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MSC Resolution: Actions to facilitate seafarer evacuation

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 105), which met 20-29 April 2022, adopted the following resolution on 28 April 2022:

RESOLUTION MSC.495(105) - Actions to facilitate the urgent evacuation of seafarers from the war zone area in and around the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov as a result of the Russian Federation aggression against Ukraine.

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 28(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

RECALLING that the purpose of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) as set forth in Article 1 of the IMO Convention and the mission in the Strategic Plan of IMO is to promote safe, secure, environmentally sound, efficient and sustainable shipping through cooperation,

NOTING that the Council, at its thirty-fifth extraordinary session, relating to the conflict in Ukraine:

1. recalled that UN General Assembly resolution A/RES/ES-11/1 of 2 March 2022, inter alia, condemned the declaration by the Russian Federation of a “special military operation” in Ukraine, deplored in the strongest terms the aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine in violation of article 2(4) of the Charter, and demanded that the Russian Federation immediately cease its use of force against Ukraine and refrain from any further unlawful threat or use of force against any Member State,

2. underscored the paramount importance of preserving the safety and welfare of seafarers and urged Member States and observer organizations to provide maximum assistance to seafarers caught up in the conflict,

3. underscored the need to preserve the security of international shipping and the maritime community, and the supply chains that sustain other nations, as well as supply chains providing necessary food and medicines to the people of Ukraine,

4. recalled the statement of the Secretary-General of 26 February 2022 which expressed his grave concern regarding the spill over effects of the military action in Ukraine on global shipping, and logistics and supply chains, in particular the impacts on the delivery of commodities and food to developing nations and the impacts on energy supplies; and highlighted that ships, seafarers and port workers engaged in legitimate trade should not be collateral victims in the political and military crisis,

5. underlined that ships should be allowed to sail from the ports of Ukraine at the earliest opportunity without threat of attack; and that for those ships that cannot leave immediately, or where it would be unsafe to do so due to the presence of sea mines or other hazards, humanitarian corridors be set up that enable the safety of seafarers by allowing them to leave the conflict zone and return home, as appropriate,

6. invited the Secretary-General to collaborate with the relevant parties and take necessary immediate actions to initiate the establishment and support the implementation of a blue safe maritime corridor in the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov and keep Member States informed of developments, and to report to a future session of the Council,
7. condemned any form of harassment of seafarers due to their nationality and underlined that seafarers affected by the conflict should be allowed free access to communications with their families,

BEING DEEPLY CONCERNED by the impact of the Russian Federation aggression against Ukraine on the safety and welfare of seafarers, including their mental health and that of their families, More...

MEETING SUMMARIES AND SCHEDULE

Previous Meetings (REMOTE)

Intersessional Working Group on the Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (ISWG-GHG 11) – 14-18 March 2022

Legal Committee (LEG 109) – 21-25 March 2022

Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR 9) – 4-8 April 2022

Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 105) – 20-29 April 2022

Forthcoming Meetings (REMOTE)

Facilitation Committee (FAL 46) – 9-13 May 2022

Intersessional Working Group on the Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (ISWG-GHG 12) – 16-20 May 2022

RECENT SPEECHES BY IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL KITACK LIM

IMO-Singapore Future of Shipping Conference 2022, Singapore – 6 April 2022

ReCAAP ISC Piracy and Sea Robbery Conference 2022 – 5 April 2022

Nor-Shipping Ocean Leadership Conference, Oslo - Power: Pro#Action – 4 April 2022

UNGC High Level meeting on Ocean – 4 April 2022

Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 105) – 20-29 April 2022 (Opening remarks)

Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR 9) – 4-8 April 2022 (Opening remarks)
LATEST PRESS BRIEFINGS

Sustainable Maritime Transport in Caribbean – Carib-SMART
5 May 2022

Act now for safe fishing, IMO Secretary-General urges States
27 April 2022

Bringing maritime GHG reduction stakeholders together - IMO CARES
7 April 2022

Singapore-IMO launch NextGEN Connect for maritime decarbonization
6 April 2022
UNITED NATIONS


IPCC adaptation report ‘a damning indictment of failed global leadership on climate’. UN News. 28 February 2022. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/02/1112852 UN scientists on Monday delivered a stark warning about the impact of climate change on people and the planet, saying that ecosystem collapse, species extinction, deadly heatwaves and floods are among the “dangerous and widespread disruptions” the world will face over the next two decades due to global warming.


General Assembly resolution demands end to Russian offensive in Ukraine. UN News. 2 March 2022. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/03/1113152 The UN General Assembly overwhelmingly adopted a resolution on Wednesday demanding that Russia immediately end its military operations in Ukraine.


‘Senseless war’ forces one million to flee Ukraine: UN refugee chief. UN News. 3 March 2022. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/03/1113192 The “senseless war” in Ukraine has forced one million people to flee the country in just seven days, while countless others have been displaced within its borders, UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi said on Thursday.


Blue Economy: oceans as the next great economic frontier. United Nations. 14 March 2022. Available from: https://unric.org/en/blue-economy-oceans-as-the-next-great-economic-frontier/ 40% of the world’s population live near coastal areas, more than 3 billion people utilize the oceans for their livelihood, and 80% of world trade is achieved using the seas.

UN chief warns against ‘sleepwalking to climate catastrophe’ UN News. 21 March 2022. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/03/1114322 The goal to limit future warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, highlighted in the Paris Agreement on climate change, and driven home in last November’s COP26, gathering in Glasgow, is now on “life support” and “in intensive care,” the UN chief told the Economist Sustainability Summit on Monday.
UN weather agency to spearhead 5 year early warning plan, boosting climate action. *UN News.* 23 March 2022. Available from: [https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/03/1114462](https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/03/1114462) The UN set an ambitious five year deadline on Wednesday for countries to ensure that citizens worldwide are protected by early warning systems against extreme weather and climate change, the UN chief announced, marking World Meteorological Day.


UN’s Bachelet hails ‘millions of voices’ tackling racial discrimination. *UN News.* 28 March 2022. Available from: [https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/03/1114892](https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/03/1114892) More than two decades after the signing of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (PoA) – the UN’s blueprint to tackle racism and other forms of discrimination – UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet on Monday, hailed the “millions of voices around the globe” who’ve made it their mission to eradicate the scourge, while also noting that more work needs to be done.
CASUALTIES

Massive cargo ship carrying cars sinks in mid-Atlantic. Associated Press. 1 March 2022. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/technology-business-united-states-germany-portugal-2bb8dd53fa48ae066c3ae3f2bcfe999e A large cargo vessel carrying cars from Germany to the United States sank Tuesday in the mid-Atlantic, 13 days after a fire broke out on board, the ship’s manager and the Portuguese navy said.


