOs to IMO Member State Governments](#) 📄

Sovcomflot and Russian Maritime Register of Shipping form strategic partnership. *Port News*.

4 June 2021. Available from: <https://en.portnews.ru/news/313807/> On 4 June 2021, Sovcomflot (SCF Group) and Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (RS) signed a strategic partnership agreement as part of the 24th St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, Sovcomflot says in its media release.

Container market risks chaos into 2022 following Covid-19 outbreak in China. Daniel Logan.

ShippingWatch. 7 June 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/Ports/article13036554.ece> The Covid-19 outbreak in South China and major port terminal Yantian is causing more problems and delays in an already heated container market, which “significantly increases” the risk of capacity issues into 2022, says analyst Lars Jensen.

Japan opposes EU's plan to include shipping in ETS. Rieko Suda. *Argus Media*. 7 June 2021.

Available from: <https://www.argusmedia.com/en/news/2222131-japan-opposes-eus-plan-to-include-shipping-in-ets> Japan has officially opposed the EU's plan to include the shipping sector in the emissions trading system (ETS), calling on efforts to accelerate development of global measures for decarbonisation of international shipping.

Norway's opposition to CO2 research fund meets disappointment from shipowners. Idha Toft

Valeur. *ShippingWatch*. 7 June 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13037912.ece> Norwegian Shipowners' Association aims criticism at the Norwegian IMO delegation's lack of support for the proposal of a research fund discussed at the MEPC meeting this week.

Singapore study highlights role and challenges of bio-LNG as future bunker fuel for shipping sector. Prasilapa Thepsithar, Eng Kiong Koh and Peng Li. *Manifold Times (Singapore)*.

7 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/singapore-study-highlights-role-and-challenges-of-bio-lng-as-future-bunker-fuel-for-shipping-sector/> Among modes of cargo transportation, maritime transport enables the regional and intercontinental movement of large quantities of cargo in the most fuel-efficient way with lower cost.

World Bank stands firm on warning against LNG in shipping. Jens Thomsen. *ShippingWatch*. 8 June 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/article12986888.ece> With growing political pressure for a rapid transformation of the global economy from fossil-based to sustainable production, shipowners should think twice before they invest in LNG as a transitional fuel in shipping, the World Bank warned in a recent report on LNG as a shipping fuel.

Arctic Voices Demand Global Action to Protect Arctic From Impacts of Shipping Emissions. *Seas at Risk*. 10 June 2021. Available from: <https://seas-at-risk.org/general-news/arctic-voices-demand-global-action-to-protect-arctic-from-impacts-of-shipping-emissions/> As a meeting of the International Maritime Organization's Marine Environment Protection Committee opens today, IMO member states were called on to take urgent and immediate action to protect the Arctic from the impacts of shipping emissions and pollution.

Shipping ETS 'fuels' the fire in the Commission. Sarantis Michalopoulos. *EurActiv*. 11 June 2021. Available from: https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/short_news/shipping-ets-fuels-the-fire-in-the-commission/ The European Commission's inter-service consultation over the measures for shipping included in the "Fit for 55" legislative package has resulted in a huge clash between DG Move and DG Clima, EURACTIV has learned.

ITOCHU and 22 industry players kick off studying ammonia as an alternative marine fuel. *ITOCHU Corporation*. 11 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.itochu.co.jp/en/news/press/2021/210611.html> Industry players set up "Joint Study" framework for studying common issues on ammonia as an alternative marine fuel, to get ready to IMO's decarbonization targets, including energy, mining, power utility, chemical, terminal, shipping, shipbuilding, manufacture, bunkering, and classification society.

BIMCO: Level playing field for ships must be assured while shipping industry decarbonises. Lars Robert Pedersen. *Manifold Times (Singapore)*. 14 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/bimco-level-playing-field-for-ships-must-be-assured-while-shipping-industry-decarbonises/> There are many initiatives within the shipping industry aiming to develop technology for zero-carbon ships.

How bad are global shipping snafus? Home Depot contracted its own container ship as a safeguard. Melissa Repko. *CNBC (US)*. 15 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.cnbc.com/2021/06/13/home-depot-contracted-its-own-container-ship-to-avoid-shipping-delays.html> Home Depot has reserved its own ship, bought merchandise on the spot market and flown in power tools as it copes with supply chain headaches.

