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IMO NEWS & EVENTS

WHAT'S NEW

World Maritime theme 2022: New technologies for greener shipping

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

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

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

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

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

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

Vietnamese rescuer to receive IMO Bravery Award

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

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

Mr. Tran Van Khoi, Search and Rescue Officer of the Regional Maritime Search and Rescue Coordination Center No.II, Viet Nam Maritime Administration, was nominated by Viet Nam, for his extraordinary courage, determination and endurance. More...
Programme of Meetings for 2021 (issued 8 December 2020) can be downloaded here

Previous Meetings (REMOTE)

Facilitation Committee (FAL 45) – 1-4 June

Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 76) – 10-17 June

Council (C 125) – 28 June – 2 July

Forthcoming Meetings (REMOTE)

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

Legal Committee (LEG 108) – 26-30 July

RECENT SPEECHES BY IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL KITACK LIM

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

World Ports Conference Keynote: Implementing the IMO GHG Strategy – keynote 25 June

G7++ Friends of the Gulf of Guinea London Technical Plenary, 24 June

IMO NEWS MAGAZINE   Summer 2021

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‘Simply no scenario’ where humanity can survive on an ocean-free planet. *UN News.* 1 June 2021. Available from: [https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/06/1093142](https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/06/1093142) The world must harness “clear, transformative and actionable solutions” to address the ocean crisis, the President of the UN General Assembly said on Tuesday, opening a meeting to generate momentum towards the 2022 UN Ocean Conference, when public health safety measures allow.


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

UN health agency urges nations to donate 250 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine. *UN News.* 4 June 2021. Available from: [https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/06/1093372](https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/06/1093372) Some two billion doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been distributed globally but only 0.5 per cent have reached low-income countries where frontline health workers and the elderly have yet to receive a shot, the World Health Organization said on Friday.

WHO warns of ‘two-track pandemic’ as cases decline but vaccine inequity persists. *UN News.* 7 June 2021. Available from: [https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/06/1093472](https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/06/1093472) Even though COVID-19 cases and deaths have declined in recent weeks, the world is facing a “two-track pandemic”, the UN’s top health official said on Monday in his ongoing campaign to get more vaccines to developing countries.


António Guterres secures second term as UN Secretary-General, calls for new era of ‘solidarity and equality’. *UN News*. 19 June 2021. Available from: [https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/06/1094282](https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/06/1094282). António Guterres was on Friday re-appointed to a second term as UN Secretary-General, pledging as his priority, to continue helping the world chart a course out of the COVID-19 pandemic.


The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on tourism could result in a more than $4 trillion loss to the global economy, UN trade and development body UNCTAD said on Wednesday in a report issued jointly with the UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).
CASUALTIES

Indonesia ferry catches fire at sea; all 195 aboard safe. Associated Press. 29 May 2021. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/indonesia-fires-business-2dc064249ac6c76b895fa25e1162854d A large ferry with nearly 200 people on board caught fire Saturday while traveling to a remote island in north eastern Indonesia, forcing passengers and crew to jump into the sea but causing no casualties, officials said.

Cyclone Tauktae: Aground at Palghar, barge wreckage raises oil leak fears. Yogesh Naik. Indian Express. 30 May 2021. Available from: https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/mumbai/mumbai-aground-at-palghar-barge-wreckage-raises-oil-leak-fears-7336064/ A “sheen” of oil reported by the Coast Guard at Valrai Rocks off Palghar where ONGC offshore accommodation barge Gal Constructor ran aground during Cyclone Tauktae has raised fears that a large amount of diesel stored on it has begun leaking into the sea.


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

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

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

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

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


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


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


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


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

ENVIRONMENT

Sea ice thickness is inferred by measuring the height of the ice above the water, and this measurement is distorted by snow weighing the ice floe down.

The ocean plays a central role in regulating our climate and weather.

The oceans are in a “death spiral” from climate change and destructive fishing, with world leaders doing little to stop it, an environmental pressure group has warned.