MSC Boxship Being Towed After Breaking Down off Canada. Maritime Executive. 10 March 2022. Available from: https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/msc-boxship-being-towed-after-breaking-down-off-canada The Canadian Coast Guard is reporting that a drifting MSC container ship, the MSC Kim (53,436 dwt), has successfully been taken in tow and is heading toward Nova Scotia after having blacked out in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence.
Evergreen Containership Aground in Chesapeake Bay. gCaptain. 14 March 2022. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/containership-ever-forward-aground/ A 334-meter containership owned by Evergreen Marine is aground in Chesapeake Bay not far from the Port of Baltimore on the U.S. East Coast.


Ever Forward, stuck in Chesapeake Bay, evaluated by experts. Associated Press. 15 March 2022. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/virginia-norfolk-maryland-baltimore-pollution-f1c9625cb7f73c091f64d7e89b22747 A salvage team and naval architects are working together to figure out how to free a cargo ship stuck in Chesapeake Bay.

Norwegian Escape Cancels Cruises due to Damage from Grounding. Maritime Executive. 15 March 2022. Available from: https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/norwegian-escape-refloated-but-to-remain-in-dominican-republic Officials from the Dominican Republic’s Navy and the Port Authority confirmed that in a joint operation the cruise ship Norwegian Escape was successfully refloated, but late today reported that the ship will remain in the Dominican Republic.


Russian attacks on merchant ships in Ukraine. Steven Haines. Human Rights at Sea (HRAS). 17 March 2022. Available from: https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/news/russian-attacks-merchant-ships-ukraine As I began writing this (at 0630 GMT on 16 March), the BBC website reported that Russian forces are ‘not ready yet to launch a sea-based operation against the southern port city (of Odesa) as they haven’t established troops on the ground’ there.

UAE ro-ro sinks in Middle East Gulf off Iran. Lloyd’s List. 17 March 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140188 A United Arab Emirates-flagged ro-ro is reported to have sunk 30 miles off the Iranian coast near Assaluyeh port with 30 crew in the water awaiting rescue.


Maersk vessel loses 90 boxes in North Pacific, including some packed with DG. Nick Savvides. The Loadstar. 24 March 2022. Available from: https://theloadstar.com/maersk-vessel-loses-containers-in-north-pacific/ Maersk has confirmed that its chartered vessel Dyros lost around 90 containers in rough seas, in the North Pacific, around 1,200 nm east of Japan on Monday, and the losses included nine boxes containing dangerous cargo.


ENVIRONMENT


The Working Group II contribution to the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report assesses the impacts of climate change, looking at ecosystems, biodiversity, and human communities at global and regional levels.

‘Every second counts’: Global reactions to UN climate report. *Associated Press.* 28 February 2022. Available from: [https://apnews.com/article/climate-science-united-nations-pollution-47c471f73f4ef907b6f08ac213ae04b7](https://apnews.com/article/climate-science-united-nations-pollution-47c471f73f4ef907b6f08ac213ae04b7) A panel of scientists convened by the United Nations has published a report on the impact that climate change has had, is having and will have on the planet, including on the natural world and human civilization.

Recovering marine wildlife for sustainable development. *Newsday (Trinidad and Tobago).* 8 March 2022. Available from: [https://newsday.co.tt/2022/03/08/recovering-marine-wildlife-for-sustainable-development](https://newsday.co.tt/2022/03/08/recovering-marine-wildlife-for-sustainable-development/) On December 20, 2013, the UN General Assembly proclaimed March 3 as World Wildlife Day, to raise awareness of the world’s wild animals and plants.

Carbon dioxide will have to be removed from air to achieve 1.5C, says report. *Fiona Harvey. The Guardian.* 9 March 2022. Available from: [https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/mar/09/carbon-dioxide-removed-from-air-carbon-offset-market-report](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/mar/09/carbon-dioxide-removed-from-air-carbon-offset-market-report) Removing carbon dioxide from the air will now be essential if there is to be any chance of meeting global climate targets, a thinktank has warned.


Code Red for Africa's Blue Economy. Donald L. Sparks. *African Arguments Royal African Society.* 24 March 2022. Available from: [https://africanarguments.org/2022/03/code-red-for-africas-blue-economy/](https://africanarguments.org/2022/03/code-red-for-africas-blue-economy/) Coastal and marine resources will be central to the food, energy, and jobs, so long as the right strategies are put in place.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION


Blame game over Orange County oil spill heats up as pipeline company sues shipping firms. Laura J. Nelson and Connor Sheets. Phys.org. 1 March 2022. Available from: https://phys.org/news/2022-03-blame-game-orange-county-oil.html Two cargo ships that allegedly dragged an oil pipeline with their anchors during a winter storm should be held liable for a disastrous October oil spill that sent thousands of gallons of crude into the waters off Orange County, the operator of the ruptured pipeline said in a lawsuit filed Monday.

Oil spill at sea: who will pay for Peru’s worst environmental disaster? Dan Collyns. The Guardian. 7 March 2022. Available from: https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/mar/07/oil-spill-at-sea-who-will-pay-peru-worst-environmental-disaster More than a month after Peru’s worst ever environmental disaster on its coastline there are few signs of reckoning for Repsol, the Spanish energy company that manages the refinery where more than 10,000 barrels of crude oil spewed into the Pacific Ocean after a routine tanker discharge went awry.


When oil is spilled: What happens next? Alyssa Sporrer. Freight Waves. 10 March 2022. Available from: https://www.freightwaves.com/news/when-oil-is-spilled-what-happens-next Most people know about large oil spills in the ocean such as the Exxon Valdez or Deepwater Horizon disasters, but smaller spills on land and in water occur every day.


Oil Spill Exercise 2022. Government of Bermuda. 16 March 2022. Available from: https://www.gov.bm/articles/oil-spill-exercise-2022 The Ministry of Home Affairs advises the public that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has organised with other local agencies a simulated oil spill exercise on Friday 18 March 2022 at Whalebone Bay, Ferry Reach.

An aging oil tanker has become a floating time bomb. It’s an environmental disaster waiting to happen. Christopher Reddy. CNN. 22 March 2022. Available from: https://edition.cnn.com/2022/03/22/opinions/oil-spill-fso-safer-yemen-reddy/index.html It’s rare to see a maritime disaster unfold in slow motion, but that’s exactly what’s happening off the coast of Yemen.


