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## **IMO NEWS & EVENTS**

### **WHAT'S NEW**

#### **Women in maritime get new association in West and Central Africa**


**Diversity and maritime security were in focus at the inaugural event for the Women in Maritime of West and Central Africa (WIMOWCA).**

Women in maritime took centre stage at the inauguration of the [Women in Maritime of West and Central Africa \(WIMOWCA\)](#), the newest IMO-supported regional association for women in the maritime sector (WIMA).

"The objective of WIMOWCA is to harness the potential and contribution of women in West and Central Africa to ensure the sustainable development of the maritime industry in Africa," said WIMOWCA Interim President, Sylvia Asana Dauda Owu. [More...](#)

#### **Cutting GHG emissions from shipping - 10 years of mandatory rules**

**2021 marks a decade of action since IMO adopted the first set of mandatory energy efficiency measures for ships.**

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) is marking a decade of action on cutting greenhouse gas emissions from shipping, since the first set of international mandatory measures to improve ships' energy efficiency was adopted on [15 July 2011](#) , as part of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL).

To support the implementation of the measures and encourage innovation, IMO has been implementing a comprehensive capacity building and technical assistance programme, including a range of global projects. These include the GEF-UNP-IMO GloMEEP Project (now concluded), the European Union funded global network of maritime technology cooperation centres (GMN project), the IMO-Norway GreenVoyage2050 project and the IMO-Republic of Korea GHG SMART Project. [More...](#)

Programme of Meetings for 2021 (issued 9 July 2021) can be downloaded [here](#)

#### **Previous Meetings (REMOTE)**

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

[Legal Committee \(LEG 108\)](#) – 26-30 July

#### **Forthcoming Meetings (REMOTE)**

Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC 7) – 6-10 September 2021

9th meeting of the Intersessional Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships  
15-22 September 2021

Technical Cooperation Committee (TC 71) – 20-24 September 2021

#### **RECENT SPEECHES BY IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL KITACK LIM**

Legal Committee, 108th session (LEG 108), 26-30 July 2021 ([Opening](#) and [Closing](#) remarks)

Seventh session of the Sub-Committee on the Implementation of IMO Instruments, 12 July 2021  
([Opening](#) remarks)

[Launch of The Association Of Women In Maritime Of West And Central Africa \(WIMOWCA\)](#),  
23 July 2021

Gulf of Guinea Maritime Collaboration Forum (GOG-MCF/SHADE) Plenary, 14 July 2021  
([Opening](#) remarks)

**IMO NEWS MAGAZINE**     [Summer 2021](#)

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## **UNITED NATIONS**

### **Turning crisis into opportunity: World leaders meet at UN to help drive pandemic recovery.**

*UN News.* 5 July 2021. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/07/1095232> Leading figures from government, business and civil society are preparing to take part in this year's High Level Political Forum on sustainable development (HLPF), where they will discuss ways to recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and turn the deadly crisis into an opportunity for a major shift towards a more sustainable global economy.

### **COVID-19 booster strategy as Delta multiplies, highlights 'disappointing inequality': WHO.**

*UN News.* 12 July 2021. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/07/1095692> 🗳️ The COVID-19 Delta variant is travelling around the world at a "scorching pace" driving a new spike in cases and deaths, but it's exposing a 'hugely uneven and inequitable' global gap in vaccine supply, the head of the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Monday.

### **'Deeply negative impact' of COVID pandemic, reverses SDG progress.** *UN News.* 15 July 2021.

Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/07/1095942> Closing a key international development forum on Thursday, the deputy UN chief observed that a year of "immense challenges" has reversed progress on meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

### **Water-related hazards dominate list of 10 most destructive disasters.** *UN News.* 23 July 2021.

Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/07/1096302> Against the backdrop of a rapidly changing global climate, water-related hazards top the list of natural disasters with the highest human losses in the past 50 years, according to a new report by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

### **UN climate science talks open amid heatwaves, floods and drought.** *UN News.* 26 July 2021.

Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/07/1096422> Negotiations began on Monday to approve a UN science report which will anchor high level summits later this year, charged with boosting climate action worldwide.

## CASUALTIES

### **Canada flags Arctic cruise risks from outdated maps and limited search and rescue.**

*Nautilus International*. 28 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/canada-flags-arctic-cruise-risks-from-outdated-maps-and-limited-search-and-rescue/>

Concerns over the unique risks that the rapidly expanding expedition cruise industry poses to environmentally sensitive areas has been raised by Canada's Transportation Safety Board (TSB).



### **Marine transportation safety investigation report M18C0225 : Passenger vessel *Akademik Ioffe*.**

*Transportation Safety Board of Canada*. 21 May 2021. Available from: <http://www.tsb.gc.ca/eng/rapports-reports/marine/2018/M18C0225/M18C0225.html> On 24 August 2018, the passenger vessel *Akademik Ioffe* ran aground 78 nautical miles north-northwest of Kugaaruk, Nunavut.


### **OP-ED: Marine Investigations Reviewed.**

*Human Rights at Sea (HRAS)*. 29 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/06/29/op-ed-marine-investigations-reviewed/> Human Rights at Sea Advisory Board member, Captain Michael Lloyd, RD\*\*, MNM, CMMar, FNI, provides a new OP-ED and insight into the issue of marine accident investigations, their intent, conduct, and outcomes in protecting, or not, the individual seafarer.

### **MAIB investigation report 8-2021: Grounding of ro-ro freight ferry *Arrow*.**

*UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB)*. 2 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/maib-reports/grounding-of-ro-ro-freight-ferry-arrow> At 0727 on 25 June 2020, the Isle of Man registered ro-ro freight ferry *Arrow* grounded in thick fog while entering Aberdeen Harbour. [Report](#)  [Annexes](#) 

### **Pemex tackles massive fire in Gulf of Mexico after subsea pipeline breach.**

*Splash 247.com*. 5 July 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/pemex-tackles-massive-fire-in-gulf-of-mexico-after-subsea-pipeline-breach/>  Mexican oil giant Pemex suffered a breach in a subsea gas pipeline near one of its platforms in the Gulf of Mexico, sending flames boiling to the surface in the Gulf waters.

### **Ship that lost 50 containers 'unseaworthy'.**

Cheryl Goodenough. *West Australian*. 5 July 2021. Available from: <https://thewest.com.au/news/crime/ship-that-lost-50-containers-unseaworthy-c-3315696> A ship that lost dozens of containers overboard off Australia's east coast had "severely corroded" lashing plates making it unseaworthy, a court has heard.

### **Mexican oil giant says no environmental damage from raging Gulf fire.**

David Alire Garcia and Sharay Angulo. *Reuters*. 6 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/business/environment/mexican-oil-giant-says-no-environmental-damage-raging-gulf-fire-2021-07-06/> Just days after video of a massive ocean surface blaze near a Pemex oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico went viral, Mexico's national oil company has declared that environmental damage was avoided due to quick action by its workers.

### ***Ever Given* sails again as 100-day Suez Canal saga ends.**

Adam Corbett. *TradeWinds*. 7 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insurance/ever-given-sails-again-as-100-day-suez-canal-saga-ends/2-1-1036586> The containership *Ever Given* resumed sailing more than 100 days after it caught the attention of the world by grounding and blocking the Suez Canal.

**Could Sri Lanka's ship fire have been avoided? Here's what we can learn from the shocking environmental disaster.** Claudio Bozzi. *The Conversation*. 7 July 2021. Available from: <https://theconversation.com/could-sri-lankas-ship-fire-have-been-avoided-heres-what-we-can-learn-from-the-shocking-environmental-disaster-162770> 📰 Hundreds of dead turtles continue to wash ashore in Sri Lanka, almost two months after a newly built container ship caught fire while anchored off Colombo's port.

**Attack suspected after boxship CSAV Tyndall suffers fire in Indian Ocean.** Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 8 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/attack-suspected-after-boxship-csav-tyndall-suffers-fire-in-indian-ocean/2-1-1034954> A fire broke out on Saturday on the 8,704-teu CSAV *Tyndall* (built 2014) in the northern Indian Ocean after the vessel left Jeddah in Saudi Arabia, Middle Eastern media reported.

**PCG moves to contain leak of 3,000 liters of oil after vessel collision at Manila South Harbor.** Richa Noriega. *Manila Bulletin*. 8 July 2021. Available from: <https://mb.com.ph/2021/07/08/pcg-moves-to-contain-leak-of-3000-liters-of-oil-after-vessel-collision-at-manila-south-harbor/> The Philippine Coast Guard is now racing against time to contain the possible leak of some 3,000 liters of oil off the Manila South Harbor as a result of the collision between a cargo ship and a foreign utility vessel on Thursday, July 8.

**Photos: Boxship Collides With Bulker in Strait of Malacca.** *Maritime Executive*. 11 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/photos-boxship-collides-with-bulker-in-strait-of-malacca> In the early hours of Sunday morning, the container ship *Zephyr Lumos* collided with the bulker *Galapagos* off the port of Muar in the Strait of Malacca, badly damaging the *Galapagos*.

**X-Press Feeders makes initial \$3.6m payment over Sri Lankan sinking.** *Splash 247.com*. 13 July 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/x-press-feeders-makes-initial-3-6m-payment-over-sri-lankan-sinking/> X-Press Feeders, operators of the burnt containership *X-Press Pearl*, through the vessel owner's P&I insurers, have made an initial payment of \$3.6m to the Sri Lankan government to help compensate those affected by the consequences of the fire and sinking of the vessel off the west coast of Sri Lanka.

**Breakdowns in situational awareness and communications were key factors leading to a striking in Vancouver Harbour.** *Transportation Safety Board of Canada*. 15 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.tsb.gc.ca/eng/medias-media/communiques/marine/2021/m19p0057-20210715.html> The Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB) today released its investigation report (M19P0057) on the 2019 striking of the anchored bulk carrier *Pan Acacia* by the bulk carrier *Caravos Harmony* in Vancouver Harbour, British Columbia. [Marine transportation safety investigation report M19P0057: Striking of the anchored vessel \*Pan Acacia\*](https://www.tsb.gc.ca/eng/medias-media/communiques/marine/2021/m19p0057-20210715.html)

**Oil, acid, plastic: Inside the shipping disaster gripping Sri Lanka.** *United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)*. 22 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/story/oil-acid-plastic-inside-shipping-disaster-gripping-sri-lanka> It's visible in satellite images from just off Sri Lanka's coast: a thin grey film that snakes three kilometres out to sea before disappearing into the waves.



**Video: Abandoned Tanker Sinks off Yemen.** *Maritime Executive*. 23 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/video-abandon-tanker-sinks-off-yemen-raising-new-environmental-fears> 📺 Yemen's Public Authority for Environmental Protection is reporting an oil spill contaminating the water of the Gulf of Aden after one of the dilapidated tankers anchored off the port sank under unknown circumstances last weekend.

**Four missing as wind turbine installation vessel partially sinks off China.** Jonathan Boonzaier. *TradeWinds*. 26 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/four-missing-as-wind-turbine-installation-vessel-partially-sinks-off-china/2-1-1044333> 📺 A Chinese-flagged wind turbine installation vessel partially sank while working at the CGN New Energy project off the coast of Guangdong province.

**Rescue operation for stuck cargo ship from today.** *Pakistan Observer*. 26 July 2021. Available from: <https://pakobserver.net/rescue-operation-for-stuck-cargo-ship-from-today/> A rescue operation for the cargo ship stuck near SeaView for the last five days will finally be launched on Monday, Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Ali Zaidi announced.

**Final *Wakashio* report held up one year after disaster.** Nidaa Bakhsh. *Lloyd's List*. 26 July 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137672/Final-Wakashio-report-held-up-one-year-after-disaster> It is being held up by a lack of access to the voyage data recorder and to official ship documents, while the vessel's master remains in custody.

**67 people fell overboard as a wind turbine installation vessel capsized.** *ShippingWatch*. 26 July 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/Offshore/article13155316.ece> A wind turbine installation vessel capsized off the coast of Guangdong in Southern China.

**Primary concern to remove oil from beached ship: SAPM.** *Pakistan Observer*. 27 July 2021. Available from: <https://pakobserver.net/primary-concern-to-remove-oil-from-beached-ship-sapm/> Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Maritime Affairs Mehmood Maulvion Monday said that broken anchors and engine failure in extreme rough sea conditions were apparently the main causes of beaching of the ship *MV Heng Tong 77* at Karachi coastline.

**Two killed in attack on Zodiac Maritime tanker off Oman.** *TradeWinds*. 30 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/two-killed-in-attack-on-zodiac-maritime-tanker-off-oman/2-1-1046689> The 49,992-dwt *Mercer Street* (built 2013) was involved in a "suspected piracy incident" on Thursday when ballasting from Dar es Salaam to Fujairah, Zodiac said on Twitter.

**Necessary Action Taken to Handle Vessel Incident Beyond Regional Waters: Maritime Security Centre.** *Oman News Agency (ONA)*. 30 July 2021. Available from: <https://omannews.gov.om/NewsDescription/ArtMID/392/ArticleID/36440/Necessary-Action-Taken-to-Handle-Vessel-Incident-Beyond-Regional-Waters-Maritime-Security-Centre> An official at the Maritime Security Centre (MSC) has said that, thanks to an existing system of joint maritime action and, acting in coordination with maritime security centres in the region, the MSC was prompt in responding to a mayday signal from *MV MERCER STREET*, a by-products carrier flying the Liberian flag, stating that it met with an incident outside Omani regional waters.



**Fatal oil tanker attack off Oman ‘caused by drone’.** Michelle Wiese Bockmann. *Lloyd’s List*. 30 July 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137735/Fatal-oil-tanker-attack-off-Oman-caused-by-drone> UK Maritime Trade Operations said regional authorities and naval coalition forces were assisting the 2013-built, 49,999 dwt *Mercer Street* (IMO: 9539585) while “investigations were ongoing”.

**UK condemns deliberate attack on oil tanker by Iran.** *UK Government*. 1 August 2021. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-condemns-deliberate-attack-on-oil-tanker-by-iran> UK assessments concluded that it is highly likely that Iran attacked the merchant vessel *MV Mercer Street* in international waters off Oman using unmanned aerial vehicles.

**Attack on *Mercer Street* Vessel.** Antony J. Blinken. *US Department of State*. 1 August 2021. Available from: <https://www.state.gov/attack-on-merc-street-vessel/> We join our partners and allies in our strong condemnation of the attack against the *Mercer Street*, a commercial ship that was peacefully transiting through the north Arabian Sea in international waters.

**US, UK and Israel blame Iran for ship attack; Tehran denies.** Jon Gambrell. *Associated Press*. 1 August 2021. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/middle-east-business-iran-persian-gulf-tensions-419efc522acbd213a79696c9876af6dc> The United States and the United Kingdom joined Israel on Sunday in alleging Iran carried out a fatal drone strike on an oil tanker off the coast of Oman in the Arabian Sea, putting further pressure on Tehran as it denied being involved in the assault.

## ENVIRONMENT

**EU warned about environmental impact of deep seabed mining.** Kira Taylor. *EurActiv*. 30 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.euractiv.com/section/energy-environment/news/eu-warned-about-environmental-impact-of-deep-seabed-mining/> Deep seabed mining for minerals used in car batteries and other green technologies should not be permitted in Europe until there is sufficient knowledge on the environmental impact it may cause, said the Portuguese minister of maritime affairs.

**INTERMEPA Meets to Identify Collaborations New impetus for the international marine environment coalition.** *North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA)*. 6 July 2021. Available from: <https://namepa.net/2021/07/06/intermepa-meets-to-identify-collaborations-new-impetus-for-the-international-marine-environment-coalition/> The Steering Committee of the International umbrella organization of Marine Environment Protection Associations (INTERMEPA), convened recently to share and transfer knowledge and best environmental practices in the Mediterranean Sea, North America and Black Sea.

**Reef in recovery window after decade of disturbances.** *Government of Australia*. 19 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.aims.gov.au/news-and-media/reef-recovery-window-after-decade-disturbances> After a series of severe and widespread disturbances over the last decade, the Great Barrier Reef is currently in a recovery window with coral cover rising in all three regions. [Long-Term Monitoring Program: Annual Summary Report of Coral Reef Condition 2020/2021](#)

**Unsustainable Arctic shipping risks accelerating damage to the Arctic environment.**

*Science Daily*. 19 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2021/07/210719103053.htm> The economic and environmental pros and cons of melting Arctic ice creating shorter shipping routes through the polar region are weighed up in ground-breaking research from experts in energy and transport.

**We cannot wait for pandemic to end to tackle climate change, says U.S. envoy Kerry.**

*Reuters*. 20 July 2021. Available from: <https://news.trust.org/item/20210720132659-0vg0e/>

The world cannot wait for the COVID-19 pandemic to end before dealing with climate change, U.S. envoy John Kerry said on Tuesday, underlining how “pivotal” this year’s United Nations’ climate conference was to press ahead with action.

**Emissions will hit record high by 2023 if green recovery fails, says IEA.** Fiona Harvey.

*The Guardian*. 20 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/jul/20/emissions-record-high-by-2023-if-green-recovery-fails-says-iea> Global greenhouse gas emissions are likely to rise to record levels in the next two years, as governments fail to “build back better” from the Covid-19 pandemic.

**With only 2% of governments’ recovery spending going to clean energy transitions, global emissions are set to surge to an all-time high.** *International Energy Agency (IEA)*. 20 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.iea.org/news/with-only-2-of-governments-recovery-spending-going-to-clean-energy-transitions-global-emissions-are-set-to-surge-to-an-all-time-high>

IEA’s new Sustainable Recovery Tracker monitors governments’ fiscal responses to the Covid-19 crisis and estimates their impact on clean energy investments and global CO2 emissions.

[Flagship Report 2021: Sustainable Recovery Tracker](#)

**Deadly coral disease sweeping Caribbean linked to water from ships.** Jewel Fraser.

*The Guardian*. 22 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/jul/22/deadly-coral-disease-sweeping-caribbean-linked-to-wastewater-from-ships> A virulent and fast-moving coral disease that has swept through the Caribbean could be linked to waste or ballast water from ships, according to research.

**‘Blue Carbon’ Report and open letter delivered to leaders: Ocean protection is key to climate policy.** *Environmental Justice Foundation*. 23 July 2021. Available from:

<https://ejfoundation.org/news-media/blue-carbon-report-and-open-letter-delivered-to-leaders-ocean-protection-is-key-to-climate-policy-2>

The carbon stored in ocean ecosystems, such as mangroves and seagrasses, can help protect us from runaway global heating, yet is being largely ignored by policymakers, our latest report has revealed.

[Our Blue Beating Heart: Blue carbon solutions in the fight against the climate crisis](#) 

**5 ways climate-driven ocean change can threaten human health.** Tiff-Annie Kenny,

Malaya Bishop and Mélanie Lemire. *The Conversation*. 29 July 2021. Available from:

<https://theconversation.com/5-ways-climate-driven-ocean-change-can-threaten-human-health-162341> Humans have a deep and complex relationship with the sea. It provides food and essential nutrients, medicine and renewable energy.

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

**Hundreds of dead turtles wash ashore in Sri Lanka after cargo ship wreck.** *Reuters*.

1 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/business/environment/hundreds-dead-turtles-wash-ashore-sri-lanka-after-cargo-ship-wreck-2021-07-01/> Hundreds of turtles have washed ashore after a ship caught fire and sank off the west coast of Sri Lanka in June in the country's worst-ever marine disaster, a court in the capital Colombo heard this week.

**Japan studies options to cut coastal shipping emissions.** *Argus Media*. 1 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.argusmedia.com/en/news/2230034-japan-studies-options-to-cut-coastal-shipping-emissions> Japan is examining options to cut carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from coastal shipping, as it considers raising an emissions target for the industry in line with the country's more ambitious 46pc reduction target for 2030 on 2013 levels.

**Shipping company climbs ranking of Europe's top climate polluters.** Eoin Bannon. *Transport & Environment*. 6 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.transportenvironment.org/press/shipping-company-climbs-ranking-europe%E2%80%99s-top-climate-polluters> Europe's biggest shipping polluter steamed through the pandemic unfazed, according to official EU emissions data.

**Study: Oil spill impact on Canadian arctic, the environment and indigenous peoples.**

*EurekAlert!* 7 July 2021. Available from: [https://www.eurekalert.org/pub\\_releases/2021-07/sfra-sos063021.php](https://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2021-07/sfra-sos063021.php) The growing rate of ice melt in the Arctic due to rising global temperatures has opened up the Northwest Passage (NWP) to more ship traffic, increasing the potential risk of an oil spill and other environmental disasters.

**MSC climbs ranking of Europe's top climate polluters.** Ian Lewis. *TradeWinds*. 8 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/containerships/msc-climbs-ranking-of-europe-s-top-climate-polluters/2-1-1035927> Mediterranean Shipping Co (MSC) has been named as the sixth largest polluter of carbon emissions in the European Union.

**The ocean is full of tiny plastic particles – we found a way to track them with satellites.**

Christopher Ruf. *The Conversation*. 9 July 2021. Available from: <https://theconversation.com/the-ocean-is-full-of-tiny-plastic-particles-we-found-a-way-to-track-them-with-satellites-163709> 🗑️ Plastic is the most common type of debris floating in the world's oceans.