Confirmation that Europe has just had its chilliest Spring in years is cold comfort for the planet, amid rising greenhouse gas levels which will bring negative impacts for generations to come, UN weather experts said on Tuesday.

Cruise ships moored off the Dorset coast caused “extensive scarring” to the seabed, sonar scans have shown.


The Great Barrier Reef should be placed on to a list of world heritage sites that are “in danger”, according to a recommendation from UN officials that urges Australia to take “accelerated action at all possible levels” on climate change.

The sea turtle die-off reported near Colombo in recent weeks was caused by fire and pollution from the wrecked boxship *X-Press Pearl*, according to the Sri Lankan government.


Cruise ships restart in Venice, bring environmental protests. Colleen Barry. Associated Press. 6 June 2021. Available from: [https://apnews.com/article/europe-cruises-lifestyle-travel-health-0010dc455a1eaabd367460d955e6418ce](https://apnews.com/article/europe-cruises-lifestyle-travel-health-0010dc455a1eaabd367460d955e6418ce). The first cruise ship since the pandemic wended its way through the heart of Venice, escorted by triumphant water-spouting tugboats and elated port workers as it travelled down the Giudecca Canal but also protested by hundreds on land and a small armada of wooden boats waving “No Big Boats” flags.


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


**UN envoy: Study other options to prevent Yemen tanker spill.** Edith M. Lederer. *Associated Press.* 16 June 2021. Available from: [https://apnews.com/article/united-nations-middle-east-yemen-business-04651e7dc1bc4c29475dbc6de2fad4d](https://apnews.com/article/united-nations-middle-east-yemen-business-04651e7dc1bc4c29475dbc6de2fad4d) The U.N should keep negotiating with Yemen’s Houthis rebels but also look at other possible options to ensure that an oil tanker moored off the war-torn country’s coast loaded with more than 1 million barrels of crude oil doesn’t rupture or explode causing an environmental catastrophe, the U.N. envoy for Yemen said Tuesday.

**Ensuring we will have more fish than plastic in the ocean.** Gard. 17 June 2021. Available from: [https://www.gard.no/web/updates/content/31890384/ensuring-we-will-have-more-fish-than-plastic-in-the-ocean](https://www.gard.no/web/updates/content/31890384/ensuring-we-will-have-more-fish-than-plastic-in-the-ocean) International conventions expressly prohibit the discharge of plastic into the sea, but plastic can still find its way into our oceans from careless handling on the vessel or mismanagement downstream and onshore.

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**Yemen’s FSO SAFER: it’s not if, it’s when, and the impact could be huge.** Ahmed El Droubi. *Greenpeace International.* 10 June 2021. Available from: [https://www.greenpeace.org/international/story/48350/](https://www.greenpeace.org/international/story/48350/) The FSO SAFER is one of the world’s largest tankers and is anchored 60 kms north of the port of Hodeidah, a key lifeline for aid supplies to much of Yemen’s population.

**Massive oil slicks head for Corsica after ships empty oil reserves into the sea.** Daniel Bellamy. *Euronews.* 13 June 2021. Available from: [https://www.euronews.com/2021/06/13/massive-oil-slicks-head-for-corsica-after-ships-empty-oil-reserves-into-the-sea](https://www.euronews.com/2021/06/13/massive-oil-slicks-head-for-corsica-after-ships-empty-oil-reserves-into-the-sea) The spills, which are 35 kilometres long, were made deliberately by ships trying to save money by dumping used oil overboard rather than having it removed in port.
BIMCO launches initiatives to address shipping’s plastic footprint. Beverley Mackenzie. BIMCO. 17 June 2021. Available from: https://www.bimco.org/news/environment-protection/20210617-bimco-launches-initiatives With discussions at the IMO’s Marine Environment Protection Committee meeting (held 10 to 17 June 2021) on sea-based sources of marine plastic delayed until the end of the year, BIMCO is looking at what the shipping industry can to do reduce its plastic footprint to ensure momentum is not lost in the absence of formal discussions at the IMO.