ITOPF: Preventative actions remain the most effective approach to accidental marine spills. Safety4Sea. 24 March 2022. Available from: https://safety4sea.com/cm-itopf-preventative-actions-remain-the-most-effective-approach-to-accidental-marine-spills/ In an exclusive interview to SAFETY4SEA, Mr. Oli Beavon, Managing Director at ITOPF, highlights that although there has been a reduction in oil spill accidents, maritime stakeholders should remain vigilant.


Counter Pollution exercise tests MCA’s operational preparedness. UK Maritime & Coastguard Agency. 28 March 2022. Available from: https://maritimecoastguard.blogspot.com/2022/03/counter-pollution-exercise-at-heysham-tests-mca-operational-preparedness.html The Maritime and Coastguard Agency completed a live training exercise last week (21-24th March), designed to test the MCA’s ability to alert and activate its counter pollution teams and equipment resources in a scenario replicating a real pollution incident at the coast and in the sea.

**HEALTH & SAFETY**

ICS urges governments to act after UN report highlights countries denying seafarers urgent medical care. International Chamber of Shipping (ICS). 2 March 2022. Available from: https://www.ics-shipping.org/press-release/ics-urges-governments-to-act-seafarers-denied-medical-care/ The International Chamber of Shipping has called on governments around the world to ensure access to medical care for seafarers, after it emerged that crews continue to be refused urgent treatment at ports during the pandemic.

Covid: Saga _Spirit of Adventure_ cruise returns to Southampton after outbreak. BBC News. 8 March 2022. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hampshire-60668874 A cruise ship travelling from the UK to the Caribbean has been forced to turn around because of positive Covid-19 cases on board.

Fear of employer retaliation leads immigrant seafarers to delay, avoid medical care: study. Safety+Health. 9 March 2022. Available from: https://www.safetyandhealthmagazine.com/articles/22344 Filipino seafarers often delay or completely avoid medical care – despite their rights to it under maritime law – for fear of retaliation from employers, including potentially losing their jobs, results of a recent study show.


Shedding light on suicides at sea. Lloyd’s List. 15 March 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140170/ Globally, seafarer welfare groups and maritime organisations agree the rate of mental health issues among seafarers appears to be on the rise, with indications of a marked increase during the pandemic-induced crew changeover crisis.


IMO

Ukraine calls for shipping’s aid at IMO. Declan Bush. Lloyd’s List. 1 March 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140004/ Ukraine has called for an extraordinary session of the International Maritime Organization to protest its invasion by Russia and discuss safety threats to the Black and Azov seas.

Shipping players lash out at IMO for slow negotiations over global carbon pricing. Max Tingyao Lin. IHS Markit. 3 March 2022. Available from: https://cleanenergynews.ihsmarkit.com/research-analysis/shipping-players-lash-out-at-imo-for-slow-negotiations-over-gl.html International Maritime Organization (IMO) member states have been debating on a global pricing regime for GHG emissions from shipping for more than 15 years.

Countries seek UN meeting over shipping dangers after Ukraine invasion. Reuters. 4 March 2022. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/countries-see-un-meeting-over-shipping-dangers-after-ukraine-invasion-2022-03-04/ Over 15 countries have called for a special meeting with the UN’s shipping agency to discuss the safety of ships and their crews sailing through the Black Sea and Sea of Azov after Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and growing dangers to vessels.


Do we really need a decarbonisation R&D bunker levy? *Business Times (Singapore).* 23 March 2022. Available from: https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/transport/do-we-really-need-a-decarbonisation-rd-bunker-levy For some time now, several maritime organisations have been promoting the idea of a levy on bunker purchases that would be used to pay for research and development leading to the decarbonisation of the shipping sector.

Crisis management - IMO SG Kitack Lim on Ukraine, COVID and COP26. *International Chamber of Shipping Leadership Insights.* April 2022. Available from: https://www.ics-shipping.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/ICS-Leadership-Insights-April-2022.pdf No previous IMO Secretary-General has faced a period in office with pressures on IMO such as those Kitack Lim has encountered during his second and final four-year term.

**LAW & POLICY**

Ocean carriers respond to State of the Union Address preview. *World Shipping Council.* 28 February 2022. Available from: https://www.worldshipping.org/news/ocean-carriers-respond-to-state-of-the-union-address In response to President Biden’s planned attack on ocean carriers during Tuesday’s State of the Union Address, the World Shipping Council released the following statement: “It is unfortunate that the President is demonizing ocean carriers, the industry that is the backbone of the U.S. and global economy and that has been working around the clock through the pandemic to move more cargo than at any time in history.”

UK introduces new sanctions against Russia including ban on ships and fresh financial measures. UK Government. 1 March 2022. Available from: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-introduces-new-sanctions-against-russia-including-ban-on-ships-and-fresh-financial-measures The UK has introduced new sanctions against Russia, including banning Russian ships from UK ports and additional economic measures.


‘Biggest green deal since Paris’: UN to approve plastic treaty roadmap. Reuters. 2 March 2022. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/business/environment/biggest-green-deal-since-paris-un-approve-plastic-treaty-roadmap-2022-03-02/ The United Nations is set to approve a plan to create the world’s first ever global plastic pollution treaty on Wednesday, describing it as the most significant green deal since the 2015 Paris climate agreement.


Joint Statement on Arctic Council Cooperation Following Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine. US Department of State. 3 March 2022. Available from: https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-on-arctic-council-cooperation-following-russias-invasion-of-ukraine/ Canada, the Kingdom of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, and the United States condemn Russia’s unprovoked invasion of Ukraine and note the grave impediments to international cooperation, including in the Arctic, that Russia’s actions have caused.

Why an international treaty for the high seas is crucial to biodiversity. World Economic Forum. 7 March 2022. Available from: https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2022/03/seashells-businesses-call-for-a-robust-high-seas-treaty/ Ahead of a major United Nations (UN) conference on biodiversity seafood businesses have published a joint position on Marine Biodiversity of areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) citing that although the supply chain rarely takes a stance on this topic, ‘biodiversity is everyone’s business’.

UN and Yemen rebels agree to transfer oil from Yemen tanker. Edith M. Lederer. Associated Press. 8 March 2022. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/oil-spills-business-united-nations-yemen-red-sea-4024efe3ab11668e98a319da0a73a046 The United Nations and Yemen’s Houthi rebels have signed a memorandum of understanding aimed at resolving the environmental threat posed by a tanker carrying more than 1 million barrels of crude oil that has been moored off the coast of the war-torn Arab nation since the 1980s, the U.N. said Monday.