**Ships found to be major contributor to illegal plastic bottle dumping.** Kristin Engel.

*IOL - Independent Online (South Africa)*. 12 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.iol.co.za/capeargus/news/ships-found-to-be-major-contributor-to-illegal-plastic-bottle-dumping-22c51956-7cef-471d-99d1-1111573c0828> Cape Town - Despite the ban on plastic dumping at sea and South Africa's ocean conservation efforts, a recent study has revealed that a large number of ships dump plastic bottles on South African beaches and showed that some bottles drift across the Indian Ocean from countries in Southeast Asia, especially Indonesia.

**PH not a dump – Palace.** Keith Calayag. *Manila Times*. 15 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/07/15/news/national/ph-not-a-dump-palace/1807041> The Duterte administration has never allowed other countries to make the Philippines a dump, Malacañang said on Wednesday, following reports that Chinese vessels have been dumping human waste in the West Philippine Sea.

**Arctic oil spill cleanup costs could reach \$9.4B over 5 years, says risk analyst.**

Karina Zapata. *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)*. 15 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/arctic-oil-spill-study-1.6103155> The effects on the environment and community would also be ‘devastating,’ says lead author of study.

**Fears of environmental disaster in Red Sea grow as UN-Houthis talks on Safer tanker fail.**

Saeed Al-Batati. *Arab News (Saudi Arabia)*. 17 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.arabnews.com/node/1895426/middle-east> The UN will continue talks with Iran-backed Houthi rebels until they agree to allow its experts to begin a vital assessment of the floating oil tanker Safer, and also urged the rebels to be more cooperative.

**‘I’ve seen 40 on one dive’: invasive lionfish threatens ecosystems in Med.** Charlotte Burton.

*The Guardian*. 22 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/jul/22/lionfish-threatens-ecosystems-in-the-med> Non-native lionfish have become increasingly common in parts of the Mediterranean in recent years, threatening local ecosystems and posing a hazard to humans through their venomous spines.

**Dead turtles and waves of plastic show Sri Lankan ship disaster’s deep ramifications.**

Helen Regan and Chandler Thornton. *CNN*. 25 July 2021. Available from: <https://edition.cnn.com/2021/07/24/asia/sri-lanka-ship-disaster-aftermath-intl-dst-hnk/index.html> 🇱🇰 The Singapore-flagged *X-Press Pearl* caught fire on May 20 en route to Colombo carrying 350 metric tons of oil in its tanks and at least 81 containers of “dangerous goods,” including nitric acid—a highly toxic chemical used to make fertilizers.

**Sri Lankan Environmental Groups Claim Oil Spilled From *Xpress Pearl*.** *Maritime Executive*.

29 July 2021. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/sri-lankan-environmental-groups-claim-oil-spilled-from-xpress-pearl> Environmental groups in Sri Lanka are calling for the nation’s president to personally intervene to secure a rapid cleanup of the wreck of the container feeder *XPress Pearl*, which burned and sank off Colombo in early June.

## HEALTH & SAFETY

**UK government opens registration for Cop26 participants to apply for vaccines.** Chloé Farand.

*Climate Home News*. 29 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.climatechangenews.com/2021/06/29/uk-government-opens-registration-cop26-participants-apply-vaccines/> The UK government has opened the application process for Cop26 participants to apply for Covid-19 vaccines before attending the UN climate summit in November.

**More than 50 shipping companies offer Wellness at Sea programme to crews, families and shore staff.** *Sailors’ Society*. 30 June 2021. Available from: <https://sailors-society.org/news/more-than-50-shipping-companies-offer-wellness-at-sea-programme-to-crews-families-and-shore-staff>

More than 50 shipping companies are getting on board Sailors’ Society’s Wellness at Sea Awareness programme: giving their crews, their families and shore staff vital wellness training and support to help them physically and mentally cope with the stresses of the pandemic.

**800 Stolt Tankers seafarers to be vaccinated in third quarter.** Søren Pico. *ShippingWatch*.

1 July 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article13101086.ece> Chemical tanker Stolt Tankers, a division of Stolt-Nielsen, has launched a program to vaccinate its seafarers against coronavirus, according to Stolt-Nielsen’s second quarter interim report, published Thursday.

**New Haven nurses called ‘fearless’ in vaccinating tanker crews so they can ‘finally go home’.**

Kate Farrish. *New Haven Register (US)*. 2 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.nhregister.com/news/article/New-Haven-nurses-called-fearless-in-16289460.php>

When she became a nurse 10 years ago, Sara Keiling never expected that she’d be wearing a pink hard hat and a life jacket and climbing a steep, 30-foot ladder to vaccinate her patients in a global pandemic.

**Why Hong Kong should give excess Covid-19 vaccines to seafarers.** *South China Morning Post*.

3 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.scmp.com/comment/opinion/article/3139569/why-hong-kong-should-give-excess-covid-19-vaccines-seafarers>

Many of us in Hong Kong go about our lives unaware of our dependence on an invisible workforce for the delivery of our daily necessities and conveniences.

**Covid: Cunard *Queen Elizabeth* cruise crew members test positive for virus.** *BBC News*.

5 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hampshire-57725455> Crew members on board the *Queen Elizabeth* cruise ship have tested positive for coronavirus, operator Cunard has confirmed.

**Vaccinations for seafarers calling at the Port of Hamburg and US ports.** *Hapag-Lloyd*.

6 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.hapag-lloyd.com/en/company/about-us/newsletter/2021/07/vaccinations-for-seafarers-calling-at-the-port-of-hamburg-and-us.html>

End of July, the crews of the “*Budapest Express*” and the “*Cartagena Express*” were vaccinated during their stay in the Port of Hamburg.

**Five seafarers taken off Norden bulker with ‘severe’ Covid-19 symptoms.** Gary Dixon.

*TradeWinds*. 8 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/bulkers/five-seafarers-taken-off-norden-bulker-with-severe-covid-19-symptoms/2-1-1033490> French media said the 63,000-dwt Nord Sunda (built 2019) diverted to Le Havre on 30 June.

**US seafarer Covid-19 vaccinations top 20,000 amid nationwide roll-out.** Adam Corbett.

*TradeWinds*. 8 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/ship-management/us-seafarer-covid-19-vaccinations-top-20-000-amid-nationwide-roll-out/2-1-1033538> More than 20,000 seafarers have been inoculated against Covid-19 in the US, according to the latest figures from the North American Maritime Ministry Association (NAMMA).

**Bulk carrier *MV Emerald Indah* sets sail for Indonesia after COVID-positive crewman taken ashore.** Rhiannon Shine. *ABC (Australia)*. 8 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-07-08/perth-bulk-carrier-turned-way-from-coast-after-covid-case/100276878> A bulk carrier off Perth’s coast has been turned away from WA and is sailing back to Indonesia after one of its crew members tested positive for COVID-19.

**All Crew Members Invited to Get Vaccinated in Civitavecchia.** *Cruise Industry News*.

8 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.cruiseindustrynews.com/cruise-news/25420-all-crew-members-invited-to-get-vaccinated-in-civitavecchia.html> The Port Authority of Civitavecchia in conjunction with ASL Roma 4, has announced that it is inviting all ships calling in the port of Civitavecchia to register their crew members to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

**Bulker crew members hospitalised and outbreak hits tanker despite jabs.** Gary Dixon.

*TradeWinds*. 8 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/bulker-crew-members-hospitalised-and-outbreak-hits-tanker-despite-jabs/2-1-1036245> A Dutch tanker has suffered a coronavirus outbreak among mainly vaccinated crew members, while three seafarers have been taken to hospital from a bulker in Brazil.



**Vaccination of seafarers - IG FAQs.** *Skuld*. 9 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.skuld.com/topics/people/diseases/coronavirus/vaccination-of-seafarers---ig-faqs/>

This document has been produced by the thirteen P&I Clubs which are members of the International Group of P&I Clubs in order to answer a number of questions that are frequently asked about P&I Club cover relating to the vaccination of seafarers.

**Blystad tanker seafarers hit by Covid-19 outbreak.** Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 9 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/blystad-tanker-seafarers-hit-by-covid-19-outbreak/2-1-1037831> Two crew members are being treated in a Spanish hospital after a Covid-19 outbreak on an Arne Blystad-owned tanker.

**Covid-19 vaccine now mandatory for port and airport border workers.** *TVNZ (New Zealand)*.

12 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/covid-19-vaccine-now-mandatory-port-and-airport-border-workers> 📺 Border workers in ports and airports will now need to be vaccinated against Covid-19, bringing them in line with the rules for MIQ workers.

**How Long Beach is vaccinating international ship workers.** *Spectrum News 1 (US)*.

12 July 2021. Available from: <https://spectrumnews1.com/ca/la-east/coronavirus/2021/07/11/how-long-beach-is-vaccinating-international-ship-workers> 📺 After spending years in the Navy, Captain Dick Mckenna now runs the International Seafarers Center. Everything he does is about making the life of a sailor easier.

**Virus Cases Climb Aboard Ships At Sea.** *Bloomberg*. 13 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/videos/2021-07-13/virus-cases-climb-aboard-ships-at-sea-video> 📺 Most Seafarers are still unvaccinated says Bloomberg's Oanh Ha.

**SaferWaves. Supporting Seafarers who have suffered Sexual Violence or Gender**

**Discrimination.** *Human Rights at Sea (HRAS)*. 13 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/07/13/saferwaves-supporting-seafarers-who-have-suffered-sexual-violence-or-gender-discrimination/> The UK-based NGO, Safer Waves, has recently been established to provide a route to support for seafarers who have suffered incidents of sexual violence or gender discrimination at sea as a new independent service for victims of egregious human rights abuse.

**Dream Cruises ship turns back to Singapore after Covid-19 case found on board.** Calvin Yang, Osmond Chia and Dominic Low. *Straits Times*. 14 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/dream-cruises-ship-turns-back-to-singapore-after-suspected-covid-19-case-on-board> 📺 Dream Cruises ship *World Dream* was forced to turn back to Singapore after a Covid-19 case was found on board.

**HMS Queen Elizabeth: Covid outbreak on Navy flagship.** Jonathan Beale and Hazel Shearing.

*BBC News*. 14 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-57830617> The BBC has been told there have been around 100 cases on the aircraft carrier, which is part way through a world tour.

**Covid-19: MIQ neighbours unfazed by mariners' presence.** *Stuff (New Zealand)*. 14 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/health/coronavirus/125745105/covid19-miq-neighbours-unfazed-by-mariners-presence> An Englishman who is staying in the same Wellington managed isolation hotel as the 13 mariners with the highly contagious Delta strain of Covid-19 has nothing but praise for the quarantine arrangements.

**Working conditions push lorry drivers and seafarers to the edge, putting supply chains at risk.** *Institute of Export and International Trade*. 14 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.export.org.uk/news/573266/Working-conditions-push-lorry-drivers-and-seafarers-to-the-edge-putting-supply-chains-at-risk.htm> Britain's lorry drivers are leaving the industry for better pay and conditions in other sectors, exacerbating the ongoing driver shortage.

**Cheonghae anti-piracy unit off Africa reports 6 COVID-19 cases.** Choi Soo-hyang. *Yonhap News Agency (South Korea)*. 15 July 2021. Available from: <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20210715000954325?section=national/defense> Six service members aboard a South Korean destroyer on anti-piracy missions off the coast of Africa have tested positive for the coronavirus, the defense ministry said Thursday, sparking fears of collective infections among some 300 people living on the same vessel.

**Cargo ship carrying seven suspected COVID-19 cases to dock in Fremantle for medical review.** Tabarak Al Jrood. *ABC (Australia)*. 18 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-07-18/ship-suspected-covid-cases-set-to-dock-fremantle-wa-mcgowan/100302500> Western Australia's Health Department says a cargo ship carrying seven crew members with suspected COVID-19 symptoms is due to dock in Fremantle on Monday.

**Eight crew members from cargo ship off WA test positive to COVID as SA travel advice updated.** Rhiannon Shine. *ABC (Australia)*. 19 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-07-19/crew-members-from-cargo-ship-off-wa-test-covid-positive/100305396> All eight symptomatic crew members from a cargo ship docked at Fremantle in Western Australia have tested positive for COVID-19.

**3<sup>rd</sup> ship anchored in N.L. reports COVID-positive crew members but no new cases on land.** *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)*. 19 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/covid-nl-july-19-2021-1.6108336> Newfoundland and Labrador is reporting four new cases of COVID-19 on Monday, all crew members aboard a ship anchored in Bay Bulls, according to the Department of Health.

**Public Advisory: No New Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 Plus Four New Confirmed Cases on Ship Off Coast of Bay Bulls.** *Government of Newfoundland and Labrador (Canada)*. 19 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2021/health/0719n02/> The province is working closely with the Public Health Agency of Canada and Eastern Health because of a ship anchored off the coast of Bay Bulls.

**Virus-hit Cheonghae unit to arrive home on aerial tankers.** Choi Soo-hyang. *Yonhap News Agency (South Korea)*. 19 July 2021. Available from: <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20210720002400325?section=national/defense> All members of South Korea's virus-hit Cheonghae naval unit were to return home from Africa on Tuesday after cutting short their anti-piracy mission following an unprecedented mass outbreak that infected 247, or 82 percent, of the 301-member unit.

**HMCS Halifax crew member tests positive for COVID-19, in isolation aboard docked ship.** *The Star (Canada)*. 19 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2021/07/19/hmcs-halifax-crew-member-tests-positive-for-covid-19-in-isolation-aboard-docked-ship.html> A case of COVID-19 has been identified aboard the HMCS Halifax naval ship that docked in its home city Monday after returning from a six-month deployment on the Mediterranean Sea.



**Nine crew on containership infected with Covid-19.** Dale Wainwright. *TradeWinds*. 20 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/ports/nine-crew-on-containership-infected-with-covid-19/2-1-1042265> At least nine of the 21 crew members on board a containership have tested positive for Covid-19 at a port in the south of New Zealand.

**Covid-19: Union calls for mandatory testing after container ship crew members test positive.** Evan Harding and Louisa-Jane Steyl. *Stuff (New Zealand)*. 20 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/125803396/covid19-union-calls-for-mandatory-testing-after-container-ship-crew-members-test-positive> The New Zealand Merchant Service Guild is calling for mandatory testing for all incoming boat and ship crews, to protect port workers.

**Seafarer succumbs to Covid-19 in Star Bulk vessel outbreak.** Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds*. 20 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/bulkers/seafarer-succumbs-to-covid-19-in-star-bulk-vessel-outbreak/2-1-1042449> An outbreak of Covid-19 on board a Greek-controlled bulker has cost the life of a Filipino seafarer in Bulgaria, local media reported.

**Shipping travel bubbles could keep Covid-19 out of NZ - Maritime Union.** *Radio New Zealand*. 21 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/447339/shipping-travel-bubbles-could-keep-covid-19-out-of-nz-maritime-union> Nine infected crew members are isolating aboard the *Mattina* in Bluff. It is the third vessel to dock in New Zealand after crew tested positive for the virus.

**Caution required with more COVID cases on overseas vessels.** *Maritime Union of New Zealand*. 21 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.munz.org.nz/2021/07/21/caution-required-with-more-covid-cases-on-overseas-vessels/> Maritime Union National Secretary Craig Harrison says overseas ships have to come into New Zealand, but vigilance is required.

**Vaccines key to ending pandemic, opening economy.** Carlos Salinas. *Manila Times*. 21 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/07/21/business/maritime/vaccines-key-to-ending-pandemic-opening-economy/1807825> Experts are one in saying vaccines are key to eradicating the COVID-19 pandemic and opening the economy.

**Dream Cruises crew vaccinated ahead of Hong Kong start.** Anne Kalosh. *Seatrade Cruise News*. 21 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-cruise.com/crew-crewing/dream-cruises-crew-vaccinated-ahead-hong-kong-start> Genting Dream will be the only cruise ship operating during the summer holidays in Hong Kong after Royal Caribbean International said Spectrum of the Seas would be delayed until Oct. 5.

**Safeguarding Cadets from Physical and Mental Abuse: Lessons for the Future.** *Human Rights at Sea (HRAS)*. 21 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/07/20/safeguarding-cadets-from-physical-and-mental-abuse-lessons-for-the-future/> Following an incident onboard a Liberian flagged container vessel entering UK territorial waters in February 2021 in which a male engineering cadet was attacked by a fellow crew member thereby putting him in fear for his safety, Human Rights at Sea today publishes an Insight Briefing Note on the key issue of safeguarding cadets' safety, health and well-being. [Independent Case Review & Insight Briefing Note](#)

**Union: Don't blame mariners for getting Covid, as NZ finds 43 cases in a month.** *TVNZ (New Zealand)*. 21 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/union-dont-blame-mariners-getting-covid-nz-finds-43-cases-in-month> There are currently 43 Covid-19 cases who are international mariners either quarantined on their boats or in MIQ facilities, prompting questions about whether New Zealand should be doing more to tighten its maritime border.

**MIN 616 amendment 6: COVID-19: minimising risk to ships' crews and other maritime sector workers.** *UK Maritime & Coastguard Agency*. 21 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/min-616-amendment-6-covid-19-minimising-risk-to-ships-crews-and-other-maritime-sector-workers> Guidance for companies and employers regarding management and mitigation of COVID 19 (Coronavirus). [Guidance: MIN 616 \(M+F\) Amendment 6: COVID-19: Guidance on minimising risk to ships' crews and other maritime sector workers](#)

**Marina gets 30,000 doses of Moderna vaccine for seafarers.** *Manila Times*. 22 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/07/21/business/maritime/marina-gets-30000-doses-of-moderna-vaccine-for-seafarers/1807985> Maritime Industry Authority (Marina) Administrator VAdm. Robert Empedrad, who requested the vaccine from Sec. Galvez and Sen. Go said the Moderna vaccine would be distributed this week in major vaccination sites throughout the country.

**Nautilus and UKCS call for the UK government to offer vaccinations to visiting seafarers.**

*Nautilus International*. 23 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/nautilus-and-ukcs-call-for-the-uk-government-to-offer-vaccinations-to-visiting-seafarers/> Nautilus International's general secretary Mark Dickinson and CEO of the UK Chamber of Shipping (UKCS) Bob Sanguinetti have signed a joint letter to the Secretary of State, asking that the country actively offer vaccinations to seafarers visiting British ports.

**Belgium steps up its seafarer vaccination campaign.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*.

23 July 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/belgium-steps-up-its-seafarer-vaccination-campaign/> The European nation, already one of the world's most proactive states to get crews jabbed, will from Monday up its campaign at its major ports, deploying mobile medical vaccination teams to ships at berth to provide the vaccinations directly on board.

**Shipping seeks clarity on UK's seafarer vaccine policy.** Declan Bush. *Lloyd's List*. 23 July 2021.

Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137660/Shipping-seeks-clarity-on-UKs-seafarer-vaccine-policy> The UK Chamber of Shipping has asked the government to better publicise the fact it is vaccinating foreign seafarers, saying some health authorities are unaware of the rules.

**Belgium now inoculates foreign seafarers via roving vaccination teams on board ships.**

*Royal Belgian Shipowners' Association*. 26 July 2021. Available from: <https://kbrv.be/belgium-now-inoculates-foreign-seafarers-via-roving-vaccination-teams-on-board-ships/> Following the successful COVID-19 vaccination of Belgian seafarers that started on 2 June, Belgium is going boldly beyond by moving a level up with a proposal by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for the North Sea, Mr Vincent van Quickenborne, the Royal Belgian Shipowners' Association (RBSA) and the Directorate-General of Shipping.

**Vaccination of seafarers.** *International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)*. 26 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/vaccination-seafarers> The International Maritime Employers Council (IMEC) and the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) have since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic worked closely together to ensure that seafarers are kept safe from the coronavirus and that crew change continues with minimum disruption.

**A guide to mental health at sea.** Min Jie Lee. *Standard Club*. 26 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.standard-club.com/knowledge-news/news-a-guide-to-mental-health-at-sea-3695/> Seafarer wellbeing has been a focal topic for Standard Club in recent years, particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic and we are always heartened when we see other organisations echoing this belief and doing more for seafarers in this aspect.

**Three crew members to be removed from suspected COVID ship at Fremantle Port in Perth.** Rhiannon Shine and Lucy Martin. *ABC (Australia)*. 27 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-07-26/suspected-covid-case-set-to-be-removed-from-ship-off-perth/100322756> 📺 Three crew members suspected of having COVID-19 have been medically evacuated from a ship berthed at Fremantle Port in Western Australia.

**Houston Seafarers Center Vaccinates 8,000 Visiting Crewmembers.** *Maritime Executive*. 28 July 2021. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/editorials/houston-seafarers-center-vaccinates-8-000-visiting-crewmembers> Following more than a year of random pandemic challenges, the synergy is clear among U.S. seafarers' welfare groups, logistic teams, global advisors and others who simply care.

**MHSS reports surge in calls from struggling seafarers.** *Hellenic Shipping News*. 28 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/mhss-reports-surge-in-calls-from-struggling-seafarers/> Calls to Mental Health Support Services (MHSS) from seafarers who are really struggling to cope has soared by 60% in recent months, according to a recent report.

**ECSA and ETF welcome WHO decision to prioritise seafarers' vaccination.** *European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA)*. 28 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.ecsa.eu/news/ecsa-and-etf-welcome-who-decision-prioritise-seafarers-vaccination> On July 16, the World Health Organization (WHO) released its updated guidance for the organisation's vaccine roadmap in order to provide a framework for overall programme priorities, listing seafarers on cargo ships as a key group that should be prioritised in the case of limited supplies.

