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IMO NEWS & EVENTS

Day of the Seafarer - 25 June 2024 - spotlights safety at sea

Celebrating seafarers worldwide on 25 June: International Day of the Seafarer.

On the International Day of the Seafarer, IMO Secretary-General Mr. Arsenio Dominguez pays tribute to the 2 million seafarers who keep global markets functioning and supply chains going.

In a [video message](#) to seafarers, Mr. Dominguez said: "Seafarers have been sorely tested in recent years – facing hostile acts from piracy or in conflict zones. I humbly acknowledge seafarers' resilience and sacrifice in the name of work."

Without seafarers there would be no shipping. And shipping is a lifeline for global trade.

United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. António Guterres marked the day, saying: "Seafarers are vital in ensuring a seamless flow of essential goods that eventually make it into markets, homes, and onto our tables... But their own lives have been put on the line in the face of grave threats. Let us together salute them for their essential work and support their safety." [More...](#)

Statement on the attack on merchant vessel *TUTOR*

IMO Secretary-General appalled at latest attack in the Red Sea and demands maximum assistance for seafarers.

"Once again, I am appalled at the fact that seafarers going about their work continue to be targeted and injured. I am truly saddened to learn that one crew member is currently unaccounted for on merchant vessel *TUTOR*, following an attack on the ship in the Red Sea.

My thoughts and those of IMO, are with the family of the crew member.

I strongly condemn any type of attack against international shipping, regardless of its motivation or cause.

I demand all governments and relevant organizations to provide maximum assistance to seafarers affected, and to spare no effort in finding a resolution to this crisis.

This situation cannot go on. Everybody is going to feel the negative effect if international shipping is not able to trade as normal. But our commitment is, above all, safeguarding the safety of all seafarers."

SMART-C online training empowers women in maritime

Tailored online training delivered by IMO's SMART-C Women Project is helping women in the Asia-Pacific region elevate their maritime careers and close the gender gap in the sector.

The first training session under the project took place from 17 to 21 June, with 25 maritime professionals joining from five Asian countries. The session will continue from 1 to 5 July.

This training is designed to strengthen women's competency and influence within the maritime community, ultimately contributing to a more inclusive and equitable industry. [More...](#)

[MEETING SUMMARIES AND SCHEDULE](#) [Programme of Meetings for 2024](#) 📅

Previous Meetings

[Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation, Communication and Search and Rescue \(NCSR 11\)](#)
4-13 June 2024

[Technical Cooperation Committee \(TC 74\)](#) 24-28 June 2024

Forthcoming Meetings

IMO Council (C 132) 8-12 July 2024

Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III 10) 22-26 July 2024

UNITED NATIONS

At World Health Assembly, countries agree on efforts to boost pandemic preparedness.

UN News. 2 June 2024. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/06/1150546>

Countries on Saturday agreed to a set of key actions to better guide and coordinate international efforts in preventing, detecting, and responding to public health risks, while also committing to finalize negotiations on a global pandemic agreement within a year at the latest.

There is an exit off ‘the highway to climate hell’, Guterres insists. *UN News*. 5 June 2024.

Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/06/1150661> “It’s climate crunch time” when it comes to tackling rising carbon emissions, the UN Secretary-General said on Wednesday, stressing that while the need for global action is unprecedented, so too are the opportunities for prosperity and sustainable development.

Pakistan, Somalia, Panama, Denmark and Greece elected to UN Security Council.

UN News. 6 June 2024. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/06/1150726>

The UN General Assembly on Thursday elected Denmark, Greece, Pakistan, Panama and Somalia to serve as non-permanent members on the Security Council for two-year terms beginning on 1 January next year.

Philemon Yang of Cameroon elected President of upcoming General Assembly session.

UN News. 6 June 2024. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/06/1150761> The UN General Assembly on Thursday elected by acclamation Philemon Yang, former Prime Minister of Cameroon, President for its seventy-ninth session which gets underway in September.

Algorithms should not control what people see, UN chief says, launching Global Principles for Information Integrity. *UN News*. 24 June 2024. Available from:

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/06/1151376> UN Secretary-General António Guterres outlined key recommendations aimed at making information spaces safer while at the same time upholding human rights such as freedom of speech.

Security Council demands Houthis cease attacks in the Red Sea. *UN News*. 27 June 2024.

Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/06/1151586> The Houthi attacks began at the end of last year in what the militant group said was an act of solidarity with Palestinians in Gaza, following Israel’s offensive – itself a response to the 7 October Hamas-led terror attack on southern Israel.

Adopting Resolution 2739 (2024) on Yemen, Security Council Demands Houthis Immediately Cease All Attacks against Merchant, Commercial Vessels. *United Nations*. 27 June 2024.

Available from: <https://press.un.org/en/2024/sc15750.doc.htm> Condemning continued attacks on merchant and commercial vessels from Houthi-controlled territories in Yemen, perpetuating an unstable and volatile situation in the Red Sea and surrounding waterways, the Security Council today adopted an updated resolution demanding that the Houthis immediately cease all such aggression.

CASUALTIES

Insights into *Dali* insurance payouts, possible criminal charges. Elizabeth Worthington.

WMAR Baltimore (US). 4 June 2024. Available from:

<https://www.wmar2news.com/keybridgecollapse/insights-into-dali-insurance-payouts-possible-criminal-charges> It's been consistently the number one question we've heard since the clean-up began, and talk of replacing the Key Bridge heated up: who is paying for all this?

Coast Guard, partner agencies respond to container ship incident in Charleston.

United States Coast Guard. 5 June 2024. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/3ses29m8>

The Coast Guard and numerous state and local agencies responded to an incident, Wednesday, involving a container ship on the Cooper River in Charleston.

An 'out of control' cargo ship forces the temporary closure of Charleston bridge.

Officials are trying to see what went wrong. Sara Smart and Dalia Faheid. *CNN*. 6 June 2024.

Available from: <https://edition.cnn.com/2024/06/05/us/charleston-bridge-closed-container-ship-investigation/index.html> A major bridge in Charleston, South Carolina, was temporarily closed Wednesday afternoon after a crew lost control of a large container ship after it left port.

World Shipping Council Releases Containers Lost at Sea Report – 2024 Update.

World Shipping Council. 11 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.worldshipping.org/news/world-shipping-council-releases-containers-lost-at-sea-report-2024-update> The World Shipping Council (WSC) today released its annual report on containers lost at sea, showing a significant decrease to 221 containers lost in 2023. [Containers Lost at Sea Report 2024](#) 📄

Suspected sea drone strike leaves bulker 'taking on water' in the Red Sea. Harry Papachristou.

TradeWinds. 12 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/suspected-sea-drone-strike-leaves-bulker-taking-on-water-in-the-red-sea/2-1-1659705> A bulker has "sustained serious damage" after a direct strike by an unidentified object in the Red Sea, maritime security firm Diaploous reported on Wednesday.

Explorer Ernest Shackleton's last ship found off Labrador's south coast, says expedition.

Mike Moore and Elizabeth Whitten. *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)*. 12 June 2024.

Available from: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/shackleton-ship-quest-discovery-1.7232265> 📄 The *Quest*, which sank after striking ice in 1962, has been found intact, say explorers.

Korean captain killed, 2 Indonesian sailors missing as fishing boat capsizes off southwestern coast.

Jung Min-ho. *Korea Times (South Korea)*. 13 June 2024. Available from: https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/nation/2024/06/113_376530.html A fishing boat carrying nine people capsized in waters off Korea's southwestern coast early Thursday, leaving its Korean captain dead and two Indonesian sailors missing.

Houthis confirm using sea drone in strike against Evalend ship. Harry Papachristou.

TradeWinds. 13 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/houthis-confirm-using-sea-drone-in-strike-against-evalend-ship/2-1-1660124> According to maritime intelligence sources, this is the first time the Yemeni militant group has hit a commercial vessel with a sea drone since they began their campaign against shipping in mid-November.


Seafarer killed in Houthi attack on Greek Evalend bulker as salvage continues.

Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds*. 13 June 2024. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/seafarer-killed-in-houthi-attack-on-greek-evalend-bulker-as-salvage-continues/2-1-1660641> It is the second commercial vessel to suffer a fatality as a result of the Yemeni rebels' campaign against shipping in the Red Sea.

Media Release: "INTERCARGO Bulk Carrier Casualty Report 2024". *International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (INTERCARGO)*. 14 June 2024. Available from:

<https://www.intercargoo.org/media-release-intercargoo-bulk-carrier-casualty-report-2024/>

Annual casualty figures from INTERCARGO, the International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners, highlight continuing improvement in the safety performance of the sector. [Report](#) 

Houthi attack forces crew to abandon coal carrier in Red Sea. *The Guardian*. 15 June 2024.

Available from: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/article/2024/jun/15/houthi-attack-forces-crew-to-abandon-coal-carrier-in-red-sea> The crew of a Greek-owned vessel damaged in an attack by Yemen's Houthi militants has been evacuated and the abandoned ship is drifting in the Red Sea, according to the UK Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO).

June 15 U.S. Central Command Update on *M/V Verbena*. *US Central Command*.

15 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.centcom.mil/MEDIA/PRESS-RELEASES/Press-Release-View/Article/3808503/june-15-us-central-command-update-on-mv-verbena/>


On June 13, Iranian-backed Houthis struck *M/V Verbena*, a Palauan-flagged, Ukrainian-owned, Polish-operated bulk cargo carrier in two separate missile attacks.

***M/V Tutor* Sinks After Houthi Attack in Red Sea.** Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*. 18 June 2024.

Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/m-v-tutor-sinks-after-houthi-attack-in-red-sea/> 


The *M/V Tutor* appears to have sunk after it was struck in the stern last week by an unmanned surface vessel in the Red Sea.

Ukrainian ship abandoned after Houthi strike is afloat and receiving help. Harry Papachristou.

TradeWinds. 20 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/ukrainian-ship-abandoned-after-houthi-strike-is-afloat-and-receiving-help/2-1-1664393>  Despite initial reports that it was sinking, a Ukrainian-owned ship that was evacuated and burning after a Houthi attack in the Gulf of Aden last week remains afloat.


Interislander ferry *Aratere* successfully refloated after running aground near Picton.

Ben Leahy. *New Zealand Herald*. 22 June 2024. Available from:

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/kiwirail-and-interislander-bosses-to-front-media-after-vessel-runs-aground-in-south-island/ZTI5DATV6VBYHD6664YZTKRDDM/>  Interislander executive general manager Duncan Roy said around 9pm tonight the *Aratere* was successfully refloated by KiwiRail, supported by a team of global experts and in collaboration with Maritime NZ, Port Marlborough New Zealand, and the Marlborough District Council Harbourmaster.

NTSB Issues Investigative Update for Baltimore Bridge Collapse. *US National Transportation*

Safety Board (NTSB). 24 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.nts.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/NR20240624.aspx>

The National Transportation Safety Board published an investigative update Monday for its ongoing investigation of the March 26 contact of containership *Dali* with the Francis Scott Key Bridge and subsequent bridge collapse. [Investigation Update Preliminary Report](#) 

Aerial drone launched by Yemen's Houthi rebels hits ship in the Red Sea, causing damage and injuries. Jon Gambrell. *Associated Press*. 24 June 2024. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/yemen-houthi-rebels-red-sea-attack-israel-hamas-war-74992b2f95c18fadcc2e8138d5117374> An aerial drone launched by Yemen's Houthi rebels struck and damaged a vessel in the Red Sea on Sunday, officials said, the latest attack by the group targeting shipping in the vital maritime corridor.

June 23 U.S. Central Command Update. *US Central Command*. 23 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.centcom.mil/MEDIA/PRESS-RELEASES/Press-Release-View/Article/3814358/june-23-us-central-command-update/> Iranian-backed Houthis struck the *M/V TRANS WORLD NAVIGATOR*, a Liberian-flagged, Greek-owned, and operated bulk cargo carrier in a suspected uncrewed aerial system (UAS) attack.

Suspected Houthi attack targets a ship in the Gulf of Aden, while Iraqi-claimed attack targets Eilat. John Gambrell. *Associated Press*. 26 June 2024. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/yemen-houthi-rebels-attacks-israel-hamas-war-93db9eb116510da1c108d110d0db42f8> A suspected missile attack by Yemen's Houthi rebels early Wednesday targeted a ship in the Gulf of Aden, while a separate drone attack claimed by Iraqi militants allied with the rebels targeted the southern Israeli port city of Eilat, authorities said.

Cargo ship 'hit' by sea drones in southern Red Sea. Yannick Guerry and Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 27 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/cargo-ship-hit-by-sea-drones-in-southern-red-sea/2-1-1667831> A commercial ship has reported being struck by "sea drones" in the southern Red Sea, according to maritime security firms.

Malta-flagged ship attacked in Red Sea by Yemen's Houthi rebels. *Malta Independent*. 28 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.independent.com.mt/articles/2024-06-28/world-news/Malta-flagged-ship-attacked-in-Red-Sea-by-Yemen-s-Houthi-rebels-6736262293> A ship traveling through the Red Sea on Thursday reported being hit in an attack carried out by Yemen's Houthi rebels, authorities said, the latest in the campaign targeting shipping over the Israel-Hamas war.

ENVIRONMENT

Connecting the blue economy to the Arctic and Antarctic oceans. Josh Hasdell. *KPMG International*. 30 May 2024. Available from: <https://kpmg.com/xx/en/home/insights/2024/05/connecting-the-blue-economy-to-the-arctic-and-antarctic-oceans.html> I recently had the privilege of visiting the Antarctic when I joined an expedition group with other curious folks from all over the world alongside a team of glaciologists and marine biologists.

Integrating the ocean into the climate regime: Future prospects. Julien Rochette, Marine Lecerf, Matthieu Wemaëre and Loreley Picourt. *Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)*. June 2024. Available from: <https://www.iddri.org/en/publications-and-events/issue-brief/integrating-ocean-climate-regime-future-prospects> Recent years have seen a gradual and continuous integration of the ocean into the climate institutional landscape. [Issue Brief](#)

New UNESCO report: Rate of ocean warming doubled in 20 years, rate of sea level rise doubled in 30 years. UNESCO. 4 June 2024. Available from:

<https://www.unesco.org/en/articles/new-unesco-report-rate-ocean-warming-doubled-20-years-rate-sea-level-rise-doubled-30-years> With contributions from more than 100 scientists from nearly 30 countries, UNESCO's State of the Ocean Report 2024, published with the support of Iceland, reveals alarming new data on threats facing the ocean. [UNESCO State of the Ocean Report 2024](#)

Break free from pollution, climate chaos and 'biodiversity decimation', UN chief urges.

UN News. 4 June 2024. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/06/1150631> 🗣️
The UN Secretary-General has called for safeguarding Earth's vital ecosystems from rampant pollution, worsening climate impacts and "biodiversity decimation".

Rate of global warming caused by humans at an all-time high. University of Leeds. 5 June 2024.

Available from: <https://www.leeds.ac.uk/news-environment/news/article/5587/rate-of-global-warming-caused-by-humans-at-an-all-time-high> The second annual Indicators of Global Climate Change report, which is led by the University of Leeds, reveals that human-induced warming has risen to 1.19°C over the past decade (2014-2023) – an increase from the 1.14°C seen in 2013-2022.

Global temperature is likely to exceed 1.5°C above pre-industrial level temporarily in next 5 years. World Meteorological Organization (WMO). 5 June 2024. Available from:

<https://wmo.int/media/news/global-temperature-likely-exceed-15degc-above-pre-industrial-level-temporarily-next-5-years> There is an 80 percent likelihood that the annual average global temperature will temporarily exceed 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels for at least one of the next five years, according to a new report from the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

Awaken New Depths: UN World Oceans. UN World Oceans Day. 7 June 2024. Available from:

<https://unworldoceansday.org/un-world-oceans-day-2024/> 🗣️ Join us on 7 June 2024 for a hybrid celebration of UN World Oceans Day, hosted in-person at the UN Headquarters in New York and broadcast live.

Pope warns against the exploitation of oceans. Linda Bordoni. Vatican News. 8 June 2024.

Available from: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-06/pope-message-ambassador-costa-rica-ocean-action-water-environmen.html> In a message to the Ambassador of Costa Rica to the Holy See, Pope Francis expresses his support for a meeting on Ocean Action entitled "Immersed in Change."

Interview: UN ocean envoy says inspired by China's ecological civilization. Wang Jiangang.