Anchors Aweigh: Examining Biofuels for Maritime Shipping. Tim Theiss. *US Department of Energy*. 15 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/bioenergy/articles/anchors-aweigh-examining-biofuels-maritime-shipping> A multi-laboratory team of scientists led by Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) is studying the feasibility of using energy-dense biofuels such as biocrude and bio-oil to meet new emissions regulations for cargo ships.

Could a shipping crisis derail economic recovery from COVID-19? *Al Jazeera*. 16 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.aljazeera.com/program/inside-story/2021/6/16/could-a-shipping-crisis-derail-economic-recovery-from-covid-19> 🗣️ Panel discussion with: Guy Platten, International Chamber of Shipping; Stavros Karamperidis, University of Plymouth; Christian Bueger, University of Copenhagen.

Brussels leans towards limited scope for the inclusion of shipping in ETS. Tomas Kristiansen. *ShippingWatch*. 16 June 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article13060868.ece> Much seems to indicate that one of the two smallest models will be proposed for EU's CO2 quota system and that the large ETS system is no longer on the table.

Pacific islands make lonely case for carbon price on shipping. Joe Lo. *Climate Home News*. 16 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.climatechangenews.com/2021/06/16/pacific-islands-make-lonely-case-carbon-price-shipping/> Pacific island nations made the case for a carbon price to tackle shipping's climate impact at the UN body responsible for seaborne transport on Wednesday, but found only tepid support.

Ocean shipping issues are in the spotlight in letters to the White House. Jeff Berman. *Logistics Management*. 16 June 2021. Available from: https://www.logisticsmgmt.com/article/ocean_shipping_issues_are_in_the_spotlight_in_letters_to_the_white_house Myriad ocean shipping supply chain issues continue to remain front and center in supply chain circles on various fronts, which were highlighted this week by various federal government and industry bodies.

Shipping's R&D fund proposal given a third shot at survival. Anastassios Adamopoulos. *Lloyd's List*. 17 June 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137186/> The fund's supporters have long stressed that it is not a market-based measure, but the line might become blurred when the proposal is discussed again, along with mid- and long-term measures to tackle climate change.

The Suez Canal Accident and the State of Global Shipping. Saitō Katsuhisa. *Nippon.com*. 17 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.nippon.com/en/in-depth/d00704/> In March 2021, the *Ever Given*, one of the world's largest container ships, ran aground in the Suez Canal, blocking it completely for a week and causing an estimated ¥400 billion in global economic damages.

Shipping industry urges governments to act on USD 5 billion decarbonisation fund. *International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)*. 18 June 2021. Available from: <https://bit.ly/3xGEa9e> The shipping industry has welcomed the growing momentum for a USD 5 billion R&D Fund for shipping, but is calling on governments to act in line with their climate commitments and not waste more time in moving forward with decisive action to support the decarbonisation of the industry.


ICS Leadership Insights Live: Financing the 4th Propulsion Revolution round-up. *International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)*. 18 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.ics-shipping.org/news-item/ics-leadership-insights-live-financing-the-4th-propulsion-revolution-round-up/> As the maritime industry discussed short-term measures at the IMO's MEPC 76, leaders in finance, law and shipping explored who will fund shipping's road to decarbonisation and net zero at the latest ICS Leadership Insights Live.

Shipping industry urges governments to act on USD 5 billion decarbonisation fund. Mette Kronholm Fraende. *BIMCO*. 18 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.bimco.org/news/priority-news/20210618-mepc-joint-press-release> The shipping industry has welcomed the growing momentum for a USD 5 billion R&D Fund for shipping, but is calling on governments to act in line with their climate commitments and not waste more time in moving forward with decisive action to support the decarbonisation of the industry.

Shipping ‘should woo outsiders’ to tackle gender gap. Holly Birkett. *TradeWinds*. 18 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/esg/shipping-should-woo-outsiders-to-tackle-gender-gap/2-1-1016213> Trader turned poacher Zoe Upson believes tapping talent with transferable skills in other sectors is key to addressing maritime diversity.

China’s growing bunker fuel market squeezes out N. Asian competitors. Chen Aizhu. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 18 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/chinas-growing-bunker-fuel-market-squeezes-out-n-asian-competitors/> China is reshaping global shipping fuel markets by taking advantage of its booming maritime trade and massive refining capacity to undercut rivals from Singapore to South Korea and become the world’s fastest-growing major marine fuel hub.