**A collective effort to make it easier for seafarers calling at the Port of Montreal to be vaccinated.** *Montreal Port Authority*. 28 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.port-montreal.com/en/the-port-of-montreal/news/news/vaccination-seafarers> The Montreal Port Authority (MPA) team is pleased to participate in the collective effort to make it easier for seafarers of all nationalities who call at the Port of Montreal to be vaccinated, an initiative led by the Mariners' House of Montreal and the National Seafarers' Welfare Board.

**NAMMA: Vaccination of Foreign Seafarers Update.** *Maritime Executive*. 28 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/corporate/namma-vaccination-of-foreign-seafarers-update> According to data gathered by NAMMA members and partners helping facilitate vaccines for foreign seafarers in the United States, we now count more than 35,000 foreign seafarers vaccinated in US ports.

**Liverpool Seafarers Centre backs calls for Government to offer COVID vaccinations to seafarers.** *Liverpool Seafarers Centre*. 28 July 2021. Available from: <http://liverpoolseafarerscentre.org/2021/07/28/liverpool-seafarers-centre-backs-calls-for-government-to-offer-covid-vaccinations-to-seafarers/> The CEO of the ecumenical charity Liverpool Seafarers Centre has backed an appeal to the UK Government to actively offer COVID-19 vaccinations to all seafarers visiting British ports.

**COVID-19 infections rise, Delta variant spreads to 132 countries.** *UN News*. 28 July 2021. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/07/1096572> Latest data from the World Health Organization (WHO) showed a "substantial" uptick in the Americas and the Western Pacific, which jumped 30 per cent and 25 per cent, respectively.

## IMO

**What did we learn about CII and SEEMP+ at MEPC 76?** *DNV*. 5 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.dnv.com/expert-story/maritime-impact/What-did-we-learn-about-CII-and-SEEMP-at-MEPC-76.html> In this episode of DNV's new MARITIME IMPACT podcast, host Eirik Nyhus explains what SEEMP+ and CII mean for the maritime sector and how businesses need to take action now to comply.

**UNCTAD Examines Effects of IMO Decarbonization Plan on Small Economies.** *Maritime Executive*. 12 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/unctad-examines-effects-of-imo-decarbonization-plan-on-small-economies> The maritime industry is at the forefront of cutting its carbon footprint and building resilience to climate change impacts. It is in this regard that IMO has set guidelines for shipping industry to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

**UNCTAD Assessment of the Impact of the IMO Short-Term GHG Reduction Measure on States: Advance copy.** *United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)*. July 2021. Available from: [https://unctad.org/system/files/official-document/dtlb2021d2\\_en.pdf](https://unctad.org/system/files/official-document/dtlb2021d2_en.pdf) The Impact Assessment contained in this report was prepared by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, UNCTAD, in response to a request by the IMO.

**IMO sub-committee fails to improve clarity of 0.50% sulphur limit enforcement.** *International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA)*. 19 July 2021. Available from: <https://ibia.net/2021/07/19/imo-sub-committee-fails-to-improve-clarity-of-0-50-sulphur-limit-enforcement/> The seventh session of the IMO's Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III 7) has brought no further clarity regarding on what basis authorities can determine that a ship's fuel is non-compliant with MARPOL Annex VI sulphur limits.

**Flag states shoot down move to speed up casualty investigations.** Nidaa Bakhsh. *Lloyd's List*. 20 July 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137608/Flag-states-shoot-down-move-to-speed-up-casualty-investigations> A proposal by industry heavyweights to have a mandatory time frame included in the casualty investigation code was not supported by IMO member states despite repeated calls to be in line with the aviation industry's reporting standards.

**Moving Forward with Emissions - Is it Tiers, Tears or Fears?** *MarineLink*. 27 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.marinelink.com/news/moving-forward-emissions-tiers-tears-489475> As IMO and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency emissions requirements continue throughout the IMO Emission Control Areas, they are also forcing postponement of many new construction decisions as vessel owners and operators continue to tread cautiously along the path forward.

## LAW & POLICY

**Still time to rectify ‘disastrous’ EU shipping policy, says T&E.** *Transport & Environment.*

29 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.transportenvironment.org/news/still-time-rectify-disastrous-eu-shipping-policy-says-te> An EU attempt to promote alternative sustainable fuels for ships would actually lock in the use of fossil fuels for decades, according to leaked documents obtained by T&E.

**Container vessel detained over oil spill.** *Maritime Authority of Jamaica.* 29 June 2021.

Available from: <https://maritimejamaica.com/News-Events/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.

**World must strike right balance between ocean protection and production.** *United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).* 30 June 2021. Available from:

<https://unctad.org/news/world-must-strike-right-balance-between-ocean-protection-and-production>

Five key messages from UNCTAD Special Adviser for the Blue Economy Dona Bertarelli on why the ocean needs protection more than ever, so it can continue to offer food and livelihoods to 3 billion people.

**EBRD announces full Paris alignment by end-2022.** Vanora Bennett. *European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).* 1 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.ebrd.com/news/2021/ebrd-announces-full-paris-alignment-by-end2022-.html>

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development will from the end of 2022 align all its activities with the goals of the Paris Agreement, aiming to accelerate decarbonisation across its regions, supporting them to reach net-zero emissions by mid-century.

**OECD adopts historic agreement on global minimum tax.** *ShippingWatch.* 2 July 2021.

Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article13103847.ece> The OECD has now adopted a historic agreement on a new global minimum tax for multinational companies of at least 15 percent.

**Researchers Call for Earlier Publication of Container Line Sustainability Reports.** *Ship & Bunker.* 2 July 2021. Available from:

<https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/467731-researchers-call-for-earlier-publication-of-container-line-sustainability-reports> Maritime environmental

researchers are calling for earlier publication of sustainability reports from container lines to allow their environmental performance to be tracked as promptly as their financial position.

**Suez Canal Authority, Ever Given owner to sign a settlement on Wednesday: Canal Authority.**

*Ahram Online (Egypt).* 4 July 2021. Available from:

<https://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/1/64/416555/Egypt/Politics-/Suez-Canal-Authority,-Ever-Given-owner-to-sign-a-s.aspx> Egypt's Suez Canal Authority (SCA) announced on Sunday that it will

sign a settlement agreement on Wednesday with the owner of the *Ever Given* ship, which ran aground and blocked Egypt's Suez Canal in March.

**Global Maritime Forum expands management and creates new CEO role.** *ShippingWatch.*

5 July 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article13108645.ece> Johannah Christensen, already involved in the organization, has been appointed to the new role, according to an announcement Monday.



**Oil tanker earlier arrested for illegal anchoring, caught repeating same offense.** *Manifold Times (Singapore)*. 5 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/oil-tanker-earlier-arrested-for-illegal-anchoring-caught-repeating-same-offense/> A Saint Kitts and Nevis registered tanker ship was arrested by the Maritime Malaysia Enforcement Agency (MMEA) of Johor State at 10.5 nautical miles north of Tanjung Penawar around 2.00 pm on Saturday (3 July) due to illegal anchoring.

**Majority of EU shipping emissions could be included in carbon market.**

Anastassios Adamopoulos. *Lloyd's List*. 5 July 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137427/Majority-of-EU-shipping-emissions-could-be-included-in-carbon-market> Containerships would see more than 65% of their emissions included in the EU Emissions Trading System under upcoming proposals from the European Commission, while less than 60% of bulkier emissions would be covered, a Lloyd's List analysis has discovered.

**CDC fights to keep cruise COVID-19 rules in place, warning of increased virus spread without them.**

Taylor Dolven. *Anchorage Daily News (US)*. 6 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.adn.com/nation-world/2021/07/06/cdc-fights-to-keep-cruise-covid-19-rules-in-place-warning-of-increased-virus-spread-without-them/> The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is fighting to keep its COVID-19 cruise regulations in place and warned a federal judge that without them, there is increased risk of COVID-19 spread in the U.S.

**EC targets transport emissions in 2030 decarbonization drive.**

Frank Watson. *S&P Global Platts*. 6 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.spglobal.com/platts/en/market-insights/latest-news/electric-power/070621-feature-ec-targets-transport-emissions-in-2030-decarbonization-drive> The European Commission is gearing up to target CO2 emissions from the transport sector as part of its plans to cut greenhouse gas output by 55% below 1990 levels by 2030.

**Nigeria releases seized Swiss ship after three years.**

*Ships & Ports*. 6 July 2021. Available from: <https://shipsandports.com.ng/nigeria-releases-seized-swiss-ship-after-three-years/> The Nigerian government on Saturday returned a Swiss vessel, *MT San Padre Pio*, to the government of Switzerland, three years after it was seized by the Nigerian Navy.

**Actualising Nigeria's Blue Economy through Hydrography.**

*This Day (Nigeria)*. 7 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/07/07/535198/> The blue or marine economy is the ecosystem of economic activities centred on trade and actions around large bodies of water ranging from rivers to oceans.

**Ghana to roll out Comprehensive National Integrated Maritime Strategy to address piracy, kidnappings — Bawumia.**

*Modern Ghana*. 7 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.modernghana.com/news/1092369/ghana-to-roll-out-comprehensive-national-integrate.html> Government is set to endorse a comprehensive National Integrated Maritime Strategy that will enhance interagency cooperation and thereby boost the collaboration among Land, Sea and Air Forces and key stakeholders in the country, Vice President Bawumia has disclosed.

**Trading experiences: what can a global ocean treaty learn from a 1970s convention on wildlife trade?** Daniel Kachelriess, Klaudiaja Cremers and Glen Wright. *Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)*. 8 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.iddri.org/en/publications-and-events/blog-post/trading-experiences-what-can-global-ocean-treaty-learn-1970s> States at the United Nations (UN) are negotiating a new agreement to conserve marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ), a vast global commons that covers almost half the Earth's surface.

**Interview: Stronger legislation to facilitate marine ammonia development, says NABU.** Rhys Berry. *Bunkerspot*. 8 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.bunkerspot.com/global/53677-interview-stronger-legislation-to-facilitate-marine-ammonia-development-says-nabu> Ammonia has 'high potential' as a future marine fuel, says Berlin-based NABU - but its development risks being stunted by watered-down regulation that favours biofuels, the NGO's Head of Transport Policy, Daniel Rieger warns.

**Europe's 'Fit for 55' climate package: What to expect.** Kira Taylor and Sean Goulding Carroll. *EurActiv*. 9 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.euractiv.com/section/energy-environment/news/europes-fit-for-55-climate-package-what-to-expect/> The European Commission will table a package of energy and climate laws on Wednesday (14 July) aimed at reaching the EU's 2030 goal of cutting emissions by 55%, and putting it on track to hit net zero by 2050.

**Abu Dhabi's maritime sector strategy shifts to diversification, less reliance on oil.** Damon Embling. *Euronews*. 9 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.euronews.com/2021/07/09/abu-dhabi-s-maritime-sector-strategy-shifts-to-diversification-less-reliance-on-oil> Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and a strategic hub with big growth ambitions, is at the heart of the global, vaccine supply chain.

**Brussels plans overhaul of EU carbon market as part of green push.** *Euronews*. 12 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.euronews.com/2021/07/12/brussels-plans-overhaul-of-eu-carbon-market-as-part-of-green-push> The European Union's carbon market for getting polluting industries to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions is set for major reform.

**Governing Arctic High Seas Biodiversity.** Margherita Valentina Romani. *Arctic Institute*. 13 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.thearcticinstitute.org/governing-arctic-high-seas-biodiversity/?cn-reloaded=1> The effects of anthropogenic climate change are significantly affecting the Arctic Ocean's robust ecosystems and biological diversity. In particular, Arctic Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction cover approximately 2.8 million square kilometres beyond coastal states' established maritime boundaries.

**Norwegian Cruise Lines sues state of Florida over vaccine passport ban.** *ABC News (US)*. 13 July 2021. Available from: <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/norwegian-cruise-lines-sues-state-florida-vaccine-passport/story?id=78827331> Norwegian Cruise Lines is suing Florida after the state banned vaccine passports, saying it cannot safely resume sailings without ensuring its passengers and crew are vaccinated against COVID-19.

**Transportation Deep Decarbonization Initiative Synthesis.** *Clean Air Task Force (CATF)*. 14 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.catf.us/resource/transportation-synthesis/> Clean Air Task Force (CATF) convened a high-level workshop with 25 researchers and thought leaders from various facets of the global transportation sector to assess options for decarbonization by 2050. [White Paper](#)



**Government publishes world's first 'greenprint' to decarbonise all modes of domestic transport by 2050.** *UK Government*. 14 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-publishes-worlds-first-greenprint-to-decarbonise-all-modes-of-domestic-transport-by-2050> 📰 Cleaner air, healthier communities and tens of

thousands of new green jobs are set to become reality thanks to the UK's revolutionary Transport decarbonisation plan, Transport Secretary Grant Shapps has announced today (14 July 2021).

**Maritime sector responds to Transport Decarbonisation Plan.** *Maritime UK*. 14 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.maritimeuk.org/media-centre/news/news-maritime-sector-responds-transport-decarbonisation-plan/> Commenting on the Department for Transport's Transport

Decarbonisation Plan, Maritime UK Chief Executive, Ben Murray, said: "Despite being bigger than aviation and rail combined, maritime has been largely overlooked in the government's net zero drive."

**European Green Deal: Commission proposes transformation of EU economy and society to meet climate ambitions.** *European Commission*. 14 July 2021. Available from:

[https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_21\\_3541](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_3541) Today, the European Commission adopted a package of proposals to make the EU's climate, energy, land use, transport and taxation policies fit for reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, compared to 1990 levels.

[Questions and Answers - Emissions Trading – Putting a Price on carbon](#)

**In-depth Q&A: What is the UK's 'net-zero' plan for transport?** Josh Gabbatiss. *Carbon Brief*.

15 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.carbonbrief.org/in-depth-qa-what-is-the-uks-net-zero-plan-for-transport> Net-zero domestic flights and electric lorries by 2040 are among the proposals in the UK's long-awaited transport decarbonisation strategy.

**EU green deal forces investors to see climate as a more immediate threat.** *Straits Times*.

15 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.straitstimes.com/world/eu-green-deal-forces-investors-to-see-climate-as-a-more-immediate-threat> One of the biggest achievements of the European Union's climate strategy could be forcing investors to view global warming less as a distant menace and more as an imminent threat.

**EU climate package stirs Korean industry.** Kim Byung-wook. *Korea Herald (South Korea)*.

15 July 2021. Available from: <http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20210715000933> The European Union's sweeping plans, announced Wednesday, to cut emissions are expected to hurt South Korea's steel and other carbon-intensive industries, experts and industry officials said Thursday.

**Setting forth an implementation plan strategy for the National Integrated Maritime strategy.**

*GhanaWeb*. 15 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/business/Setting-forth-an-implementation-plan-strategy-for-the-National-Integrated-Maritime-strategy-1309969> The Centre for Maritime Law and Security Africa (CEMLAWS Africa) in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Ministry of National Security, Ghana and Security Governance Initiative (SGI) have today, July 14, 2021 opened the much-awaited National Integrated Maritime Strategy Implementation Workshop at the Eastern Premier Hotel, Koforidua.

**WTO members edge closer to fisheries subsidies agreement.** *World Trade Organization (WTO).* 15 July 2021. Available from: [https://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/news21\\_e/fish\\_15jul21\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news21_e/fish_15jul21_e.htm) WTO members edged closer today (15 July) to an agreement which would set new rules for the global fisheries industry and limit government subsidies contributing to unsustainable fishing and the depletion of global fish stocks.

**Barbados Reaffirms Commitment To Sustainable Fishing.** Sheena Forde-Craigg. *Government of Barbados.* 15 July 2021. Available from: <https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/blog/barbados-reaffirms-commitment-to-sustainable-fishing/> Barbados has made a call for differential treatment with regard to fishing subsidies, as it reaffirms its commitment to playing its part in sustainable fishing practices.

**Government of Canada aims to restart cruise ship season in Canada.** *Government of Canada.* 15 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2021/07/government-of-canada-aims-to-restart-cruise-ship-season-in-canada.html> We know that the maritime and tourism sectors have been hit hard by the global COVID-19 pandemic.

**Climate-focused investors give warm welcome to EU masterplan.** *EurActiv.* 16 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.euractiv.com/section/energy-environment/news/climate-focused-investors-give-warm-welcome-to-eu-masterplan/> A European Union climate masterplan to raise the cost of pollution and eliminate emissions is a step towards a single carbon price that many investors striving to make companies more sustainable say can help to engineer deeper change.

**Will the transparent evidence requirements of ESG disrupt the shipping industry?** Frank Coles. *Splash 247.com.* 16 July 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/will-the-transparent-evidence-requirements-of-esg-disrupt-the-shipping-industry/> So far shipping has been able to skirt around the edge of the disruption that ESG could be about to bring upon the main stakeholders.

**SEA-LNG responds to the EU Commission's "Fit for 55" Report.** *SEA-LNG.* 16 July 2021. Available from: <https://sea-lng.org/2021/07/sea-lng-responds-eu-commission-fit55-report/> SEA-LNG welcomes the increased ambition of the EU to accelerate European shipping's decarbonisation in its "Fit for 55" package published on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**Cruise ships have returned to Seattle — is that a good thing? Here's a primer on the issues facing the cruise industry.** Brendan Kiley. *Seattle Times (US).* 17 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.seattletimes.com/life/travel/cruise-ships-have-returned-to-seattle-is-that-a-good-thing-heres-a-primer-on-the-issues-facing-the-cruise-industry/> Cruise ships — those floating, white-frosted pleasure palaces — are back in Elliott Bay, ready to sail up the Inside Passage.

**In last minute ruling, federal appeals court keeps COVID rules in place for Florida-based cruise ships.** *CBS News (US).* 19 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/florida-based-cruise-ships-covid-rules-federal-appeals-court/> 🇺🇸 Pandemic restrictions on Florida-based cruise ships will remain in place for now after a federal appeals court temporarily blocked a previous ruling that sided with a Florida lawsuit challenging the regulations.

**European banking watchdog tightens up on ship valuations.** Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds.* 20 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/shipbroking/european-banking-watchdog-tightens-up-on-ship-valuations/2-1-1042062> The European Union is imposing stricter requirements on ship valuations, putting more pressure on brokers to be transparent and independent.

**EAC launches new inquiry on aviation and shipping's voyage to net zero.** *UK Parliament Environmental Audit Committee*. 20 July 2021. Available from: <https://committees.parliament.uk/work/1408/net-zero-aviation-and-shipping/news/156692/eac-launches-new-inquiry-on-aviation-and-shippings-voyage-to-net-zero/> Shipping and aviation together make up 10% of UK greenhouse gas emissions, and decarbonising these sectors will play a key role in achieving net zero emissions by 2050.

**Climate plan positions EU as the lead of climate regulation in shipping.** Jens Thomsen. *ShippingWatch*. 20 July 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13143532.ece> In an unusual move, Europe has taken on the role as prime mover in the climate regulation of the global shipping industry, so far the domain of the IMO.

**Q&A: How 'Fit for 55' reforms will help EU meet its climate goals.** Simon Evans and Josh Gabbatiss. *Carbon Brief*. 20 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.carbonbrief.org/qa-how-fit-for-55-reforms-will-help-eu-meet-its-climate-goals> The European Commission has published proposals on how the European Union should reach its legally binding target to cut emissions to 55% below 1990 levels by 2030.

**Shell confirms decision to appeal court ruling in Netherlands climate case.** *Shell*. 20 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.shell.com/media/news-and-media-releases/2021/shell-confirms-decision-to-appeal-court-ruling-in-netherlands-climate-case.html> Shell wants to rise to the challenge of the ruling and accelerate its Powering Progress strategy to become a net-zero emissions energy business by 2050, in step with society's progress towards the goal of the Paris Agreement on climate change.

**Nautilus and UKCS question migrant Bill that could criminalise seafarers.** *Nautilus International*. 20 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/nautilus-and-ukcs-question-migrant-bill-that-could-criminalise-seafarers2/> Nautilus International's general secretary Mark Dickinson and the Bob Sanguinetti, CEO of the UK Chamber of Shipping (UKCS), have issued a joint letter to the UK government over the proposed Nationality and Borders Bill, which could see seafarers criminalised for assisting with rescues at sea.

**Government urged to endorse National Integrated Maritime Strategy.** *GhanaWeb*. 21 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/business/Government-urged-to-endorse-National-Integrated-Maritime-Strategy-1314049> The Centre for Maritime Law and Security (CEMLAWS) Africa is banking its hopes on government for the immediate endorsement of the National Integrated Maritime Strategy (NIMS), to give way for its implementation which can help Ghana enhance her fortunes in the Maritime sector.

**New US Presidential Executive Order targets liner operators and alliances.** *Gard*. 22 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.gard.no/web/updates/content/32067106/new-us-presidential-executive-order-targets-liner-operators-and-alliances> Our guest authors from US Law Firm, Holland and Knight, explain the background and potential reach of President Biden's executive order that calls for improved detention and demurrage practices for container traffic, along with the Federal Maritime Commission increased scrutiny of liner alliances with respect to enforcement of antitrust laws and shipping regulations.

**FMC ‘asleep at the wheel’ over foreign flag ocean carriers.** Eric Watkins. *Lloyd’s List*.

22 July 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137637/FMC--asleep-at-the-wheel-over-foreign-flag-ocean-carriers> The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has pressed the Federal Maritime Commission on the progress made since President Joe Biden’s executive order on competition, which included very specific concerns about ocean shipping.