Container vessel detained over oil spill. Christopher Serju. The Gleaner (Jamaica). 27 June 2021. Available from: https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/news/20210627/container-vessel-detained-over-oil-spill Container ship CSS Wind has been detained pending the payment of costs incurred for the cleanup of an oil spill from one of its containers on Wednesday.

**HEALTH & SAFETY**


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


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


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


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


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


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

Ship carrying dead captain will arrive in Italy next week. Idha Toft Valeur. ShippingWatch. 10 June 2021. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article13047131.ece

The ship carrying the dead captain, whose body has been on board Ital Libera since his passing in the middle of April, will finally arrive in Italy next week, where his body will be returned to his family, Evergreen confirms in a statement to ShippingWatch.


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


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


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


UK says non-resident seafarers are eligible for vaccines. Declan Bush. Lloyd’s List. 24 June 2021. Available from: https://lloydsslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137313/UK-says-non-resident-seafarers-are-eligible-for-vaccines The Department for Transport confirmed resident and non-resident seafarers aged 18 and over were eligible for free vaccines as of June 18.


IMO

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

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

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

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


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

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

Shipping needs its regulator to show up. Anastassios Adamopoulos. Lloyd’s List. 9 June 2021. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137086/Shipping-needs-its-regulator-to-show-up  Shipping needs decisions from the International Maritime Organization this week on key issues such as short-term emissions measures, a $5bn R&D fund and a structure for future market-based measure negotiations.


The next four days will define how shipping delivers on decarbonization by 2030. Tomas Kristiansen. ShippingWatch. 11 June 2021. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13050244.ece  Through to Monday, the IMO’s Maritime Environment Protection Committee will deal with climate issues that divide member nations around the world: How can shipping contribute to the reduction of carbon emissions by 2030? ShippingWatch outlines the most likely scenario.


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


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


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

International Shipping Body Fails the Arctic and Global Climate Fight. *Seas at Risk.* 17 June 2021. Available from: [https://seas-at-risk.org/general-news/international-shipping-body-fails-the-arctic-and-global-climate-fight/](https://seas-at-risk.org/general-news/international-shipping-body-fails-the-arctic-and-global-climate-fight/) Civil society groups have damned the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for failing to take action on the Arctic climate crisis, after plans to reduce black carbon emissions from shipping in the Arctic were bumped off the agenda of its Marine Environment Protection Committee meeting (MEPC76), which ended today.
International shipping body drops the ball on arctic climate crisis. *American Journal of Transportation (AJOT).* 17 June 2021. Available from: https://ajot.com/news/international-shipping-body-drops-the-ball-on-arctic-climate-crisis Civil society groups have lambasted the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for failing to take action on the Arctic climate crisis, after plans to reduce black carbon emissions from shipping in the Arctic were bumped off the agenda of its Marine Environment Protection Committee meeting (MEPC 76), which ended today.


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

GLOBAL: Maersk: MEPC 76 ‘exposed fundamental divide between IMO Member States on GHG measures’. Ian Taylor. *Bunkerspot.* 17 June 2021. Available from: https://www.bunkerspot.com/global/53491-global-maersk-mepc-76-exposed-fundamental-divide-between-imo-member-states-on-ghg-measures In a statement sent to Bunkerspot, Maersk has said that the 76th meeting of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) has ‘exposed the fundamental divide between IMO Member States on GHG measures’ – but nevertheless ‘some important progress was made’.