Shipping industry left frustrated by MEPC 76 outcome. Declan Bush. *Lloyd’s List*. 18 June 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137235> Shipowner groups defended their green research fund plan, environmentalists lamented climate inaction, while others said limited discussion time and the IMO’s very nature made it impossible to meet expectations.

The Lloyd’s List Podcast: Shipping has an image problem. *Lloyd’s List*. 18 June 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137226>  Shipping’s image problem is not a new issue, but the pandemic has exposed the industry’s invisible status at a political level and the lack of understanding among the general public and mainstream media.

While IMO kicks the can down the road on emissions, others won’t. John Snyder. *Marine Propulsion & Auxiliary Machinery*. 21 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/opinion/while-imo-kicks-the-can-down-the-road-on-emissions-others-wonrsquot-66110> Three years after confirming a greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction strategy, IMO has adopted its first mandatory measures to back up that plan by requiring cuts in the carbon intensity of ships.

Ship lender on decarbonisation: ‘We have a gun to our head right now’. Joe Brady. *TradeWinds*. 21 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/finance/ship-lender-on-decarbonisation-we-have-a-gun-to-our-head-right-now/2-1-1028533> The increasing weight of environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues — with a strong emphasis on the “E” part — dominated discussion during the early panels of what traditionally has been a three-day finance conference in New York, but held online this year due the continuing impact of Covid-19.

Shipping banks feel the pressure to live up to green targets. Maiken Reimer Rønneberg. *ShippingWatch*. 22 June 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13076359.ece> ESG (Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance, -ed.) and the climate will only become more of a focus in the future, and the joint bank initiative Poseidon Principles, launched in 2019, was only a starting point.

Swedish owner celebrates achieving IMO’s 2050 goals three decades early. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 22 June 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/swedish-owner-celebrates-achieving-imos-2050-goals-three-decades-early/> Swedish shipowner Furetank celebrated today achieving the International Maritime Organization’s 2050 climate goals 28 and a half years’ ahead of the deadline, serving as both a tremendous achievement as well as a sign that the environmental legislation in place will need to be made more ambitious.

Sustainable Shipping Initiative report explores opportunity for circularity as shipping works to decarbonise. *Sustainable Shipping Initiative (SSI)*. 22 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.sustainableshipping.org/news/sustainable-shipping-initiative-report-explores-opportunity-for-circularity-as-shipping-works-to-decarbonise/> The Sustainable Shipping Initiative (SSI) has today published the report Exploring shipping's transition to a circular industry, discussing the potential of circular economy principles for shipping and identifying four main building blocks: knowledge and awareness, business model innovation, technological advancement, and a global regulatory framework. [Exploring shipping's transition to a circular industry](#) 

S. Korea to speed up efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions from old ships. Kang Yoon-seung. *Yonhap News Agency (South Korea)*. 23 June 2021. Available from: <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20210623001400320> South Korea's oceans ministry said Wednesday it plans to speed up efforts to cut the emissions of greenhouse gases from older ships in line with new environmental regulations from an international body.

Very low sulphur fuel oil study. *Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)*. 23 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.amsa.gov.au/marine-environment/pollution-response/very-low-sulphur-fuel-oil-study> We are responsible for responding to marine oil spills and supporting the National Plan for Maritime Emergency partners in doing the same within their jurisdictions.

ClassNK updates EEXI and CII information following MEPC76. *ClassNK*. 23 June 2021. Available from: https://www.classnk.de/hp/en/hp_news.aspx?id=6305&type=press_release&layout=1 Leading Classification Society ClassNK has updated the information on its website regarding Energy Efficiency Existing Ship Index (EEXI) and Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII) rating for ships in service, following the outcomes of MEPC76 held in June 2021.

MSC puts weight behind decarbonisation R&D fund. James Baker. *Lloyd's List*. 23 June 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137303/> Mediterranean Shipping Co chief executive Søren Toft has used his first major appearance since taking up the role last year to give his support to the idea of an International Maritime Organization-backed research and development fund.