Xinhuanet (China). 8 June 2024. Available from: <https://english.news.cn/20240608/258fa8044be94325bcd71366dca0a76e/c.html> "I have been very inspired by (Chinese) President Xi Jinping's call for an 'ecological civilization' and the need for unity between humans and nature," said United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean Peter Thomson.

Pacific Ocean Commissioner calls for global ocean literacy on World Ocean Day. Pacific

Islands News Association (PINA). 10 June 2024. Available from: <https://pina.com.fj/2024/06/10/pacific-ocean-commissioner-calls-for-global-ocean-literacy-on-world-ocean-day> On a significant event of World Ocean Day on 08 June, the Pacific Ocean Commissioner, Dr Filimon Manoni joined voices worldwide to honour the ocean's vitality and underscore its crucial role in the lives of Pacific peoples and the global community.

Pacific Indigenous leaders have a new plan to protect whales. Treat them as people.

Jared Formanek. *CNN*. 14 June 2024. Available from:

<https://edition.cnn.com/2024/06/14/climate/indigenous-leaders-save-whales-intl-hnk/index.html>

For Māori conservationist Mere Takoko, “losing one whale is like losing an ancestor.”

IMO Secretary-General Unveils New GreenSeas Iconic Recycling Bin Opposite

IMO Headquarters in London. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 20 June 2024. Available from:

<https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/imo-secretary-general-unveils-new-greenseas-iconic-recycling-bin-opposite-imo-headquarters-in-london/>

In a step forward for local marine conservation, GreenSeas Trust has installed its 18th BinForGreenSeas recycling bin opposite the IMO headquarters in London, sited by the River Thames at 8 Albert Embankment (fire station jetty).

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

Panama Canal Completes Clean-Up from MSC Boxship Oil Spill. *Maritime Executive*.

29 May 2024. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/panama-canal-completes-clean-up-from-msc-boxship-oil-spill> The Panama Canal Authority was working to complete the clean-up of one of the locks at the southern end of the waterway near Balboa after an oil spill.

Israel aims to boost Red Sea oil deliveries despite environmental risks. Ari Rabinovitch.

Reuters. 31 May 2024. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/climate-energy/israel-aims-boost-red-sea-oil-deliveries-despite-environmental-risks-2024-05-30/> Israel plans to allow more oil tankers to dock at a Red Sea port in Eilat despite environmental risks, as it strives to maintain energy security amid conflict on multiple fronts, according to Israeli officials and government documents.

Big brands disproportionately responsible for plastic pollution on small islands, finds study. *Phys.org*. 3 June 2024. Available from:

<https://phys.org/news/2024-06-big-brands-disproportionately-responsible-plastic.html> A new study has found that 72% of items washing up on the shores of small remote, protected islands, are manufactured by major brands Danone and Coca-Cola Company, causing untold pollution to the area.

Two shipping firms charged with discharging 100L of oil each into Singapore waters, polluting sea. Lydia Lam. *Channel News Asia*. 4 June 2024. Available from:

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/shipping-oil-tanker-discharge-sea-pollution-4385106>

Two shipping companies were charged in court on Tuesday (Jun 6) over their oil tankers discharging about 100L of oil each into Singapore waters.

Cleanup Underway After Oil Spill Impacts Antwerp’s Container Terminal. *Maritime Executive*.

7 June 2024. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/cleanup-underway-after-oil-spill-impacts-antwerp-s-container-terminal> Port officials in Antwerp are saying that they expect it will take several days to fully complete a remediation effort after an oil spill that is encompassing the port’s Deurganck Dock, container operations, and Kieldrecht lock.

How did a sudden reduction in shipping pollution inadvertently stoke global warming?

Hayley Smith. *Los Angeles Times*. 9 June 2024. Available from:

<https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2024-06-09/reduction-in-shipping-pollution-has-increased-global-warming>

A major shift in global shipping regulations intended to improve air quality may have temporarily — and inadvertently — set off a geoengineering reaction that is warming the planet, new research has found.

Owners of oil spill vessels remain elusive. *Trinidad Express*. 12 June 2024. Available from: https://trinidadexpress.com/business/local/owners-of-oil-spill-vessels-remain-elusive/article_c430b08e-2858-11ef-acfc-33ca5233fa39.html Despite “great efforts”, all searches have failed to locate the tug *Solo Creed*, which seemed to have “fled the scene” after its involvement in the oil spill in Tobago.

Plastic is everywhere in Ghana’s marine waters. Laudia Sawyer. *Ghana News Agency*. 13 June 2024. Available from: <https://gna.org.gh/2024/06/plastic-is-everywhere-in-ghanas-marine-waters-researcher/> Mr Jens Otto Krakstad, a Senior Researcher with the Institute of Marine Research in Norway, and Cruise Leader for the Research Vessel *Dr. Fridtjof Nansen*, has revealed that plastic is seen almost everywhere in Ghana and Cote d’Ivoire marine waters.

Second, major oil spill from barge off Tobago. Corey Connelly. *Newsday (Trinidad and Tobago)*. 13 June 2024. Available from: <https://newsday.co.tt/2024/06/13/second-major-oil-spill-from-berge-off-tobago/> The Office of the Chief Secretary (OCS) of the Tobago House of Assembly (THA) has said a large amount of fuel has been discovered drifting away from the capsized Gulfstream barge off the Cove Eco-Industrial Park, Tobago.

Joint Media Statement: Joint Oil Spill Clean-up Operations Ongoing. *Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)*. 15 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.mpa.gov.sg/media-centre/details/joint-media-statement--joint-oil-spill-clean-up-operations-ongoing> The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) had notified agencies including the National Environment Agency (NEA), National Parks Board (NParks), and Sentosa Development Corporation, of an oil spill at the Pasir Panjang Terminal as a result of a vessel allision.

Oil spill reaches Sentosa, East Coast Park and other areas; some beaches closed for clean-up. *Channel News Asia*. 15 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/oil-spill-slick-sentosa-beaches-east-coast-park-labrador-park-4412481> Oil has washed up along the coast of several beaches in Singapore, including those on Sentosa island and in East Coast Park, a day after a dredger hit a bunker vessel at Pasir Panjang Terminal.

Sentosa deploys about 100 workers to beef up beach cleaning efforts after oil spill. *Channel News Asia*. 17 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/sentosa-oil-spill-beaches-palawan-siloso-tanjong-cleanup-4415536> The Sentosa Development Corporation told CNA it started to cordon off affected parts of Palawan Beach on Friday night, hours after it was notified about the oil spill.

‘Ships bring risks’. Ainsworth Morris. *The Gleaner (Jamaica)*. 17 June 2024. Available from: <https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/lead-stories/20240617/ships-bring-risks> Four months after a mystery shipwreck caused a disastrous oil spill from the Caribbean island of Tobago to neighbouring Bonaire, Bertrand Smith, director general of the Maritime Authority of Jamaica, wants more support for the country’s marine planning and the prevention of ghost fishing.

Oil spill incident: Singapore expands clean-up effort to more areas, including eastern end of island. Sarah Koh. *Straits Times*. 18 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/environment/oil-spill-incident-singapore-expands-clean-up-effort-to-more-areas-including-eastern-end-of-island> The authorities here are expanding clean-up efforts to more areas following a major oil spill on June 14, with some oil leaking from a damaged cargo tank at Pasir Panjang Terminal having spread to the waters off Changi on June 17.

Booms, busters and dispersants: Here's how an oil spill is cleaned up in S'pore waters.

Esther Loi. *Straits Times*. 18 June 2024. Available from:

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/transport/st-explains-how-is-singapore-responding-to-the-recent-oil-spill-incident> 🗞️ Efforts to clean up the oil spill are still under way, after the authorities expanded containment efforts to more areas on June 17.

Containment of bunker fuel resumes in Tobago.

Elizabeth Gonzales. *Guardian (Trinidad & Tobago)*. 19 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.guardian.co.tt/news/containment-of-bunker-fuel-resumes-in-tobago-6.2.2031124.c9439df3e1> The containment of the remaining 11,000 barrels of bunker fuel inside the Gulfstream barge at Cove has resumed following last week's weather challenges and major oil leak.

Making Progress on the Sea and Shore Clean-Up Operations.

Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA). 20 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.mpa.gov.sg/media-centre/details/making-progress-on-the-sea-and-shore-clean-up-operations> PPT was the location of the oil spillage following the 14 June allision between Netherlands-registered dredger *VOX MAXIMA* and stationary bunker tanker *MARINE HONOUR*.

Oil spill clean-up: Singapore to seek compensation from owner of stationary ship that was hit by another vessel.

Channel News Asia. 20 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/oil-spill-compensation-owner-marine-honour-bunker-vessel-4423686> Singapore will seek compensation for the costs incurred from the recent oil spill from the owners of *Marine Honour*, the stationary vessel that discharged the oil after it was hit by another ship.

S'pore oil spill: Poor weather delayed laying of booms around damaged ship, says contractor.

Therese Soh. *Straits Times*. 22 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/s-pore-oil-spill-poor-weather-delayed-laying-of-booms-around-damaged-ship-says-contractor> 🗞️ Working in a thunderstorm at night, an oil spill recovery contractor required more than triple the time it would normally take to lay containment booms around a damaged vessel that was leaking oil into the sea.

Cleaning of oil spill in Pengerang waters to complete on Saturday.

Bernama (Malaysia). 23 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=2310429> Cleaning work of the oil spill in the waters of Pengerang, Johor, which started yesterday morning is scheduled to be completed on Saturday, said Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad.

Have booms at anchorage, more frequent drills to mitigate oil spills, other incidents: Ship captains.

Esther Loi. *Straits Times*. 24 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/transport/have-booms-at-anchorage-more-frequent-drills-to-mitigate-oil-spills-other-incidents-ship-captains> 🗞️ In the wake of the recent maritime incident here that released 400 tonnes of oil into the sea, some ship captains suggested measures that port authorities and ship crews can take to mitigate the impact of such incidents.

Odour nuisance naphtha tank leak TotalEnergies.

Port of Antwerp-Bruges. 25 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.portofantwerpbruges.com/en/news/odour-nuisance-naphtha-tank-leak-totalenergies> On Monday, June 24, a leak was detected on one of the naphtha tanks in the tank farm of TotalEnergies Olefins Antwerp in Zwijndrecht.

Oil spill in Singapore: The day the sea turned black. *Straits Times*. 25 June 2024.

Available from: <https://www.straitstimes.com/multimedia/graphics/2024/06/oil-spill-singapore-clean-up/index.html> Singapore's southern coastline turned black after a major oil spill caused by a dredging boat hitting a stationary cargo tanker at Pasir Panjang Terminal on June 14.

24 June Update on Joint Oil Spill and Monitoring Operations. *Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)*. 24 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.mpa.gov.sg/media-centre/details/24-june-update-on-joint-oil-spill-and-monitoring-operations> The bulk of oil-soaked sand has been removed from most of the affected public beaches, with the exception of Tanjong and Palawan beach at Sentosa.

HEALTH & SAFETY

ISWAN's 2024 Q1 helpline data reflects tough working conditions in merchant shipping. *International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN)*. 4 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.seafarerswelfare.org/news/2024/iswans-2024-q1-helpline-data-reflects-tough-working-conditions-in-merchant-shipping> Data from the first quarter of 2024 from the International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network's (ISWAN) helpline SeafarerHelp points to the complex working conditions facing many seafarers. [Spotlight on SeafarerHelp \(Q1 2024\)](#)

Trauma from Red Sea attacks adds to seafarer shortage. Renee Maltezou and Jonathan Saul. *Reuters*. 19 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/trauma-red-sea-attacks-adds-seafarer-shortage-2024-06-19/> When a missile fired by Yemen's Houthi Islamists landed near his ship in the Red Sea, Costas Rassias vowed to stop sailing through the perilous waters.

New survey findings shed light on the impact of decarbonisation on seafarers' wellbeing. *International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN)*. 24 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.seafarerswelfare.org/news/2024/new-survey-findings-shed-light-on-the-impact-of-decarbonisation-on-seafarers-wellbeing> A survey carried out by the International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN) and sponsored by The Shipowners' Club indicates that the rapid changes brought about by decarbonisation technologies and regulatory regimes are having a substantial impact on workload, fatigue and stress levels at sea. [Report](#)

Vic Govt funds seafarers' mental health. Dale Crisp. *Daily Cargo News (Australia)*. 26 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.thedcn.com.au/region/australia/vic-govt-funds-seafarers-mental-health/> The Victorian Government has committed half-a-million dollars to enable seafarers to access free mental health support services at the state's ports.

IMO

Norwegian Shipowners' Association calls on IMO, EU for greater green incentives. Alex Blair. *ShipTechnology*. 10 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.ship-technology.com/news/norwegian-shipowners-association-calls-on-imo-eu-for-greater-green-incentives/> Speaking at a press event in Oslo today (10 June), key members of the Norwegian Shipowners' Association said it is crucial for the EU and IMO to clearly earmark funds for shipping decarbonisation initiatives.

Informal MEPC talks make little progress. Enes Tunagur. *Lloyd's List*. 19 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1149570/Informal-MEPC-talks-make-little-progress> Informal talks between member states of the IMO Germany have made little progress, as countries try to find common ground between two camps that maintain their different stances in relation to a global carbon price to be adopted by the UN agency next year.

IMO Secretary-General Arsenio Dominguez interview with Helen Kelly from Nautilus International. *Nautilus International*. 19 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Ne97d3K7bY> Ahead of Day of the Seafarer 2024 Helen Kelly sat down with IMO secretary general Arsenio Dominguez to discuss the importance of a just and equitable transition to a decarbonised maritime industry.

‘Inadvertent geoengineering’: Researchers say low-sulfur shipping rules made climate change worse. Sam Meredith. *CNBC (US)*. 19 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.cnb.com/2024/06/19/geoengineering-study-shipping-regulation-made-climate-change-worse.html> A sweeping regulatory change in 2020 to slash air pollution from the world’s ships could have played a role in boosting global average temperatures, according to the findings of a controversial study.

First Sea Lord’s Sea Power Conference 2024 : Keynote speech by Arsenio Dominguez. *Council on Geostrategy*. 21 June 2024. Available from: <https://youtu.be/1u1lBexHGKk?si=jYjvmi7lo7zIZyQ9> Arsenio Dominguez, Secretary-General, International Maritime Organisation, delivered a keynote speech at the First Sea Lord’s Sea Power Conference 2024 at Lancaster House on Tuesday 14th May.

NLA’s Topographic And Hydrographic Branch Passes IMO Audit. *Jamaica Information Service*. 22 June 2024. Available from: <https://jis.gov.jm/nlas-topographic-and-hydrographic-branch-passes-imo-audit/> The National Land Agency’s (NLA) Topographic and Hydrographic Branch has passed its IMO audit, to bring the entity in line with global standards and best practices.

LAW & POLICY

Women’s Vital Role toward achieving a Sustainable Ocean Future. *United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)*. 30 May 2024. Available from: <https://www.undp.org/pacific/blog/womens-vital-role-toward-achieving-sustainable-ocean-future> The reality for women in the Blue Economy is undeniable: their crucial contributions are frequently overshadowed at best; unnoticed at their worst.

EU Blue Economy report 2024: innovation and sustainability drive growth. *European Commission*. 30 May 2024. Available from: https://oceans-and-fisheries.ec.europa.eu/news/eu-blue-economy-report-2024-innovation-and-sustainability-drive-growth-2024-05-30_en; The new edition of the EU Blue Economy Report is out, offering an in-depth analysis of European blue economy sectors and their performances based on the latest available data.

Red Flags: Russian Oil Tradecraft in the Mediterranean Sea. Alessio Armenzoni, Giangiuseppe Pili and Gary C. Kessler. *Proceedings: US Naval Institute*. June 2024. Available from: <https://www.usni.org/magazines/proceedings/2024/june/red-flags-russian-oil-tradecraft-mediterranean-sea> The war in Ukraine and resulting international sanctions affected Russia sufficiently that it had to change its primary economic policies.

The ITLOS Advisory Opinion on Climate Change: Selected Issues of Treaty Interpretation. Joshua Paine. *EJIL:Talk! Blog of the European Journal of International Law*. 3 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.ejiltalk.org/the-itlos-advisory-opinion-on-climate-change-selected-issues-of-treaty-interpretation/> This post analyses selected treaty interpretation issues in the ITLOS Advisory Opinion on Climate Change, delivered on 21 May 2024. The post does not seek to summarise nor address all issues raised by the Advisory Opinion.

The Government of Canada outlines the next steps for Canada's blue economy.

Government of Canada. 3 June 2024. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/5uepvps>
Today, at the H2O conference in Halifax, the Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, announced the publication of the Blue Economy Regulatory Roadmap.