Will the Carbon Intensity Indicator re-shape the shipping industry? Georgios Plevrakis. *Splash 247.* 18 June 2021. Available from: https://splash247.com/will-the-carbon-intensity-indicator-re-shape-the-shipping-industry/ Attention so far has been on the impact of the EEXI, but the CII could have a dramatic effect on the marketability of vessels, says Georgios Plevrakis from ABS.
MEPC proceeded as expected – and herein lies the problem for shipping. Tomas Kristiansen. ShippingWatch. 18 June 2021. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13067785.ece Not least Norwegian and Danish shipping companies are left empty-handed after the 76th session of the IMO’s environmental committee MEPC – proclaimed as the meeting that could not afford to fail – but has now ended.


Governments agree to start negotiating mid - and long-term GHG measures. Anastassios Adamopoulos. Lloyd’s List. 18 June 2021. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137194 The IMO has approved a plan about how to develop and adopt mid-term measures on shipping emissions.

IMO needs to resolve its trust issues. Lloyd’s List. 18 June 2021. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137229 Lessons should be learned from the vexed exchanges seen inside MEPC this week — the IMO cannot expect external observers and industry to trust a body whose members have a difficult time trusting each other.


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

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

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

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


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

LAW & POLICY

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

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

How OFAC’s sanctions advisory is changing the maritime industry for good. Simon Ring. Splash 247.com. 31 May 2021. Available from: https://splash247.com/how-ofacs-sanctions-advisory-is-changing-the-maritime-industry-for-good/ The guidance was the first to target the wider maritime industry, and it sought to make clear that the onus of responsibility for sanctions compliance lies with everyone across the supply chain, and stressed the need for the private sector to plug the many holes currently used to circumvent sanctions.
Climate activist buys into large companies to intensify CO2 plans. Jens Thomsen. ShippingWatch. 1 June 2021. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13020679.ece Shipping companies should view the transition to sustainable energy as an opportunity to ensure long-term survival of their companies rather than postponing the transition, says Dutch climate activist Mark van Baal.

NGO proposes significant global carbon levy on bunker fuel to reach climate goals. Dag Holmstad. ShippingWatch. 2 June 2021. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13025536.ece Green Transition Denmark, which forms part of Clean Shipping Coalition, finds that an increasing CO2 levy on bunker fuel from 2025 onwards could compel the shipping industry to switch to green fuels such as methanol or ammonia, with only a negligible increase in retail prices.


EU warns Ghana against illegal fishing. GhanaWeb. 2 June 2021. Available from: https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/EU-warns-Ghana-against-illegal-fishing-1277419 The European Union (EU) has warned that it will issue Ghana a 'yellow card', should the country consistently fail to tackle the menace of illegal fishing.

Fighting against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing: Commission notifies the Republic of Ghana with a yellow card. European Commission. 2 June 2021. Available from: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_21_2745 The Commission, leading the fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing worldwide, has issued a warning (so-called yellow card) to the Republic of Ghana that it risks being identified as a non-cooperating country in the fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.


US and EU to call for higher carbon reduction targets in last-ditch IMO showdown. Adam Corbett. TradeWinds. 3 June 2021. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/us-and-eu-to-call-for-higher-carbon-reduction-targets-in-last-ditch-imo-showdown/2-1-1019253 Europe and the US are poised to make a last-minute call for the International Maritime Organization to adopt tougher carbon emission reduction targets at a crunch meeting later this month.

Your climate change goals may have a maritime shipping problem. Esther Whieldon. S&P Global Platts. 3 June 2021. Available from: https://www.spglobal.com/esg/insights/your-climate-change-goals-may-have-a-maritime-shipping-problem The international cargo and container shipping industry plays a central role in global supply chains, but until recently has made few inroads toward decarbonization.


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

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


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

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


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


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

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

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

The spirit of Shell will rise to the challenge. Ben van Beurden. Shell. 9 June 2021. Available from: https://www.shell.com/media/speeches-and-articles/articles-by-date/the-spirit-of-shell-will-rise-to-the-challenge.html Should a court single out an energy company to reduce its carbon emissions? On Wednesday 26 May, the District Court in The Hague ruled that by 2030 Shell must reduce its net carbon emissions by 45%, compared to its 2019 level.