**Inuit communities partner with UM to develop Arctic oil spill preparedness and emergency response using genomics research.** *University of Manitoba (Canada)*. 22 July 2021.

Available from: <https://news.umanitoba.ca/inuit-communities-partner-with-um-to-develop-arctic-oil-spill-preparedness-and-emergency-response-using-genomics-research/> The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science, and Industry announced \$6.7 million in new funding today to a University of Manitoba research team to support GENICE II – a Large Scale Applied Research Project funded through Genome Canada and Genome Prairie.

**Biden Administration Announces Decommissioning of Oil Rigs Off California.** *Center for Biological Diversity*. 22 July 2021. Available from: <https://biologicaldiversity.org/w/news/press-releases/biden-administration-announces-decommissioning-of-oil-rigs-off-california-2021-07-22/>

The Biden administration today announced its intent to prepare a programmatic environmental analysis of the impacts of decommissioning oil and gas drilling platforms, pipelines and wells off southern California.

**Government of Canada making significant progress and investments to protect Canada’s oceans.** *Government of Canada*. 22 July 2021. Available from: <https://bit.ly/3n9s4TQ> With three oceans surrounding us and the longest coastlines in the world, Canadians are deeply connected to our oceans.

**COP26 climate summit president says progress made, but not enough.** Matt McGrath.

*BBC News*. 26 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-57975025> The first in-person meeting of climate ministers in 18 months has seen some tentative progress, says the UK minister who will lead the Glasgow COP26 meeting.

**Climate science report ‘critical for success’ of COP26: UN.** Marlowe Hood. *Phys.org*.

26 July 2021. Available from: <https://phys.org/news/2021-07-climate-science-critical-success-cop26.html> Nearly 200 nations started online negotiations Monday to validate a UN science report that will anchor autumn summits charged with preventing climate catastrophe on a planetary scale.

**UK and France sign new security treaty to protect passengers on Channel ferries.**

*UK Government*. 26 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-france-sign-new-security-treaty-to-protect-passengers-on-channel-ferries> UK emergency responders will have more power to deal with terrorist incidents in the Channel thanks to a new treaty which the Foreign Secretary signed in Paris today.

**Environment Indonesia optimistic of reaching net zero emissions by 2060 or earlier.**

Fransiska Nangoy and Gayatri Suoyo. *Reuters*. 27 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/business/environment/indonesia-optimistic-reaching-net-zero-emissions-by-2060-or-earlier-2021-07-27/> Indonesia is optimistic of reaching a net zero emissions target by 2060 or sooner, a senior minister said on Tuesday, after the government submitted updated nationally determined climate goals to the United Nations.

**Legislation consequent to convention obligation.** Brenda V. Pimentel. *Manila Times*.

28 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/07/28/business/maritime/legislation-consequent-to-convention-obligation/1808686> One of the difficulties confronting countries that have ratified international conventions pertains to putting up the necessary legislation to carry out the obligations as a Member State.

**UK travel update: government waives quarantine for arrivals fully vaccinated from Europe and USA while also confirming international cruise restart.** *UK Government*. 29 July 2021.

Available from: <https://bit.ly/3jNEsa5> The latest steps towards reopening international travel make it easier for people vaccinated in Europe or the USA to travel to England.

## MARINE TECHNOLOGY

**ABB technology enables world's largest civilian hospital ship to access even the most challenging harbors.** *ABB*. 29 June 2021. Available from:

<https://new.abb.com/news/detail/79911/abb-technology-enables-worlds-largest-civilian-hospital-ship-to-access-even-the-most-challenging-harbors> ABB's Azipod® propulsion will help *Global Mercy*™ enter less accessible harbors off the African coast, while reducing vibrations and noise – crucial to the comfort of up to 200 patients and medical personnel on board.

**Hybrid audit and inspection will be 'new normal'.** Gary Howard. *Seatrade Maritime News*.

30 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulation/hybrid-audit-and-inspection-will-be-new-normal> The future of maritime audits and inspections will include a hybrid blend of remote digital verification and on-site verifications, according to classification society DNV.

**New group sets out to create industry standard for measuring fuel consumption model accuracy.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 2 July 2021. Available from:

<https://splash247.com/new-group-set-out-to-create-industry-standard-for-measuring-fuel-consumption-model-accuracy/> Danish maritime technology company ZeroNorth has formed a multilateral working group aimed at forging a new industry-wide standard to measure the accuracy of vessel fuel consumption models.

**Two More 'Ghost Fleet' Unmanned Test Ships to Join Fleet Next Year.** Sam LaGrone. *US Naval Institute News*. 13 July 2021. Available from:

<https://news.usni.org/2021/07/13/two-more-ghost-fleet-unmanned-test-ships-to-join-fleet-next-year> The next pair of ships slated for the Navy and the Pentagon's test program for autonomous ships are under construction on the Gulf Coast and set to join the service next year, defense officials told reporters on Tuesday.

**New marine robot to help scientists track movements of endangered right whales.** *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)*. 19 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/science/marine-glider-robot-track-right-whales-1.6108660> A new marine robot, part of a fleet of underwater gliders operated by the Ocean Tracking Network and Dalhousie University in Halifax, will help monitor endangered North Atlantic right whales to keep them from colliding with ships.



**Singapore completes its first live bunker delivery financing transaction with digital bunker delivery note.** *Business Times (Singapore)*. 21 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/energy-commodities/singapore-completes-its-first-live-bunker-delivery-financing-transaction-with> The transaction, supported by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), was in partnership with TFG Marine - the marine fuel supply and procurement joint venture of Swiss commodities trading giant Trafigura, Ocean Network Express and Ascenz.

**Why technology training is best preparation for digital shipping.** *Lloyd's List*. 23 July 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137295/Why-technology-training-is-best-preparation-for-digital-shipping> There are two schools of thought: one suggests technology aids mariners, the other argues that mariners aid technology.

**Turning to technology to tackle container ship fires.** *Lloyd's Register*. 23 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.lr.org/en/latest-news/turning-to-technology-to-tackle-containership-fires/> Safetytech Accelerator webinar assesses the complexities of container ship fires and how the maritime industry is innovating to address this challenge.

**ABS Leads EMSA Consortium Studying Alternative Fuels and Technologies.** *American Bureau of Shipping*. 27 July 2021. Available from: <https://news.cision.com/american-bureau-of-shipping/r/abs-leads-emsa-consortium-studying-alternative-fuels-and-technologies,c3389478> A consortium led by ABS, along with CE Delft and Arcsilea is to perform six studies on alternative fuels and decarbonization technologies for the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA).

## MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Inspiring the next generation of mariners.** *Nautilus International*. 28 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/telegraph/inspiring-the-next-generation-of-mariners/> Gordon Foot, former submariner and now senior client representative working in the offshore wind, oil & gas and environmental sectors, talks to Saffiyah Khaliq about why he got involved with programme and the importance of encouraging girls and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds into careers in STEM.

**Ghana to acquire training ship from Korea government - GMA.** *GhanaWeb*. 30 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/business/Ghana-to-acquire-training-ship-from-Korea-government-GMA-1298443> Ghana has signed an agreement with the Republic of Korea for the latter, to provide a training ship for the purposes of providing Ghanaian seafarers and cadets with the hands-on skills necessary to ply a trade at sea.

**Young People Encouraged To Choose Seafaring As Career.** *Jamaica Information Service*. 30 June 2021. Available from: <https://jis.gov.jm/features/young-people-encouraged-to-choose-seafaring-as-career/> Young people are being encouraged to enter the profession of seafaring, as the world pays keener attention to the essential service provided by seamen and seafaring women during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Senate upgrades maritime academy to university.** *Premium Times (Nigeria)*. 7 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/more-news/472214-senate-upgrades-maritime-academy-to-university.html> The Senate on a Wednesday at plenary, passed a bill to upgrade the Maritime Academy of Nigeria, Oron, Akwa Ibom State, to University for Maritime Studies.

**Maritime students to be trained aboard French vessels.** Brian Otieno. *The Star (Kenya)*. 8 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.the-star.co.ke/counties/coast/2021-07-08-maritime-students-to-be-trained-aboard-french-vessels/> Kenyan students at the Bandari Maritime Academy will get practical training aboard international vessels.

**Saraki Seeks Actionable Steps For Female Inclusion In Seafaring.** *One Page Africa*. 19 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.onepageafrica.com/2021/07/16/maritime-stakeholders-task-seafarers-on-capacity-building/> The Minister of State for Transportation, Senator Gbemisola Saraki, has said that the Maritime Industry needs to deploy actionable measures towards the inclusion of women in the seafaring profession and the Maritime Industry as a whole.

**Collective Security in the Persian Gulf: Preparing for an Opening.** Cornelius Adebahr. *Carnegie Europe*. 20 July 2021. Available from: <https://carnegieeurope.eu/2021/07/20/collective-security-in-persian-gulf-preparing-for-opening-pub-84959> Europe must be ready to support the creation of a regional mechanism for collective security in the Persian Gulf when the opportunity arises.

**Rounds and Louisa embark on training after months of waiting.** *Fiji Times*. 21 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.fijitimes.com/rounds-and-louisa-embark-on-training-after-months-of-waiting/> After a wait of more than three months deck Cadet Laura Rounds and engine Cadet Penerope Louisa boarded the *M. V New Guinea* Chief to embark on their training.

**Seafarer training for the future begins with attitudes and competencies.** Richard Clayton. *Lloyd's List*. 22 July 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137649/Seafarer-training-for-the-future-begins-with-attitudes-and-competencies> Prof Michael Ekow Manuel believes the Global Maritime Professional model, while a concept, embraces the life skills needed to give seafarers the agility to ride the decade of transformation ahead.

**Why Kenya needs to train more seafarers.** Philip Mwakio. *The Standard (Kenya)*. 29 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/business/shipping-logistics/article/2001419467/why-kenya-needs-to-train-more-seafarers> Kenya has not invested enough in human resource development and technology in the maritime sector, a State official has said.

**Warning of officer shortage, but who will want to be a seafarer in future?** Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 29 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/opinions-analysis/warning-officer-shortage-who-will-want-be-seafarer-future> The latest BIMCO and International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) Seafarer Workforce report warns of a potential serious shortage of officers.

**WISTA USA president: Quest for gender equity in shipping should begin in schools.** Michael Juliano. *TradeWinds*. 29 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/interviews/wista-usa-president-quest-for-gender-equity-in-shipping-should-begin-in-schools/2-1-1043719> Women's International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA) has long-supported gender equity but must set its sights on the next generation of women seafarers if it is to get its message across, according to its new US chapter president.



## MARITIME SAFETY

**Sea of Distractions.** *CHIRP Maritime*. 12 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JJcDNVIXE&t=3s> 📺 Using personal mobile devices such as mobile phones and mp4 players whilst on duty can lead to serious safety issues.

**Nautilus to ballot members over P&O Ferries safety concerns.** *Nautilus International*. 12 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/nautilus-to-ballot-members-over-po-ferries-safety-concerns/> Nautilus International is to ballot members on possible industrial action following serious safety concerns around crewing levels and the company using agency staff working extended tours of duty on Dover-to-Calais P&O Ferries.

**Is safety being sacrificed for the liner industry's billion-dollar profits?** Adam Corbett. *TradeWinds*. 13 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/is-safety-being-sacrificed-for-the-liner-industry-s-billion-dollar-profits-/2-1-1038519> The Suez Canal Authority (SCA) threw a fanfare farewell party for the *Ever Given* in Ismailia on the banks of the Suez Canal last week and invited the world's media to witness the infamous ship's departure.

**The Bahamas Maritime Authority introduces inspection campaign for pilot transfer arrangements.** *Cyprus Shipping News*. 21 July 2021. Available from: <https://cyprusshippingnews.com/2021/07/21/the-bahamas-maritime-authority-introduces-inspection-campaign-for-pilot-transfer-arrangements/> The Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) once again demonstrates its commitment to seafarer safety by being the first registry to instigate a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) for pilot transfer arrangements.

## MARITIME SECURITY

**Weekly Security and Risk Report 30/06/2021.** *MAST*. 30 June 2021. Available from: <https://mast-security.com/weekly-security-and-risk-report-30-06-2021/> The report also highlights multiple incidents in South East Asia, none of which resulted in any casualties. [Report](#) 📄

**Japan's "K" Line Apologizes for Second Cyberattack in Months.** *Maritime Executive*. 2 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/japan-s-k-line-apologizes-for-second-cyberattack-in-months> Japanese shipping company Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, known as "K" Line issued a brief statement today confirming that its computer systems have once again been breached with "unauthorized access to overseas subsidiary systems."

**India to maintain warships in Gulf zone to aid merchant ships.** Rajat Pandit. *Times of India*. 5 July 2021. Available from: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/india-to-maintain-warships-in-gulf-zone-to-aid-merchant-ships/articleshow/84129146.cms> India will continue to maintain a naval presence in the troubled Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman, which is aimed at protecting and reassuring Indian-flagged merchant vessels and oil tankers transiting through the region.

**Ships are still a target in 'shadow war' between Israel and Iran.** Eric Martin. *TradeWinds*. 7 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/ships-are-still-a-target-in-shadow-war-between-israel-and-iran/2-1-1035375> Last Saturday, Israeli officials blamed Iran after a fire broke out on the 8,704-teu CSAV *Tyndall* (built 2014) as the containership travelled across the Indian Ocean.

**Maritime security – unsafe seas, insecure crew.** *Gard*. 8 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.gard.no/web/updates/content/32003104/maritime-security-unsafe-seas-insecure-crew>  
Gard's Loss Prevention webinar, featuring guest speakers from security consultancy AMBREY, focused on trends in piracy and war risks with key recommendations for minimizing security threats to crew and property.

**Containing Maritime Crimes.** *Modern Ghana*. 9 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.modernghana.com/news/1092669/containing-maritime-crimes.html> With their enhanced capacity to survey the gulf as they wish and strike with impunity pirates have made international maritime trade in our part of the world more costly.

**Japan and Britain hold anti-piracy drill in Gulf of Aden.** *Japan Times*. 13 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2021/07/13/national/japan-britain-drill/>  
Japan and Britain have held an anti-piracy military drill in the Gulf of Aden off Somalia in East Africa, Defense Minister Nobuo Kishi said Tuesday.

**Important role of the Navy in deep blue project.** Bashir Jamoh. *Guardian (Nigeria)*. 14 July 2021. Available from: <https://guardian.ng/business-services/important-role-of-the-navy-in-deep-blue-project/> The Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency has responsibility for the promotion and development of indigenous commercial shipping in international coastal shipping trade; promotion of maritime security and safety, as well as maritime labour, and prevention of marine pollution.

**Operation Sankalp: Sixteen Indian-flagged vessels provided safe passage everyday.** *The Hindu (India)*. 14 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/operation-sankalp-sixteen-indian-flagged-vessels-provided-safe-passage-everyday/article35322499.ece> 📰  
Operation Sankalp was started in June 2019 after there were explosions on board two oil tanker ships in the Gulf of Oman amid increased tensions between Iran and the U.S.

**Two more vessels boarded in eastbound lane of Singapore Strait.** Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 19 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/ship-operations/two-more-vessels-boarded-eastbound-lane-singapore-strait> ReCAAP said that two vessels were boarded by perpetrators armed with knives within 30 minutes of each other on 17 July in the eastbound lane of Traffic Separation Scheme of the Singapore Strait off Tanjung Pagar, Bintan Island, Indonesia.

**Security in Black Sea region should become priority of world community, Crimean Platform can be important tool for this – Zelensky.** *Interfax-Ukraine*. 20 July 2021. Available from: <https://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/756705.html> President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky, while on a working visit to Georgia to participate in the Batumi International Conference, said that security in the Black Sea region should become a priority of the world community, and the Crimean Platform could be an important tool for this.

**Deep Blue Project: The spirit of togetherness.** Bashir Jamoh. *Guardian (Nigeria)*. 21 July 2021. Available from: <https://guardian.ng/business-services/maritime/deep-blue-project-the-spirit-of-togetherness/> The relative success that has been recorded in the last five months in the fight against insecurity in the Nigerian maritime environment is proof of what could be achieved when a collaborative approach is adopted in tackling a common problem.

**Nigeria's ambitious new maritime security project must avoid old traps.** Freedom C. Onuoha. *The Conversation*. 21 July 2021. Available from: <https://theconversation.com/nigerias-ambitious-new-maritime-security-project-must-avoid-old-traps-163989> President Muhammadu Buhari recently inaugurated a project designed to prevent illegal activities in Nigeria's coastal waters and enforce maritime regulations. It also aims to prevent illegal activities on inland waterways.

**African Union and Gulf of Guinea Commission Sign MoU on Technical Cooperation.** *African Union (AU)*. 26 July 2021. Available from: <http://www.peaceau.org/en/article/african-union-and-gulf-of-guinea-commission-sign-mou-on-technical-cooperation> H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, African Union (AU) Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security, on behalf of Chairperson Moussa Faki Mahamat, today signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with H.E. Ambassador Florentina Adenike Ukonga, Executive Secretary, Gulf of Guinea Commission.

**Time for UNSC to take holistic approach to maritime security issue: India.** *Business Standard (India)*. 27 July 2021. Available from: [https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/time-for-uns-c-to-take-holistic-approach-to-maritime-security-issue-india-121072700186\\_1.html](https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/time-for-uns-c-to-take-holistic-approach-to-maritime-security-issue-india-121072700186_1.html) It is time for the UN Security Council to take a holistic approach to the issue of maritime security that safeguards common prosperity and other security interests, India has underlined as it gears up to assume the Presidency of the powerful UN body for the month of August.

**Robust Cybersecurity Solutions for Maritime Transportation.** Jeffrey Macre. *Maritime Executive*. 28 July 2021. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/editorials/robust-cybersecurity-solutions-for-maritime-transportation> With growing cyberthreats to the public and private sectors, the transportation industry remains one of the major targets for cyberattacks.

**CDB, RSS Continue to Strengthen Maritime Security.** *Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)*. 28 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.caribank.org/newsroom/news-and-events/cdb-rss-continue-strengthen-maritime-security> Safer seaports and wider maritime spaces in the Eastern Caribbean are anticipated once the Regional and National Maritime Security Strategies currently being formulated by the Regional Security System (RSS) are implemented.

**SeaVision: Improving Maritime Domain Awareness During Cutlass Express.** *US Naval Forces Europe-Africa / US 6<sup>th</sup> Fleet*. 29 July 2021. Available from: <https://bit.ly/3n6Oa9u> Military service members and government representatives from 15 countries are working together during exercise Cutlass Express 2021 to improve maritime domain awareness (MDA), to better perceive and combat maritime threats, and improve operational efficiency off the coastal waters of East Africa.

## MIGRANTS

**Seven migrants drown as boat capsizes off Italy's Lampedusa Island.** Benjamin Bathke. *InfoMigrants*. 30 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/33291/seven-migrants-drown-as-boat-capsizes-off-italy-s-lampedusa-island> The Italian news agency ANSA has reported that seven people, including a pregnant woman, died in a shipwreck about nine kilometers off the coast of Lampedusa.

**Caught on camera: Libyan coastguard shoots at migrant boat.** *Al Jazeera*. 1 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/7/1/caught-on-camera-libyan-coast-guard-shoots-at-migrant-boat> 📺 A non-profit sea rescue group has slammed Libya's coastguard after it witnessed the Libyan maritime authorities in what it described as chasing a crowded migrant boat and shooting in its direction in an apparent effort to stop it from crossing the Mediterranean Sea to Europe.

**Aid group wants Italy, EU to resume migrant rescue operations in Mediterranean.** *InfoMigrants*. 2 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/33346/aid-group-wants-italy-eu-to-resume-migrant-rescue-operations-in-mediterranean> The Jesuit Refugee Service has called on Italy and the EU to activate a search-and-rescue operation in the Mediterranean.

**At least 43 migrants feared drowned in shipwreck off Tunisia.** *Al Jazeera*. 3 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/7/3/at-least-43-migrants-drown-as-boat-capsizes-off-tunisias-coast> 📺 At least 43 migrants and refugees are feared to have drowned while 84 were rescued after a shipwreck off Tunisia's coast, the Tunisian Red Crescent said on Saturday.

**Ocean Viking ship rescues more than 500 migrants in the Mediterranean.** *Deutsche Welle (Germany)*. 5 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.dw.com/en/ocean-viking-ship-rescues-more-than-500-migrants-in-the-mediterranean/a-58162534> 📺 The aid agency SOS Mediterranee says it has saved a total of 572 people in the Mediterranean Sea in recent days.

**Libyan gunshot attack on migrant boat – Italy seeks investigation.** *InfoMigrants*. 8 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/33490/libyan-gunshot-attack-on-migrant-boat-italy-seeks-investigation> 📺 Italian prosecutors said they are seeking government permission to investigate footage purportedly showing the Libyan coast guard firing shots at a migrant boat in the Mediterranean Sea.

**UK Crown Prosecution Service takes Compassionate Stance for Migrants and Refugees crossing English Channel.** *Human Rights at Sea (HRAS)*. 11 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/07/11/uk-crown-prosecution-service-takes-compassionate-stance-for-migrants-and-refugees-crossing-english-channel/> In respect of the ongoing English Channel migrant crossing situation, the UK Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) issued a statement on Thursday 8 July 2021 confirming that asylum seekers entering the UK illegally would no longer be prosecuted unless they have been involved in other criminal activity.