Who Pays for Climate Action? Michael Franczak. *Foreign Policy*. 3 June 2024. Available from: <https://foreignpolicy.com/2024/06/03/climate-finance-small-island-states-taxes-adaptation/> If average global temperature rises are to be limited to 1.5 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels (in line with the 2015 Paris Agreement), climate finance globally will need to increase to about \$9 trillion a year globally by 2030, up from just under \$1.3 trillion in 2021-22.

UMAS evolves to better serve the shipping sector's decarbonisation needs. *University College London (UCL)*. 3 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/bartlett/energy/news/2024/jun/umas-evolves-better-serve-shipping-sectors-decarbonisation-needs> UMAS, formerly a close collaboration between the UCL Energy Institute shipping research group and UMAS International Ltd, is to take on a new configuration in order to better serve the shipping sector's needs, as it moves into an era of rapid technological change and development related to decarbonisation.

Can an ocean court victory power the climate justice movement? Yes, and here's why.

Safina Okumu, Louise Fournier and Maria Alejandra Serra Barney. *Greenpeace International*. 4 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.greenpeace.org/international/story/67499/ocean-court-itlos-climate-justice-advisory-opinion-legal-ruling-explained/> A recent decision from the world's highest ocean court, in a case brought by small island states threatened by rising sea levels caused by global heating, marks a major breakthrough.

Finding Light in Dark Places: Specific Obligations for Climate Change and Ocean Acidification Mitigation. Cymie Payne. *Columbia University Sabin. Center for Climate Change Law*. 4 June 2024. Available from: <https://blogs.law.columbia.edu/climatechange/2024/06/04/finding-light-in-dark-places-specific-obligations-for-climate-change-and-ocean-acidification-mitigation/> Can the new advisory opinion interpreting the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) move us beyond the lethargy of unmet climate change policy needs?

Master Ordered to Remain in Sri Lanka to Settle Small Oil Spill. *Maritime Executive*. 4 June 2024. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/master-ordered-to-remain-in-sri-lanka-to-settle-small-oil-spill> A magistrate in Colombo, Sri Lanka issued an order banning the master of a tanker that spilled a small amount of oil into the harbor to remain in the country for 30 days.

Kenya and Korea sign MOUs on Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs. Bernadette Khaduli. *Kenya News Agency (KNA)*. 5 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.kenyanews.go.ke/kenya-and-korea-sign-mous-on-blue-economy-and-maritime-affairs/> Kenya and the Republic of Korea today signed two key Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) to bolster their cooperation in Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs.

Global Fishing Watch and Gulf of Guinea Regional Fisheries Commission forge partnership in fight against illegal fishing. *Global Fishing Watch*. 5 June 2024. Available from:

<https://globalfishingwatch.org/press-release/global-fishing-watch-and-gulf-of-guinea-regional-fisheries-commission-forge-partnership-in-fight-against-illegal-fishing/> Global Fishing Watch, an international nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing ocean governance, and the Gulf of Guinea Regional Fisheries Commission (COREP), an intergovernmental body comprising 11 African nations, today launched a new strategic partnership aimed at addressing urgent maritime challenges in the Gulf of Guinea, including that of illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

U.S. marine economy continues upward trend. *US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)*. 6 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.noaa.gov/news-release/us-marine-economy-continues-upward-trend> The American marine economy continued to bolster the nation in 2022 as demonstrated by increased sales and jobs, according to the most recent statistics from the annual Marine Economy Satellite Account (MESA) released by two Department of Commerce agencies — NOAA and the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA).

New UK-Pacific partnership to boost maritime security and ocean management. *Pacific Community (SPC)*. 6 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.spc.int/fr/actualite/communiqués/communiqué-de-presse/2024/06/new-uk-pacific-partnership-to-boost-maritime> The UK Government and the Pacific Community (SPC) are pleased to announce the signing of a three-year £2.4 million (FJ\$5.4 million) funding agreement for the Integrated Ocean Management and Maritime Governance Programme.

Egypt joins international efforts to protect seafarers' rights. *International Labour Organization (ILO)*. 6 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/ilc/112/egypt-joins-international-efforts-protect-seafarers-rights> On 6 of June 2024, the International Labour Office received the instrument of ratification of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006) by the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Namibia advances Blue Economy initiatives. Niël Terblanché. *Windhoek Observer (Namibia)*. 7 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.observer24.com.na/namibia-advances-blue-economy-initiatives/> President Nangolo Mbumba has called for unity in safeguarding the ocean and addressing climate change as Namibia joined the global community in celebrating World Ocean Day.

Recommendations on Global Risks Call for Action. *Danish Shipping*. 7 June 2024. Available from: <https://danishshipping.dk/en/latest-news/2024/recommendations-on-global-risks-call-for-action/> The Corporate Forum for Global Risks, led by Chairman Niels Smedegaard, has published their recommendations on how society can reduce Danish companies' vulnerability to global risks.

Costa Rica Declares Peace with the Ocean in Groundbreaking Initiative. *Tico Times (Costa Rica)*. 9 June 2024. Available from: <https://ticotimes.net/2024/06/09/costa-rica-declares-peace-with-the-ocean-in-groundbreaking-initiative> The forum on ocean protection "Immersed in Change," held in Costa Rica as a prelude to a crucial UN meeting in France in 2025, will culminate this Saturday with a "declaration of peace for the ocean," organizers reported.

Norway Fines Shipowner \$750,000 for Illegal Export of Ships for Scrap. *Maritime Executive*. 10 June 2024. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/norway-fines-shipowner-750-000-for-illegal-export-of-ships-for-scrap> Four years after raiding the offices of the shipping company then known as Teekay Offshore, Norwegian regulators today imposed an approximately \$750,000 fine for illegally exporting two ships to India for scrapping.

The 25 universal principles of maritime law defined for the first time in the Draft CMI Lex Maritima. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 10 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/the-25-universal-principles-of-maritime-law-defined-for-the-first-time-in-the-draft-cmi-lex-maritima/> The ‘CMI Lex Maritima – The Gothenburg Draft’ formulates the universally shared basic principles of maritime law.

The CMI Lex Maritima: The Gothenburg Draft. *Comité Maritime International (CMI)*. 23 May 2024. Available from: <https://comitemaritime.org/work/lex-maritima/> The CMI Lex Maritima presented here is an articulation of the general principles of maritime law.

From Farm to Ship to Fork: The Role of Maritime Insurance in Facilitating Global Food Trade. *Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)*. 10 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.csis.org/analysis/farm-ship-fork-role-maritime-insurance-facilitating-global-food-trade> Developments in agriculture and transportation over the last century have shifted global diets from traditional to staple crops, largely concentrating the source of populations’ nutritional and caloric needs to a limited number of producing countries.

Captain of Oil Tanker Pleads Guilty to Obstruction and Violating Ship Pollution Prevention Laws. *US Department of Justice*. 11 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/captain-oil-tanker-pleads-guilty-obstruction-and-violating-ship-pollution-prevention-laws> Captain Abdurrahman Korkmaz, 37, pleaded guilty today to a two-count information charging him with violating the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (APPS) and for obstructing proceedings.

EU Proposes to Sanction Shipping Giant Sovcomflot to Limit Russia’s Revenue. Alberto Nardelli. *Bloomberg*. 11 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/eu-proposes-to-sanction-shipping-giant-sovcomflot-to-limit-russia-s-revenue-1.2083868> The European Union is proposing to sanction Russia’s oil-shipping giant Sovcomflot PJSC in a move to limit the Kremlin’s ability to finance its war against Ukraine, according to a document seen by Bloomberg.

China and Russia Test the Global Maritime Governance. Caroline Tuckett. *Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)*. 11 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.ispionline.it/en/publication/china-and-russia-test-the-global-maritime-governance-176597> The two countries expressed dissatisfaction with the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

High-level Event Declares “Peace for the Ocean”. *International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)*. 12 June 2024. Available from: <https://sdg.iisd.org/news/high-level-event-declares-peace-for-the-ocean/> A high-level stakeholder meeting brought together Heads of State and Government, ministers, ocean experts, and leaders from international organizations and civil society to maintain momentum on ocean action and serve as a preparatory meeting for the Third UN Ocean Conference (UNOC-3), to be held in Nice, France, in June 2025.

To save the high seas, plan for climate change. Lee Hannah, et al. *Nature*. 12 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-024-01720-2> Corals frying in Florida, billions of snow crabs dead in the Arctic — climate change is wreaking havoc in the world’s oceans.

Bonn makes only lukewarm progress to tackle a red-hot climate crisis. Partha Hefaz Shaikh. *Climate Home News*. 12 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.climatechangenews.com/2024/06/12/bonn-makes-only-lukewarm-progress-to-tackle-a-red-hot-climate-crisis/> Thousands of country representatives have spent the last two weeks in Germany at the UN Bonn Climate Conference, marking the mid-year point to the biggest climate summit of the year: COP29.

MSC Containership Arrested for Damages from “Runaway Exit” from Charleston. *Maritime Executive*. 12 June 2024. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/msc-containership-arrested-for-damages-from-runaway-exit-from-charleston> The U.S. District Court in Charleston, South Carolina issued an order on Monday to arrest the *MSC Michigan VII* and placed it under the control of a court-appointed custodian.

Bonn bulletin: Fears over “1.5 washing” in national climate plans. Megan Rowling, Joe Lo and Matteo Civillini. *Climate Home News*. 13 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.climatechangenews.com/2024/06/13/bonn-bulletin-fears-over-1-5-washing-in-ndcs/> The moderator, WWF’s climate lead Fernanda Carvalho, pointed out that IPCC scientists say 1.5C alignment means cutting emissions globally by 43% by 2030 and 60% by 2035 – but without giving national breakdowns.

Latin America’s Ocean Conservation Leadership. Beatriz García Nice. *Wilson Centre*. 14 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/blog-post/latin-americas-ocean-conservation-leadership> Argentina intends to sign the High Seas Treaty, an historic agreement to protect the lawless expanse of ocean that covers most of the planet’s surface and is home to extraordinary biodiversity.

Philippines seeks UN confirmation of its vast continental seabed in the disputed South China Sea. Jim Gomez. *Associated Press*. 15 June 2024. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/philippines-south-china-sea-continental-shelf-97da6db185774234bedba63c21e944d2> The Philippines has asked a United Nations body to formally recognize the extent of its undersea continental seabed in the South China Sea, where it would have the exclusive right to exploit resources, the Department of Foreign Affairs said Saturday, in a move that rejects China’s vast territorial claims to the region.

Key milestone for critical maritime infrastructure in Tuvalu. *Government of Australia*. 15 June 2024. Available from: <https://ministers.dfat.gov.au/minister/pat-conroy/media-release/key-milestone-critical-maritime-infrastructure-tuvalu> Australia’s support to Tuvalu’s infrastructure development has reached a major milestone, with Nui Island’s new boat harbour now complete.

Who pays for an alternative fuel spill? Gary Howard. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 17 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/finance-insurance/who-pays-alternative-fuel-spill> Renewable and zero-carbon fuels are the end goal for many shipping companies working to reduce their carbon emissions to net zero by 2050, with ships on the water and on order capable of running on a range of alternatives to heavy fuels and distillates.

Fighting the New Sea Monsters: The Importance of Whistleblowing in Deep Sea Mining. Kate Reeves. *National Law Review*. 17 June 2024. Available from: <https://natlawreview.com/article/fighting-new-sea-monsters-importance-whistleblowing-deep-sea-mining> Although the mineral deposits in the high seas are designated under international law as the “common heritage of mankind,” the deep-sea mining industry has already turned into a goldrush, where a select number of governments and companies in the Global North exert de facto control.

U.S. Sanctions Third Master Mariner for Shipping Iranian Oil. *Maritime Executive*. 17 June 2024. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/u-s-sanctions-third-master-mariner-for-shipping-iranian-oil> The U.S. government has sanctioned a third master mariner in connection with tankers linked to Yemen's Houthi rebel movement, which has repeatedly attacked shipping in the Red Sea since last fall, injuring and killing multiple seafarers.

1857 Copenhagen Treaty will make it hard to ban shadow fleet from Danish Straits. David Osler. *Lloyd's List*. 17 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1149559/1857-Copenhagen-Treaty-will-make-it-hard-to-ban-shadow-fleet-from-Danish-straits> Denmark's legal right to restrict passage of vessels carrying Russian crude through the Danish Straits is fraught with difficulty, according to shipping lawyers.

The EU is ready to ratify the High Seas Treaty. *European Commission*. 17 June 2024. Available from: https://oceans-and-fisheries.ec.europa.eu/news/eu-ready-ratify-high-seas-treaty-2024-06-17_en The Commission welcomes the adoption today by the Council of a decision to conclude the United Nations agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ), also known as the 'High Seas Treaty'.

Korea to host global ocean conference next year. *Korea Times (South Korea)*. 18 June 2024. Available from: https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/nation/2024/06/281_376884.html Korea's oceans ministry said Tuesday it will host an international maritime conference in the southeastern port city of Busan next year to discuss pollution, climate change and sustainable fisheries.

Philippines accuses Chinese coast guard of boarding navy boats in South China Sea. *France 24*. 19 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.france24.com/en/asia-pacific/20240619-philippines-accuses-chinese-coast-guard-of-boarding-navy-boats-in-south-china-sea> 🇵🇭 The incident off Second Thomas Shoal, which hosts a tiny Philippine garrison stationed on a deliberately beached old warship, is the latest in a series of escalating confrontations between Chinese and Philippine ships in recent months as Beijing steps up efforts to push its claims to the disputed area.

State urged to scale up investments in blue economy. Chris Mahandara. *Kenya News Agency (KNA)*. 19 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.kenyanews.go.ke/state-urged-to-scale-up-investments-in-blue-economy/> The government has been urged to scale up investments in the blue economy sector to spur economic growth and boost the country's revenue base.

Ghana hosts workshop on Conserving Aquatic Biodiversity in African Blue Economy. *Ghana News Agency*. 19 June 2024. Available from: <https://gna.org.gh/2024/06/ghana-hosts-workshop-on-conserving-aquatic-biodiversity-in-african-blue-economy/> Madam Ophelia Mensah Hayford, the Minister of Environment, Science, Technology, and Innovation (MESTI) today opened a two-day workshop on Conserving Aquatic Biodiversity in African Blue Economy (CABABE).

The High Seas Treaty: What does it mean for the Arctic? *WWF*. 19 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.arcticwwf.org/newsroom/features/the-high-seas-treaty-what-does-it-mean-for-the-arctic/>; For a long time, the Arctic had been referred to as a region of genuine and stable cooperation, free from the influence of global political divides. [Report](#) 📄

Global survey reveals 'truly astonishing' consensus for stronger climate action. *UN News*. 20 June 2024. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/06/1151271> 🇺🇳 The overwhelming majority of people around the world want an end to geopolitical differences when it comes to fighting climate change, the results of a landmark public opinion poll conducted by the UN Development Programme (UNDP) has shown.

Another cargo ship seized on suspicion of violating UN sanctions on N. Korea. *Korea Times (South Korea)*. 20 June 2024. Available from: https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/nation/2024/06/103_377056.html South Korea seized a 2,900-ton cargo ship near the Korea Strait on Thursday on suspicion of violating U.N. Security Council sanctions against North Korea, sources said.

Racing Against Time: Activating the High Seas Treaty Now. *High Seas Alliance*. 21 June 2024. Available from: <https://highseasalliance.org/2024/06/21/racing-against-time-activating-the-high-seas-treaty-now/> This week marks a significant milestone as the United Nations convenes its first “official” meeting on the High Seas Treaty since its adoption in June last year.

Key takeaways from the Bonn climate conference. Fiona Harvey. *The Guardian*. 21 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/article/2024/jun/21/bonn-climate-conference-key-takeaways> With less than five months to go to the vital Cop29 UN climate summit in Azerbaijan in November, nations gathered in Bonn last week to begin negotiations on one of the last chances for a “course correction” to move away from fossil fuels and avoid the worst ravages of the climate crisis.

State to intensify research to exploit marine and aquatic resources. Chris Mahandara. *Kenya News Agency (KNA)*. 21 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.kenyanews.go.ke/state-to-intensify-research-to-exploit-marine-and-aquatic-resources/> Through the initiative spearheaded by the Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI), the government targets to come up with scientific data and information to guide in the sustainable exploitation of the resources.