The Invasion of Ukraine Is Causing Crisis at Sea. Elisabeth Braw. Foreign Policy. 8 March 2022. Available from: https://foreignpolicy.com/2022/03/07/ukraine-shipping-supply-war/ The United Kingdom has banned Russian ships from calling on its ports, and the European Union is about to do the same.

Ban against Russian oil and gas affects shipping on several fronts. ShippingWatch. 9 March 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/Offshore/article13809081.ece US decision to halt imports of Russian oil pushes oil prices up and may hit shipping in the long run if global demand dives, assesses analyst Lars Jensen.

Documenting war crimes against ships and seafarers. Bob Rust. TradeWinds. 10 March 2022. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/documenting-war-crimes-against-ships-and-seafarers/2-1-1180867 The job of a maritime lawyer at a busy port is not supposed to include the prosecution of war crimes.


The U.N. Treaty That Could Be the Oceans’ Last Great Hope. Rosie Julin. Foreign Policy. 10 March 2022. Available from: https://foreignpolicy.com/2022/03/10/un-high-seas-treaty-oceans-climate-bbnj/ United Nations member states have tried for years to reach a global agreement that would protect marine life on the high seas—those parts of the world’s oceans that fall beyond the jurisdiction of any individual country.


The Lloyd’s List Podcast: The implications of unplugging Russia from the global economy. *Lloyd’s List*. 18 March 2022. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140203](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140203) Four weeks in to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine we are starting to see what the long-term implications of this war looks like for trade.

P&O Ferries drags industrial relations back to the bad old days. *Lloyd’s List*. 18 March 2022. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140212](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140212) DP World’s decision this week to sack 800 of its UK-based P&O Ferries employees on the spot, without notice and over Zoom, had all the hallmarks of a carefully orchestrated, military-style, stealth operation.

UN Ocean Conference 2022: ‘Fleet’ of solutions to be launched. *UN News*. 18 March 2022. Available from: [https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/03/1114142](https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/03/1114142) The solutions to restore the health of the ocean – which provides us with oxygen, food and livelihoods – are out there, and in 100 days they will be in the spotlight in Lisbon, Portugal, at the second UN Ocean Conference.
P&O Ferries makes 800 staff redundant and warns of ‘significant disruption’ to services ‘over next few days’.

Megan Baynes. Sky News. 18 March 2022. Available from: https://news.sky.com/story/p-o-ferries-suspends-all-sailings-ahead-of-major-announcement-12568327 Crew on all ships have been asked to discharge their passengers and cargo and “standby for further instructions”, but one union has told its members to stay on board.

US Congress panel considers shipping reform legislation.


GT Investigates: China’s zero-COVID policy, flexible measures ensure minimum impact on supply chains.

Chu Daye. Global Times (China). 18 March 2022. Available from: https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202203/1255254.shtml Concerns by some US media outlets over potential supply chain hiccups as a round of Omicron cases hit some of China’s major manufacturing and commercial cities are a testament to China’s prominence in the global supply chain, analysts and industry insiders said on Friday.

Nautilus enters dispute over mass redundancies with P&O Ferries.


7 shipping firm officials indicted over deadly sinking of Stellar Daisy.

Korea Times. 18 March 2022. Available from: https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/nation/2022/03/251_325763.html Seven people have been indicted on ship-burying and other charges recently, about five years after the cargo ship Stellar Daisy sank in the South Atlantic Ocean and left 22 people unaccounted for, officials said Friday.

High seas treaty talks fail to reach a deal.


Egypt developed integrated strategy for blue economy.


EU is committed to the protection of biodiversity in the ocean.


A High Ambition Coalition on Biodiversity beyond National Jurisdiction.


UK follows EU lead, bans trade with Sovcomflot. *ShippingWatch*. 25 March 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13860590.ece Major Russian tanker carrier Sovcomflot is once again under pressure after the UK on Thursday joined the ranks of countries imposing sanctions on the company.


Norwegian Shipowners’ Association wants clarity on sanctions against Russia. Astrid Sturlason. *ShippingWatch*. 28 March 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/article13867830.ece Too much responsibility is laid on Norwegian carriers regarding sanctions against Russia, says the Norwegian Shipowners’ Association, which calls for clearer decisions on sanctions.


Global supply lines brace for “menacing” economic storm to widen. Brendan Murray. *ShippingWatch*. 29 March 2022. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/article13870478.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/article13870478.ece) After the pandemic hit Asia-US trade routes the hardest over the past two years, the latest turmoil is being acutely felt in Germany, which is heavily reliant on Russian energy and suppliers across Eastern Europe.


Germany won’t train Libyan coast guard due to alleged abuse. Frank Jordans. Associated Press. 30 March 2022. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/europe-middle-east-germany-migration-european-union-ed724be5068d95e9da907754c7e184c. Germany said Wednesday that its military no longer will provide training to Libya’s coast guard because of concerns about their treatment of migrants.

MARINE TECHNOLOGY


Full steam ahead with CCS in shipping. Energy Voice. 11 March 2022. Available from: https://www.energyvoice.com/renewables-energy-transition/ccs/391751/ccs-shipping/. While oil and gas producers in the UK North Sea, especially, have failed to come up with a live carbon capture and storage operation offshore, companies in Norway and Holland have already succeeded in developing a viable CCS system for shipping.


**MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING**


The Maritime Skills Commission (MSC) was established in 2020 by the Department for Transport and Maritime UK to ensure a pipeline of talented seafarers with the right skills for the future.


Podcast: In Conversation with Tan Beng Tee on International Women’s Day. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 8 March 2022. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/maritime-videos-podcasts/podcast-conversation-tan-beng-tee-international-womens-day In this special In Conversation episode of the Maritime Podcast for International Women’s Day we sat down with one of the most prominent women in Singapore shipping Tan Beng Tee, Executive Director of the Singapore Maritime Foundation, to hear about her career in maritime and what more can be done to improve diversity in the industry.


Maritime Authority urges youth to take advantage of seafaring jobs. *GhanaWeb.*

Why we need to do more to improve on diversity, equity and inclusion in maritime. *Lloyd’s List.*
14 March 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140152 The case for diversity, equity, and inclusion has never been stronger.


Our work has just begun – Marina chief. *Manila Times.* 30 March 2022. Available from: https://www.manilatimes.net/2022/03/30/business/maritime/our-work-has-just-begun-marina-chief/1838066 The Maritime Authority (Marina) was able to beat the March 10, 2022 deadline imposed by the European Commission (EC) for the submission of the country’s corrective actions, but efforts to address the findings of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) is a work in progress, Marina administrator Vice Admiral Robert Empedrad said.