Stena Germanica refuels with recycled methanol from residual steel gases. *Stena Line*. 23 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.stenaline.com/media/stories/stena-germanica-refuels-with-recycled-methanol-from-residual-steel-gases/> On 26 March 2015, Stena together with several partners, including Methanex, Wärtsilä and EU's Motorways of the Seas project, made history when the *Stena Germanica*, converted to the world's first methanol powered RoPax ferry, started operating on the Göteborg – Kiel route.

Søren Toft lays out MSC's position on path to decarbonisation. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 24 June 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/soren-toft-lays-out-mscs-position-on-path-to-decarbonisation/> The CEO of Mediterranean Shipping Co (MSC) gave his first major international interview to the Financial Times earlier this week and then travelled to Antwerp for a keynote at the World Ports Conference yesterday.

Zero Emission Mission added to shipping's carbon-cutting efforts. Paul Berrill. *TradeWinds*. 24 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/technology/zero-emission-mission-added-to-shippings-carbon-cutting-efforts/2-1-1029318> New public-private partnership aims to help join the dots between governments and companies to get to commercially viable zero-emission fuels by 2030.

A.P. Moller - Maersk and IKEA Supply AG work together to lower carbon emissions.

Port News. 24 June 2021. Available from: <https://en.portnews.ru/news/314691/> By shifting the transportation mode from truck to rail between Barcelona port and Tarragona terminal, IKEA Supply Chain Operations is cutting their green house (GHG) from their long-haul transports in Spain by around 700 tons per year, according to the company's release.

South Africa has 'abundance' of potential to produce zero-carbon fuels. Jonathan Boonzaier.

TradeWinds. 24 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/esg/south-africa-has-abundance-of-potential-to-produce-zero-carbon-fuels/2-1-1029959> A report released by the Getting to Zero Coalition Partnership on Thursday claimed that the country most certainly does.

Maritime's PR weakness. Ben Pinnington. *Splash 247.com*. 24 June 2021. Available from:

<https://splash247.com/maritimes-pr-weakness/> Two torpedoes have slammed into the reputational hull of the maritime industry recently: the *Ever Given* Suez Canal crisis and the Black Trail TV documentary.

Newport Fuel Solutions: The Greening of Marine Fuels. *Manifold Times (Singapore)*.

24 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/newport-fuel-solutions-the-greening-of-marine-fuels/> Modern concerns began in 1990 when the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) – created by the United Nations in 1988 – issued its first report regarding the effect of CO2 atmospheric warming.

Study shows South Africa is well placed to lead the production of zero carbon shipping fuels. *Global Maritime Forum*. 24 June 2021. Available from:

<https://www.globalmaritimeforum.org/press/study-shows-south-africa-is-well-placed-to-lead-the-production-of-zero-carbon-shipping-fuels> A study by Ricardo and Environmental Defense Fund for the P4G Getting to Zero Coalition Partnership finds that South Africa holds an untapped opportunity to supply the global shipping industry with zero carbon fuels.

South Africa: fuelling the future of shipping. *Ricardo and Environmental Defense Fund*.

June 2021. Available from: <https://www.globalmaritimeforum.org/content/2021/06/South-Africa-fueling-the-future-of-shipping.pdf> The Getting to Zero Coalition, a partnership between the Global Maritime Forum, Friends of Ocean Action and World Economic Forum, is a community of ambitious stakeholders from across the maritime, energy, infrastructure and financial sectors, and supported by key governments, IGOs and other stakeholders, who are committed to the decarbonization of shipping.

Singapore: Feasibility studies find use of hydrogen, CCUS for local maritime sector. *Manifold Times (Singapore)*. 25 June 2021. Available from:

<https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/singapore-feasibility-studies-find-use-of-hydrogen-ccus-for-local-maritime-sector/> Recent feasibility studies conducted by the Singapore Government have found use of hydrogen and carbon capture, utilisation, and storage (CCUS) technologies for the country's maritime sector.

1st cruise ship to sail from US as industry seeks comeback. Adriana Gomez Licon and David

Koenig. *Associated Press*. 25 June 2021. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/lifestyle-travel-coronavirus-pandemic-entertainment-health-386a8a986d8a90005ae3bcc8e1ccdc76> The first cruise ship to board passengers at a U.S. port in 15 months is set to sail Saturday from the industry's South Florida hub in a symbolic stride toward normalcy that will be watched closely by health experts as vaccines curb the coronavirus' spread in the country.