Govt wants UK insurer to compensate fishermen affected by oil spill. Jassmine Shadiqe. *New Straits Times (Malaysia)*. 23 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2024/06/1067234/govt-wants-uk-insurer-compensate-fishermen-affected-oil-spill> The government will request UK-based insurer British Marine to compensate fishermen affected by oil slicks off Singapore which have drifted into Malaysian waters.

Crimea ‘grain theft’ warrants put 24 ships in the frame. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 24 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/bulkers/crimea-grain-theft-warrants-put-24-ships-in-the-frame/2-1-1665496> Ukraine has issued arrest warrants for 24 ships it says have been involved in the illegal export of grain from areas under Russian occupation.

EU Details Its First Sanctions Targeting Specific Ships and Sovcomflot. *Maritime Executive*. 24 June 2024. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/eu-details-its-first-sanctions-targeting-specific-ships-and-sovcomflot> The European Council formalized its fourteenth package of sanctions today and for the first time is listing specific ships targeting both the operations of Sovcomflot and the shadow tanker fleet.

UN Rome-based Agencies and COP Presidencies mobilise for climate action and finance in fragile contexts ahead of COP29. *World Food Programme*. 26 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.wfp.org/news/un-rome-based-agencies-and-cop-presidencies-mobilise-climate-action-and-finance-fragile> The midpoint meeting between COP28 and COP29 emphasises climate-resilient agri-food systems as key to solving interconnected climate and food crises.

Imposing Sanctions on Entities and Vessels Trading in Iranian Petroleum or Petrochemical Products. *US Department of State.* 27 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.state.gov/imposing-sanctions-on-entities-and-vessels-trading-in-iranian-petroleum-or-petrochemical-products/> Over the past month, Iran has announced steps to further expand its nuclear program in ways that have no credible peaceful purpose. [Fact Sheet](#)

UK Chamber of Shipping calls for more trade-friendly policies. Nidaa Bakhsh. *ShippingWatch.* 27 June 2024. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article17225516.ece> The UK Chamber of Shipping is calling on the next government to focus on policies that will help the industry shine given its importance to the nation's economic health.

MARINE TECHNOLOGY

Can ships run on biofuel? *Exxon Mobil Corporation.* 30 May 2024. Available from: <https://corporate.exxonmobil.com/locations/eu-regional-news/can-ships-run-on-biofuel> Lowering emissions from shipping, a sector that accounts for around 3% of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and carries 90% of all goods that are transported around the world, is an important part of reducing global emissions.

Green shipping in China: groundbreaking system captures, stores CO2 from ships' exhaust gas. *Global Times (China).* 31 May 2024. Available from: <https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202405/1313399.shtml> A breakthrough in green shipping: China has developed the world's first-ever full-process onboard carbon capture and storage (OCCS) system and put it into use.

Two-thirds of European green shipping fuel projects at risk - analysis. *Transport & Environment.* 3 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.transportenvironment.org/articles/two-thirds-of-european-green-shipping-fuel-projects-at-risk-analysis> 4% of European shipping could run on e-fuels by 2030, according to mapping done by T&E. But just a third of these projects are guaranteed as fuel suppliers fear a lack of demand

E-Fuels observatory for shipping. *Transport & Environment.* 3 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.transportenvironment.org/articles/e-fuels-observatory-for-shipping> An overview of clean fuels projects and their supply potential to meet the needs of the European maritime industry. [Briefing](#)

Stena Line's use of AI drives the development of sustainable shipping. *Stena Line.* 3 June 2024. Available from: <https://news.cision.com/stena-line/r/stena-line-s-use-of-ai-drives-the-development-of-sustainable-shipping.c3991091> Stena Line, one of Europe's leading ferry companies, can now report a significant reduction in their fuel consumption thanks to their strategic use of AI.


Retrofits shift into sharp focus as owners get to grips with future fuels. Lucy Hine. *TradeWinds.* 4 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/gas/retrofits-shift-into-sharp-focus-as-owners-get-to-grips-with-future-fuels/2-1-1651986> Shipowners have many questions for engine designers these days and technology providers like his must be able to answer, says WinGD chief executive Dominik Schneider.

HD Hyundai to develop AI technology for ships. Kan Hyeong-woo. *Korea Herald (South Korea)*. 4 June 2024. Available from:

https://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20240604050616&ACE_SEARCH=1 HD Hyundai has partnered with global leaders in the maritime classification and registration sectors to develop a new structure for ships by removing blind spots on vessels, the Korean shipbuilding conglomerate said Tuesday.

Onboard carbon capture technically feasible but commercial uptake relies on industry collaboration and regulatory acceptance, says DNV. India Bourke. *DNV*. 4 June 2024.

Available from: <https://www.dnv.com/news/onboard-carbon-capture-technically-feasible-but-commercial-uptake-relies-on-industry-collaboration-and-regulatory-acceptance-says-dnv/>

Onboard carbon capture (OCC) is attracting interest within the shipping industry, providing shipowners with the opportunity to continue operating on conventional fuels while reducing emissions. [Report](#) 

Green fuel supply 'big headache' for shipping, warns DNV's Knut Ørbeck-Nilssen.

John Snyder. *Riviera Maritime*. 6 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/decarbonisation-slow-down-dead-ahead-warns-dnvs-knut-orbeck-nilssen-81067>

Alternative-fuelled vessels now account for 50% of the current orderbook, but shipping's progress to reduce its carbon footprint faces major roadblocks, warns DNV Maritime chief executive Knut Ørbeck-Nilssen.

Alternative Fuels and Seafarer Upskilling Dominate Discussions at Greener Shipping Summit 2024. *Posidonia. The International Shipping Exhibition*. 6 June 2024. Available from:

<https://posidonia-events.com/press-releases/posidonia/article/154/alternative-fuels-and-seafarer-upskilling-dominate-discussions-at-greener-shipping-summit-2024/> Under the theme 'New

Technologies and Education', the thought-provoking summit was organised by Newsfront/Naftiliaki and supported by MARTECMA (Marine Technical Managers Association).

Ammonia can offer up to 61% cut in shipping carbon emissions, study says. Lucy Hine.

TradeWinds. 10 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/gas/ammonia-can-offer-up-to-61-cut-in-shipping-carbon-emissions-study-says/2-1-1658234>

Using ammonia as a marine fuel can slash greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by up to 61%, according to an independent study commissioned by the Society for Gas as a Marine Fuel (SGMF).

Alternative Fuels' Use, Carriage not Fully Covered Under Current Legal Framework. *Ship & Bunker*. 11 June 2024. Available from:

<https://shipandbunker.com/news/emea/838870-alternative-fuels-use-carriage-not-fully-covered-under-current-legal-framework> The risks from using oil-derived products as bunker fuel or as cargo are covered by two conventions, the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage (Bunkers Convention) and International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage (CLC).

Report: Shipping companies should join forces on biofuel procurement. Mette Grube Condrup.

ShippingWatch. 11 June 2024. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article17186467.ece> There is great potential in getting the infrastructure in place to make it attractive for shipping companies to invest, according to a new study.

Biogas as a Source of Biofuels for Shipping. *Maersk Mc-Kinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping*. 11 June 2024. Available from:

<https://www.zerocarbonsshipping.com/publications/biogas-as-a-source-of-biofuels-for-shipping/> Successful decarbonization of the shipping industry will depend on the maturation and adoption of a range of alternative maritime fuels.

Kongsberg steps up autonomous shipping project with ‘chief-to-shore’ approval. Alex Blair. *ShipTechnology*. 12 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.ship-technology.com/news/kongsberg-steps-up-autonomous-shipping-project/> Norway’s Kongsberg is a bellwether for uncrewed vessel operations, but the autonomous project faces regulatory resistance.

Shipping industry looks for consensus on sustainable fuels ahead of net-zero goals. Christopher Reynolds. *CTV News (Canada)*. 13 June 2024. Available from: <https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/shipping-industry-looks-for-consensus-on-sustainable-fuels-ahead-of-net-zero-goals-1.6926028> Global shippers convened in Montreal on Thursday to sort out which sustainable fuels their vessels should use - a key question given that boats built today will still be running in 2050.

Can AI enable more sustainable shipping? *Dry Cargo International*. 13 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.drycargomag.com/can-ai-enable-more-sustainable-shipping> The Chief Sustainability Officer at Norway’s NAVTOR is addressing the fact that we’re currently “way behind the curve” when it comes to shipping’s stated objective of halving GHG emissions by 2030.

Shipping industry looks for consensus on sustainable fuels ahead of net-zero goals. Christopher Reynolds. *Business in Vancouver (Canada)*. 13 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.biv.com/news/shipping-industry-looks-for-consensus-on-sustainable-fuels-ahead-of-net-zero-goals-9078156> Global shippers convened in Montreal on Thursday to sort out which sustainable fuels their vessels should use - a key question given that boats built today will still be running in 2050.

The ocean data projects improving shipping safety and combating climate change. Amy McLellan. *Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST)*. 13 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.imarest.org/resource/mp-the-ocean-data-projects-improving-shipping-safety-and-combating-climate-change.html> Data fuels our world, feeding the algorithms that power our connected lives. But when it comes to oceans, we are sometimes flying blind.

Kongsberg Maritime takes another step towards autonomous vessel operation with approval to move Chief Engineer role to shore. *Kongsberg*. 13 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.kongsberg.com/maritime/about-us/news-and-media/news-archive/2024/autonomous-vessel-dnv-approval-chief-engineer-shore-based-control-centre/> Kongsberg Maritime has received Approval in Principle from classification society DNV to enable a key role to be transferred from a ship to a shore-based control centre, marking a significant step in the journey towards uncrewed vessel operations.

Ship’s systems ready for science. *Australian Antarctic Program*. 15 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.antarctica.gov.au/news/2024/ships-systems-ready-for-science/> Antarctic icebreaker *RSV Nuyina* is preparing for an ambitious marine science voyage early next year, with a range of science systems commissioning activities around southern Tasmania this winter.

Autonomous Vessels: Already Working, but Still Under Close Review. Tom Ewing. *MarineLink*. 17 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.marinelink.com/news/autonomous-vessels-already-working-close-514526> Surface and underwater operations present rather obvious contrasts regarding changes and challenges that AVs can imply for ports and harbors.

AI can help shipping industry cut down emissions, report says. *Reuters*. 18 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/technology/artificial-intelligence/ai-can-help-shipping-industry-cut-down-emissions-report-says-2024-06-18/> The global commercial shipping industry could cut down its carbon emissions by 47 million tonnes per year by deploying artificial intelligence for sea navigation, a study by autonomous shipping startup Orca AI showed on Tuesday.

LNG as fuel for ships: expert answers to 17 important questions. Amanda Thurman. *Wärtsilä Corporation*. 19 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.wartsila.com/insights/article/lng-fuel-for-thought-in-our-deep-dive-q-a> With emissions regulations getting ever stricter, many ship owners are turning to alternative fuels to power their vessels. Liquefied natural gas (LNG) is proving a popular choice – and for good reason.

EverLoNG: Second carbon capture demonstration onboard LNG-powered ship takes off. Ajsa Habibic. *Offshore Energy*. 19 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.offshore-energy.biz/everlong-second-carbon-capture-demonstration-onboard-lng-powered-ship-takes-off/> 🇩🇪 The second test campaign under the EverLoNG project has begun with a ship-based carbon capture (SBCC) prototype installed on Heerema Marine Contractors' LNG-powered crane ship *Sleipnir*.

Greek government implements whale detection tech to reduce ship strikes. *Safety4Sea*. 20 June 2024. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/greek-government-implements-whale-detection-tech-to-reduce-ship-strikes/> The Greek government, the Athens-based environmental think tank The Green Tank and OceanCare signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the implementation of the “SAvE Whales” system in the Strait of Kythira.

The ship tech needed to get green shipping corridors up and running is ready to go. *American Journal of Transportation (AJOT)*. 27 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.ajot.com/news/the-ship-tech-needed-to-get-green-shipping-corridors-up-and-running-is-ready-to-go> Recognizing the need for climate action, the IMO adapted a new strategy in 2023 to incorporate a net-zero emissions goal for all vessels by or around 2050.

MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING

Carnival Cruise Line Partners with Maritime and Port University of Mexico to Launch New Apprenticeship. *Carnival Corporation & plc*. 29 May 2024. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/5n98d8dd> University Students Now Eligible for 180-Day Program Aboard Carnival Ships.

SAREX Detroit 2024: Morocco Deploys Major Maritime Rescue Exercise. Firdaous Naim. *Morocco World News*. 30 May 2024. Available from: <https://www.morocoworldnews.com/2024/05/362960/sarex-detroit-2024-morocco-deploys-major-maritime-rescue-exercise> The SAREX Detroit 2024 scenario involves a fire breaking aboard a passenger ship that requires the emergency evacuation of 60 people, including injured passengers.

The complexities of tanker incidents and migrant rescues. Craig Jallal. *Riviera Maritime*. 30 May 2024. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/the-complexities-of-tanker-incident-and-migrant-rescues-80908> Maritime professionals face significant challenges in managing migrant rescues and tanker incidents, highlighting the need for continuous training and preparedness.

Singapore Maritime Foundation Launches “Choose Your MariTimeline” Campaign to Illustrate Exciting Career Pathways into Singapore’s Global Maritime Industry. *Singapore Maritime Foundation*. 30 May 2024. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/yyntwh3e> The latest phase of SMF’s Own Your Future campaign, Choose Your MariTimeline, showcases the diverse career paths that four real-life professionals have taken to pursue purpose-driven maritime careers.

Life After Sea. *International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)*. June 2024. Available from: <https://www.ics-shipping.org/life-after-sea/> The aim of this video is to showcase to people what a diverse and interesting career maritime has to offer. It highlights the longevity of a career in maritime, from seafarer to coming ashore, emphasising how vital being at sea can be when coming ashore to other job opportunities within the sector.

Tomorrow’s seafarer today. *Splash 247.com*. 3 June 2024. Available from: <https://splash247.com/tomorrows-seafarer-today/> The never-ending evolution of shipping technology requires a workforce in a permanent state of flux, constantly learning and always adapting to requirements from the digitalisation and decarbonisation of the global maritime fleet.

Cargo Integrity Group highlights cargoes that can compromise supply chain safety. *ICHCA International*. 6 June 2024. Available from: <https://ichca.com/cargo-integrity-group-highlights-cargoes-that-can-compromise-supply-chain-safety> They urge everyone handling these goods to follow all applicable regulations, the CTU Code and industry best practices. [Full Press Release](#) 

New maritime laws ‘to boost work opportunities’. Shamar Blunt. *Barbados Today*. 8 June 2024. Available from: <https://barbadostoday.bb/2024/06/08/new-maritime-laws-to-boost-work-opportunities/> A new set of maritime laws before Parliament is expected to open up more job prospects in the island’s blue economy, government lawmakers said Friday.

ITF schools next generation of maritime professionals on flags of convenience, abandonment. *ITF Seafarers*. 18 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/itf-schools-next-generation-maritime-professionals-flags-of-convenience-abandonment> Future maritime lawyers, academics, flag state administrators and coastguards were among the next generation of maritime professionals to listen and learn from ITF staff at the World Maritime University (WМУ).

The Nautical Institute’s perspective on crew training for alternative fuels. Yves Vandeborn. *Safety4Sea*. 21 June 2024. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/cm-the-nautical-institutes-perspective-on-crew-training-for-alternative-fuels/> Currently, there is extremely limited data on the operational use of various alternative fuels.

Port facility security officers in West, Central Africa undergo capacity-building on Port security. Eric Appah Marfo. *Ghana News Agency*. 22 June 2024. Available from: <https://gna.org.gh/2024/06/port-facility-security-officers-in-west-central-africa-undergo-capacity-building-on-port-security/> The five-day regional “Train-the-Trainers” course, which ended on Friday in Accra equipped the officers to train their colleagues for improved security in the maritime domain.

Höegh Autoliners prepares its crew for the green shift with customized simulators from Kongsberg Digital. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 25 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/hoegh-autoliners-prepares-its-crew-for-the-green-shift-with-customized-simulators-from-kongsberg-digital/> Kongsberg Digital is proud to announce a significant new simulator contract with Höegh Autoliners, a premier player in the transportation and logistics sector.

MARITIME SAFETY


Inadequate control on confined spaces highlighted in eCMID vessel inspection analysis.

International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA). 4 June 2024. Available from:

<https://www.imca-int.com/inadequate-control-on-confined-spaces-highlighted-in-ecmid-vessel-inspection-analysis/> A new report from IMCA has analysed 1,611 standard vessel inspection reports uploaded to IMCA's eCMID (Common Marine Inspection Documents) and eMISW (Common Marine Inspection Documents for Small Workboats) database in the previous year.