MARITIME SAFETY


USCG Reports Another Fire in a Misdeclared Box of Scrapped Batteries. Maritime Executive. 14 March 2022. Available from: https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/uscg-reports-another-fire-in-a-misdeclared-box-of-scrapped-batteries After another fire in a misdeclared container of scrapped batteries, the Coast Guard has placed all containers from the consignment’s shipper on hold until they are proven safe.
Marine Safety Alert: Lithium battery fire. US Coast Guard Maritime Commons. 16 March 2022. Available from: https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2022/03/16/marine-safety-alert-lithium-battery-fire/ The Coast Guard Office of Investigations and Analysis has released Marine Safety Alert 01-22, to increase awareness of the hazards of transporting lithium batteries. Safety alert 🚧

Safety checks for P&O Ferries’ ships amid claims new crews earning below £2 an hour. ITV News. 22 March 2022. Available from: https://www.itv.com/news/meridian/2022-03-22/safety-checks-for-p-and-o-ferries-ships-as-claims-new-crews-earning-below-2-an-hour P&O Ferries vessels will be blocked from sailing if they fail safety checks, the Government said, amid claims that Indian seafarers to replace sacked crews are being paid £1.81 an hour.


MARITIME SECURITY


The modern three Rs: ransomware, recommendations and regulation? Lloyd’s List. 28 February 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1139951 High-Profile cases of cyber attack on some of the shipping industry’s largest companies have raised awareness of the potential impact of cyber crime and the need for both up-to-date security systems and emergency planning procedures.


The Lloyd’s List Podcast: Why is shipping still not prepared for cyber attacks? Lloyd’s List. 1 March 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1139977 Earlier this month Lloyd’s List conducted an industry survey to reveal the true extent of cyber attacks across the maritime sector and how companies are dealing with the growing risk.
Royal Navy scores heaviest drugs bust in a decade with 6½-tonne/£6.5m hash haul. Royal Navy. 6 March 2022. Available from: https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/news-and-latest-activity/news/2022/march/06/20220306-montrose-heavy-haul Drugs worth £6.5m were captured by the Royal Navy as HMS Montrose stuck a third blow to traffickers in two months.


NATO Shipping Center hosts High-Level Shipping Leaders Engagement in UK. NATO Allied Maritime Command (MARCOM). 11 March 2022. Available from: https://mc.nato.int/media-centre/news/2022/nato-shipping-center-hosts-highlevel-shipping-leaders-engagement-in-uk The event brought together high-level stakeholders from the civilian shipping industry and NATO to exchange information and further develop a mutual understanding of the challenges and threats.


Russia says mines drifting in Black Sea, Ukraine says warning is wrong. Reuters. 21 March 2022. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/mines-ukraine-drift-into-black-sea-russia-shipping-sources-say-2022-03-21/ Russia’s main intelligence agency said several hundred mines had drifted into the Black Sea after breaking off from cables near Ukrainian ports, a claim dismissed by Ukraine which said it was disinformation and an attempt to close off parts of the sea.


UK and Fiji seal new deal on maritime security. Fiji Times. 24 March 2022. Available from: https://www.fijitimes.com/uk-and-fiji-seal-a-new-deal-on-maritime-security/ The MOU was officially signed by the Permanent Secretary (PS) of the Office of the Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs, Yogesh Karan and the British High Commissioner to Fiji, Dr Brian Jones, on Saturday March 19, 2022 on board the Royal Navy’s Ship HMS Spey.


The Lloyd’s List Podcast: The cyber threat to maritime and the insurance industry’s response. Lloyd’s List. 25 March 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140306 Depending on which of the latest flurry of industry surveys you have read, cyber attacks and data theft are routinely in the top three risks perceived by maritime businesses.

Blue Safe Corridors. Human Rights at Sea (HRAS). 29 March 2022. Available from: https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/news/blue-safe-corridors While many seafarers who found themselves in Ukrainian territorial waters and ports managed to be evacuated shortly after Russia launched a ‘special operation’ in Ukraine on the 24th February 2022, others remain stranded on board their ships, unable to leave as widely confirmed by the recent Human Rights at Sea mission to Odesa, as well as by the ICS and ITF.

**MIGRANTS**

Nine migrants drown, nine rescued off Tunisian coast. InfoMigrants. 1 March 2022. Available from: https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/38876/nine-migrants-drown-nine-rescued-off-tunisian-coast At least nine migrants have died after their boat capsized off the Tunisian coast, the country’s defense ministry has said.


At Least 70 Migrants Reported Dead or Missing Off Libya. International Organization for Migration (IOM). 17 March 2022. Available from: https://www.iom.int/news/least-70-migrants-reported-dead-or-missing-libya At least 70 migrants are missing at sea and presumed dead off the Libyan shore in the past two weeks, according to the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Two migrants dead, 26 missing in North Sumatra boat accident. Jakarta Post. 20 March 2022. Available from: https://www.thejakartapost.com/indonesia/2022/03/20/two-migrants-dead-26-missing-in-north-sumatra-boat-accident.html At least two people are dead and 26 others are missing after a ferry carrying dozens of migrants sank off the coast of North Sumatra.

394 migrants cross Channel to UK. Flora Thompson. The Independent. 23 March 2022. Available from: https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/uk-channel-migrant-crossing-kent-b2042051.html Babies wrapped in blankets were carried to safety as more people arrived in Kent after crossing the English Channel.
NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS

Climate change could ‘severely compromise’ maritime trade, warns IPCC. *Lloyd’s List.* 1 March 2022. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140016/](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140016/) Rising sea levels and worsening weather will have dire implications for shipping, but the world is failing to prepare, according to the UN’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.


Russia-Owned SCF Oil Tankers Rerouting From Canada, Returning to Russia. Marianna Parraga and Laura Sanicola. *US News & World Report.* 3 March 2022. Available from: [https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2022-03-03/russian-owned-scf-oil-tankers-rerouting-from-canadian-destinations](https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2022-03-03/russian-owned-scf-oil-tankers-rerouting-from-canadian-destinations) Two oil tankers owned and managed by Sovcomflot, the Russian maritime and freight shipping company blacklisted by the United States last week, are rerouting from their Canadian destinations, while a third is returning to Russia after discharging, according to tracking data and marine sources.

Ukraine war threatens to upset delicate Black Sea equilibrium. *South China Morning Post.* 6 March 2022. Available from: [https://www.tradewindsnews.com/interviews/ukraine-war-starts-affecting-crewing-market-major-greek-agent-says/2-1-1179920](https://www.tradewindsnews.com/interviews/ukraine-war-starts-affecting-crewing-market-major-greek-agent-says/2-1-1179920) In the Black Sea’s biggest port Constanta, the Romanian frigate *Regele Ferdinand* is preparing to set sail with tensions high as Russia’s invasion of Ukraine threatens to upend the regional balance of power.