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

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


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


The EU Approach on Migration in the Mediterranean. *European Parliament.* 11 June 2021. Available from: [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document.html?reference=IPOL_STU%282021%29694413](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document.html?reference=IPOL_STU%282021%29694413) This study examines the EU approach on migration in the Mediterranean, covering developments from the 2015 refugee crisis up to the Covid-19 pandemic, assessing the effect these events have had on the design, implementation, and reform of EU policy on asylum, migration and external border control, and documenting the ramifications these changes have had on the actors who operate and are impacted by these policies, including immigration authorities, civil society organisations, and the migrants themselves. [Study](#)


Sri Lankan court grants bail to captain of fire-ravaged ship. Bharatha Mallawarachi. *Associated Press.* 14 June 2021. Available from: [https://apnews.com/article/sri-lanka-fires-1a61be5a4950bc0a1aa0deebc00d5b5](https://apnews.com/article/sri-lanka-fires-1a61be5a4950bc0a1aa0deebc00d5b5) A Sri Lankan court granted bail to the captain of a fire-ravaged container ship on Monday, hours after he was arrested by police, officials said.
Barge disaster may be outside India’s labour laws’ purview. Sanjay Dutta and Mateen Hafeez. *Times of India*. 15 June 2021. Available from: https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/mumbai-barge-disaster-may-be-outside-labour-laws-purview/articleshow/83522629.cms Onus of the Mumbai barge disaster could end up at the door of Durmast Enterprises Ltd under the international regulatory regime for seafaring vessels and personnel as the incident took place outside India’s territorial boundary extending up to 12 nautical miles from the shore.


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


Climate scientist calls on Poseidon Principles to embrace far higher ambitions. Daniel Logan. *ShippingWatch*. 16 June 2021. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13061457.ece If Poseidon Principles is to support shipping in living up to the Paris Agreement, the banks behind the principles need to aim much higher than the IMO targets that the principles currently adhere to, says scientist to ShippingWatch.

Lawyers look at the scourge of stateless vessels. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 16 June 2021. Available from: https://splash247.com/lawyers-look-at-the-scourge-of-stateless-vessels/ The problem of stateless vessels operating at sea has been an issue which has occurred for millennia, but to date little has been done to examine the issue of deflagged ships and what it means for those onboard for these floating metal refugees.


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

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

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


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


LEAKED: EU’s supposedly ‘green’ shipping law will lock in fossil fuels. Eoin Bannon. Transport & Environment. 23 June 2021. Available from: https://www.transportenvironment.org/press/leaked-eu%E2%80%99s-supposedly-%E2%80%98green%E2%80%99-shipping-law-will-lock-fossil-fuels An EU law intended to drive the uptake of clean fuels by ships will actually lock in the use of fossil fuels for decades, according to a leaked proposal, making the European Green Deal goal of decarbonisation by 2050 impossible. The leaked EU ‘green’ shipping fuel law risks being a climate disaster


NGO: EU proposal for Green Deal locks in fossil marine fuels. Dag Holmstad. ShippingWatch. 24 June 2021. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/Offshore/article13082738.ece According to Transport & Environment, leaked documents on the EU’s prestige project Green Deal on the decarbonization of shipping show that the EU will prolong the use of fossil fuels such as LNG and biofuels “for decades”.
The new EU Climate Law increases the EU’s 2030 emissions reductions target from 40% to at least 55%.

The success of international climate negotiations in November will depend on a breakthrough in financial contributions from rich countries, U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres said on Thursday.

The fragmented approach to ship emissions and fuels policies from Brussels risks not only generating ineffective policies that undermine its ultimate goals, but also creating unnecessary distractions and inserting added complications to already difficult negotiations.