Survitec calls for greater industry oversight for fire safety inspections to combat increase in ship detentions and ship losses due to fire.

Survitec Group. 4 June 2024. Available from:

<https://survitecgroup.com/media/news/survitec-calls-for-greater-industry-oversight-for-fire-safety-inspections-to-combat-increase-in-ship-detentions-and-ship-losses-due-to-fire/> Global Survival Technology solutions provider Survitec has highlighted the dangers of inadequate maintenance, testing, and inspection of ship fire safety systems in a new white paper, which points to an alarming increase in fire-safety-related deficiencies found during Port State Control Inspections and subsequent ship detentions. [White Paper](#) 

ABS to Create a Hellenic Ship Safety Center.

MarineLink. 5 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.marinelink.com/news/abs-create-a-hellenic-ship-safety-center-514269> A new ship safety center in Athens will help prepare seafarers to handle a dynamic, multi-dimensional shipping industry as alternative fuels and emerging technologies present new challenges for the sector.

Safety dangers from sanctioned tanker fleet growing, ship manager V. Group says.

Jonathan Saul. *Reuters*. 6 June 2024. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/yfszh4nr> Safety dangers are growing from ageing and unregulated vessels, leading ship management firm V. Group told Reuters, adding it had stopped providing services to 30 tankers last year after they were sold to companies that did not pass compliance checks.

BMA Observes Women in Maritime Day with Panel Event.

Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA). 6 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.bahamasmaritime.com/bma-news/bma-observes-women-in-maritime-day-with-panel-event/> In celebration of International Day for Women in Maritime 2024, The Bahamas Maritime Authority recently hosted a panel discussion under the theme, 'Safe Horizons: Women Shaping the Future of Maritime Safety.'

Missile attacks by Yemen's Houthi rebels strike 2 ships in the Gulf of Aden, US military says.

Jon Gambrell. *Associated Press*. 10 June 2024. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/yemen-houthi-rebels-ship-attack-israel-hamas-war-f72e5a614ba04254031de5b8aaa26f2f> One anti-ship ballistic cruise missile hit the Antigua- and Barbuda-flagged cargo ship *Norderney* forward station late Saturday, starting a fire that those on board put out, the U.S. military's Central Command said.

Safety should trump geopolitics as shadow fleet oil spill risk looms.

Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds*. 11 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/safety-should-trump-geopolitics-as-shadow-fleet-oil-spill-risk-looms/2-1-1658613> There are few trends more concerning in shipping today than the risk posed by the growth of what is known as the shadow fleet or dark fleet.

New major grant to improve safety across the maritime industry. *Lloyd's Register Foundation*. 12 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.lrfoundation.org.uk/en/news/new-grant-to-improve-safety-across-the-maritime-industry/> Lloyd's Register Foundation has awarded £1,000,000 in funding to the IMO International Maritime Law Institute to support its work in the adoption and effective implementation of maritime legislation to address emerging maritime safety challenges.

The Power of Strapping Cargo. *Material Handling 24/7*. 13 June 2024. Available from: https://www.materialhandling247.com/article/the_power_of_strapping_cargo Even the largest of loads don't intimidate polyester strapping on land and sea.

Maritime safety: Council adopts position to strengthen European Maritime Safety Agency. *Council of the European Union*. 18 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/06/18/maritime-safety-council-adopts-position-to-strengthen-european-maritime-safety-agency/> The Council adopted today its negotiating position (general approach) on a new regulation strengthening the role of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA).

Bigger Ships, Bigger Risks: Navigating the Challenges of Modern Maritime Safety. Rahul Khanna. *gCaptain*. 26 June 2024. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/bigger-ships-bigger-risks-navigating-the-challenges-of-modern-maritime-safety/> The tragic collapse of Baltimore's Francis Scott Key Bridge in the US after it was hit by the container ship *Dali* made headlines around the world.

MARITIME SECURITY

International Meeting to Discuss the Latest Maritime Threats. *EU NAVFOR Operation ATALANTA*. 3 June 2024. Available from: <https://eunavfor.eu/news/international-meeting-discuss-latest-maritime-threats> The fifteenth Industry Strategic Meeting, which focuses on the Maritime Security Dialogue, is organised by the European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) Operation ATALANTA and is co-chaired by EUNAVFOR ASPIDES and the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) with Operation AGENOR as special guest.

No Piracy, Maritime Crimes On Nigeria Water In 2 Years – Oyetola. Yusuf Babalola. *Leadership (Nigeria)*. 8 June 2024. Available from: <https://leadership.ng/no-piracy-maritime-crimes-on-nigeria-water-in-2-years-oyetola/> The minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Adegboyega Oyetola, on Thursday, announced that Nigeria has not recorded piracy or maritime crimes on its waterways since 2022.

June 9 U.S. Central Command Update. *US Central Command*. 9 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.centcom.mil/MEDIA/PRESS-RELEASES/Press-Release-View/Article/3801028/june-9-us-central-command-update/> In the past 24 hours, Iranian-backed Houthis launched two anti-ship ballistic missiles (ASBM) from Houthi controlled areas of Yemen into the Gulf of Aden.

Houthi Attacks on Merchant Vessels in the Red Sea. Magne Frostad. *Lieber Institute at West Point*. 10 June 2024. Available from: <https://lieber.westpoint.edu/houthi-attacks-merchant-vessels-red-sea/> The Red Sea has seen a rise in attacks on merchant ships since 19 October 2023.

June 12 U.S. Central Command Update. *US Central Command*. 12 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.centcom.mil/MEDIA/PRESS-RELEASES/Press-Release-View/Article/3805237/june-12-us-central-command-update/> In the past 24 hours, U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) forces successfully destroyed three anti-ship cruise missile (ASCM) launchers in a Houthi controlled area of Yemen and one uncrewed aerial system (UAS) launched from a Houthi controlled area of Yemen over the Red Sea.

June 13 U.S. Central Command Update. *US Central Command*. 13 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.centcom.mil/MEDIA/PRESS-RELEASES/Press-Release-View/Article/3807023/june-13-us-central-command-update/> In the past 24 hours, U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) forces successfully destroyed one air defense sensor in a Houthi controlled area of Yemen.
[Houthis Strike M/V Verbena in Gulf of Aden, ...](#)

Should guards on ships be ready to fire on Houthi sea drones? Some security experts say yes. Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds*. 17 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/should-guards-on-ships-be-ready-to-fire-on-houthi-sea-drones-some-security-experts-say-yes/2-1-1661722> Some maritime security professionals believe it is time to equip merchant vessels with armed guards who are ready to fire on Houthi sea drones.

Cabinda to Cape Town: how crime-proof are Africa's Atlantic shores? Carina Bruwer. *Institute for Security Studies (ISS)*. 17 June 2024. Available from: <https://issafrica.org/iss-today/cabinda-to-cape-town-how-crime-proof-are-africa-s-atlantic-shores> With all eyes on pirates and politics in the Gulf of Guinea and the Indian Ocean, who is keeping an eye on Africa's South Atlantic?

New maritime cyber security organisation launched. Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 18 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/technology/new-maritime-cyber-security-organisation-launched> The launch of IMSCO comes at a time of growing concern over cyber security in shipping, both as ship-to-shore connectivity increases sharply and new international regulations come into force.

Tinubu pushes for international cooperation on maritime security for blue economy. Evelyn Usman. *Vanguard (Nigeria)*. 19 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/06/tinubu-pushes-for-international-cooperation-on-maritime-security-for-blue-economy/> President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has emphasized the importance of international cooperation on maritime security to unlock the vast potential of Africa's blue economy.

Houthi Sinking of Merchant Ships in the Red Sea. *US Department of State*. 20 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.state.gov/houthi-sinking-of-merchant-ships-in-the-red-sea/> The United States condemns the latest reckless and indiscriminate attacks on civilian ships by the Houthis. This includes the deliberate attacks on the *M/V TUTOR*, which sunk earlier this week, and the *M/V VERBENA*, which is abandoned and adrift in the Red Sea, posing a navigational hazard to other maritime traffic.

The shipping industry is sounding the alarm as another vessel sinks in the Red Sea. Hanna Ziady. *CNN*. 20 June 2024. Available from: <https://edition.cnn.com/2024/06/20/business/red-sea-vessel-sunk-shipping-warning/index.html> At least three seafarers have been killed in the attacks so far. The latest sinking is likely to have led to another death, according to a statement Wednesday from more than a dozen shipping associations, including the International Chamber of Shipping and the World Shipping Council.

Operation Sea Guardian: NATO's Vigilance in the Central Mediterranean. *NATO Allied Maritime Command (MARCOM)*. 20 June 2024. Available from: <https://mc.nato.int/media-centre/news/2024/operation-sea-guardian-natos-vigilance-in-the-central-mediterranean>
NATO's Operation Sea Guardian (OSG) flagship *HRV Dubrovnik* supported by *ALS Butrinti* conducted focused maritime patrols in the Adriatic and Central Mediterranean Seas.

Fending Off Houthis Requires Double the Fleet, EU Force Says. Simon Marks. *Bloomberg*. 21 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/fending-off-houthis-requires-double-the-fleet-eu-force-says-1.2087858> A naval force deployed by the European Union to protect vessels in the Red Sea needs to more than double in size because of escalating attacks by Iran-backed Houthi rebels, the head of the operation said.

Stavridis: Red Sea Response Is Anemic And Indecisive. James Stavridis. *gCaptain*. 22 June 2024. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/stavridis-red-sea-response-is-anemic-and-indecisive/> According to Admiral Stavridis, former Supreme Allied Commander of NATO, the Western response to the Red Sea conflict has been “anemic, indecisive, and predominantly defensive.”

Maritime Security Committee is back again. *Fiji Times*. 24 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.fijitimes.com.fj/maritime-security-committee-is-back-again/> The Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration has re-established the Maritime Security Committee as it seeks to look at traditional and non-traditional threats in the maritime space and how to address those from a legislative point of view.

Cook Islands and Australia strengthen maritime security cooperation. *Cook Islands News*. 25 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.cookislandsnews.com/uncategorised/internal/national/local/cook-islands-and-australia-strengthen-maritime-security-cooperation/> Australian Defence Advisor, Group Captain Andrew Hoffmann, visited Rarotonga from June 19 – 21. This visit included discussions with key government agencies on regional security challenges, policing cooperation, and maritime surveillance priorities.

Unions call on nations to invest in maritime professionals to ensure future security. *Nautilus International*. 26 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/unions-call-on-nations-to-invest-in-maritime-professionals-to-ensure-future-security/> Nautilus International general secretary Mark Dickinson has called for western nations to reenergise their maritime industries, and prioritise the safety of seafarers and seaborne trade, in a speech to delegates at the 90th Convention of the International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots (IOMMP), a Nautilus Federation union.

World Drug Day: Strengthening Maritime Security. *United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)*. 26 June 2024. Available from: https://www.unodc.org/easternafrika/en/Stories/world-drug-day_-strengthening-maritime-security.html Maritime routes have long been exploited by drug traffickers due to the vast expanses of open sea and the complexity of maritime laws and jurisdictions.

Fears of a new Red Sea attack on shipping: reports. Yannick Guerry and Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 28 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/fears-of-a-new-red-sea-attack-on-shipping-reports/2-1-1668641> Africa Risk Compliance said the master reported five missiles landing close to the vessel.

MIGRANTS

Over 180 migrants dead or missing in latest tragedy off Yemen, UN agency reports. *UN News*. 11 June 2024. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/06/1150936> Some 260 people were aboard the vessel that had departed from Bossaso, in northeast Somalia, in the early hours of Sunday, bound for Yemen, about 330 kilometres (about 205 miles) away.

Greek coastguard's treatment of migrants 'clearly illegal', says ex-officer. Jon Henley. *The Guardian*. 17 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/article/2024/jun/17/greek-coastguard-treatment-of-migrants-illegal-says-ex-officer> 🗞️ A former Greek coastguard officer has described as "clearly illegal" the actions of colleagues who abandoned nine migrants at sea in one of 15 alleged pushbacks from Greek islands or territorial waters that reportedly killed dozens of people.

NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS

Crisis at sea: the growing threat of 'fake' deep sea pilots. *Nautilus International*. 29 May 2024. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/telegraph/crisis-at-sea-the-growing-threat-of-fake-deep-sea-pilots/> 🗞️ Ships captains, responsible for the safety of crew and cargo, face daily challenges navigating increasingly congested sea lanes in the North Sea.

Ships Diverted From Red Sea Send Ripple Effects Across the Globe. Brendan Murray. *Bloomberg*. 2 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/ships-diverted-from-red-sea-send-ripple-effects-across-the-globe-1.2080059> Nearly six months into the Houthis' relentless campaign to protest Israel's war in Gaza, the economic fallout is widening.

The challenges of cleaner fuels for shipping supply chains. Peter Cook. *Melbourne Asia Review*. 3 June 2024. Available from: <https://melbourneasiareview.edu.au/the-challenges-of-cleaner-fuels-for-shipping-supply-chains/> Despite being out of sight and therefore often out of mind, the maritime elements of the network carry 'over 80 per cent of the world merchandise trade by volume' The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the importance of maritime trade and exposed some of the weaknesses of the system.

S. Korea raises N. Korea's GPS signal jamming with 3 int'l agencies: foreign ministry. Kim Seung-yeon. *Yonhap News Agency (South Korea)*. 4 June 2024. Available from: <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20240604007400315> South Korea has raised North Korea's repeated jamming of GPS navigation signals with three related international agencies and requested due measures be taken in response to the illegal acts by Pyongyang, the foreign ministry said Tuesday.

Longer maritime routes mean more fuel consumed in shipping following Red Sea attacks. Jeff Barron. *US Energy Information Administration (EIA)*. 5 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=62224> Sales of bunker fuel in Singapore, the world's largest bunkering fuel port, have increased to all-time highs, indicating increased global consumption as cargo ships, tankers, and other marine vessels take longer routes to avoid the Red Sea.

Maritime expertise required as industry specific applications fade out. Gary Howard.

Seatrade Maritime News. 5 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/ship-operations/maritime-expertise-required-industry-specific-applications-fade-out> Starlink and other low earth orbit (LEO) satellite connectivity solutions have brought greater bandwidth and reduced latency to maritime operations, removing the need for software packages optimised for the previous high-latency, low-bandwidth situation onboard.

#MakeWayForWhales: Belgian shipowners bring life-sized blue whale on European tour to raise awareness on fatal whale accidents. *Royal Belgian Shipowners' Association*. 5 June 2024. Available from: <https://kbrv.be/library/makewayforwhales-belgian-shipowners-bring-life-sized-blue-whale-on-european-tour-to-raise-awareness-on-fatal-whale-accidents> On Thursday 13 June 2024, the KBRV will place Star, the name of the female blue whale in the square in front of the Antwerp Central train station.

Ships, reduce speed! The plan to avoid collisions with whales in the Mediterranean Sea.

Paula Mateu. *La Vanguardia (Spain)*. 6 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.lavanguardia.com/mediterranean/20240605/9707945/ships-reduce-speed-collisions-whales-nature-mediterranean-sea-ecologism-oceancare-migration-corridor.html> Ten conservation organizations are urging the Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge of Spain (Miteco) to include a binding speed limit of 10 knots for ships, with some specifications regarding merchant vessels and ferries, in the management plan for the Mediterranean Cetacean Migration Corridor.

Russia and China strike fresh deal to drive year-round container shipping through the Arctic.

Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 7 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/containers/russia-and-china-strike-fresh-deal-to-drive-year-round-container-shipping-through-the-arctic/2-1-1657368> Russia's atomic energy agency Rosatom has struck a deal with a Chinese shipping company for a year-round container line on the Arctic's Northern Sea Route (NSR).

Main channel to Port of Baltimore will soon reopen. Key Bridge salvage crews explain final steps. Alexis Davila, Adam Thompson and Cristina Mendez. *CBS News (US)*. 9 June 2024.

Available from: <https://www.cbsnews.com/baltimore/news/main-channel-port-of-baltimore-reopen-key-bridge-collapse/> Salvage crews are making their final efforts to clear the Key Bridge collapse debris and fully reopen the main shipping channel to the Port of Baltimore within the next couple of days.

Russian Oil Tanker Does Secret Cargo Switch Near Singapore to Dodge US Sanctions.