‘Daredevil’ aframaxes keep Russian oil moving. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com.* 8 March 2022. Available from: [https://splash247.com/daredevil-aframaxes-keep-russian-oil-moving/](https://splash247.com/daredevil-aframaxes-keep-russian-oil-moving/) While most shipping companies have decided to give Russian exports a wide berth as sanctions rain in, combined with the dangerous situation in the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov, which has seen a host of merchant ships come under attack, there are some tanker owners putting profits above all else.


Russian vessels transit Kerch Strait for first time since Ukraine invasion. *Lloyd’s List.* 9 March 2022. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140104](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140104) Russian vessels are heading back into Russian territory, transiting the Kerch Strait which has been closed to commercial ships since the invasion of Ukraine.
Russia resumes commercial trade in Sea of Azov. Bridget Diakun. Lloyd’s List. 10 March 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140119 The departure of at least 15 vessels from ports in the Sea of Azov is an early sign that trade is resuming in the area after commercial shipping was suspended by Russia just before its military incursion into Ukraine.

Russian-Owned Super Yachts Going Dark to Avoid Sanction Seizure. H. L. Sutton. US Naval Institute News. 11 March 2022. Available from: https://news.usni.org/2022/03/11/russian-owned-super-yachts-going-dark-to-avoid-sanction-seizure Mega-wealthy owners of the superyachts value privacy and discretion and keep as low a profile their vessels allow and recent events in Ukraine have increased the desire of some superyacht owners to hide their movements.

Ships are killing whales off the California coast. Here’s what experts say will save them. Tara Duggan. San Francisco Chronicle. 12 March 2022. Available from: https://www.sfchronicle.com/climate/article/Ships-are-killing-whales-off-the-California-16997661.php The towering container ships and oil tankers that sail in and out of San Francisco Bay have a little-known dark side: They are a leading cause of death for whales that migrate along the coast between Mexico or Central America and Alaska.


US trials data sharing programme to ease supply chain congestion. James Baker. Lloyd’s List. 16 March 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140177 The US government has launched an initiative designed to promote the sharing of key freight information between different elements of the cargo supply chain as part of an effort ease choke points and relieve congestion.


As governments fail to agree Global Ocean Treaty, Greenpeace ship encounters armada of fishing vessels on high seas. Greenpeace International. 21 March 2022. Available from: https://www.greenpeace.org/international/press-release/52790/as-governments-fail-to-agree-global-ocean-treaty-greenpeace-ship-encounters-armada-of-fishing-vessels-on-high-seas/ As the fourth round of negotiations towards a Global Ocean Treaty fail to reach agreement at the UN Headquarters in New York, the Greenpeace ship Arctic Sunrise has encountered a vast fleet of over 400 vessels plundering the open ocean in the South Atlantic.


One year after the *Ever Given* cargo ship was stuck in the Suez Canal, people remember this iconic pandemic moment. Alessia Passafiume. *Toronto Star (Canada)*. 23 March 2022. Available from: https://www.thestar.com/news/world/2022/03/23/one-year-after-the-ever-given-cargo-ship-was-stuck-in-the-suez-canal-people-remember-this-iconic-pandemic-moment.html On this day last year, thousands of memes were born — not from a viral video or a catchy line from a TV show, but from the *Ever Given* cargo ship.

**The IMO and WMO – Providing weather information to support safe navigation.** Heike Deggim. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 24 March 2022. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/the-imo-and-wmo-providing-weather-information-to-support-safe-navigation/ "What maximum winds are expected in the storm area?" That is one of Standard Marine Communication Phrases under the International Maritime Organization (IMO) that officers in charge of navigation on ships, whatever their nationality, must be able to use and understand in English.

**The future of e-Navigation: Are we there yet?** *Safety4Sea*. 24 March 2022. Available from: https://safety4sea.com/cm-the-future-of-e-navigation-are-we-there-yet/ "Technology is available and has been available for a long time, so technically it is possible, and I think economically feasible as well…and I’m sure there are many people out there considering it.

**The War at Sea: Is There a Naval Blockade in the Sea of Azov?** Martin Fink. *Lieber Institute West Point*. 24 March 2022. Available from: https://lieber.westpoint.edu/war-at-sea-naval-blockade-sea-of-azov/ Although land operations have garnered most attention, the war between Ukraine and the Russian Federation also rages at and from the sea.

**Russia to open humanitarian corridor for 67 foreign ships trapped in Ukraine ports.** *TASS Russian News Agency*. 24 March 2022. Available from: https://tass.com/society/1427073 Russia is creating a humanitarian corridor in the assembly area located 20 miles south-east of Ilyichevsk port, for the exit of 67 foreign ships from Ukrainian ports, Mikhail Mizintsev, chief of Russia’s National Defense Management Center, said on Thursday.


**Nigeria’s Blue Economy will need hydrographic data to thrive — Amaechi.** *National Accord (Nigeria)*. 24 March 2022. Available from: https://www.nationalaccordnewspaper.com/nigerias-blue-economy-will-need-hydrographic-data-to-thrive-amacehi/ The Minister of Transportation, Mr Rotimi Amaechi, on Wednesday expressed optimism that the naval nautical products would support Nigeria’s Blue Economy project and maritime security.

**No sign shipping is willing to take up Russia’s safe corridor offering.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 25 March 2022. Available from: https://splash247.com/no-sign-shipping-is-willing-to-take-up-russias-safe-corridor-offering/ Russia announced yesterday it was creating a humanitarian corridor for ships to leave Ukrainian waters.

EMSA has recently awarded six contracts for satellite communication (satcom) services to support the maritime surveillance operations of the Agency’s remotely piloted aircraft systems.


PCG reports close distance manoeuvring of CCG vessels in Bajo de Masinloc. Philippine Coast Guard (PCG). 27 March 2022. Available from: https://coastguard.gov.ph/index.php/11-news/4575 Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) vessel, BRP Malabrigo (MRRV-4402) has reported one close distance manoeuvring incident involving a China Coast Guard (CCG) vessel during its maritime patrol operations in Bajo de Masinloc on 02 March 2022.

Russian Tankers Going Dark Raises Flags on Sanctions Evasion. K. Oanh Ha. Bloomberg. 27 March 2022. Available from: https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/russian-tankers-going-dark-raises-flags-on-sanctions-evasion-1.1743730 Russian tankers carrying oil chemicals and products are increasingly concealing their movements, a phenomenon that some maritime experts warn could signal attempts to evade unprecedented sanctions prompted by the invasion of Ukraine.