**Rescuing migrants at sea could lead to prison under new UK law.** David Osler. *Lloyd's List*. 12 July 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137524/Rescuing-migrants-at-sea-could-lead-to-prison-under-new-UK-law> Seafarers could potentially face life imprisonment for meeting their obligations to assist migrant craft in danger if those rescued subsequently claim asylum in the UK, according to legal opinion.

**Deaths on Maritime Migration Routes to Europe Soar in First Half of 2021: IOM Brief.**

*International Organization for Migration (IOM).* 13 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.iom.int/news/deaths-maritime-migration-routes-europe-soar-first-half-2021-iom-brief>

people died attempting to reach Europe by sea in the first six months of 2021 according to a new briefing released today by the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

[Migrant deaths on maritime routes to Europe: Jan-Jun 2021](#)

**Irish government must answer lawmakers over ‘catastrophic’ mishandling of migrant fisher case.**

*International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF).* 19 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/irish-government-must-answer-lawmakers-over-catastrophic-mishandling-migrant-fisher-case>

The International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF) is demanding that the Irish Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment and the Irish government’s workplace watchdog explain gross mismanagement of a high-profile migrant fisher exploitation case.

**At least 430 migrants cross Channel in single day.**

*ITV News.* 20 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.itv.com/news/2021-07-19/almost-50-migrants-land-in-kent-after-crossing-english-channel-in-single-dinghy>

The Home Office confirmed the number of arrivals, believed to be the highest in a single day.

**Channel crossings migrants: ‘We need a safe place’.**

*BBC News.* 20 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-57899177>

The BBC understands that over 400 migrants tried

to cross the Channel in small boats on Monday, a record for a single day.

**More than 550 migrants intercepted crossing Channel.**

*The Guardian.* 25 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/jul/25/more-than-550-migrants-intercepted-crossing-channel>

More than 550 migrants have been intercepted attempting to cross the Channel as

the home secretary reaffirmed her “unwavering determination” to stop the journeys.

**When Europe turns a blind eye: Life and death in the Mediterranean.**

*Emmanuelle Chaze.* *France 24.* 25 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.france24.com/en/tv-shows/reporters/20210723-when-europe-turns-a-blind-eye-life-and-death-in-the-mediterranean>

In the spring of 2021, FRANCE 24 went on board the *Ocean Viking*, the migrant rescue ship of the European NGO SOS Méditerranée.

**Scores of Europe-bound migrants drown after boat capsizes off coast of Libya.**

*France 24.* 26 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.france24.com/en/africa/20210726-at-least-57-europe-bound-migrants-drown-after-boat-capsizes-off-coast-of-libya>

At least 57 migrants drowned after their boat sank off Libya, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) said Monday, the latest tragedy on the dangerous Mediterranean Sea crossing to Europe.

***Ocean Viking* ship rescues nearly 200 migrants in one day.**

*Deutsche Welle (Germany).* 31 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.dw.com/en/ocean-viking-ship-rescues-nearly-200-migrants-in-one-day/a-58718862>

The humanitarian ship carried out four rescues in one

day — saving scores of people from one of the world’s most dangerous crossings.



## NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS

**IFAN uses World Marine Aids to Navigation Day to highlight the importance of safe navigation.** *Hellenic Shipping News*. 2 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/ifan-uses-world-marine-aids-to-navigation-day-to-highlight-the-importance-of-safe-navigation/> On World Marine Aids to Navigation Day (Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July), the Board of the International Foundation for Aids to Navigation (IFAN) is reminding the world's ship owners that Aids to Navigation (AtoN) are imperative to keeping the Middle East Gulf region safe for vessels and crew but that they must be paid for.

**A decade of e-navigation standards overhauled.** Martyn Wingrove. *Maritime Optimisation & Communications*. 5 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/a-decade-of-e-navigation-standards-overhauled-66410> Introducing the S-100 standard for universal navigational data represents the largest change in e-navigation since IMO's ECDIS carriage requirements came into effect.

**Innovations in maritime navigation software.** Luke Christou. *ShipTechnology*. 6 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.ship-technology.com/features/innovations-in-maritime-navigation-software/> Following the *Ever Given* incident, Suez Canal Authority head Osama Rabie speculated that human error may have been the cause rather than unfavourable conditions.

***Ever Given* begins exiting Suez Canal after compensation deal.** *Lloyd's List*. 7 July 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137463/Ever-Given-begins-exiting-Suez-Canal-after-compensation-deal> The *Ever Given* is leaving the Suez Canal after its owners, insurers and the Suez Canal Authority signed a deal for its release after a lengthy court row over compensation for the salvage costs.

***Ever Given* container ship leaves Suez Canal 106 days after getting stuck.** Nadeen Ebrahim. *Reuters*. 7 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/world/ever-given-container-ship-set-leave-suez-canal-2021-07-07/> 🚢 The *Ever Given*, one of the world's largest container ships, resumed its journey and left the Suez Canal on Wednesday, 106 days after becoming wedged across a southern section of the waterway for nearly a week and disrupting global trade.

**Minister Harakka: Winter navigation to be taken into account in EU emissions trading proposal.** *Government of Finland*. 8 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.lvm.fi/en/-/minister-harakka-winter-navigation-to-be-taken-into-account-in-eu-emissions-trading-proposal-1430171> Minister of Transport and Communications Timo Harakka has sent a letter to European Commission Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans concerning emissions trading in maritime transport.

***Ever Given* was human error but it won't happen again, says Suez Canal chair.** Richard Meade. *Lloyd's List*. 8 July 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137484/Ever-Given-was-human-error-but-it-wont-happen-again-says-Suez-Canal-chair> In an exclusive interview with Lloyd's List, Suez Canal Authority chairman Osama Rabie describes the circumstances that led to *Ever Given* becoming jammed across the canal in high winds on March 23, halting traffic in both directions and disrupting global trade.

**Ever Given container ship finally leaves Egyptian waters 112 days after blocking Suez**

**Canal.** Ian Collier. *Sky News*. 13 July 2021. Available from: <https://news.sky.com/story/ever-given-container-ship-finally-leaves-egyptian-waters-112-days-after-blocking-suez-canal-12354833>

The *Ever Given* container ship that had blocked the Suez Canal in March has finally left Egyptian waters following inspections at Port Said.

**Shipping industry seeks to combat dark oil transfers at sea.** *Hellenic Shipping News*.

14 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/shipping-industry-seeks-to-combat-dark-oil-transfers-at-sea/> Top oil shipping companies say they have tightened operational guidelines and deployed technology to prevent accidental breaches of sanctions, as the countries hit by ever tougher restrictions fight back with elaborate strategies to dodge them.

**Oceana Finds Most Vessels Exceeding Speed Limits in Areas Designed to Protect Endangered North Atlantic Right Whales Along U.S. Atlantic Coast.** *Oceana*. 21 July 2021.

Available from: <https://usa.oceana.org/press-releases/oceana-finds-most-vessels-exceeding-speed-limits-areas-designed-protect-endangered> Oceana analyzed vessel speeds from 2017 to 2020 in speed zones established by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) along the U.S. Atlantic coast, and found non-compliance was as high as almost 90% in mandatory speed zones, and non-cooperation was as high as almost 85% in voluntary areas.

[Speeding Toward Extinction: Vessel Strikes Threaten North Atlantic Right Whales](#) 

**Moscow's big plan for trans-Arctic shipping: 2,000 percent growth in 10 years.** Atle Staalesen.

*Independent Barents Observer (Norway)*. 23 July 2021. Available from:

<https://thebarentsobserver.com/en/arctic/2021/07/moscows-big-plan-trans-arctic-shipping-2000-percent-growth-10-years>

"By 2030, we plan to reach a level of 150 million ton [on the Northern Sea Route], of which 30 million tons will be transit," First Deputy Prime Minister Andrei Belousov said in a meeting on strategic development and national projects this week.

**What happens to British ships when satellites don't work?** Richard Morris. *BBC News*.

28 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-57440787> It's a question that troubles the former First Sea Lord, Lord West of Spithead, who has spent months trying to find out if the UK has a back-up plan.

**Smart navigation must not jeopardise safety.** Martyn Wingrove. *Maritime Optimisation & Communications*. 29 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.rivieramm.com/opinion/smart-navigation-must-not-jeopardise-safety-66812> Too many ships are colliding, grounding and sinking across the world, demonstrating how unsafe the maritime industry is for seafarers.

**Inmarsat unveils the communications network of the future.** *Inmarsat*. 29 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.inmarsat.com/en/news/latest-news/corporate/2021/inmarsat-announces-orchestra.html> Today, Inmarsat unveiled plans for ORCHESTRA, the communications network of the future. In the largest ever transformation of its current world-class services, Inmarsat ORCHESTRA will bring together existing geosynchronous (GEO) satellites with low earth orbit satellites (LEO) and terrestrial 5G into an integrated, high-performance solution.

**Flag state willing to share data of accused oil-spill tanker.** Michelle Wiese Bockmann.

*Lloyd's List*. 29 July 2021. Available from:

<https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137719/Flag-state-willing-to-share-data-of-accused-oil-spill-tanker>

The Panama Maritime Authority said it would share information about the aframax tanker *Emerald's* movements if requested by the international body overseeing a multi-million dollar compensation payout for an oil spill.



## **PIRACY**

### **Bulk carriers targeted by pirates along Singapore Strait.** *Inderpreet Walia. Lloyd's List.*

1 July 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137399/Bulk-carriers-targeted-by-pirates-along-Singapore-Strait> The attacks targeted two capesize bulkers *New Leonidas* (IMO: 9260641) and *Cape Lily* (IMO: 9612430), panamax *Sakizaya Champion* (IMO: 9680360) and *J Mare* (IMO: 9802231) and supramax *Busan Star* (IMO: 9592628), according to the Regional Co-operation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery.

### **Nine jailed in first Togo pirate trial.** *Africanews.* 6 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.africanews.com/2021/07/06/nine-jailed-in-first-togo-pirate-trial/> Nine pirates who attempted to hijack a ship in Togolese waters in May 2019 have been sentenced to prison terms ranging from 12 to 20 years during a trial at a Lome court.

### **Piracy and armed robbery incidents at lowest level in 27 years, but risks remain to seafarers, IMB cautions.** *ICC International Maritime Bureau (IMB).* 12 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.icc-ccs.org/index.php/1309-Piracy-and-armed-robbery-incidents-at-lowest-level-in-27-years-but-risks-remain-to-seafarers-IMB-cautions> IMB's latest global piracy report details 68 incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships – the lowest total since 1994 – down from 98 incidents during the same period last year. In the first six months of 2021, IMB's Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) reported 61 vessels boarded, four attempted attacks, two vessels fired upon and one vessel hijacked.

### **Maritime Boss Says Increase In Piracy At The Guinea Gulf Places Liberia at Risk.**

Obediah Johnson. *Front Page Africa (Liberia).* 14 July 2021. Available from: <https://frontpageafricaonline.com/news/maritime-boss-says-increase-in-piracy-at-the-guinea-gulf-places-liberia-at-risk/> The Commissioner-General of the Liberia Maritime Authority, Lenn Eugene Nagbe, says the increase in piracy along the Guinea Gulf poses a serious risk to Liberia and its citizens.

### **Shipping associations renew call for international naval response to Nigeria-based pirates.**


*BIMCO.* 16 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.bimco.org/news/security/20210716-shipping-associations-renew-call-for-international-naval-response-to-nigeria-based-pirates> New forum for operational coordination and deconfliction sees industry pay tribute to Nigeria's Deep Blue project while repeating the call for international navies to bridge the immediate law enforcement gap.

### **IMO Applauds Alliance to Combat Piracy in Gulf of Guinea.** *This Day (Nigeria).* 23 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/07/23/imo-applauds-alliance-to-combat-piracy-in-gulf-of-guinea/> Following renewed effort by Nigeria and other governments to combat piracy and criminality in the Gulf of Guinea (GoG), the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organisation, Kitack Lim has said that the launch of a new collaborative framework to combat illicit maritime activities in the region will enhance the economy of the nations in the region.

## PORT STATE CONTROL

**Crew change crisis goes from bad to worse.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 1 July 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/crew-change-crisis-goes-from-bad-to-worse/> The crew change crisis is worsening once again with thousands more workers at sea working beyond their contracted times.

**2020 Paris MoU Annual Report “Dealing with the pandemic”.** *Paris MoU on Port State Control*. 1 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.parismou.org/2020-paris-mou-annual-report-%E2%80%9Cdealing-pandemic%E2%80%9D> This report provides an overview of the activities and statistics of the Paris MoU in 2020 which, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was different from other years. [Report](#) 

**Italy: Port authorities detain MSF’s search and rescue ship.** *Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF)*. 4 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/what-we-do/news-stories/news/italy-port-authorities-detain-msfs-search-and-rescue-ship> A ship chartered by the international medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) has been detained by Italian port authorities on administrative grounds, delaying its return to lifesaving search and rescue activities in the central Mediterranean, the organization said today, calling for its swift release.

**Is COVID-19 shaping a new era for shore leave?** *Safety 4 Sea*. 6 July 2021. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/cm-is-covid-19-shaping-a-new-era-for-shore-leave/> The effects of the pandemic may be even more adverse for seafarers, who experience special circumstances.

**Carnival To Allow Crew Shore Leave in U.S. and Caribbean Ports.** *Cruise Industry News*. 7 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.cruiseindustrynews.com/cruise-news/25396> Carnival Cruise Line will allow its fully-vaccinated crew members to go out in ports and homeports, as long as the authorities permit shore leave access.

**Ever Given undergoing inspections at Port Said.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 8 July 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/ever-given-undergoing-inspections-at-port-said/> London-headquartered cargo claims specialist WK Webster reports that the Evergreen-operated vessel will undertake bottom cleaning, a dive survey and a further inspection by the vessel’s classification society, ABS.

**Foreign flagged ships detained in the UK during June 2021.** *UK Maritime & Coastguard Agency*. 9 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-flagged-ships-detained-in-the-uk-during-june-2021> The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) announced today that four foreign flagged ships remained under detention in UK ports during June 2021 after failing port state control (PSC) inspection.

**Overdue Chinese crew are refused sign-off at Chinese port.** Cichen Shen. *Lloyd’s List*. 5 July 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137567/> Ship’s master tells Lloyd’s List that the six crew members on 2020-built dry bulker *Sakizaya Treasure* have worked on board for 14 months and are now ‘extremely anxious’ to see their families.

**McGowan says he'll turn away ships as suspected COVID-infected carrier docks at Fremantle.** Heather McNeill and Hamish Hastie. *Brisbane Times (Australia)*. 26 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/national/western-australia/suspected-covid-infected-ship-to-dock-at-fremantle-due-to-medical-emergency-20210726-p58d0j.html> Premier Mark McGowan has warned the state will turn away ships in a message to companies using Indonesian ports to sharpen up their COVID-19 protocols.

**China issues crew change bans against nine ship managers in Covid-19 crackdown.**

Adam Corbett and Irene Ang. *TradeWinds*. 27 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/ship-management/china-issues-crew-change-bans-against-nine-ship-managers-in-covid-19-crackdown/2-1-1044756> China has slapped crew change bans of up to 30 days on nine ship managers after it detected a number of Covid-19 outbreaks among crew.

**DNV supports crew change programme in Southeast Asia.** Adis Ajdin. *Splash 247.com*.

28 July 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/dnv-supports-crew-change-programme-in-southeast-asia/> Classification society DNV is helping to facilitate safe crew changes amid South East Asia's Covid crisis as an auditor in the multi-party backed CrewSafe programme.

**China's coronavirus crew-change concerns infect shipping markets.** Irene Ang. *TradeWinds*.

29 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/ship-management/china-s-coronavirus-crew-change-concerns-infect-shipping-markets/2-1-1045230> Beijing has fired a warning shot at ship managers to step up measures to contain the coronavirus pandemic following a recent spike in infections in South Asia.

## PORTS & HARBOURS

**Ocean Conservancy Joins Organizations and Port Authorities Calling on Congress to Make Major Investments in Decarbonizing Shipping and Ports.** *Ocean Conservancy*. 1 July 2021.

Available from: <https://oceanconservancy.org/news/organizations-port-authorities-call-congress-make-major-investments-decarbonizing-shipping-ports-part-infrastructure-deal/> Ocean Conservancy and Pacific Environment are part of 15 port authorities, industry groups and environmental organizations that signed a letter calling on Congress to include at least \$20 billion in any infrastructure deal to support the decarbonization of the shipping industry.

**Schedules still in turmoil as Covid issues drive port congestion, but there is light.**

Mike Wackett. *The Loadstar*. 5 July 2021. Available from: <https://theloadstar.com/schedules-still-in-turmoil-as-covid-issues-drive-port-congestion-but-there-is-light/> Congestion at North European and Asian box terminals continue to disrupt global liner schedules, with quarantines and the side-effects of Covid vaccination blamed for further instability in the supply chain.

**Containership explosion at Jebel Ali Port shakes Dubai.** Matt Coyne. *TradeWinds*. 7 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/containership-explosion-at-jebel-ali-port-shakes-dubai/2-1-1036915> A blast aboard a containership in Dubai reportedly rocked the city just before midnight on Wednesday.

**Fire erupts on ship at Dubai port after explosion that rocks city.** *Al Jazeera*. 7 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/7/7/fire-erupts-on-ship-dubai-port-explosion-rocks-city> A container ship anchored at one of the world's largest ports in Dubai caught fire late on Wednesday, local authorities said, after an explosion shook the commercial hub of the United Arab Emirates.

**Port of Vancouver operations disrupted by wildfire threat.** Eric Watkins. *Lloyd's List*. 8 July 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137480/Port-of-Vancouver-operations-disrupted-by-wildfire-threat> The British Columbia Wildfire Service said a hot, dry summer is predicted for much of the province, and that the heightened wildfire situation is expected to persist far into July.

**Petronas Marine “Avenir Advantage” in first LNG bunkering op at Port Klang.** *Manifold Times* 8 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/petronas-marine-avenir-advantage-in-first-lng-bunkering-op-at-port-klang/> Petrolia Nasional Berhad (Petronas) on Monday (28 June) said it has conducted the first liquefied natural gas bunkering operation via its LNG Bunker Vessel (LBV) – *MV Avenir Advantage* – at the Pintu Gedung anchorage located in Port Klang, Malaysia.

**UAE took swift action in containing fire at Jebel Ali Port: Suhail Al Mazrouei.** *Emirates News Agency (UAE)*. 8 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.wam.ae/en/details/1395302951103> Suhail Al Mazrouei, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, has said that the UAE took swift action in containing the fire at Jebel Ali Port, showcasing its robust responsibility to control maritime accidents and manage risks.

**Singapore leads international shipping centre rankings for eighth year.** Nidaa Bakhsh. *Lloyd's List*. 11 July 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137496/> The Xinhua Baltic Shipping Centre Development Index, which ranks shipping centres of the world, has seen little change in the top 10 in its latest report.

**Shipping sector renews calls for bunkering meters in Europe's key port hub.** Tom Washington, Surabhi Sahu and Britt Russell-Webster. *S&P Global Platts*. 13 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.spglobal.com/platts/en/market-insights/latest-news/agriculture/071321-shipping-sector-renews-calls-for-bunkering-meters-in-europes-key-port-hub> Delays and disputes over marine bunkering operations remain widespread at the key Amsterdam-Rotterdam-Antwerp ports, according to industry players, fueling new calls for mandatory mass flow meters in the European port hub.

**Italy to ban mammoth cruise ships from Venice as of Aug. 1.** Frances D'emilio. *Associated Press*. 13 July 2021. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/europe-business-lifestyle-health-travel-1bd76f84ed38a9f7c0edff5433279950> Declaring Venice's waterways a “national monument,” Italy is banning mammoth cruise liners from sailing into the lagoon city, which risked being declared an imperiled world heritage site by the United Nations later this month.

**UNESCO: Italy's ban on cruise ships in Venice is ‘good news’.** Frances D'emilio. *Associated Press*. 14 July 2021. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/europe-business-health-government-and-politics-coronavirus-pandemic-9dd995a6a0d6d249e1e0e49b143f5408> The United Nations culture agency, which was considering declaring Venice an imperiled world heritage site, on Wednesday hailed Italy's ban on big cruise ships in the heart of the lagoon city.

**ESPO welcomes fit for 55-package but more work is needed to make it fit for purpose.** *European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO)*. 15 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.espo.be/news/espo-welcomes-fit-for-55-package-but-more-work-is-> On 14 July, the European Commission published its so-called “Fit for 55”-package, a package of proposals which should help deliver on the European Climate Law target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the EU by at least 55% by 2030, and enable climate neutrality by 2050.

**China Challenges Singapore as Asia's Top Bunker Supplier.** *gCaptain*. 20 July 2021.

Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/china-challenges-singapore-as-asias-top-bunker-supplier/>  
Singapore is facing the greatest competition yet to its status as the dominant marine fuel supplier in Asia, with China luring more ships to its shores following a rapid expansion of its port and refining facilities.

**Global liner congestion worsens, 116 ports report disruption.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*.

21 July 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/global-port-congestion-worsens-116-ports-report-disruption/> The port congestion pandemic has stretched around the globe with ever greater numbers of containerships idling, waiting for berth spaces to open up across five continents.

**KPA Optimistic Over Lamu Port's Regional Logistical Hub.** *Kenya News Agency (KNA)*.

21 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.kenyanews.go.ke/kpa-optimistic-over-lamu-ports-regional-logistical-hub/> Kenya Ports Authority officials have expressed optimism over the prospects of Lamu Port emerging as the regional transshipment hub following the successful shipment of cargo to Jeddah Islamic Port (JIP) from Zanzibar Port.