President Joe Biden appoints IMarEST Fellow to lead on climate. Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST). 28 June 2021. Available from: https://www.imarest.org/policy-news/issue-news/6156-president-joe-biden-appoints-imarest-fellow-to-lead-on-climate Dr Richard ‘Rick’ W. Spinrad, CSci CMarSci FIMarEST, esteemed Fellow of The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST), has been appointed by President Joe Biden as the new head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which plays a key role in protecting the environment.

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

Only a handful of IRISL’s sanction fleet have remained at anchor or hidden with no Automatic Identification System signal — the rest have regularly shuttled between Iran and China, Malaysia and UAE, while several have regularly called at EU ports.
**Maritime Technology**

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

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


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

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

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

Shipping is tough on the climate and hard to clean up – these innovations can help cut emissions. Jing Sun. The Conversation. 17 June 2021. Available from: https://theconversation.com/shipping-is-tough-on-the-climate-and-hard-to-clean-up-these-innovations-can-help-cut-emissions-162513  Ships carry more than 80% of world trade, and they rely heavily on some of the least environmentally friendly transportation fuels available.


Composite Technology Designed for Space Receives ABS Design Approval for Use at Sea. American Bureau of Shipping. 29 June 2021. Available from: https://cnsn.co/3qWeiDQ  It’s a key milestone in the SpaceTech4Sea project, which sees ABS, OceanFinance and Cimarron Composites joining forces to adapt composite technologies developed for the space industry to shipping.

MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING

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

Officer shortfall to reach decade high by 2026. Drewry Shipping Consultants. 2 June 2021. Available from: https://www.drewry.co.uk/maritime-research-opinion-browser/officer-shortfall-to-reach-decade-high-by-2026  Diminishing attractiveness of a career at sea, coupled with rising man-berth ratios and continued fleet growth will lead to the highest shortfall of officers to crew the world’s merchant fleet in over a decade by 2026, with important implications for both hiring and future manning cost inflation, according to the latest Manning Annual Review and Forecast report published by global shipping consultancy Drewry.

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


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


**MARITIME SAFETY**

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

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


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

**MARITIME SECURITY**

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


S&P Global Platts speaks to the Head of Maritime Security at BIMCO Jakob Larsen on what has pushed the industry to band together and what the Declaration means for the future of security in the basin.


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


Fast Response Cutter conducts international patrol to increase maritime security in the Pacific. United States Coast Guard. 16 June 2021. Available from: https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/2e45458 The crew of Coast Guard Cutter Oliver Henry (WPC 1140) returned home to Guam following a successful 37-day, expeditionary patrol supporting Operation Blue Pacific and Operation 365 to prevent, detect, and suppress illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing in Oceania and strengthen bonds with partners throughout Micronesia.


Several countries to dispatch warships in fight against pirates in the Gulf of Guinea. Dag Holmstad. ShippingWatch. 22 June 2021. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13073786.ece When Denmark deploys a frigate to fight pirates in the Gulf of Guinea off the West African coast in November, it will enter a network of warships from five to six other nations, says Danish representative for maritime security Jens-Otto Horslund to ShippingWatch.

Council adopts conclusions on the EU’s intention to increase its role as a global maritime security provider. Council of the European Union. 22 June 2021. Available from: https://bit.ly/2TSf9cH The EU depends on safe, clean and secure oceans and seas for all types of activities. This is why maritime security is a clear priority for the EU and its Member States. Council conclusions on maritime security.


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

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


**MIGRANTS**


**NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS**


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

IKEA, Lenovo and many more businesses still have products stuck in the Suez Canal. Lauren Gunn. *CNN*. 15 June 2021. Available from: https://edition.cnn.com/2021/06/15/business/suez-channel-ever-given/index.html  The *Ever Given* is no longer blocking the Suez Canal, but the crisis is far from over for companies forced to endure a protracted legal battle in hopes of recovering goods worth hundreds of millions of dollars that have been stuck on the impounded container ship for months.