The Clydebank Declaration: Green corridors kickstarting the adoption of long-term solutions. Watson Farley & Williams LLP. 28 March 2022. Available from: https://www.wfw.com/articles/the-clydebank-declaration-green-corridors-kickstarting-the-adoption-of-long-term-solutions/ The Clydebank Declaration was launched at COP26 in November 2021 with initial supporters including Australia, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, the UK and the US.


VDR demands safe passage for ships stranded in Ukraine. German Shipowners’ Association. 30 March 2022. Available from: https://ausbildung.reederverband.de/en/vdr-demands-safe-passage-ships-stranded-ukraine The German Shipowners’ Association (VDR) is calling for all the ships of the international merchant fleet that are stranded in the war zone of the Black Sea be allowed to depart in a protected manner.


PIRACY

Piracy trends and hotspots. Gard. 23 February 2022. Available from: https://www.gard.no/web/updates/content/33156646/ Global piracy dropped in 2021 but the threat level in the Gulf of Guinea region remains high and sustained increases in the number of armed robberies against ships in the Singapore Strait and at anchorages in South America give cause for concern.

Piracy in the Gulf of Guinea: Those trying to curb it, and those standing in their way.

In this issue of Ifriqiya Rina Bassist explains the implications of shifts in off-shore piracy around the African continent in the past decade.


The United Nations Security Council has not extended UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2608 (2021) which, among other measures, allowed for the fight against piracy and armed robbery of International Forces at sea within Somalia’s territorial waters (TTW), and stressed that these activities exacerbated instability by introducing “illicit money that fuels crime, corruption and terrorism”.


The Security Council quietly let a deadline pass for it to renew UN authorization to fight piracy in waters off lawless Somalia, diplomats said.

**PORT STATE CONTROL**

Government bars access to UK ports for vessels connected to Russia. *British Ports Association*. 28 February 2022. Available from: https://www.britishports.org.uk/government-ports-not-to-provide-access-to-vessels-connected-to-russia/ The Transport Secretary, Grant Shapps, has written to UK ports requesting that they deny entry to vessels that are owned, controlled, chartered, or operated by any person connected with Russia or any individuals that have been sanctioned as well as any ships that are Russian flagged or registered. [Background](#)


The UK transport secretary is telling ports to turn away Russian ships as a small string of Scottish islands attempts to ban a Sovcomflot tanker.

Ukraine’s ports to stay closed until Russian invasion ends – maritime administration.

The consequences and complications of banning Russian Vessels from European ports.

The case of the Sovcomflot owned oil tanker “NS Champion” which was due to dock at the Flotta oil terminal in the Orkney Islands earlier this week accelerated the UK Government’s intention to consider banning Russian ships from UK ports.
The Seizure of A Russian Merchant Vessel Raises Questions About Neutrality.

Sovcomflot’s tankers find refuge in the Bahamas amid growing sanctions. Marianna Parraga. Reuters. 8 March 2022. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/sovcomflots-tankers-find-refuge-bahamas-amid-growing-sanctions-2022-03-08/ At least three tankers controlled by Russian maritime powerhouse Sovcomflot that have been unable to deliver their cargoes due to Western sanctions have re-routed to the Bahamas, vessel tracking data showed on Monday.

All at sea: Russian-linked oil tanker seeks a port. Jonathan Saul. Reuters. 9 March 2022. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/all-sea-russian-linked-oil-tanker-seeks-port-2022-03-09/ A Russian-operated oil tanker that Britain turned away over a week ago has yet to find a port to discharge its cargo, and many other vessels are likely to be in the same position as buyers shun trade deals following Moscow’s invasion of Ukraine.

Rotterdam rules out port bans for Russia ships. Michelle Wiese Bockmann. Lloyd’s List. 9 March 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140106 Europe’s largest oil trading hub will not ban Russian ships after the Netherlands Prime Minister ruled out the move for the port of Rotterdam.


Port closures no longer part of European sanctions procedure. Peter Thomsen. ShippingWatch. 11 March 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13817563.ece The question of closing European ports for Russian ships is apparently a distant prospect, say several diplomat sources.


Shenzhen ports strengthen closed-loop management of cross-border shipping with Hong Kong. Global Times (China). 13 March 2022. Available from: https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202203/1254759.shtml After communication with the relevant authorities of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), the ports in Shenzhen will implement closed-loop management measures for cross-border shipping with Hong Kong to better protect the transportation of food supplies and epidemic prevention material for the HKSAR, and strengthen prevention and control procedures against the fierce outbreak of COVID-19 across the country, the Office of Port of Entry and Exit of the Shenzhen Municipal People’s Government said on Sunday.

P&O Ferries ship detained over crew training concerns. BBC News. 27 March 2022. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-60881550 A P&O Ferries ship is being held in Northern Ireland because it is "unfit to sail", nine days after the company sacked 800 workers without notice.


Port Unions Take Action On Russian Flagged Ships. Scoop (New Zealand). 1 March 2022. Available from: https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO2203/S00004/port-unions-take-action-on-russian-flagged-ships.htm The two unions representing workers in New Zealand ports say their members are reluctant to work Russian flagged ships in New Zealand ports and are looking at methods of protest following the outbreak of war.


Major European ports reject Russian cargo. Victor Emil Kristensen and Dag Holmstad. ShippingWatch. 3 March 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/Ports/article13790448.ece As a result of sanctions against Russia, the Port of Hamburg will no longer handle goods going to and from Russia.
Refugee count tops 1 million; Russians besiege Ukraine ports. Associated Press. 3 March 2022. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/russia-ukraine-vladimir-putin-volodymyr-zelenskyy-joe-biden-kyiv-1b396834f13e753f8953d86c8db85383 The number of people sent fleeing Ukraine by Russia’s invasion topped 1 million on Wednesday, the swiftest refugee exodus this century, the United Nations said, as Russian forces kept up their bombardment of the country’s second-biggest city, Kharkiv, and laid siege to two strategic seaports.


Suez Canal Authority heeds corruption criticism finally. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 14 March 2022. Available from: https://splash247.com/suez-canal-authority-heeds-corruption-criticism-finally/ Castigated repeatedly for its position as the world’s most corrupt area for merchant shipping, the Suez Canal Authority (SCA) is trying to take measures to improve Egypt’s reputation.