Julian Lee. *Bloomberg*. 10 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/russian-oil-tanker-does-secret-cargo-switch-near-singapore-to-dodge-us-sanctions-1.2083073> The first Russian oil tanker attempting to deliver crude while under US sanctions made a secret cargo transfer onto another ship, a sign of the lengths to which Moscow is going to undermine the effectiveness of American restrictions on its fleet.

Red Sea disruptions increase oil flows around Cape of Good Hope. *US Energy Information Administration (EIA)*. 11 June 2024. Available from:

<https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=62263> The amount of crude oil and oil products flowing around the Cape of Good Hope, located at the southern tip of Africa, increased nearly 50% in the first five months of 2024 compared with the 2023 average as commercial vessels avoided chokepoints in the Middle East.

NYK Car Carrier Recognized for Its Contribution to Marine Weather Forecasts. *NYK Line*. 12 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.nyk.com/english/news/2024/20240611.html>
NYK-operated *Cetus Leader*, a pure car carrier, received the Japan Meteorological Agency's Director-General Award on June 6 at NYK's Tokyo head office for the contribution the ship has made to meteorological business development by observing marine weather conditions and transmitting observation results over an extended period of time.

Watershed moment for AMSA's future maintenance on aids to navigation. *Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)*. 13 June 2024. Available from: <https://media.amsa.gov.au/media-release/watershed-moment-amsas-future-maintenance-aids-navigation> As of 1 July 2024, AMSA will transition from a single national maintenance provider on the network to multiple providers for 8 distinct regions, underpinned by a technical support and logistics provider.

VIEWPOINT: Unforeseen Consequences: Preparing the Industry for Ongoing Disruption. Dylan Keil. *Ship & Bunker*. 18 June 2024. Available from: <https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/396929-viewpoint-unforeseen-consequences-preparing-the-industry-for-ongoing-disruption> Today, Houthi attacks near the Suez Canal are disrupting crucial trade routes, forcing shipping companies to reroute their vessels for the safety of their crews.

WATCH: Latest video on detecting oil spills using state-of-the-art satellite technology. *Plymouth Marine Laboratory*. 19 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.pml.ac.uk/News/WATCH-Latest-video-on-detecting-oil-spills-using-s> 📺 New video summarises research at Plymouth Marine Laboratory (PML) that is helping to detect oil spills across the global ocean using satellite technology.

U.N. aviation agency voices grave concern over N. Korea's GPS signal jamming. Kim Seung-yeon. *Yonhap News Agency (South Korea)*. 24 June 2024. Available from: <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20240624008100315> The U.N. aviation agency has adopted a decision raising serious concerns over North Korea's recent jamming of GPS navigation signals, specifying the North by its name for the first time, Seoul's foreign ministry said Monday.

Boater Fined \$34,000 for Going the Wrong Way Up Dover Strait Traffic Lane. *Maritime Executive*. 25 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/boater-fined-34-000-for-going-the-wrong-way-up-dover-strait-traffic-lane> A recreational fisherman has been fined \$34,000 for multiple breaches of the rules of the Dover Strait Traffic Separation Scheme, which caused considerable disruption in one of the busiest shipping lanes in the world.

PIRACY

Piracy incidents on the rise in Bangladesh. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 19 June 2024. Available from: <https://splash247.com/piracy-incidents-on-the-rise-in-bangladesh/> The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre has warned that emerging Asian export powerhouse Bangladesh is suffering from increased piracy incidents.

PORT STATE CONTROL

Danaos Shipping's bulk carrier *Peace* banned from Australian ports. *Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)*. 4 June 2024. Available from: <https://media.amsa.gov.au/media-release/danaos-shippings-bulk-carrier-peace-banned-australian-ports> *Peace* is operated by Danaos Shipping, a company which also operates the container ship *Suez Canal* (IMO number 9230311), which was the subject of a prolonged detention by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority in January 2024.

Three 'high-risk' flag states hit by triple-listing. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 6 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/three-high-risk-flag-states-hit-by-triple-listing/2-1-1655919> Tanzania secured the unwanted tag of being labelled "very high risk" on the blacklists of the Paris and Tokyo port inspection authorities and as "high risk" by the US Coast Guard.

Abuja MoU and MACN Train Port State Control Officers on Ethics and Integrity. *Abuja MoU on Port State Control*. 12 June 2024. Available from: <https://abujamou.org/en/abuja-mou-and-macn-train-port-state-control-officers-on-ethics-and-integrity/> The Abuja Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Port State Control for West and Central African Region and the Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN) held an intensive ethics and integrity leadership training for Port State Control Officers in the Abuja MoU region from June 10 to 11, 2024.

PORTS & HARBOURS

Raising the standard of seafarer port services. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 30 May 2024. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/ports/raising-standard-seafarer-port-services> Ports play an important role in enabling seafarers to make the most of their limited opportunities to get ashore.

Maersk faces significant port congestion in Asia, Mediterranean. Terje Solsvik and Lisa Baertlein. *Reuters*. 3 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/maersk-faces-significant-port-congestion-asia-mediterranean-2024-06-03/> Maersk faces significant terminal congestion in Mediterranean and Asian ports, causing substantial delays in its vessel schedule, the Danish shipping group said in a statement on Monday.

How resilient ports can mitigate global supply chain disruptions. Richard Martin Humphreys. *World Bank*. 4 June 2024. Available from: <https://blogs.worldbank.org/en/transport/how-resilient-ports-can-mitigate-global-supply-chain-disruptions> Imagine stopping by your favourite grocery store only to find barren shelves and shockingly high prices.

The electrical connection of the ships means 'a five-fold increase the installed power in the ports'. *Port Authority of Valencia (PAV)*. 5 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.valenciaport.com/en/the-electrical-connection-of-the-ships-means-a-five-fold-increase-the-installed-power-in-the-ports/> Manuel Arana, Director of Planning and Development of Puertos del Estado, has described the challenges facing the Spanish ports in the coming years to decarbonise their activity, amongst which the electrification of the enclosures stands out, an objective which means a five-fold increase in the power currently installed.

UPDATE 36: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announces full restoration of Baltimore's Fort McHenry Federal Channel. *Unified Command Key Bridge Response 2024*. 10 June 2024.

Available from: <https://www.keybridgeresponse2024.com/post/update-36-u-s-army-corps-of-engineers-announces-full-restoration-of-baltimore-s-fort-mchenry-feder> As part of the Unified Command response to the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Navy Supervisor of Salvage and Diving today restored the Fort McHenry Federal Channel to its original operational dimensions of 700 feet wide and 50 feet deep for commercial maritime transit through the Port of Baltimore.

Biggest U.S. ports union suspends labor talks, with East Coast, Gulf Coast strike risk rising. Lori Ann LaRocco and Eric Rosenbaum. *CNBC (US)*. 10 June 2024. Available from:

<https://www.cnbc.com/2024/06/10/talks-to-avoid-east-coast-gulf-coast-ports-labor-strike-break-down.html> Critical talks between the union and management for East Coast and Gulf Coast ports have broken down over allegations made by the International Longshoremen's Association that Maersk is using automation to displace workers.

Political will and an economist's eye: How the Panama Canal is prepping for the next water crisis. Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds*. 11 June 2024. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tw/political-will-and-an-economist-s-eye-how-the-panama-canal-is-prepping-for-the-next-water-crisis/2-1-1656271> The Panama Canal's rainfall woes are gradually moving into the rearview mirror, but as its top official looks to the future, he is preparing for the next crisis.

Port call optimisation is key to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in ports. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 11 June 2024. Available from:

<https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/port-call-optimisation-is-key-to-reducing-greenhouse-gas-emissions-in-ports/> Using SMART port technologies to facilitate 'just in time' ship arrivals has the potential to reduce greenhouse and pollutant gas emissions significantly at global container ports.

Port of Seattle Accelerates Shore Power Requirement for Cruise Vessels. *Cruise Industry News*. 11 June 2024. Available from:

<https://cruiseindustrynews.com/cruise-news/2024/06/port-of-seattle-accelerates-shore-power-requirement-for-cruise-vessels/> The Port of Seattle became the first port in the nation to independently require that 100% of all cruise vessels homeported in Seattle be shore power capable and utilize shore power, according to a press release.

Tangier Med the African port complying with EU emissions regs. Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 12 June 2024. Available from:

<https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/ports/tangier-med-african-port-complying-eu-emissions-regs> Tangier Med terminal in Morocco offers excellent access to the European market but this has also led to it being treated like it is a port in Europe when it comes to new EU environmental regulations.

Singapore Port Container Logjam Worsens as Ships Avoid Red Sea. Yongchang Chin.

Bloomberg. 13 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/singapore-port-container-logjam-worsens-as-ships-avoid-red-sea-1.2084575> Singapore's port, already one of the busiest in the world, is facing a sustained period of congestion as vessel diversions to avoid the Red Sea push more container ships to the Asian maritime hub.

Indonesia takes notes of eco-friendly port services at ASEAN forum. *Antara News (Indonesia)*.

13 June 2024. Available from: <https://en.antaranews.com/news/315939/indonesia-takes-notes-of-eco-friendly-port-services-at-asean-forum> The Indonesian government gained insights on the implementation of eco-friendly port services during the ASEAN Maritime Connectivity Forum held in Penang, Malaysia, on Monday (June 10).

Shore power for tankers has a significant potential to reduce in-port emissions. *Port of Rotterdam*. 18 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.portofrotterdam.com/en/news-and-press-releases/shore-power-tankers-has-significant-potential-reduce-port-emissions> As part of a CEF Study project co-funded by the European Union, Port of Rotterdam, in collaboration with the municipality of Rotterdam and various partners in the port of Rotterdam, is conducting four feasibility studies for shore power.

Singapore port congestion shows global ripple impact of Red Sea attacks. Lisa Barrington and Jeslyn Lerh. *Reuters*. 26 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/markets/commodities/singapore-port-congestion-shows-global-ripple-impact-red-sea-attacks-2024-06-25/> Congestion at Singapore's container port is at its worst since the COVID-19 pandemic, a sign of how prolonged vessel re-routing to avoid Red Sea attacks has disrupted global ocean shipping - with bottlenecks also appearing in other Asian and European ports.

Ports join hands in building sustainable shipping corridor. Rena Li. *China Daily*. 26 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202406/26/WS667b7484a31095c51c50ae7f.html> Two large COSCO cargo ships filled with containers were anchored at the bustling Port of Long Beach, south of downtown Los Angeles, standing out prominently on the vast ocean and highlighting the scale and significance of international trade.


Panama Canal Celebrates Eighth Expansion Anniversary with New Draft and Daily Transits Increases. *Panama Canal Authority*. 27 June 2024. Available from: <https://pancanal.com/en/celebrates-eighth-expansion-anniversary/> The Panama Canal celebrated the eighth anniversary of its expansion program today by announcing an increase to its draft and daily transits, all while continuing to manage the impact of climate variability and the challenge of securing water for the future.

REGULATIONS

World Shipping Council Welcomes New IMO Regulations on Mandatory Reporting for Containers Lost at Sea. *World Shipping Council*. 3 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.worldshipping.org/news/world-shipping-council-welcomes-new-imo-regulations-on-mandatory-reporting-for-containers-lost-at-sea> The World Shipping Council (WSC) applauds the recent adoption of amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) by the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 108).

Climate goal could leave a third of fossil fuel carriers idle by 2030. Liv Almer. *ShippingWatch*. 7 June 2024. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article17174215.ece> Up to 30% of fossil fuel-powered ships could be idle by 2030 if the world meets the targets set in the Paris Agreement, according to a new study from University College London and the Kühne Foundation in Switzerland.

Greek shipowners take on the regulators. Nick Savvides. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 10 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/opinions-analysis/greek-shipowners-take-regulators> Actions, they say speak louder than words. And if shipping industry events such as Posidonia are to have any useful meaning in terms of our understanding of the direction that an industry is moving, then it is important to take stock after the event.


From concept to impact: Evaluating the potential for emissions reduction in the proposed North Atlantic Emission Control Area under different compliance scenarios. Liudmila Osipova. *International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT)*. 12 June 2024. Available from: <https://theicct.org/publication/evaluating-the-potential-for-emissions-reduction-in-the-proposed-atleca-under-different-compliance-scenarios-june24/> This study assesses the potential for reducing emissions from ships in the North Atlantic Ocean by designating the region an Emission Control Area. [Working Paper](#) 

Nations Push Back the Timeline for Arctic Fishing Rules. *Maritime Executive*. 16 June 2024. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/nations-push-back-the-timeline-for-arctic-fishing-rules> The countries had met last week in South Korea for the third conference of parties (COP3) on the Central Arctic Ocean Fisheries Agreement (CAOFA), but could not reach a deal.

Shipping Industry Must Seize Opportunity Posed by Arctic Heavy Fuel Oil Ban. Sian Prior. *High North News (Norway)*. 18 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.highnorthnews.com/en/shipping-industry-must-seize-opportunity-posed-arctic-heavy-fuel-oil-ban> When the prohibition on use and carriage of polluting heavy fuel oil (HFO) was agreed by the IMO in June 2021, it included significant loopholes allowing countries to grant waivers, and for shipping companies to make use of exemptions to the ban.

FuelEU maritime regulation: Synergies with existing legal frameworks and advancement of alternative maritime solutions. Valerio Giovannini. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 18 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/opinions-analysis/fueleu-maritime-regulation-synergies-existing-legal-frameworks-and-advancement> Law firm Squire Patton Boggs explores the international impact of the new EU maritime regulations related to fuel and emissions.

Transport minister Vafeades calls for fair climate laws in shipping. *Kathimerini Cyprus*. 19 June 2024. Available from: <https://knews.kathimerini.com.cy/en/news/transport-minister-vafeades-calls-for-fair-climate-laws-in-shipping> Transport Minister Alexis Vafeades spoke of the need to prevent the side effects of legislation to tackle climate change on the shipping sector and ports, during discussions in the Transport Council of the EU held on Tuesday in Luxembourg.

‘A decade of climate emergency’: California looks to lead regulation of shipping carbon emissions. Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds*. 25 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/-a-decade-of-climate-emergency-california-looks-to-lead-regulation-of-shipping-carbon-emissions/2-1-1665569>  California did not wait for the IMO to tackle shipping’s sulphur and nitrogen emissions or the invasive species carried in vessels’ ballast water.

SALVAGE

UPDATE 34: Multimedia Release: Unified Command salvage crews successfully remove final steel truss blocking the Fort McHenry Federal Channel. *Unified Command Key Bridge Response 2024.* 5 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.keybridgeresponse2024.com/post/update-34-multimedia-release-unified-command-salvage-crews-successfully-remove-final-steel-truss-b> 📰 Ten weeks after the collapse of Baltimore’s Francis Scott Key Bridge, salvage crews successfully removed the final large steel truss segment blocking the 700-foot-wide Fort McHenry Federal Channel on June 3-4.

D-Day shipwrecks were a WW2 time capsule – now they are home to rich ocean-floor life. India Bourke. *BBC Future.* 5 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20240604-d-day-shipwrecks-become-a-home-to-rich-ocean-floor-life> Among the 80-year-old sunken D-Day wrecks that line the coasts of Britain and France, wildlife is thriving on the wreckage of war.

SEAFARERS

Working in a warzone: what risks do seafarers face? *Institute for Human Rights & Business (IHRB).* 23 May 2024. Available from: <https://voices.ihrb.org/episodes/working-in-a-warzone-what-risks-do-seafarers-face> 🎧 In this episode, IHRB’s Francesca Fairbairn talks to guests about the safety and security of seafarers during times of conflict.

Seafarer free after 12 years. *International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF).* 30 May 2024. Available from: <https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/seafarer-free-after-12-years> Twelve years ago, Abdul Nasser Saleh took a job as an engineer on board the *Al Maha* vessel. He then spent a shocking 4,000 days stuck on board.

Seven seafarers dead after explosion rocks Greek-managed bulker. Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds.* 31 May 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/seven-seafarers-dead-after-explosion-rocks-greek-managed-bulker/2-1-1653439> An official for the country’s health ministry said the bodies of several crew members were recovered from the 91,400-dwt *Toro Rosso* (built 1997), and two others died in hospital in Casablanca, according to Moroccan news website SNRTnews.

Crewmembers Killed and Injured in Bulker Explosion Off Morocco. *Maritime Executive.* 31 May 2024. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/crewmembers-killed-and-injured-in-bulker-explosion-off-morocco> Moroccan authorities are investigating after an explosion killed at least seven crewmembers and others injured aboard a bulker chartered by a company in Ethiopia.