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

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


**PIRACY**


PORT STATE CONTROL


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


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


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

**PORTS & HARBOURS**


Lebanon receives French report regarding Beirut port blast. Bassem Mroue. *Associated Press*. 31 May 2021. Available from: [https://apnews.com/article/middle-east-lebanon-beirut-60234d7f9c5c8a1d80a45d2b97a8fa](https://apnews.com/article/middle-east-lebanon-beirut-60234d7f9c5c8a1d80a45d2b97a8fa) Lebanon on Monday received a preliminary report from France regarding last year’s massive port blast in Beirut that killed and wounded thousands, judicial officials said.


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


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


Memorandum of Understanding Onshore Power ambitions for Container Terminals in Ports


**REGULATIONS**

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


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

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


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


**SEAFARERS**


Impact of Covid on seafarers acknowledged at ILO global summit. *Nautilus International.*


S Korea inks pact to better protect Indonesian seafarers. *Antara News (Indonesia).*

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

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


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


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

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

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

Marina at 47: Full speed ahead despite the pandemic. Genivi Verdejo. Manila Times. 11 June 2021. Available from: https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/06/11/supplements/marina-at-47-full-speed-ahead-despite-the-pandemic/1802694 Impacted by the global pandemic that rendered shipping and transport almost helpless against economic slowdown with ships and crew not able to transport people and cargos, the country’s custodian of its maritime development stands at the aft, guiding a strong and resilient industry.
Death of Master, Food and Water Shortages and Failure in State Support leaves Crew Desperate. Human Rights at Sea (HRAS). 11 June 2021. Available from: https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/06/11/death-of-master-food-and-water-shortages-and-failure-in-state-support-leaves-crew-desperate/ Following the unexpected death on 19 April 2021 of the Romanian Master of the MV VANTAGE WAVE (IMO: 9506514) Human Rights at Sea has been asked by the deceased’s family, and instructed by Gard P&I insurers on behalf of owners’ and crew members’ interests, to bring urgent international attention to the case of the continued failure to repatriate the body after seven weeks by multiple States.


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


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

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

Filipino seafarers stranded in China for 17 months appeal for help. Tristan Nodalo. CNN Philippines. 15 June 2021. Available from: https://www.cnn.ph/news/2021/6/14/Filipino-seafarers-China-stranded-MV-Angelic-Power.html Thirteen Filipino seafarers who have been stranded in China are begging for assistance to help them leave the ship they have been stuck in for one year and five months now and the bulk carrier MV Angelic Power is currently anchored in South China.
ITF Flags Concerns Over Repatriation of Deceased Seafarers' Bodies. Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*. 15 June 2021. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/itf-flags-concerns-over-repatriation-of-deceased-seafarers-bodies/ Concerns are mounting amid shocking revelations that ports are increasingly refusing to repatriate deceased seafarers’ bodies under the guise of COVID-19 pandemic measures.


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

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


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


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


**This Day of the Seafarer, cut the crap and get the crews home.** Lloyd’s List. 25 June 2021. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137332 Despite the usual outpouring of platitudes and warm words, efforts to address the crew-change crisis have left too many facing abandonment, cancelled repatriation, severe social isolation, and routine unending fatigue as their daily reality.

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

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


**More than a year at sea puts home life at risk, survey reveals.** Richard Clayton. Lloyd’s List. 28 June 2021. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1137351/ Seafarers who are absent from home for a year or more are likely to lose touch with their children and communities, while their wives and partners become distant, a survey conducted during the pandemic has found.

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


SHIP RECYCLING


SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR


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


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


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

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


**SHIPPING**


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

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

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


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


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

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

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

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


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

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

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Norway’s opposition to CO2 research fund meets disappointment from shipowners. Idha Toft Valeur. *ShippingWatch*. 7 June 2021. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13037912.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13037912.ece) Norwegian Shipowners’ Association aims criticism at the Norwegian IMO delegation’s lack of support for the proposal of a research fund discussed at the MEPC meeting this week.

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

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


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


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

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


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


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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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


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