**Port security: NIMASA restructures ISPS Code Unit, appoints Director.** Godwin Oritse.

*Vanguard (Nigeria)*. 21 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/07/port-security-nimasa-restructures-isps-code-unit-appoints-director/> The Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency, NIMASA, has restructured its International Ship and Port Facility Security, ISPS, Code Unit with a view to beefing up security at the nation's ports and port facilities.

**Port going green with major environmental programs.** Rodger Rees. *Port of Galveston*.

22 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.portofgalveston.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=180>  
From improving air quality to reducing waste, Galveston Wharves is identifying impactful ways to make long-term changes to improve the environment.

**KPA's Partnerships Yielding Fruits In Thwarting Crimes At The Ports.** Wagama Mwangi

and Raphew Mukuyia. *Kenya News Agency (KNA)*. 23 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.kenyanews.go.ke/kpas-partnerships-yielding-fruits-in-thwarting-crimes-at-the-ports/>  
Strategic partnerships between Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) and other government security agencies continues to enhance Kenya's capacity to reap the benefits of the Blue Economy through eradication of transnational and organized crimes from the marine sector in the country.

**S. Africa's Transnet says will soon lift force majeure after cyberattack.** Tanisha Heiberg and

Zandi Shabalala. *Reuters*. 27 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/article/ousivMolt/idUSKBN2EX0PV> South African state logistics firm Transnet said it would soon lift a force majeure for its container terminals that it declared following a cyberattack that disrupted operations.

**Florida's Ports Lost \$14 Billion in Trade in 2020 due to the Pandemic.** *Maritime Executive*.

28 July 2021. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/florida-s-ports-lost-14-billion-in-trade-in-2020-due-to-the-pandemic> While Florida's seaports experienced a significant loss of trade and revenue in 2020, a new report shows that the state's seaports are poised for a recovery in 2021.

**Ever Given docks in Rotterdam.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 29 July 2021. Available from:

<https://splash247.com/ever-given-docks-in-rotterdam/> Nearly four months later than scheduled, the 20,388 teu *Ever Given* docked at the port of Rotterdam at around 05.00 local time today.



**Florida to Provide Ports with \$250 Million in COVID-19 Relief Funds.** Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*. 29 July 2021. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/florida-to-provide-ports-with-250-million-in-covid-19-relief-funds/> Florida Governor Ron DeSantis and Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Kevin Thibault have announced plans to allocate \$250 million in COVID-related financial relief to Florida's ports.

**South African port operations get back to normal eight days after cyber attack.** *Splash 247.com*. 30 July 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/south-african-port-operations-get-back-to-normal-eight-days-after-cyber-attack/> Cyber attacks are more likely to occur in South Africa than any other African country, recent data shows.

## REGULATIONS

**Podcast - Regulatory update with Paul Bartlett.** Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 29 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/maritime-videos-podcasts/podcast-regulatory-update-paul-bartlett/> International shipping's environmental performance is under intense scrutiny and in this episode of the Maritime Podcast Seatrade Maritime News correspondent Paul Bartlett examines the pressures the industry faces.

**BV warns owners to respond to IMO carbon regulations.** Adam Corbett. *TradeWinds*. 2 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/bv-warns-owners-to-respond-to-imo-carbon-regulations/2-1-1032577> Recently agreed decarbonisation measures from the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) have been widely criticised for not going far enough.

**Decarbonisation regulations come to a head.** Anastassios Adamopoulos. *Lloyd's List*. 2 July 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137310/> After a long wait, shipping will finally learn how the European Commission believes it should be integrated into the EU's Emissions Trading System.

**New IMO submission calls for clarity on enforcement of 0.50% sulphur limit.** *International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA)*. 8 July 2021. Available from: <https://ibia.net/2021/07/08/new-imo-submission-calls-for-clarity-on-enforcement-of-0-50-sulphur-limit/> The industry has coped remarkably well with the implementation of IMO 2020, but variable approaches to enforcement of the 0.50% sulphur limit continues to cause a lot of problems and uncertainty for the shipping and fuel oil supply industries.

**MARPOL fuel regulations need to reflect market changes: WinGD's Weisser.** *The Motorship*. 12 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.motorship.com/news101/alternative-fuels/marpol-fuel-regulations-need-to-reflect-market-changes-wingds-weisser> Every individual engine could require testing for biofuel under a strict interpretation of current Marpol rules, reports Paul Gunton.

**IMO 2020 after 18 months: How has it panned out?** *Insurance Marine News*. 22 July 2021. Available from: <https://insurancemarineneews.com/insurance-marine-news/imo-2020-after-18-months-how-has-it-panned-out/> Extensive preparation beforehand meant that the impact of the introduction of lower sulphur limits in fuel in January 2020 (known as "IMO 2020") had been "much less brutal than was expected", according to Ole Wikborg, Director at Norwegian Hull Club, who was writing in broker Gallagher's Marine Hull & Machinery and War Risks Market Report for July 2021.

## SALVAGE

**Video: Fifth Section of *Golden Ray* Wreck Hoisted and Removed.** *Maritime Executive*.

6 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/video-fifth-section-of-golden-ray-wreck-hoisted-and-removed> 📺 Salvors have hoisted and removed the fifth section of the grounded ro/ro *Golden Ray*, which went aground in St. Simons Sound, Georgia in September 2019.

## SEAFARERS

**OnWatch episode 1 - Spotlight on seafarer abandonment.** *Gard*. 25 June 2021. Available from: [https://www.gard.no/web/news/article?p\\_document\\_id=31922698](https://www.gard.no/web/news/article?p_document_id=31922698) 🎧 To commemorate the IMO Day of the Seafarer, host Kunal Pathak speaks with a seafarer who fell into the grips of an unscrupulous recruiter and shipowner suffering abuse and abandonment.

**Moscow Maersk Crew Interviews.** *Maersk*. 29 June 2021. Available from:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e1qf6OX\\_guE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e1qf6OX_guE) 📺 While many are now enjoying the summer season, we cannot forget the frontline workers who are continually challenged by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

**Forgotten at Sea | 101 East.** *Al Jazeera*. 1 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JKiCW4vYBE4> When the world went into lockdown, international trade continued to thrive as people turned to buying online; but for the workers keeping the shipping industry alive, it marked the beginning of a nightmare.

**Indicator points to further worsening of the crew change crisis.** *Global Maritime Forum*.

1 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.globalmaritimeforum.org/press/indicator-points-to-further-worsening-of-the-crew-change-crisis> Dire development driven by the continued rise in Covid-19 cases and the spread of new variants in major seafaring nations, leading to increased government restrictions in important crew change hubs, and limited opportunity to perform crew changes, especially in Asia. [The Neptune Declaration: Crew Change Indicator: July 2021](#) 📄

**How to solve COVID's crew change crisis and protect global supply chains.** Jeremy Nixon.

*World Economic Forum*. 1 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2021/07/crew-change-crisis-protect-global-supply-chains/>

Around 80% of global trade is transported by ships, and the maritime supply chain is supported by more than 1 million seafarers who are key in delivering the services needed to run our societies.

**What is a fair future for seafarers? Guest: Dr. Jason Zuidema, Executive Director, North American Maritime Ministry Association.** *Shipping Podcast*. 2 July 2021. Available from:

<https://shippingpodcast.com/guest-dr-jason-zuidema-executive-director-north-american-maritime-ministry-association/> 🎧 Seafarers are very proud to be seafarers; it's the uncertainty that is wearing down.

**New Zealand Puts Seafarer Welfare Funding Into Law.** *Maritime Executive*. 2 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/editorials/new-zealand-puts-seafarer-welfare-funding-into-law> In a historic move, the New Zealand government has updated its Maritime Transport Act 1994 to provide funding for seafarer welfare services, reflecting effective lobbying undertaken by the New Zealand Seafarer's Welfare Board with support from Human Rights at Sea.

**The high, human cost of global shipping in the pandemic: Sailors stuck at sea for months.**

Peter Armstrong. *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)*. 2 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/business/armstrong-shipping-sailors-seafarers-1.6086650> For 11 months, Rolly Pague was stranded at sea, stuck on a giant shipping vessel feeding insatiable global demand sparked by the pandemic.

**Cargill urges nations to move seafarers up 'pecking order'.** Max Tingyao Lin. *TradeWinds*.

2 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/ship-management/cargill-urges-nations-to-move-seafarers-up-pecking-order/2-1-1033422> More governments should recognise seafarers as essential workers, expedite Covid-19 vaccinations for them and relax travel restrictions, according to Cargill Ocean Transportation president Jan Dieleman.

**After 15 months of Covid, Seafarers are still prevented from going home.** Jeremy Nixon.

*Global Maritime Forum*. 4 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.globalmaritimeforum.org/news/after-15-months-of-covid-seafarers-are-still-prevented-from-going-home> 80 percent of global trade is transported by ships, and the maritime supply chain is supported by more than 1 million seafarers, who are key in delivering the services needed to run our societies.

**The Mission to Seafarers raises £320,000 for sustaining crew welfare campaign.** *Hellenic Shipping News*.

5 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/the-mission-to-seafarers-raises-320000-for-sustaining-crew-welfare-campaign/> The Mission to Seafarers has raised £320,000 for its ongoing crew welfare campaign, thanks to the generosity of donors from across the shipping industry.

**Abandoned: The seafarers stuck at sea for two years.** Jenni Henderson and Amos Roberts.

*Al Jazeera*. 6 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.aljazeera.com/features/2021/7/6/abandoned-the-seafarers-stuck-onboard-for-two-years> As many as 200,000 seafarers have been left stranded at sea during the pandemic as shipping companies turn a blind eye.

**Seafarers to be remembered on Sea Sunday.** *Nautilus International*. 6 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/seafarers-to-be-remembered-on-sea-sunday/> Merchant Navy crew are being commemorated in a special Sailors' Society video message created for Sea Sunday, which is marked by churches around the world every year.

**Free at last — but Egypt must change how it treats abandoned seafarers like Captain Kara.**

*International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)*. 6 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/free-last-egypt-must-change-how-it-treats-abandoned-seafarers-captain-kara> Captain Vehbi Kara was allowed to return home to Turkey last week having been trapped in the port of Adabiya, Suez for more than a year as the latest seafarer affected by Egypt's peculiar legal guardianship system.

**A fair future for seafarers.** Carlos Salinas. *Manila Times*. 7 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/07/07/business/maritime/a-fair-future-for-seafarers/1806023> The maritime world recently observed the Day of the Seafarer.

**Singapore supports global initiative to vaccinate foreign seafarers: Chee Hong Tat.**

Clement Yong. *Straits Times*. 7 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/singapore-supports-global-initiative-to-vaccinate-foreign-seafarers-chee-hong-tat> Singapore's maritime sector will work with local and global stakeholders to vaccinate foreign seafarers, said Senior Minister of State for Transport Chee Hong Tat.

**Merseyside mission CEO: Seafarers' personal struggles show importance of Sea Sunday support.** *Liverpool Seafarers Centre*. 7 July 2021. Available from:

<http://liverpoolseafarerscentre.org/2021/07/07/merseyside-mission-ceo-seafarers-personal-struggles-show-importance-of-sea-sunday-support/> On 11<sup>th</sup> July churches around the world celebrate Sea Sunday, an annual day where congregations recognise the role seafarers play in our daily lives and raise funds for the missions supporting them.

**The Mission To Seafarers To Celebrate Seafarers During Global Sea Sunday Service.**

Mission To Seafarers. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 8 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/the-mission-to-seafarers-to-celebrate-seafarers-during-global-sea-sunday-service/> From London to Lagos and Manila to Melbourne, the Mission's teams across 200 ports around the world will gather together to celebrate the world's essential workers who spend months away from their families, in often difficult conditions, to help keep our global economy afloat.

**Sea Sunday 2021: Vatican calls for protection of seafarers' rights.** *Stella Maris*. 8 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.stellamaris.org.uk/sea-sunday-2021-vatican-calls-for-protection-of-seafarers-rights/> The Vatican has urged governments, ship owners and international organisations to ensure that seafarers' wellbeing and safety are protected, and their human rights respected.

**One Million Seafarers Helped By Charity's Ground-Breaking Welfare App.** *Sailors' Society*.

*Hellenic Shipping News*. 9 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/one-million-seafarers-helped-by-charitys-ground-breaking-welfare-app/> One million seafarers, on board more than half the world's shipping fleet, have now benefitted from the ShipVisitor welfare app, which helps to provide continuity of care as ships and their crew move from port-to-port.

**Indian crew relieved as *Ever Given* sails.** Ch Sushil Rao. *Times of India*. 9 July 2021.

Available from: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/hyderabad/indian-crew-relieved-as-ever-given-sails/articleshow/84249858.cms> The all-Indian seafarer crew aboard 'Ever Given' are smiling again with the giant container ship setting sail after nearly four months.

**How global Covid-19 policy failures leave seafarers to suffer.** David Dodwell. *South China Morning Post*. 9 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.scmp.com/comment/opinion/article/3140343/how-global-covid-19-policy-failures-leave-seafarers-suffer> On Wednesday, the now-infamous *Ever Given* container ship headed for Rotterdam.

**Encouraging indigenous seafarers.** Oluwakemi Dauda. *The Nation (Nigeria)*. 9 July 2021.

Available from: <https://thenationonline.net/encouraging-indigenous-seafarers/> The Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) has shown its commitment to ensuring the welfare of seafarers.

**Vatican Blasts Governments, Operators for Inaction on Seafarer Rights.** *Maritime Executive*.

9 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/vatican-blasts-governments-operators-for-inaction-on-seafarer-rights> In a message ahead of the Sea Sunday on July 11, The Vatican has accused governments, shipping companies, crew agencies and international organizations of perpetuating or burying their heads on the sand as seafarers suffer due to COVID-19 pandemic-related disruption and their safety is put at risk by pirates.

**Seafarers draw on vital support from port chaplains, research finds.** *Phys.org*. 9 July 2021.

Available from: <https://phys.org/news/2021-07-seafarers-vital-port-chaplains.html> Seafarers of different faiths and no faith rely on support from port chaplains in coping with what is often dangerous work in challenging institutionalized workplace settings, research from Cardiff University has found.

**Stella Maris: Remembering the vital work of seafarers on Sea Sunday.** *Vatican News.*

11 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2021-07/stella-maris-remembering-the-vital-work-of-seafarers-on-sea-sun.html> On this Sea Sunday, the Stella Maris International Director, Fr Bruno Ciceri, praises seafarers for the work they do, and for the goods that they transport to make our lives more comfortable amid a global pandemic.

**Seafarers' calls for help again raise issue of pandemic narrative suppression.** *Human Rights at Sea (HRAS).* 12 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/07/12/seafarers-calls-for-help-again-raises-issue-of-pandemic-narrative-suppression/> In the last week, Human Rights at Sea has received multiple messages from seafarers requesting urgent assistance as the crew change crisis and effects of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to bite deep in the 1.6-1.7 million strong seafarer community.

**New report finds connectivity crucial to seafarer's future welfare needs.** *Inmarsat.* 14 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.inmarsat.com/en/news/latest-news/maritime/2021/new-report-finds-connectivity-crucial-to-seafarer-s-future-welfa.html> Thetius report, sponsored by Inmarsat, finds digital crew welfare services will be central to shipping's ability to deliver fairer conditions for global seafarers. [Research Report: A fair future for seafarers?](#)

**Female Seafarers Demand Appropriate Representation Onboard Vessels.** *Business & Maritime West Africa.* 14 July 2021. Available from:

<https://businessandmaritimewestafrica.com/female-seafarers-demand-appropriate-representation-onboard-vessels/> Female Seafarers Association of Nigeria (FESAN) on Tuesday said there was a need to address the disproportionate representation of females onboard vessels in Nigeria.

**Gov't urged to increase inbound flights, quarantine facilities for returning seafarers.** *Manila Times.* 16 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/07/16/business/govt-urged-to-increase-inbound-flights-quarantine-facilities-for-returning-seafarers/1807120> The Association of Licensed Manning Agencies (ALMA) Maritime Group recently appealed to the government to take urgent action in addressing a global "crew change" dilemma caused by the limited inbound flights and the continuing lack of quarantine facilities in the country.

**Seafarers on abandoned VLGC in Iran caught up in sanctions web.** *TradeWinds.* 16 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/gas/seafarers-on-abandoned-vlgc-in-iran-caught-up-in-sanctions-web/2-1-1037769> The fate of seafarers aboard a VLGC that was abandoned at one of Iran's sanctions-hit petroleum hubs in April remains unknown.

**Syrian Master Urgently Requests Support to End Eight Month Abandonment.** *Human Rights at Sea (HRAS).* 16 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/07/16/syrian-master-urgently-requests-support-to-end-eight-month-abandonment/> The Master of the *MV Ali Bey* (IMO 9070515) has provided a voluntary video testimony to Human Rights at Sea outlining the privations that he and the remaining three Syrian crew members continue to suffer since their vessel was arrested and abandoned by its owner in Constanza Port, Romania, in November 2020 with earned wages owed prior to that date stated as totalling USD \$175,000.



**Panama Maritime Authority acknowledges mistake in *MV ALI BEY* Case on ILO Abandonment Database.** *Human Rights at Sea (HRAS)*. 18 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/07/18/panama-maritime-authority-acknowledges-mistake-in-mv-ali-bey-case-on-ilo-abandonment-database/> The ongoing case of the Panama-flagged, Turkish owned, *MV ALI BEY* (IMO 9070515) vessel arrested in Constanta Port, Romania and abandoned since 30 November 2020 has seen the Panama Maritime Authority (PMA) acknowledge a misquotation of ITF regional co-ordinator, Mohamed Arrachedi, resulting in corrections and amendments to the ILO database.

**RMT raises alarm over government bill that criminalises seafarers.** *National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT)*. 19 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.rmt.org.uk/news/rmt-raises-alarm-over-government-bill-that-criminalises/> The proposals, contained in the Government's Nationality and Borders Bill, are due to be debated by MPs today.

**Vatican Points to Deep Contradiction in Maritime Industry.** *Human Rights at Sea (HRAS)*.

20 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/07/20/vatican-points-to-deep-contradiction-in-maritime-industry/> Today, the ongoing global welfare crisis affecting seafarers and their families is discussed with Human Rights at Sea (HRAS) by representatives of The Vatican and Stella Maris International further exposing concerns over the fragmentation of seafarers' rights across the global maritime industry and contradictions in the maritime industry.

**INSIGHT-SOS: Stranded and shattered seafarers threaten global supply lines.** Jonathan Saul and Roslan Khasawneh. *Reuters*. 20 July 2021. Available from:

<https://news.trust.org/item/20210720024803-zzzxk/> "I've seen grown men cry," says Captain Tejinder Singh, who hasn't set foot on dry land in more than seven months and isn't sure when he'll go home.

**Sanctions woes highlight crew's plight amid rising abandonment cases.** Max Tingyao Lin.

*TradeWinds*. 21 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/sanctions-woes-highlight-crew-s-plight-amid-rising-abandonment-cases/2-1-1042685> Seafarers working aboard vessels transporting Iranian oil and gas often need to learn how to turn off the AIS transponders and simultaneously maintain safe distances from nearby ships.

**Maritime employers get thumbs up from shoreside staff for Covid response.** Sam Chambers.

*Splash 247.com*. 22 July 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/maritime-employers-get-thumbs-up-from-shoreside-staff-for-covid-response/> Shipping's employers have responded well in looking after their shore-based teams during the ongoing Covid pandemic, according to the results of a new survey of maritime employees, in contrast to the experiences of seafarers during the pandemic.

**More progress needed on diversity and inclusion.** *Halcyon Recruitment*. 22 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.halcyonrecruitment.com/news/72/more-progress-needed-on-diversity-and-inclusion.html> Shipping's employers have responded well in looking after their shore-based teams during the ongoing COVID pandemic, according to the results of a new survey of maritime employees, in contrast to the experiences of seafarers during the pandemic. Further action is needed to confront discrimination and to support diversity and inclusion in the workplace.  
[More progress needed on diversity and inclusion](#) 🇬🇧

**Wakashio's master still languishes in custody, one year after disaster.** Adam Corbett.

*TradeWinds*. 22 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/wakashio-s-master-still-languishes-in-custody-one-year-after-disaster/2-1-1042843> A year has passed since a bulk carrier grounded off Pointe d'Esny in Mauritius, spilling more than 1,000 tonnes of fuel oil and causing devastating environmental damage.

**Concern for seafarers during pandemic sparks new initiatives in Japanese Law School.**

*Human Rights at Sea (HRAS)*. 22 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/07/22/concern-for-seafarers-during-pandemic-sparks-new-initiatives-in-japanese-law-school/> Professor Mariko Kawano's interest in international law has always included the rights of individuals, but the plight of seafarers during the COVID-19 pandemic has led her to increase her engagement and build more opportunities for her students to be involved in understanding human rights at sea.

**13 stranded Filipino seafarers in China return to PH.** *CNN Philippines*. 22 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.cnn.ph/news/2021/7/22/Filipino-seafarers-back-home.html> Thirteen Filipino seafarers who have been stuck on a ship in China's waters for 18 months were flown back to the Philippines on Thursday, the Department of Foreign Affairs said.

**Maritime courts must put crew welfare first in abandonment cases.** *International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)*. 22 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/maritime-courts-must-put-crew-welfare-first-in-abandonment-cases> Seafarers trapped on the *MV Angelic Power* (IMO 9250189) since July last year have now been repatriated, following a lengthy battle in the Chinese courts.