An alternative view of the Carbon Intensity Indicator. Edwin Pang. *Splash 247.com*. 29 June 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/an-alternative-view-of-the-carbon-intensity-indicator/> Edwin Pang, founder of UK consultancy Arcsilea and chair of RINA's IMO Committee, reckons emissions cutting agreements agreed upon this month are more significant than many other commentators have suggested. [An alternative view of EEXI](#)

Bureau Veritas launches an online platform to help assess compliance with new IMO carbon intensity regulations – EEXI and CII. *Ship Management International*. 29 June 2021. Available from: <https://shipmanagementinternational.com/bureau-veritas-launches-an-online-platform-to-help-assess-compliance-with-new-imo-carbon-intensity-regulations-eexi-and-cii/> Bureau Veritas (BV), a world leader in testing, inspection and certification (TIC), has introduced an online platform, VeriSTAR Green, to enable all shipowners to assess their compliance with EEXI and CII regulations.

Crewing Costs are Rising due to Vaccine Delays and Travel Restrictions. *Maritime Executive*. 29 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/crewing-costs-are-rising-due-to-vaccine-delays-and-travel-restrictions> For more than a year, the major seafarer unions, shipping lines, and organizations including the IMO have been warning of the problems being caused in the shipping industry by COVID-19 related travel restrictions and the failure to recognize seafarers as essential workers.

Time is running out – global emissions rules for shipping need to be reached now. Soren Skou. *World Economic Forum*. 29 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2021/06/time-is-running-out-global-rules-for-shipping-need-to-be-reached-now/> The 2020s must be the decade of action if we are to solve the shipping industry's share of the global climate challenge before we reach a critical tipping point.

A carbon tax for shipping: The hard path of good intentions. Chris Morgan. *Ship & Bunker*. 29 June 2021. Available from: <https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/484644-a-carbon-tax-for-shipping-the-hard-path-of-good-intentions> Shipping and specially bunkering has been trying very hard to improve its environmental impact lately.

Maersk eyes 'leapfrog' to carbon neutral fuels in shipping. Frédéric Simon. *EurActiv*. 29 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.euractiv.com/section/alternative-renewable-fuels/news/maersk-eyes-leapfrog-to-carbon-neutral-fuels-in-shipping/> The world's largest shipping firm, Maersk, has called for urgent action to address the climate crisis, saying it will turn first to green methanol, and later to green ammonia in order to reach its goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050.

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Zamora AA, Regencia ZJG, et al. **Effect of daily social media exposure on anxiety and depression disorders among cargo seafarers: a cross-sectional study.** *International Maritime Health Journal*. 29 March 2021. Available from: https://journals.viamedica.pl/international_maritime_health/article/view/IMH.2021.0008/55409 Cargo seafaring is one occupation prone to constant mental health instability due to workload, social isolation, and harsh working conditions.

Beukelaer CD. **COVID-19 at sea: 'the world as you know it no longer exists'.** *Cultural Studies*. 4 May 2021. Available from: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09502386.2021.1898020> In this article, I reflect on the plight of seafarers during the pandemic.

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Ryan JP, Joseph JE, et al. **Reduction of Low-Frequency Vessel Noise in Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary During the COVID-19 Pandemic.** *Frontiers in Marine Science*. 2 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.frontiersin.org/article/10.3389/fmars.2021.656566> Low-frequency sound from large vessels is a major, global source of ocean noise that can interfere with acoustic communication for a variety of marine animals.

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Kizielewicz J. **Eco-Trends in Energy Solutions on Cruise Ships.** *Energies*. 22 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.mdpi.com/1996-1073/14/13/3746> Managing a significant number of people and all equipment and operations on ships requires the delivery of tens of thousands of kilowatts, which poses a huge challenge for both cruise ship builders and ports supporting these ships as well as for ship owners themselves, as the costs involved represent the largest share in the structure of expenditure in cruise shipping companies.

Ekmekçioğlu A, Ünlügençoğlu K, et al. **Estimation of shipping emissions based on real-time data with different methods: A case study of an oceangoing container ship.** *Environment, Development and Sustainability*. 27 June 2021. Available from: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10668-021-01605-8> The environmental consequences of ship-based greenhouse emissions have been increasingly significant as a result of the rise in the share of maritime transportation in international trade.

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