MLC 65% effective says SRI. *Seafarers’ Rights International (SRI).* June 2024. Available from: <https://seafarersrights.org/mlc-65-effective-says-sri/> New research from SRI, the international pan-industry body researching maritime and seafarers’ law, concludes that the Maritime Labour Convention is not being strictly and evenly enforced on a global basis.

Assessing the global effectiveness of the implementation and enforcement of the MLC. *Seafarers’ Rights International (SRI).* June 2024. Available from: <https://seafarersrights-mlc-report.org/> The adoption of the MLC by the 94th (Maritime) Session of the ILC, Geneva in February 2006 was variously described as: “an extraordinary accomplishment”, “a truly historic event”, “epoch-making”, and “without precedent in the history of the International Labour Conference (ILC)”.

ILO, NUSS provide hope for Sri Lankan female seafarers. Leon Berenger. *Sunday Observer (Sri Lanka)*. 2 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.sundayobserver.lk/2024/06/02/news-features/24355/ilo-nuss-provide-hope-for-sri-lankan-female-seafarers/> A group of 26 girls living in rural parts of the country and from impoverished homes gathered at the premises of a local maritime trade union with much excitement and hope and they were on the verge of embarking on a new journey and if successful in their individual efforts they could reap rich benefits at the end.

Seafarers kidnapped from cargo ship in West Africa pirate hotspot, says security firm. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 3 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/bulkers/seafarers-kidnapped-from-cargo-ship-in-west-africa-pirate-hotspot-says-security-firm/2-1-1653962> The attack involved an unnamed 64-metre general cargo ship, travelling at 4.6 knots, according to a report received by security company Africa Risk Compliance (ARC).

Failing flag states, abandoned crew and piffle from Palau [Offshore Accounts]. Hieronymus Bosch. *Baird Maritime*. 10 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.bairdmaritime.com/offshore/column-failing-flag-states-abandoned-crew-and-piffle-from-palau-offshore-accounts/> This week, I want to look at how the shipping industry can overcome some of its biggest challenges – not greenhouse gases and climate change, nor sexism and homophobia, but the problems of abandoned crews, excessively long tours of duty, and the low safety standards that bedevil the wider maritime industry, not just offshore.

The Enemy in the Job Board. Nathaniel Peutherer. *Hakai Magazine*. 12 June 2024. Available from: <https://hakaimagazine.com/news/the-enemy-in-the-job-board/> Ukraine's contract seafarers are turning to online whisper networks to keep themselves from being hired into Russia's sanction-busting, oil-smuggling shadow fleet.

Maritime charities help ensure better working lives at sea for seafarers and fishers. *Stella Maris*. 12 June 2024. Available from: <https://stellamaris.org.uk/maritime-charities-help-ensure-better-working-lives-at-sea-for-seafarers-and-fishers/> Hundreds of thousands of seafarers and fishers in the UK and other parts of the world have benefited from practical, pastoral and spiritual support provided by global ship visiting network Stella Maris over the past 10 years, thanks to over £1 million in grant funding provided by The Seafarers' Charity over that period.

Dali crew still in limbo as FBI investigation continues. Elizabeth Worthington. *WMAR Baltimore (US)*. 13 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.wmar2news.com/keybridgecollapse/dali-crew-still-in-limbo-as-fbi-investigation-continues> 🇺🇸 On March 26th, the *Dali* and its crew set out on what was supposed to be a 27-day journey to Sri Lanka. Nearly 80 days later, they're still in Baltimore, and they're still on the ship.

Seafarers bear brunt of 'rising aggression' from the Houthis. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 14 June 2024. Available from: <https://splash247.com/seafarers-bear-brunt-of-rising-aggression-from-the-houthis/> It's been a brutal week for the mental welfare of seafarers bound for the Middle East and their families back home, starting with hopes for a ceasefire in Gaza, before swiftly descending into an explosive, bloody chaos with one death and a severe injury as the Houthis ramped up more sophisticated attacks.

21 rescued Filipino seafarers en route to Bahrain on US ship. Filane Mikee Cervantes. *Philippine News Agency (PNA)*. 15 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1227020>
The 21 Filipino seafarers aboard the Houthi-hit *MV Tutor* are scheduled to arrive in the Port of Manama, Bahrain Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Bahrain time (10:30 p.m., Philippine time) via a US Navy ship, the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) announced.

21 of 22 seafarers of Houthi-hit ship arrive home. *Philippine News Agency (PNA)*. 17 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1227075> They left Bahrain, where they were ferried by a rescue United States Navy Ship, on Sunday. Labor Attache Hector Cruz of the Migrant Workers Office (MWO) - Al Khobar accompanied the sailors.

Further damning findings on seafarer fatigue. *Nautilus International*. 17 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/telegraph/further-damning-findings-on-seafarer-fatigue/> 📰 A new report from World Maritime University, funded by the ITF Seafarers' Trust, has once again demonstrated the terrible working hours and fatigue that seafarers are subjected to by their employers.

Quantifying an inconvenient truth : revisiting a culture of adjustment on work/rest hours. Bikram S. Bhatia, Raphael Baumler, Maria Carrera-Arce, Michael E. Manuel and Inga Bartuseviciene. *World Maritime University (WMU)*. June 2024. Available from: https://commons.wmu.se/lib_reports/80/ 📄 This report offers a quantitative overview of the implementation of work/rest regulations from seafarers' perspectives.

'Galaxy Leader' Crew Held Hostage for 200 Days by Houthi Militants. Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*. 18 June 2024. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/galaxy-leader-crew-held-hostage-for-200-days-by-houthi-militants/> The manager of the seized car carrier *Galaxy Leader* is renewing its plea for the release of 25 crew members held hostage by Houthi militants on board the vessel.

Attorneys for Baltimore seek to keep crew members from bridge collapse ship from returning home. Lea Skene. *Associated Press*. 19 June 2024. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/baltimore-bridge-collapse-dali-crew-fa7a8c1783f780a64da5237846f403c8> Attorneys are asking a federal judge to prevent crew members on the cargo ship *Dali* from returning to their home countries amid ongoing investigations into the circumstances leading up to the deadly collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in March.

'Forgotten by the world': Crew of ship seized to spark Red Sea crisis still held by Houthi rebels. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 19 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/ship-management/forgotten-by-the-world-crew-of-ship-seized-to-spark-red-sea-crisis-still-held-by-houthi-rebels/2-1-1663349> Houthi rebels are gaining no advantage by holding the crew of the car carrier *Galaxy Leader* and the 25-strong group should be released immediately, its manager said on Wednesday.

New Houthi tactics put seafarers on edge. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 20 June 2024. Available from: <https://splash247.com/new-houthi-tactics-put-seafarers-on-edge/> 📺 In the video issued by the Houthis, the *Tutor's* stern is attacked by one small vessel, and then the middle of the ship suffers another large explosion from a separate projectile.

Attorneys try to block *Dali* crew from leaving country. *CBS News (US)*. 20 June 2024. Available from: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUBx7AcVj0s&ab_channel=WJZ 📺 For more than 12 weeks, crew members remain on the *Dali*, even after its removal from the disaster site.

After months stuck on the *Dali*, most crew members will finally leave the ship as the damaged vessel is set to leave Baltimore. Holly Yan and Gabe Cohen. *CNN*. 20 June 2024. Available from: <https://edition.cnn.com/2024/06/20/us/baltimore-bridge-collapse-ship-crew-deal/index.html>

Twelve weeks after the *Dali* cargo ship lost power and crashed into a famed Baltimore bridge, the mammoth vessel will soon leave for repairs – with only a handful of crew on board.

Lawmaker backs DMW plan to ban Pinoy seafarers on ships in hot zones. Filane Mikee Cervantes. *Philippine News Agency (PNA)*. 20 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1227361> Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) Party-List Rep. Marissa Magsino said the planned temporary ban on Filipino sailors in hot zones should be carefully studied to ensure the seafarers' safety.

Liberia celebrates Day of the Seafarers. *New Dawn (Liberia)*. 23 June 2024. Available from: <https://thenewdawnliberia.com/liberia-celebrates-day-of-the-seafarers/> Liberia joins other maritime nations to celebrate the immeasurable contributions of seafarers on the occasion marking the observance of the Day of the Seafarers.

DMW: Philippines seafarers refuse to sail through Red Sea. Mayen Jaymalin. *Philippine Star*. 24 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2024/06/24/2365102/dmw-philippines-seafarers-refuse-sail-through-red-sea> More Filipinos are refusing to board foreign vessels passing through the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, according to the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW).

The ITF demands immediate action to ensure the safety of seafarers in the Red Sea. *International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)*. 24 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/itf-demands-immediate-action-ensure-safety-seafarers-in-red-sea> The International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) and seafarers' unions globally stand united in grief and outrage following attacks on shipping in the Red Sea that have killed and injured seafarers.

The Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology Celebrates World Seafarers Day, ... *Government of Oman*. 24 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.mtcit.gov.om/ITAPortal/MediaCenter/NewsDetail.aspx?NID=131294> This annual celebration is a recognition by the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology of Oman's active maritime history and the vital role of seafarers in this sector.

The Secretary-General: Message on Day of the Seafarer. *United Nations*. 24 June 2024. Available from: <http://unis.unvienna.org/unis/pressrels/2024/unissgsm1415.html> The Day of the Seafarer is a time to celebrate and recognize the two million people around the world who operate the ships that carry more than 80% of the volume of world trade.

Unique challenges of reporting assaults at sea. Deborah McPherson. *Nautilus International*. 24 June 2024. Available from: <https://imo.iii.com/record=b1012066~S1> A UK project to improve processes around crime reporting onboard Merchant Navy vessels has begun with a survey on sexual assault at sea.

All-Filipino crew of *MV Transworld* 'safe' after latest Houthi attack. Marita Moaje. *Philippine News Agency (PNA)*. 24 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1227586> Department of Migrant Workers Secretary Hans Leo Cacdac on Monday said all 27 Filipino crew of Liberian-flagged, Greek-owned and operated cargo carrier *M/V Transworld Navigator* are safe after their vessel was attacked by Houthi rebels on Sunday while navigating the Red Sea.

So much owed by so many to all seafarers. Steven Jones. *Splash 247.com*. 25 June 2024. Available from: <https://splash247.com/so-much-owed-by-so-many-to-all-seafarers/> Writing for Splash on the Day of the Seafarer, Steven Jones, founder of the Seafarers Happiness Index, has some advice for a decent theme for the IMO to rally behind for next year's crew celebration day – communicating value to the world.

'I was told I would not last at sea,' says second officer and YouTube star. Craig Eason. *TradeWinds*. 25 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/people/-i-was-told-i-would-not-last-at-sea-says-second-officer-and-youtube-star/2-1-1610686> Shawntel De Sagun has spent 10 years as a seafarer, experiencing life on the bridge of commercial vessels, just as accustomed to wearing a boiler suit as a white shirt with epaulettes.

"Day of the Seafarer 2024 – Safety First and Foremost". *International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (INTERCARGO)*. 25 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.intercargo.org/media-release-day-of-the-seafarer-2024-safety-first/> Today, on this very important annual occasion, the Day of the Seafarer, INTERCARGO would like to express its heartfelt appreciation of seafarers, the truly unsung heroes of the sea, and their families worldwide.

Heightened risk on Day of the Seafarer 2024. Gary Howard. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 25 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/crewing/heightened-risk-day-seafarer-2024> As shipping celebrates its workforce on The Day of the Seafarer, crews face challenges on multiple fronts, including an ongoing threat to life in the Red Sea.

Day of the Seafarers 2024: FG pledges safe marine environment, domestication of ILO instruments. *One Page Africa*. 25 June 2024. Available from: <https://onepageafrica.com/2024/06/25/day-of-the-seafarers-2024-fg-pledges-safe-marine-environment-domestication-of-ilo-instruments/> The Federal Government has pledged to domesticate all International Labour Organization (ILO) instruments already ratified by Nigeria.

Georgian PM praises sailors for "elevating" country's regional maritime status on int'l Day of the Seafarer. *Agenda.ge (Georgia)*. 25 June 2024. Available from: <https://agenda.ge/en/news/2024/39663#gsc.tab=0> Georgian Prime Minister Irakli Kobakhidze on Tuesday praised sailors from the country for their role in establishing it as a "leading maritime nation" in the Black Sea region, in comments for the international Day of the Seafarer.

IKEA partners with The Mission to Seafarers to support seafarer welfare on Day of the Seafarer. *Mission to Seafarers*. 25 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/news/press-release-ikea-partners-with-the-mission-to-seafarers-to-support-seafarer-welfare-on-day-of-the-seafarer> The Mission to Seafarers (MtS), a leading international seafarer welfare charity, has entered into a three-year partnership with IKEA Supply AG.

Pinoy seafarers no longer allowed on ships attacked in Red Sea. Marita Moaje. *Philippine News Agency (PNA)*. 25 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1227677> The Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) on Tuesday said it will no longer allow boarding of Filipino seafarers on ships that were attacked by Houthi rebels in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

Fine sentiments are no defence to Houthi missiles. *Lloyd's List*. 25 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1149664/Fine-sentiments-are-no-defence-to-Houthi-missiles> If the Day of the Seafarer is going move beyond sloganeering, the 2m crew keeping world trade afloat will need to see the rhetoric matched by actions.

SEARCH & RESCUE

Mass Rescue Operations. Clay Evans. *International Maritime Rescue Federation*. 11 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.international-maritime-rescue.org/news/history-of-mass-rescue-operations> The history of lifesaving at sea involves a litany of large-scale maritime disasters, many of which became the catalyst for the establishment of the original local lifeboat stations and the development of national “shipwreck” institutions around the world.

Video: Italian Forces Rescue 85 Passengers and Crew as Ferry Risks Sinking. *Maritime Executive*. 12 June 2024. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/video-italian-forces-rescue-85-passengers-and-crew-as-ferry-risks-sinking> All available resources including the Italian Coast Guard, multiple units of the police, and fire brigade were called out at midday on Wednesday, June 12 after a newly built ferry declared an emergency reporting it was at immediate risk of sinking in the eastern portion of the Gulf of Trieste.

MEDITERRANEAN: New Calls for Safe and Legal Pathways after NGO Retrieves 12 Bodies from Sea - Search and Rescue NGO Wins Court Case Against Italian Authorities ... *European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)*. 14 June 2024. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/mr3jr7bn> On 7 June, the search and rescue (SAR) NGO Médecins Sans Frontières Sea (MSF Sea) retrieved the bodies of 11 migrants from the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Libya.

U.S. Navy Rescues Crew from Vessel Struck by Houthis. *US Naval Forces Central Command*. 16 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.cusnc.navy.mil/Media/News/Display/Article/3808514/us-navy-rescues-crew-from-vessel-struck-by-houthis/> Sailors assigned to the *Dwight D. Eisenhower* Carrier Strike Group (IKECSG) airlifted the crew of a merchant vessel attacked by Iranian-backed Houthis in the Red Sea, June 15.

US accuses Iran of ignoring Red Sea distress call from vessel hit by Houthi strike. *The National (UAE)*. 16 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.thenationalnews.com/news/mena/2024/06/16/us-accuses-iran-of-ignoring-red-sea-distress-call-from-vessel-hit-by-houthi-strike/> The US Navy on Sunday accused an Iranian warship of ignoring distress calls sent by a burning civilian vessel in the Red Sea.

64 people missing and many rescued from 2 shipwrecks off Italy. At least 11 have died. *Associated Press*. 18 June 2024. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/italy-calabria-migrants-shipwreck-missing-dead-frontex-901e21b09c9b136bbd7a418ce3bb2019> Sixty-four people were missing in the Mediterranean Sea and several were rescued after their ship wrecked off Italy's southern coast Monday, United Nations' agencies said in a statement.

So Close to Death: Captain Recounts Migrant Sea Rescue. Alvis Armellini. *MarineLink*. 18 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.marinelink.com/news/close-death-captain-recounts-migrant-sea-514570> Italy's shores involved walking through bodies to find barely alive survivors, the NGO captain involved in one of the rescues said on Tuesday.

A cruise ship rescues 68 migrants and finds 5 bodies in a boat adrift in the Atlantic Ocean. Teresa Medrano. *Associated Press*. 20 June 2024. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/spain-migrants-rescued-cruise-ship-atlantic-984d95ef7e6479925b9d02bfe00fe2be> A cruise ship rescued 68 migrants and found five bodies in a traditional fishing boat that was drifting off the Canary Islands in the Atlantic Ocean, Spain's maritime rescue agency said Thursday.