**Seafarers and abandonment: The impact on wellbeing.** *International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN)*. 26 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.seafarerswelfare.org/news/2021/seafarers-and-abandonment-the-impact-on-wellbeing> The number of reported abandonment cases doubled from 40 in 2019 to 85 in 2020, according to the International Labour Organization.

**Mauritius government must release *Wakashio* crew held for a year without charge.**

*International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)*. 27 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/mauritius-government-must-release-wakashio-crew-held-year-without-charge> "This week marks the one year anniversary of the grounding of the *MV Wakashio* and the environmental catastrophe associated with it.

**Eleven seafarers of fire-stricken *X-Press Pearl* repatriated.** *SWZ Maritime (Netherlands)*.

27 July 2021. Available from: <https://swzmaritime.nl/news/2021/07/27/eleven-seafarers-of-fire-stricken-x-press-pearl-repatriated/> The remaining fourteen crew members still await repatriation.

**Stranded seafarers in Iran: HC asks Centre to provide assistance, file status report.**

*Economic Times (India)*. 27 July 2021. Available from: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/stranded-seafarers-in-iran-hc-asks-centre-to-provide-assistance-file-status-report/articleshow/84788983.cms> The Delhi High Court Tuesday asked the Central government to provide assistance to five Indians stranded in Iran after being implicated in a criminal case and sought status report on the issue.


**LISW21 charity conference announced to discuss seafarer welfare challenges in the digital age.** *London International Shipping Week 2021*. 27 July 2021. Available from: <https://londoninternationalshippingweek.com/lisw21-charity-conference-announced-to-discuss-seafarer-welfare-challenges-in-the-digital-age/> Held as part of London International Shipping Week 2021, The Mission to Seafarers, The Seafarers' Charity, Sailors' Society and Stella Maris are hosting a major industry conference on seafarer welfare.

**Bullying hotline for seafarers sees surge in calls.** Richard Clayton. *Lloyd's List*. 27 July 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137685/Bullying-hotline-for-seafarers-sees-surge-in-calls> A 24-hour hotline receives a significant increase in calls from seafarers regarding anxiety, bullying and crew conflict, among other issues.

**New BIMCO/ICS seafarer workforce report warns of serious potential officer shortage.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 28 July 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/new-bimco-ics-seafarer-workforce-report-warns-of-serious-potential-officer-shortage/> Launched today, the new Seafarer Workforce Report from BIMCO and the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) warns that the industry must significantly increase training and recruitment levels if it is to avoid a serious shortage in the total supply of officers by 2026.

**Report shows seafarers under stress as COVID problems still to peak.** *ShipInsight*. 28 July 2021. Available from: <https://shipinsight.com/articles/report-shows-seafarers-under-stress-as-covid-problems-still-to-peak/> Calls to Mental Health Support Services (MHSS) from seafarers who are really struggling to cope has soared by 60% in recent months, according to a recent report.

**Mauritius comes under pressure to release *Wakashio* crew held for a year without charge.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 28 July 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/mauritius-comes-under-pressure-to-release-wakashio-crew-held-for-a-year-without-charge/> The International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) is among a host of organisations calling for the immediate release and repatriation of the *Wakashio* crew who have been held by Mauritian authorities now for over a year.

**Industry and governments urged to boost vaccination drive as seafarer happiness drops to an all-time low since the beginning of COVID-19.** *Mission to Seafarers*. 29 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/news/industry-and-governments-urged-to-boost-vaccination-drive-as-seafarer-happiness-drops-to-an-all-time-low-since-the-beginning-of-covid-19> The Mission to Seafarers has published the latest Seafarers Happiness Index report for the second quarter of 2021, painting a grim picture of seafarer welfare with overall happiness dropping to an all-time low since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.  
[Seafarers Happiness Index: Quarter 2, 2021](#) 

**Wellbeing study finds 'despair and anger' among seafarers.** Michelle Wiese Bockmann. *Lloyd's List*. 29 July 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137725/> The reports found that ongoing issues relating to crew travel, uncertainty regarding leave, and an almost complete and universal ban on shore leave are taking a 'negative toll' on seafarers.

## SEARCH & RESCUE

**Rescue ship seeks European port to disembark hundreds of migrants.** *Radio France Internationale (RFI)*. 6 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.rfi.fr/en/international/20210706-rescue-ship-seeks-european-port-to-disembark-hundreds-of-migrants> The charity group operating the *Ocean Viking* migrant rescue ship has asked the European Union to find a port where it can dock to disembark over 570 people rescued from the Mediterranean over recent days.

**Ocean Viking: 572 survivors need to disembark in a Place of Safety without further delay.** *SOS Mediterranee*. 6 July 2021. Available from: <https://sosmediterranee.com/press/press-release-ocean-viking-572-survivors-need-to-disembark-in-a-place-of-safety-without-further-delay/> Following six rescue operations in the Maltese and Libyan search and rescue regions since last Thursday (July 1<sup>st</sup>), the *Ocean Viking* is caring for 572 survivors, including 183 minors, who urgently need to disembark in a Place of Safety.

**Office facilities for Somali Maritime Authority supports greater coordination of search and rescue and safety at sea.** *EUCAP Somalia*. 6 July 2021. Available from: <https://bit.ly/3zUo90l> The EU Capacity Building Mission in Somalia (EUCAP Somalia) has handed over temporary office facilities to the Somali Maritime Authority (SMA), as part of support to maritime security and blue economy in Somalia.

**Death toll rises in central Med amid continued administrative blockages of search and rescue ships and skyrocketing forced returns to Libya.** *SOS Mediterranee*. 14 July 2021. Available from: <https://sosmediterranee.com/eyes-on-the-central-med-23/> Between July 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, the SOS MEDITERRANEE team onboard the *Ocean Viking* rescued 573 people from six boats in distress in the Maltese and Libyan Search and Rescue Regions, amid a continued absence of coordination and information-sharing by maritime authorities.

**Mediterranean Sea rescue: Red Cross to support Ocean Viking, ResQ to take over Alan Kurdi.** *InfoMigrants*. 20 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/33732/mediterranean-sea-rescue-red-cross-to-support-ocean-viking-resq-to-take-over-alan-kurdi> The Red Cross has said its teams would join the crew of the *Ocean Viking* rescue ship from next month; it also launched an emergency appeal for funds.

**IFRC launches emergency appeal to join SOS MEDITERRANEE's life-saving mission as deaths soar in the Mediterranean Sea.** *International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)*. 19 July 2021. Available from: <https://bit.ly/38O9GHS> The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) teams will join maritime and humanitarian NGO SOS MEDITERRANEE's crew on board the *Ocean Viking* rescue ship as of August 2021.

**MSF requests the revocation of the Geo Barents' detention.** *Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF)*. 23 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.msf.org/msf-requests-revocation-geo-barents-detention> On 23 July, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) officially requested the release of our ship, the *Geo Barents*, from three weeks of detention after having responded to all requests made by the Italian Maritime Authority.

**Turkey carries out search, rescue for 45 migrants in Mediterranean.** *Daily Sabah (Turkey)*. 23 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.dailysabah.com/politics/turkey-carries-out-search-rescue-for-45-migrants-in-mediterranean/news> The defense ministry on Friday stated that a boat carrying 45 irregular migrants has sunk in the Mediterranean off the coast of southern Antalya province and that search and rescue operations are being conducted.

**Statement on the humanitarian work of the RNLI in the English Channel.** *Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI).* 28 July 2021. Available from: <https://rnli.org/news-and-media/2021/july/28/statement-on-the-humanitarian-work-of-the-rnli-in-the-english-channel>

'I could not be prouder of our amazing volunteer lifeboat crews, who launch to the aid of anyone who is in trouble in or around the water and needs our help.'

## SHIP RECYCLING

**DCSA Launches Adopter Programme.** *Digital Container Shipping Association (DCSA).*

29 June 2021. Available from: <https://dcsa.org/resource/dcsa-launches-adopter-programme/>

DCSA, a neutral, non-profit group established to further digitalisation of container shipping technology standards, in conjunction with its nine member carriers, today launched the DCSA Adopter Programme, which enables solution and service providers to validate adoption of DCSA standards based on the DCSA Self-certification Checklist (SCC).

**India plans to double Alang shipbreaking capacity.** Ajoy K Das. *Recycling International.*

30 June 2021. Available from: <https://recyclinginternational.com/ferrous-metals/india-plans-to-double-alang-shipbreaking-capacity/36295/>

The Indian authorities have introduced a set of measures, including a National Authority for Recycling of Ships (NARS) to expand the Alang shipbreaking yard, ensure compliance with regulations, and ramp up the generation of domestic ferrous scrap.

**Confusion surrounds sustainable ship recycling options.** Amit Malhotra. *Splash 247.com.*

14 July 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/confusion-surrounds-sustainable-ship-recycling-options/>

Environmental issues are a growing concern for the maritime industry.

**Decarbonisation and shipping: ship recycling - a changing landscape.** Hill Dickinson LLP.

22 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.hilldickinson.com/insights/articles/decarbonisation-and-shipping-ship-recycling-changing-landscape>

As the drive to decarbonise shipping gains increasing momentum, and as incentives and pressure on shipowners to operate more efficient and greener ships mounts, a related spike in early retirement of ships difficult to decarbonise and which are losing favour in the market, may result.

## SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR

**World's largest civilian hospital ship handed to Mercy Ships.** Paul Berrill. *TradeWinds.*

29 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/esg/worlds-largest-civilian-hospital-ship-handed-to-mercy-ships/2-1-1031566>

Hospital ships charity Mercy Ships has taken delivery of its first purpose-built newbuilding at a handover ceremony at the Tianjin Xingang Shipyard where it was built.

**Euronav to build ammonia-fitted tankers in JDP with Hyundai Heavy, LR and DNV.** *ShipInsight.*

7 July 2021. Available from: <https://shipinsight.com/articles/euronav-to-build-ammonia-fitted-tankers-in-jdp-with-hyundai-heavy-lr-and-dnv/>

Belgium-based tanker operator Euronav has announced a Joint Development Program (JDP) with Hyundai Heavy Industries (HHI) and classification societies Lloyd's Register and DNV, to help accelerate the development of dual fuel ammonia-fitted VLCC and Suezmax vessels.



**South Korea: Samsung Heavy Industries to develop fuel cell-powered LNG carrier.** *Manifold Times (Singapore)*. 13 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/south-korea-samsung-heavy-industries-to-develop-fuel-cell-powered-lng-carrier/> Samsung Heavy Industries on Wednesday (7 July) said it has developed a liquefied natural gas (LNG) carrier powered by Solid Oxide Fuel Cell for ships jointly with Bloom Energy of the United States and obtained Basic Design Approval (AIP) from DNV, a Norwegian-German classification society.

**France's first LNG bunker vessel completes successful sea trials.** *ShipInsight*. 13 July 2021. Available from: <https://shipinsight.com/articles/frances-first-lng-bunker-vessel-completes-successful-sea-trials/> France's first LNG bunker vessel has marked another step towards her delivery and operational commencement, following the successful completion of sea and gas trials.

**Q&A: Protective coatings for shipbuilders, green tech, and more.** Heather Ervin. *MARINE LOG*. 14 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.marinelog.com/technology/qa-protective-coatings-for-shipbuilders-green-tech-and-more/> Last month, we covered marine paints and coatings in the magazine edition of Marine Log.

**Volkswagen Group continues switch to low-emission logistics with LNG ships.** *Volkswagen AG*. 14 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.volkswagenag.com/en/news/2021/07/volkswagen-group-continues-switch-to-low-emission-logistics-with.html#> Volkswagen is the first automaker to transport most of its new vehicles overseas using low-emission LNG ships (LNG – liquefied natural gas).

**Vale receives the world's first ore carrier that produces air bubbles in the hull to reduce emissions.** *Hellenic Shipping News*. 24 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/vale-receives-the-worlds-first-ore-carrier-that-produces-air-bubbles-in-the-hull-to-reduce-emissions/> Air bubbles, produced artificially under the ship's hull, will help Vale further reduce its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from navigation.

**MSC, Fincantieri and Snam to assess hydrogen cruise ship feasibility.** Elisa Anzolin and Stephen Jewkes. *Reuters*. 26 July 2021. Available from: <https://news.trust.org/item/20210726110055-xg2dy/> Swiss-based shipping group MSC, Italian shipbuilder Fincantieri and gas group Snam are joining forces on a feasibility study with a view to building the world's first hydrogen-powered cruise ship.

**MAN engines to be used in EU alternative fuel research.** *Marine Propulsion & Auxiliary Machinery*. 27 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/shipping-behemoths-support-eu-alternate-fuel-research-66655> The project is primarily focused on two areas: spearheading the global switch from traditional shipping fuels to ammonia and increasing adoption of clean energy technology including energy management systems, waste-heat recovery systems, and renewables in the shipping sector.

## SHIPPING

**EU Steers Shipping Towards Carbon Trading Market to Curb Emissions.** Kate Abnett and Jonathan Saul. *US News & World Report*. 30 June 2021. Available from: <https://money.usnews.com/investing/news/articles/2021-06-30/eu-steers-shipping-towards-carbon-trading-market-to-curb-emissions> Ship owners could be forced to pay for pollution from their vessels or face bans from European Union ports under draft plans to add shipping emissions to the bloc's carbon market.

**Industry first: DNV and industry consortium publish “Handbook for Hydrogen-fuelled Vessels”.** DNV. 30 June 2021. Available from: <https://www.dnv.com/news/industry-first-dnv-and-industry-consortium-publish-handbook-for-hydrogen-fuelled-vessels--203575> A consortium Of 26 leading companies and associations, led by DNV, has launched the “Handbook for Hydrogen-fuelled Vessels” to address the uncertainties surrounding hydrogen as ship fuel.

**A shipping container shortage is snarling global trade.** Nicolás Rivero. *Quartz*. 30 June 2021. Available from: <https://qz.com/2027205/a-shipping-container-shortage-is-snarling-global-trade/> Shipping containers are the lifeblood of world trade: Virtually every product and part that circulates through the global economy travels across the seas, railroads, and highways ensconced in their corrugated metal embrace.

**Shipowners face triple whammy in Europe’s final ETS plans on emissions.** Paul Berrill. *TradeWinds*. 1 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/finance/shipowners-face-triple-whammy-in-europes-final-ets-plans-on-emissions/2-1-1033025> Shipowners are set for a rude awakening in the final plans for shipping’s inclusion in the European Union Emissions Trading System (ETS), likely to be revealed on 14 July.

**Shipping exempted from new global taxation plans aimed at multinationals.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 2 July 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/shipping-exempted-from-new-global-taxation-plans-aimed-at-multinationals/> A total of 130 countries, representing more than 90% of global GDP, have backed cross-border taxation plans for multinationals, ensuring they will have to pay a global minimum corporate income tax of at least 15%.

**Guidelines and goals: Reducing shipping’s emissions.** Frankie Youd. *ShipTechnology*. 2 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.ship-technology.com/features/guidelines-and-goals-reducing-shippings-emissions/> Riviera’s Maritime Air Pollution Virtual Forum on 30 June focused on new emission regulations, what shipping has achieved to date and the steps it needs to take to achieve an increasingly decarbonised future.

**Maersk carbon tax proposal may provide advantage.** Stefka Wechsler. *Argus Media*. 2 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.argusmedia.com/en/news/2230894-maersk-carbon-tax-proposal-may-provide-advantage> The International Maritime Organization (IMO) requires that vessels cut their CO2 emissions by 40pc by 2030 and by 70pc by 2050 from 2008 base levels.

**Industry View: Shipping In A Post-Covid World.** Columbia Ship Management. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 3 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/industry-view-shipping-in-a-post-covid-world/> Seafarers may be reluctant to go ashore when ports reopen after the coronavirus pandemic despite some of them spending a year or more away from family and friends, according to a mental health expert.

**How COVID variants could impact container and tanker shipping.** Greg Miller. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 5 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/how-covid-variants-could-impact-container-and-tanker-shipping/> Pandemic effects on global shipping — both negative and positive — are far from over.

**Less than one in two ships comply with the annual efficiency ratio created by the Poseidon Principles.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 5 July 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/less-than-one-in-two-ships-comply-with-the-annual-efficiency-ratio-created-by-the-poseidon-principles/> UK consultants Maritime Strategies International (MSI) has added annual efficiency ratio (AER) calculations used in the Poseidon Principles to its Horizon platform showing that as of last year less than one in two ships was in compliance with the matrices developed by the green ship financing initiative.

**CMA CGM-Led Coalition Studies Bio-LNG Fuel Supply at Marseille.** *Maritime Executive*. 5 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/feasibility-study-for-french-biolng-production-to-fuel-cma-cgm-ships> As the next step in its efforts to enhance the sustainability of its shipping operations through the use of LNG technology, French shipping giant CMA CGM Group is joining in a project to develop France's first BioLNG facility.

**Shipping lines responsible for massive CO2 emissions in 2020 according to EU.** Jens Thomsen. *ShippingWatch*. 6 July 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13111436.ece> Emissions from shipping are so severe that the sector should be integrated into the EU's carbon quota system, urges environmental organization Transport & Environment.

**IMO has a new plan to reduce shipping's carbon emissions; will it be enough?** Cristina Brooks and Kevin Adler. *IHS Markit*. 6 July 2021. Available from: <https://ihsmarkit.com/research-analysis/imo-has-a-new-plan-to-reduce-shippings-carbon-emissions-will-i.html> Global shipping accounts for about 3% of the world's annual carbon emissions, and pressure is intensifying on the industry to reduce that pollution to contribute to the international goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

**The UGS awaits the announcement of the European Commission's 'Fit for 55' Climate Package and will contribute constructively to its objectives.** *Union of Greek Shipowners*. 6 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.ugs.gr/en/press-releases/2021/press-release-20210706/> The Union of Greek Shipowners (UGS) has been closely following developments at the European Union and the unfolding of its environmental agenda and, in particular, the European Commission's initiatives linked to the European Green Deal climate action, which will be announced on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2021.

**Dangerous waters for the economy as shipping and labour supply woes grow.** Dileepa Fonseka. *Stuff (New Zealand)*. 7 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/opinion-analysis/125660990/dangerous-waters-for-the-economy-as-shipping-and-labour-supply-woes-grow> Vinay Iswar of BetterCo is telling all his accounting clients to take those costs in their projections for the next five years and make them much, much larger.

**A proposal to make cargo ships pay for pollution is making waves.** Maria Gallucci. *Grist*. 7 July 2021. Available from: <https://grist.org/climate-energy/a-proposal-to-make-cargo-ships-pay-for-pollution-is-making-waves/> Thousands of cargo ships cross the oceans every single day, carrying everything from cars and clothing to plastic pellets and garden gnomes while their giant engines pump greenhouse gases into the air.

**Report points to ammonia as best alternative fuel choice for shipping.** Daniel Logan.

*ShippingWatch*. 7 July 2021. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13115222.ece> A new report by DNB and asset manager KLP points to ammonia as the best fuel solution for shipping as far as meeting the global climate targets.

**SHIPPING: Tankers freight seen weak in Q3 as supply weighs.** *S&P Global Platts*. 7 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.spglobal.com/platts/en/market-insights/latest-news/shipping/070721-shipping-tankers-freight-seen-weak-in-q3-as-supply-weighs> The global tanker markets are likely to stay weak in the third quarter due to the significant slowdown in trade flows, which will take several months, if not years, to recover, market participants said.

**Clarksons Research says booming markets may 'edge up' shipping's emissions in 2021.**

Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 8 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/esg/clarksons-research-says-booming-markets-may-edge-up-shippings-emissions-in-2021/2-1-1035493> Recovering activity amid booming rates has caused Clarksons Research to up its estimate of shipping's CO2 emissions this year.

**Dismay as shipping slated to miss out on ETS-backed research fund.** Paul Berrill. *TradeWinds*.

8 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/dismay-as-shipping-slated-to-miss-out-on-ets-backed-research-fund/2-1-1036094> Shipowners have responded with dismay to the news that the European Union is not planning to use revenues from its Emissions Trading System (ETS) to fund research and innovation into sustainable shipping.

**SRM study shows 90% of goods travel by sea, 12% in Med.** *ANSAmед*. 8 July 2021.

Available from: [https://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/en/news/sections/transport/2021/07/08/srm-study-shows-90-of-goods-travel-by-sea-12-in-med\\_4fef4cde-bc2e-41dd-9f82-25e4ba6341e8.html](https://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/en/news/sections/transport/2021/07/08/srm-study-shows-90-of-goods-travel-by-sea-12-in-med_4fef4cde-bc2e-41dd-9f82-25e4ba6341e8.html)

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual edition of the report "Italian Maritime Economy" was presented in Naples on Wednesday by SRM (Study and Research of the Mediterranean) research centre.

**Shipping Chaos Kills 1,800 Cows, Fueling Calls for Animal Ban.** K Oanh Ha and Kevin Varley.

*Bloomberg*. 8 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.bloomberqqint.com/business/starving-cows-dumped-at-sea-prompt-calls-to-ban-animal-shipping> In late December, some 1,800 bulls left Spain for Turkey aboard a ship called the *Elbeik*.

**FG Moves to Restructure Nigeria's Ship Registration.** Eromosele Abiodun. *This Day (Nigeria)*.

9 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/07/09/fg-moves-to-restructure-nigerias-ship-registration/> The federal government has commenced moves to restructure the nation's ship registry in a bid to ensure the utilisation of secured statutory certificates and prevent the entry of unseaworthy and sub-standard ships into the Nigerian flag.