Italian coast guard recovers 14 more bodies of shipwreck victims off Calabria, dozens still missing. *Associated Press*. 22 June 2024. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/migration-italy-calabria-shipwreck-deaths-1fe392cbd0d8151048e3b91d1891921b> The Italian coast guard has recovered 14 more bodies from last week's shipwreck in the Ionian Sea off the southern Italian coastline, bringing to 34 the number of known victims from the sinking.

SHIP RECYCLING

Political Climate Takes a Toll on Ship Recycling. Nikos Roussanoglou. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 12 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/political-climate-takes-a-toll-on-ship-recycling/> The ship recycling market was in a downturn over the past few days, as a result of the recent elections in India, while a further slowdown is expected in the coming days, because of the Eid holidays.

SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR

Wärtsilä joins RINA, Gas and Heat for ammonia-fuelled bunkering vessel project. Ajsa Habibic. *Offshore Energy*. 3 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.offshore-energy.biz/wartsila-joins-rina-gas-and-heat-for-ammonia-fueled-bunkering-vessel-project/> Finnish technology company Wärtsilä has partnered with Italian classification society RINA and cargo handling systems maker Gas and Heat for the development of a new ammonia-fuelled bunkering vessel.

ABS and Lloyd's Register award new ammonia vessel design approval in principle. *Maersk Mc-Kinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping*. 3 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.zerocarbonshipping.com/news/press-release-abs-and-lloyds-register-award-new-ammonia-vessel-design-approval-in-principle/> The two classification societies, the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) and Lloyd's Register (LR), have awarded a new ship design of an ammonia-fuelled 3,500 TEU container vessel Approval in Principle (AiP).

Core Power Expects First Maritime Nuclear Orders Before 2030. Jack Jordan. *Ship & Bunker*. 4 June 2024. Available from: <https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/881026-core-power-expects-first-maritime-nuclear-orders-before-2030> Nuclear technology firm Core Power is expecting to see its first orders of vessels equipped with nuclear reactors before the end of this decade.

First Non-Ice Class Container Ship Receives Arctic Permit. Malte Humpert. *High North News (Norway)*. 4 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.highnorthnews.com/en/first-non-ice-class-container-ship-receives-arctic-permit> In what constitutes a first for Arctic shipping, a large conventional container ship has received a permit for Russia's Northern Sea Route (NSR).

How Vessel Design Is Transforming Seafaring Experiences. Trinne Hoffman. *Maersk*. 10 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XOHlbdPPrik> With a growing emphasis on creating an inclusive working environment on board, we recognized the critical role vessel design plays for seafarers spending months at sea.

Newbuilding prices climb 3% to highest level in 16 years. Niels Rasmussen. *BIMCO*. 12 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.bimco.org/news-and-trends/market-reports/shipping-number-of-the-week/20240612-snow> Shipyards' global order book currently stands at 133m Compensated Gross Tonnage (CGT), an increase of 56m CGT compared to the order book's most recent low in late 2020.

Mitsubishi Shipbuilding Receives Orders for Japan's First Methanol-Fuelled RORO Cargo Ships. *Mitsubishi Heavy Industries*. 18 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.mhi.com/news/240618.html> Mitsubishi Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., a part of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI) Group, has received orders from Toyofuji Shipping Co., Ltd. for Japan's first methanol-fuelled roll-on/roll-off (RORO) cargo ships.

Newbuilding Ordering Activity Starts to Slow Down. Nikos Roussanoglou. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 26 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/newbuilding-ordering-activity-starts-to-slow-down/> Newbuilding ordering activity seems to be slowing down over the past couple of weeks, after the multitude of new orders submitted in the first part of the year.

SHIPPING

Net zero and UK shipping – Report Summary. *UK Parliament Environmental Audit Committee*. 29 May 2024. Available from: <https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5804/cmselect/cmenvaud/509/summary.html> In December 2023 we reported on the progress the Government was making on policy to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from UK aviation to meet interim and overall net zero targets set by Ministers. [Full Report](#)

New Report Highlights Positive eBL Law Reforms. *BIMCO*. 29 May 2024. Available from: <https://www.bimco.org/insights-and-information/general-information/20240529-new-report-highlights-positive-ebi-law-reforms> The Digital Container Shipping Association (DCSA), a founding member of the FIT Alliance together with BIMCO, has published a promising report on overcoming legal and regulatory barriers to fully adopting electronic bills of lading (eBL).

“At INTERCARGO meetings in Tokyo, safety and decarbonisation were key issues for members”. *International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (INTERCARGO)*. 31 May 2024. Available from: <https://www.intercargo.org/media-release-intercargo-meetings-in-tokyo/> INTERCARGO met in Tokyo last week for its Semi-Annual Meetings, and high on the agenda were quality, sustainability, GHG emissions' reduction, and particularly the CII rating system.

Podcast: Marine insurance braces for challenges of decarbonising shipping. Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds*. 31 May 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/podcast-marine-insurance-braces-for-challenges-of-decarbonising-shipping/2-1-1652052> To tackle the challenge of achieving the International Maritime Organization's goals, shipping must attract new talent to seafaring.

Loss log: Arctic shipping. *Allianz Commercial*. June 2024. Available from: <https://commercial.allianz.com/news-and-insights/expert-risk-articles/arctic-shipping.html> Amid reports that the Northern Sea Route will see its first Panamax container vessel transit later this year, Global Risk Dialogue looks at the main causes of shipping incidents in Arctic waters.

The interview with ABS' John McDonald. John Faraclas. *All About Shipping*. 2 June 2024. Available from: <https://allaboutshipping.co.uk/2024/06/02/the-interview-with-abs-john-mcdonald/> On the eve of Posidonia 2024, in an exclusive interview with AllAboutShipping's John Faraclas, John McDonald, President and Chief Operating Officer of the American Bureau of Shipping, responds to the challenges and opportunities the shipping industry faces from the Classification Society point of view on new technologies, such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, autonomous systems, sustainability and environmental impact, cybersecurity, the future of Maritime technology evolving in the next decade and many more.

Shops rush for Christmas stock as shipping costs surge. Deborah Weitzmann. *BBC News*. 2 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cqee78djzmr0> European retailers are rushing to place their Christmas orders early as soaring shipping costs and trade route disruption threaten holiday deliveries, experts say.

Russian Oil Finds a New Place to Switch in the Mediterranean Sea. Sherry Su. *Bloomberg*. 3 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/russian-oil-finds-a-new-place-to-switch-in-the-mediterranean-sea-1.2080315> Under pressure from Greece's navy, traders of Russian oil have found a new place to switch cargoes of crude in the Mediterranean sea, a sign of how hard it will be to clamp down on an activity that has alarmed regulators and European governments alike.

Tankers are getting older — and could get a lot older in the years ahead. Greg Miller. *Lloyd's List*. 3 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.loydslist.com/LL1149351/Tankers-are-getting-older--and-could-get-a-lot-older-in-the-years-ahead> The goal of decarbonisation is that the tanker fleet age should fall and ships should become more fuel-efficient and emit less greenhouse gases.

ESI – the shipping industry standard evolves. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 3 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/ports/esi-shipping-industry-standard-evolves> As the shipping industry gears up to decarbonise, industry professionals will have noticed a number of sophisticated new sustainability solutions and energy transition guidelines, solutions and pathfinding reports appearing every month – publicised via conferences, trade shows and social media posts, videos and articles.

The challenges of cleaner fuels for shipping supply chains. Peter Cook. *Melbourne Asia Review*. 3 June 2024. Available from: <https://melbourneasiareview.edu.au/the-challenges-of-cleaner-fuels-for-shipping-supply-chains/> The commercial shipping industry, made up of over 105,000 ships, is the lynch pin of the global supply chain network.

Swirling Global Uncertainties Make It a Great Time to Be a Greek Shipowner. Alex Longley and Áine Quinn. *Bloomberg*. 3 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/swirling-global-uncertainties-make-it-a-great-time-to-be-a-greek-shipowner-1.2080220> Sandwiched between the world's great global powers in a time of deepening global tensions, Greek shipowners are still finding a way to thrive.

Climate emergency for Pacific shipping. Peter Nuttal. *Fiji Times*. 5 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.fijitimes.com.fj/climate-emergency-for-pacific-shipping/> The domestic maritime connectivity of the micro-states of the Pacific islands is a unique and largely overlooked dimension of shipping supply chains.

As shipping supply chains are interrupted by wars, how is Southeast Asia faring? John F. Bradford. *Jakarta Post*. 5 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.thejakartapost.com/opinion/2024/06/05/as-shipping-supply-chains-are-interrupted-by-wars-how-is-southeast-asia-faring.html> Disruptions to shipping supply chains are being felt globally due to the conflict in Gaza and related attacks on ships by Houthi militias, as well as Russia's invasion of Ukraine, but they are not the only tension points stressing global sea lanes.

War, the dark fleet and energy geopolitics all part of the debate at Posidonia. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 5 June 2024. Available from: <https://splash247.com/war-the-dark-fleet-and-energy-geopolitics-all-part-of-the-debate-at-posidonia/> Harry Conway, chair of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the IMO, told delegates everyone should be concerned by dark fleet activity because of the safety of vessels and crew, as well as the protection of the marine environment.

Green transition threatens billions in lost profits and value for fossil fuel ships, study finds. Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds*. 5 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/green-transition-threatens-billions-in-lost-profits-and-value-for-fossil-fuel-ships-study-finds/2-1-1655454> Owners of ships that carry fossil fuels could face hundreds of billions of dollars in lost profits and value declines if the global economy is aligned with the decarbonisation goals of the Paris Agreement.

Finland Wants EU Oil-Spill Vessel to Counter Shadow Fleet Risks. Leo Laikola. *Bloomberg*. 5 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/finland-wants-eu-oil-spill-vessel-to-counter-shadow-fleet-risks-1.2081431> Finland called for the European Union to procure a vessel to be on standby for oil spills in the northern parts of the Baltic Sea, as Russian crude transports are posing a growing threat in the region

Finland to exert influence for greater EU-funded oil spill response capability in Baltic Sea. *Government of Finland*. 5 June 2024. Available from: <https://valtioneuvosto.fi/en/-/1410829/finland-to-exert-influence-for-greater-eu-funded-oil-spill-response-capability-in-baltic-sea> Finland is urging the EMSA to spread its network of stand-by oil spill response vessels more evenly across European waters with due regard to the risks of the marine operating environments.

Shipping's entry into carbon quota system is plagued by teething problems. Mette Grube Condrup. *ShippingWatch*. 6 June 2024. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article17168033.ece> Language barriers and slow approvals of trading accounts are some of the problems that result from EU member states being unprepared and slow to translate the EU's climate quota requirements into national legislation.

Businesses in hot water as Red Sea attacks raise cargo costs. Amaka Anagor-Ewuzie. *Business Day (Nigeria)*. 7 June 2024. Available from: <https://businessday.ng/news/article/businesses-in-hot-water-as-red-sea-attacks-raise-cargo-costs/> Shipping lines are imposing new surcharges on goods bound for Nigeria to offset the costs of diverting ships to longer routes due to the ongoing attacks on the Red Sea.

Decarbonisation is in a 'valley of death'. Declan Bush. *Lloyd's List*. 7 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.loydslist.com/LL1149399/Decarbonisation-is-in-a-valley-of-death> Shipping's green transition is in a "valley of death" with uncertainty holding back progress.

'All these problems are solvable': Great Lakes shipping fights to cut emissions. Stephen Starr. *The Guardian*. 7 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/article/2024/jun/07/great-lakes-shipping-emissions-climate-change> A new, cleaner ship points way as US ports in the region are spending millions on upgrades in pursuit of net zero.

International law crucial for robust shipping sector, says Hadjimanolis in Athens.

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Container shipping costs on EU-Korea route continue to rise amid Red Sea crisis. *Korea Times (South Korea)*. 17 June 2024. Available from: https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/biz/2024/06/602_376754.html Container shipping costs from Europe to Korea rose for the fourth consecutive month in May amid ongoing tensions surrounding the Red Sea, the customs agency said Monday.

Industry leaders call on governments to recognise impact of increasing protectionism globally at leading Summit in Montreal. *International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)*. 17 June 2024. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/nhhmm878> The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) and the Chamber of Marine Commerce, Canada (CMC) convened industry leaders in Montreal on Thursday 13 June to discuss the challenges and risks to global trade at the flagship Shaping the Future of Shipping Summit.

Recent incidents and attacks demonstrate increasing vulnerability of global shipping – Ian Borg. *Malta Independent*. 18 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.independent.com.mt/articles/2024-06-18/local-news/Recent-incidents-and-attacks-demonstrate-increasing-vulnerability-of-global-shipping-ian-Borg-6736262040> Recent incidents and developments are demonstrating the increasing vulnerability of global shipping to proxy wars and disputes, Minister for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade Ian Borg said.

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New standards of green transformation, digitalization uplift maritime industry. Atalia Chua. *Maritime Fairtrade*. 19 June 2024. Available from: <https://maritimefairtrade.org/new-standards-of-green-transformation-digitalization-uplift-maritime-industry/> In an interview with Maritime Fairtrade, Steve O'Malley, chairperson of the ISO/TC8/SC25 (Maritime GHG reduction) committee and outgoing Chair of ISO/TC8/SC11 (Intermodal and short sea shipping), explained the observations he has made of the transformation of the sector and the pivotal role Singapore plays in sculpting the shifting landscape.

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Shipping industry urges Red Sea action as Houthis sink second vessel. Jonathan Saul. *Reuters*. 19 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/shipping-industry-urges-red-sea-action-houthis-sink-second-vessel-2024-06-19/> Urgent action must be taken in the Red Sea to stop attacks on merchant shipping by Yemen's Houthis, leading industry groups said on Wednesday, after the sinking of a second ship.

OPS: the power struggle ferries must win. Mike Corrigan. *Riviera Maritime*. 19 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/opinion/ops-the-power-struggle-ferries-must-win-81168> Interferry chief executive Mike Corrigan reflects on the crucial need for onshore power supply as the ferry sector's prime emissions-cutting catalyst.

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EU ban on LNG transshipments tipped to create fresh transfer hotspots. Lucy Hine. *TradeWinds*. 21 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/gas/eu-ban-on-lng-transshipments-tipped-to-create-fresh-transfer-hotspots/2-1-1665227> An agreed ban on the transshipment of Russian LNG in European terminals for re-export is likely to boost cargo re-loads in alternative locations, an industry analyst has warned.

Overseas shipping problems remain largely under consumers' radar. Lori Ann LaRocco. *FreightWaves*. 21 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.freightwaves.com/news/overseas-shipping-problems-remain-largely-under-consumers-radar> Seafarers have been taken hostage, some have lost their lives in vessel attacks, and ships have sunk to the bottom of the ocean.

Red Sea gives shipping an Uber-style price surge. Yawen Chen. *Reuters*. 24 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/breakingviews/red-sea-gives-shipping-an-uber-style-price-surge-2024-06-24/> In the wake of Iran-aligned Houthi militants launching missiles at ships heading for the Suez Canal, freight rates more than doubled from around \$1,200 per trip in 2023 to a January peak of \$3,400.

Tanker chiefs worry about running out of conventional ships. Sofie Højlund. *ShippingWatch*. 26 June 2024. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article17230497.ece> The demand for fossil fuels is rising, which means there is a shortage of ships to handle the cargo - and that's one of the biggest challenges facing the world's tanker companies right now, according to four CEOs.

Can the shipping industry chart a course that delivers for the planet? Angeli Mehta. *Reuters*. 26 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/decarbonizing-industries/can-shipping-industry-chart-course-that-delivers-planet-2024-06-26/> Shipping is the most carbon-efficient means of moving cargo, but it still has a big impact on the planet, accounting for almost 3% of global greenhouse gas emissions.

UN Security Council demands Iran-backed Yemen rebels halt their attacks on ships in Mideast waters. Edith M. Lederer. *Associated Press*. 27 June 2024. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/un-resolution-yemen-houthi-attacks-red-sea-b1311059a554fddd450b5293c28e65a5> The U.N. Security Council on Thursday approved a resolution demanding Yemen's Houthi rebels halt all attacks on ships and urged that the disruption to maritime security in a critical Middle East waterway be urgently addressed.

Maritime decarbonisation is slowing down, says DNV boss. Here's how we know. Craig Eason. *TradeWinds*. 28 June 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/technology/maritime-decarbonisation-is-slowing-down-says-dnv-boss-here-s-how-we-know/2-1-1667563> DNV head of maritime Knut Orbeck-Nilssen says the decarbonisation of shipping is slowing, leading to a growing gap between policymakers' expectations and what the industry can deliver.

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