**The complex world of tanker transportation.** *Cyprus Shipping News*. 9 July 2021. Available from:

<https://cyprusshippingnews.com/2021/07/09/the-complex-world-of-tanker-transportation/> The goods that these vessels carry are often essential to the global energy supply and material supply chains, while also being highly hazardous.

**New FMC chair prefers that shipping comes up with its own solutions.** Tomas Kristiansen.

*ShippingWatch*. 9 July 2021. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article13093480.ece> FMC Chair Daniel B. Maffei urges the container industry to join forces with regulators to solve the problem with congested ports.

**The Lloyd's List Podcast: Why shipping is not going to get any sanctions risk relief.**

Richard Meade. *Lloyd's List*. 9 July 2021. Available from:

<https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137488/The-Lloyds-List-Podcast-Why-shipping-is-not-going-to-get-any-sanctions-risk-relief> © Amalie Korning Wedege,

head of sanctions compliance at Danske Bank, and Leigh Hansson, a partner at the law firm Reed Smith specialising in sanctions compliance for shipping, tell Lloyd's List editor Richard Meade how shipping can navigate the murky waters of sanctions risk and compliance.

**Empty shipping containers pile up despite global shortage and 'ghost ship' runs.**

Dileepa Fonseka. *Stuff (New Zealand)*. 11 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/125620556/empty-shipping-containers-pile-up-despite-global-shortage-and-ghost-ship-runs> 🚢 Shipping chaos is escalating with empty shipping containers piling up at depots and "ghost ships" being sent in to fetch them.

**Singapore tops international maritime centre rankings.** *Baltic Exchange*. 11 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.balticexchange.com/en/news-and-events/news/press-releases-/2021/singapore-tops-international-maritime-centre-rankings.html>

The Xinhua-Baltic International Shipping Centre Development Index, published by Chinese news agency, Xinhua, and global maritime data provider, the Baltic Exchange, has ranked Singapore as the top global shipping centre for the eighth year running.

[Xinhua-Baltic International Shipping Centre Development Index 2021](#) 📄

**The world's largest carbon market is set for a historic revamp. Europe's shipowners are concerned.** Sam Meredith. *CNBC (US)*. 12 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.cnbc.com/2021/07/12/why-shipowners-are-concerned-about-a-revamp-to-europes-carbon-market.html>

The European Union is due to propose an unprecedented overhaul to its carbon market this week, seeking to put a price on shipping emissions for the first time.

**Shipping chaos not going away with most seafarers unvaccinated against Covid-19.**

*Straits Times*. 12 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/east-asia/shipping-chaos-not-going-away-with-most-seafarers-unvaccinated-against-covid-19>

Global vaccinations of seafarers are going too slowly to prevent outbreaks on ships from causing more trade disruptions, endangering maritime workers and potentially slowing economies trying to pull out of coronavirus pandemic slowdowns.

**Carriers in response to Biden: US demand is to blame for high rates and delays.** Daniel Logan.

*ShippingWatch*. 12 July 2021. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article13125209.ece> Following Biden's executive order calling attention to prices and competition in the container industry, the industry responds that the US should look inward.

**Global Maritime Forum Annual Summit 2021 to tackle decarbonization and other ESG responsibilities.** *Global Maritime Forum*. 12 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.globalmaritimeforum.org/press/global-maritime-forum-annual-summit-2021-to-tackle-decarbonization-and-other-esg-responsibilities> The Global Maritime Forum will convene 200 senior leaders for its Annual Summit 2021 in London in late October.

**Biofuels Enter the Sustainable Fuel Mix.** Mark Smith. *North P&I Club*. 12 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.nepia.com/articles/biofuels-enter-the-sustainable-fuel-mix/>

Achieving the IMO's goals on greenhouse gas emissions will require a shift in how vessels are fueled and propelled.



**How European industry lobbyists are misaligned with science-based pathways to net-zero emissions.** *InfluenceMap*. 12 July 2021. Available from: <https://influencemap.org/report/Industry-Associations-and-European-Climate-Ambition-fdaeeb57dc404c90aaf2f82bbd729733> Analysis of industry association engagement with EU climate policy suggests a significant disconnect between industry lobbying and science-based policy pathways towards net-zero emissions, as articulated by bodies such as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the International Energy Agency (IEA).

**Media: EU to seek medium-sized model for climate regulation in shipping.** Jens Thomsen. *ShippingWatch*. 13 July 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13127324.ece> Shipping will be integrated into the EU's upcoming carbon quota trading system, but only some of the pollution from shipping will be included.

**Fuels: Is shipping heading in the right direction?** Alexander Love. *ShipTechnology*. 13 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.ship-technology.com/features/fuel-shipping-heading-right-direction/> Climate change is high on the agenda for most countries as they look to reduce greenhouse gas emissions significantly over the coming years.

**Transparent Counterparties Will Guide Shipping Towards Decarbonization.** Søren Høll. *Maritime Executive*. 13 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/features/transparent-counterparties-will-guide-shipping-towards-decarbonization> The marine fuels supply chain is far more complex than it was five or 10 years ago, largely due to increased environmental regulations like IMO 2020, volatility in the crude market and COVID-19.

**Shipping counts the cost of handling stowaways.** Declan Bush. *Lloyd's List*. 14 July 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137540/Shipping-counts-the-cost-of-handling-stowaways> With stowaways costing as much as \$300,000 to disembark, getting seafarers invested in ship security is needed to help prevent unauthorised boardings, according to one risk analyst.

**Confirmed: Here is the EU's climate plan for shipping.** Jens Thomsen. *ShippingWatch*. 14 July 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13130387.ece> Shipping must contribute to the transformation of the global economy towards sustainability.

**EC unveils broad roadmap for cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 55% by 2030.** Stuart Elliott. *S&P Global Platts*. 14 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.spglobal.com/platts/en/market-insights/latest-news/oil/071421-ec-unveils-broad-roadmap-for-cutting-greenhouse-gas-emissions-by-55-by-2030> The European Commission on July 14 unveiled one of its most ambitious packages of legislative proposals ever, publishing plans for new legislation across numerous sectors designed to achieve its target of a 55% cut in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

**EU overreach threatens to sink shipping's decarbonisation efforts, warns ICS.** *International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)*. 14 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.ics-shipping.org/press-release/eu-overreach-threatens-to-sink-shippings-decarbonisation-efforts/> The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) has released a statement following the European Commission's proposed extension of the EU's Emissions Trading System (ETS) to cover the international shipping sector.

**Europe's carbon plan for shipping reveals rift between European and other shipowners.**

Max Tingyao Lin. *TradeWinds*. 14 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/europes-carbon-plan-for-shipping-reveals-rift-between-european-and-other-shipowners/2-1-1040249>

Brussels' proposed inclusion of shipping in its Emissions Trading System (ETS) has revealed an apparent divide in attitude towards climate change abatement of European shipowners and those elsewhere.

**European shipowners welcome the Fit for 55 climate package but fear lack of consistency among proposals may undermine increased climate ambition.**

*European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA)*. 14 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.ecsa.eu/index.php/news/european-shipowners-welcome-fit-55-climate-package-fear-lack-consistency-among-proposals-may>

ECSA welcomes the increased climate ambition of the 'Fit for 55' climate package published today, recognising that the climate crisis is one of the greatest humanitarian, economic and environmental challenges our societies are facing.

**EU push to green shipping is positive but risks locking in fossil gas.**

Eoin Bannon. *Transport & Environment*. 14 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.transportenvironment.org/press/eu-push-green-shipping-positive-risks-locking-fossil-gas>

The EU today published proposals to make the shipping sector finally pay for its pollution and fossil fuels - and to start using cleaner maritime fuels.

**Maersk backs EU's green quotas as 'right approach.**

Declan Bush. *Lloyd's List*. 15 July 2021. Available from:

<https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137559> ICS says including shipping in the ETS would be an 'ideological revenue-raising exercise' that would do little to cut emissions.

**EU proposes tax on all shipping emissions and to limit polluting fuels.**

Anastassios Adamopoulos, Michelle Wiese Bockmann and Declan Bush. *Lloyd's List*. 15 July 2021.

Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137545>

EU regulator's legislative package aims to transform the bloc's emissions trajectory as it seeks to rapidly decarbonise.

**EU Commission takes climate plan a step further than carriers hoped for.**

Jens Thomsen. *ShippingWatch*. 15 July 2021. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article13133673.ece> The shipping industry would prefer to avoid EU regulation of shipping outside the EU's borders.

**EC's Fit for 55 Package: Greek shipowners welcome recognition of charterers' structural role in shipping's decarbonisation but maintain their concerns about the suitability and effectiveness of the proposed measures.**

*Union of Greek Shipowners*. 15 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.ugs.gr/en/press-releases/2021/press-release-20210715/>

As part of its Fit for 55 Package, the European Commission published two proposals yesterday intended to pave the way for the decarbonisation of the shipping industry – the inclusion of shipping in the EU ETS and the FuelEU Maritime proposal.

**Shipping needs global strategy for carbon pricing.**

Paul Bartlett. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 15 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/environmental/shipping-needs-global-strategy-carbon-pricing>

The panellists' call for a global setup came at a critical moment yesterday, just a few hours before the European Union announced that shipping would be included in the bloc's Emissions Trading Scheme.

**The Lloyd's List Podcast: Shipping's coalition of the willing.** Anastassios Adamopoulos.

*Lloyd's List*. 15 July 2021. Available from:

<https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137582/> The Global Maritime Forum has quickly cemented itself as one of the key drivers of corporate action for sustainable and responsible shipping, which will have long-lasting consequences not just on shipping's emissions but on the very way this industry conducts business.

**Gulf cruise ships prepare to set sail amid fightback against pandemic.** Nick Webster.

*The National (UAE)*. 16 July 2021. Available from:

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/uae/2021/07/16/gulf-cruise-ships-prepare-to-set-sail-amid-fightback-against-pandemic/> As cruise ships prepare to return to the seas after an enforced 14-month break due to the pandemic, one of the hardest hit industries is facing a challenging future.

**EU green tax on shipping 'will increase costs for vessel owners but not for customers' report says.** Noelle McElhatton. *Institute of Export and International Trade*. 16 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.export.org.uk/news/573636/EU-green-tax-on-shipping-will-increase-costs-for-vessel-owners-but-not-for-customers-report-says.htm> Under the EU plan, shipping would be added to the European Union Emissions Trading System (ETS) gradually from 2023 and phased in over a three-year period.

**Two cheers for EC shipping decarbonisation package.** *Lloyd's List*. 16 July 2021.

Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137586/Two-cheers-for-EC-shipping-decarbonisation-package> If it gets things right, Brussels' plans will provide an example for the rest of the world.

**Shipbuilding, shipping industries agree on steps to carbon neutrality.** Baek Byung-yeul.

*Korea Times*. 18 July 2021. Available from:

[https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/tech/2021/07/693\\_312349.html](https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/tech/2021/07/693_312349.html) With extreme weather events such as floods, heat waves and polar vortex leakages hitting the planet, attention is shifting towards achieving carbon neutrality in many industry sectors, and the shipbuilding and shipping industries are no exception.

**Divisions over EU plan to transform shipping.** *Lloyd's List*. 19 July 2021. Available from:

<https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137590/Divisions-over-EU-plan-to-transform-shipping> Long looming on shipping's regulatory horizon, the European Union last week unveiled sweeping environmental proposals to shape the decarbonisation of shipping.


**Japanese group claims carbon-recycled methane qualifies as zero-emission ship fuel.**

Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 19 July 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/japanese-group-claims-carbon-recycled-methane-qualifies-as-zero-emission-ship-fuel/> The Ship Carbon Recycling Working Group at Japan's Carbon Capture & Reuse (CCR) Study Group has claimed carbon-recycled methane produced by methanation technology can be recognised as zero-emission ship fuel.

**Turkish woman stands up to redefine sexist adjective in maritime industry.** *Hurriyet Daily*

*News (Turkey)*. 19 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.hurriyetaidailynews.com/turkish-woman-stands-up-to-redefine-sexist-adjective-in-maritime-industry-166412> Forced to marry at the tender age of 14 and continued her life as a single mother of two at the age of 16, a Turkish woman has initiated an effort to bring about a revolutionary change in the maritime profession she started, paving the way to redefine the term "seaman" (gemi adamı in Turkish) as "sea person."

**Major retailers linked to polluting shipping practices that harm public health and climate.**

*Stand.earth*. 20 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.stand.earth/latest/protect-arctic/ocean-protection-and-shipping/major-retailers-linked-polluting-shipping-practices> Just fifteen companies are responsible for emitting millions of tons of pollution from importing their goods into the US on fossil-fueled ships, according to a study released today from Pacific Environment and Stand.earth. [Shady Ships: Retail Giants Pollute Communities and Climate with Fossil-Fueled Ocean Shipping](#) 

**Container Ships In High Demand as Rates Skyrocket.** Nikos Roussanoglou. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 20 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/container-ships-in-high-demand-as-rates-skyrocket/> The container ship segment has exploded over the past couple of months and along with it, so has demand for container carriers.


**Container shipping faces the brunt of new European emissions rules.** *Splash 247.com*. 20 July 2021. Available from: <https://splash247.com/container-shipping-faces-the-brunt-of-new-european-emissions-rules/> Maritime is having to contend with the splintering of environmental regulations following last week's proposal by the European Commission of a cap and trade system for shipping emissions.

**AfCFTA prosperity requires more African seafarers, ships and ports.** Brian Gicheru Kinyua, Timothy Walker and Denys Reva. *Institute for Security Studies (ISS)*. 20 July 2021. Available from: <https://issafrica.org/iss-today/afcta-prosperity-requires-more-african-seafarers-ships-and-ports> Trading under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement started on 1 January 2021, a significant milestone for Africa's political and economic aspirations.

**Shipping industry announces international decarbonisation conference at COP26.** *International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)*. 22 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.ics-shipping.org/press-release/shipping-industry-announces-international-decarbonisation-conference-at-cop26/> Global shipping has announced an unprecedented cross-industry event, to be held during COP26, bringing together leaders in shipping, energy, politics and finance to discuss maritime decarbonisation efforts.

**American shipowners view EU quota plans for shipping as threat to global initiatives.** Daniel Logan and Idha Toft Valeur. *ShippingWatch*. 22 July 2021. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13147829.ece> The Chamber of Shipping of America tells ShippingWatch that the EU's plans to put shipping under its emission trading scheme is "a real threat" to the work being done by the IMO.

**MSC scraps carbon offsets, focuses on reducing CO2.** *Argus Media*. 23 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.argusmedia.com/en/news/2237417-msc-scraps-carbon-offsets-focuses-on-reducing-co2> In 2019, the leisure cruise company said it would invest in carbon offsets to meet future emissions regulations, but it has now decided to invest in research and development of alternative marine fuels, such as ammonia and hydrogen.

**What the EU climate plan means for shipping fuel.** *Transport & Environment*. 23 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.transportenvironment.org/publications/what-eu-climate-plan-means-shipping-fuel> The European Commission, as part of its Fit for 55 package, proposed to introduce a GHG intensity target that increases in stringency over time, requiring ships calling at EU ports to reduce the carbon footprint of the energy used onboard. [FuelEU Maritime: Shipping required to switch fuel but without clear path to sustainable alternatives](#) 

**The Lloyd's List Podcast: Dissecting the EU's climate offensive on shipping : Part 1.**

Anastassios Adamopoulos. *Lloyd's List*. 23 July 2021. Available from:

<https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137657/The-Lloyds-List-Podcast-Dissecting-the-EUs-climate-offensive-on-shipping> ©

In the first of this two-part special edition of the Lloyd's List Podcast, our sustainability editor Anastassios Adamopoulos spoke at length with Faig Abbasov of the Brussels-based NGO Transport and Environment and Sotiris Raptis, of the European Community Shipowners' Association, on the European Commission's new environmental proposals for shipping.

**Decarbonisation lacks uniformity of agreed outcome.** Richard Clayton. *Lloyd's List*. 26 July 2021.

Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137675/Decarbonisation-lacks-uniformity-of-agreed-outcome> Shipping's energy footprint debate has reached an impasse around which fuel or fuels will suffice.

**BP joins the Mærsk Mc-Kinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping as a strategic partner.**

BP. 27 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.bp.com/en/global/corporate/news-and-insights/press-releases/bp-joins-the-maersk-mc-kinney-moller-center-for-zero-carbon-shipping-as-a-strategic-partner.html>

BP and the Mærsk Mc-Kinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping today signed a partnership agreement committing to a long-term collaboration on the development of new alternative fuels and low carbon solutions for the shipping industry.

**The pros and cons of India's new subsidy scheme for shipping.** Inderpreet Walia. *Lloyd's List*.

28 July 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137703/The-pros-and-cons-of-Indias-new-subsidy-scheme-for-shipping>

Under the government-approved scheme, Indian shipping companies will be given a subsidy as they bid for global tenders for cargoes imported by the government or its entities.

**Cyber insurance struggles to find purchase.** Declan Bush. *Lloyd's List*. 28 July 2021.

Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137694/Cyber-insurance-struggles-to-find-purchase> Uptake of marine cyber insurance is at an impasse, with specialist cover available but too few shipowners willing to buy it.

**Women in Maritime of West and Central Africa inaugurated.** *GhanaWeb*. 28 July 2021.

Available from: <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/business/Women-in-Maritime-of-West-and-Central-Africa-inaugurated-1319149> The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organisation, Kitack Lim has inaugurated the Women in Maritime of West and Central Africa (WIMOWCA), the newest IMO regional association for women in the maritime sector.

**Verifavia shipping highlights widespread confusion over EEXI technical parameters.**

*Port News*. 29 July 2021. Available from: <https://en.portnews.ru/news/316323/> Verifavia, the leading independent emissions verification company for the transport sector (aviation and shipping), insists that accurate calculation of the IMO's new Energy Efficiency Existing Ship Index (EEXI) relies on inputting the correct data.

**Cyprus Chamber of Shipping says EU emissions package won't work.** Andrew Rosenbaum.

*Cyprus Mail*. 29 July 2021. Available from: <https://cyprus-mail.com/2021/07/29/cyprus-chamber-shipping-eu-emissions-package-wont-work/> The "Fit for 55" package is a set of proposals to revise and update EU legislation in an effort to reduce greenhouse emissions by 55 per cent by 2030.



**Pilot carbon-offset cargoes: path to reducing supply chain emissions.** John Snyder. *Tanker Shipping & Trade*. 29 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/pilot-carbon-offset-cargoes-path-to-reducing-supply-chain-emissions-66805> Energy companies have begun to provide more transparency around the 'well-to-discharge' carbon emissions associated with the production and transport of fossil fuels.

**Maritime Energy Transition Picks Up Pace with Establishment of Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation in Singapore.** *Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)*. 29 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/bf2aaf98-833a-4515-8f3f-64d534fa36c3> The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore today announced the formation of the Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation (GCMD) in Singapore and its leadership team with effect from 1 August 2021.

**Microstate of San Marino Launches Open Registry for Shipping.** *Maritime Executive*. 29 July 2021. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/microstate-of-san-marino-launches-open-registry-for-shipping> The landlocked Republic of San Marino, a microstate surrounded by Italian territory near the town of Rimini, has launched a new open registry for shipping.

**The Lloyd's List Podcast: What the EU's climate goals mean for shipping: Part 2.** Anastassios Adamopoulos. *Lloyd's List*. 30 July 2021. Available from: <https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137734/The-Lloyds-List-Podcast-What-the-EUs-climate-goals-mean-for-shipping> In the second part of a special extended edition of the Lloyd's List Podcast, sustainability editor Anastassios Adamopoulos speaks with Faig Abbasov from the Brussels-based NGO Transport and Environment, and Sotiris Raptis of the European Community Shipowners' Association, about the European Commission's new environmental proposals for shipping.

## RESEARCH

Ryan PG, Weideman EA, et al. **Message in a bottle: Assessing the sources and origins of beach litter to tackle marine pollution.** *Environmental Pollution*. 6 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0269749121013117> Beaches are key attractions for tourism and recreation, and considerable effort is made to keep beaches clean, yet many beaches still have substantial litter loads.

Afenyo M, Ng AKY, et al. **A Multiperiod Model for Assessing the Socioeconomic Impacts of Oil Spills during Arctic Shipping.** *Risk Analysis*. 7 July 2021. Available from: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/risa.13773> As the rate of ice melt in the Arctic increases, the potential for shipping activities is also increasing.

Mudryk LR, Dawson J, et al. **Impact of 1, 2 and 4°C of global warming on ship navigation in the Canadian Arctic.** *Nature Climate Change*. 8 July 2021. Available from: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41558-021-01087-6> Climate change-driven reductions in sea ice have facilitated increased shipping traffic volumes across the Arctic.

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Munim ZH, Saha R, et al. **Autonomous ships for container shipping in the Arctic routes.** *Journal of Marine Science and Technology*. 15 July 2021. Available from: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00773-021-00836-8> This study investigates the competitiveness of various autonomous ship categories for container shipping in the Arctic route.

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Moldanová J, Hassellöv I-M, et al. **Framework for the environmental impact assessment of operational shipping.** *Ambio*. 22 July 2021. Available from: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13280-021-01597-9> Shipping is an important source of pollution affecting both atmospheric and aquatic environments.

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