Maersk calls at Russian ports to pick up 50,000 stranded containers. Reuters. 15 March 2022. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/article/ukraine-crisis-maersk/maersk-calls-at-russian-ports-to-pick-up-50000-stranded-containers-idUKKCN2LC12G Shipping group Maersk still has vessels calling at Russian ports to deliver containers booked before the invasion of Ukraine began and to pick up around 50,000 containers stranded in Russia, Chief Executive Soren Skou said on Tuesday.


Ukraine war: Russia blocks ships carrying grain exports. Nik Martin. Deutsche Welle (Germany). 17 March 2022. Available from: https://www.dw.com/en/ukraine-war-russia-blocks-ships-carrying-grain-exports/a-61165985 Up to 300 ships have been stopped by Russian forces from departing the Black Sea, leaving one of the key global trade routes for grain virtually blocked.
Congestion at Chinese ports worsens on lockdown impact. Cichen Shen and Xin Chen. Lloyd’s List. 17 March 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140190 Congestion at several Chinese major container ports is increasing as the country is grappling with a new wave of coronavirus infections.


Bulk port congestion hits record high. Paul Bartlett. Seatrade Maritime News. 21 March 2022. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/ports-logistics/bulk-port-congestion-hits-record-high The early months of 2022 have shown no improvement to supply chain disruption, with Clarksons Research cross-segment Deep Sea Cargo Vessel Port Congestion Index up to 31.5% in the year so far, compared with an average 30.8% in 2021.

Ever Forward Grounding Follows East Coast Ports’ Rush to Expand Mike Schuler. gCaptain. 21 March 2022. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/ever-forward-east-coast-ports-expand/ The $5.25 billion expansion of the Panama Canal doubled its capacity in 2016, allowing the world’s largest cargo ships to sail more easily to America’s East Coast from Asia.

East Coast ports about to get slammed by a lot more ships. Greg Miller. Freight Waves. 21 March 2022. Available from: https://www.freightwaves.com/news/east-coast-ports-about-to-get-slammed-by-a-lot-more-ships There were 64 container ships waiting off East and Gulf Coast ports on Wednesday morning — and it looks like it’s about to get worse.

NPA to eliminate corruption at seaports. Ships & Ports. 21 March 2022. Available from: https://shipsandports.com.ng/npa-to-eliminate-corruption-at-seaports/ The Managing Director, Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Mohammed Bello Koko, has reiterated the organisation’s commitment to the elimination of systemic corruption and other criminal practices at the nation’s seaports.

Greece’s Piraeus Port says ruling temporarily halts key investment. Angeliki Koutantou. Reuters. 22 March 2022. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/greeces-piraeus-port-says-ruling-temporarily-halts-key-investment-2022-03-22/ Piraeus Port, Greece’s biggest port which is majority owned by Chinese shipping group COSCO, said on Tuesday it had temporarily halted the upgrade of a cruise terminal, a key component of a major foreign investment, after a Greek court ruling.


P&O: Second ferry detained over safety concerns. Katy Austin. BBC News. 29 March 2022. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-60908750 A second P&O ferry has failed a safety inspection and been detained, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) has said.

New hike in Suez Canal fees. Mai Ghandour. Ahram Online (Egypt). 29 March 2022. Available from: https://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/50/1201/463736/AlAhram-Weekly/Egypt/New-hike-in-Suez-Canal-fees.aspx Ships carrying crude oil and petroleum products through the Suez Canal will pay a surcharge of 15 per cent of normal dues, up from the current five per cent, starting in May this year, the Suez Canal Authority (SCA) said this week as part of its revision of transit fees.


Ports respond to Secretary of State announcement on minimum wage rules in the ferry sector. British Ports Association. 30 March 2022. Available from: https://www.britishports.org.uk/ports-respond-to-secretary-of-state-announcement-on-minimum-wage-rules-in-the-ferry-sector/ Following the government announcement, a package responding to the PO Ferries redundancy situation, the British Ports Association has welcomed moves to discuss minimum wage improvements in the ferry industry but suggested that ports were not the vehicle to enforce such rules.
Port pro of the month: Anna Mihneva-Natova (BG). European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO).

REGULATIONS

Container ship owners need clarity on CII implications. Nick Gross. Lloyd’s Register.

Freedom to regulate the high seas. Transport & Environment. 11 March 2022. Available from: https://www.transportenvironment.org/discover/freedom-to-regulate-the-high-seas/. The dual legal obligations imposed by the Paris Agreement and the UN Law of the Sea mean that states have a duty to reduce emissions, via national and regional regulation, from international shipping in line with the Paris Agreement temperature goals. Report.

Shipping is not Fit For 55 – with only months left for the EU to get it right. EurActiv. 16 March 2022. Available from: https://www.euractiv.com/section/shipping/opinion/shipping-is-not-fit-for-55-with-only-months-left-for-the-eu-to-get-it-right/. The EU will fail to meet its target of climate neutrality by 2050 unless draft legislation to cut emissions in the shipping sector is strengthened and loopholes are closed, argues Lucy Gilliam.

Most container vessels scrape the bottom of new CO2-regulation. ShippingWatch. 21 March 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/Services/article13844927.ece. More than half of the container fleet is at the bottom of the barrel regarding the new CO2 regulation which categorizes ships on their carbon intensity.

Status update on biofouling regulations around the world. International Institute of Marine Surveying (IIMS). 24 March 2022. Available from: https://www.iims.org.uk/status-update-on-biofouling-regulations-around-the-world/. As new requirements for managing biofouling on international vessels arriving in Australia will begin on 15 June 2022, more countries around the world have already established similar biofouling regulations to address the effects.


SALVAGE

Technical Team Boards Grounded Ever Forward in Chesapeake Bay. Mike Schuler. gCaptain. 16 March 2022. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/ever-forward-boarded/. A team of technical experts has boarded the grounded Ever Forward in Chesapeake Bay this week to evaluate the condition of the ship and determine a plan for refloating, a port official said Wednesday.

Rescue plan designed for *Ever Forward* in Chesapeake Bay. *Associated Press*. 18 March 2022. Available from: [https://apnews.com/article/business-virginia-norfolk-baltimore-chesapeake-bay-19c1cde168ae82246e417af1b195252b](https://apnews.com/article/business-virginia-norfolk-baltimore-chesapeake-bay-19c1cde168ae82246e417af1b195252b) Theres now a plan to refloat a cargo ship thats been stranded in the Chesapeake Bay for days, the ships operator said Friday.


Attempt to free grounded *Ever Forward* set for Tuesday. *Associated Press*. 28 March 2022. Available from: [https://apnews.com/article/business-maryland-baltimore-chesapeake-bay-us-coast-guard-a3212d50b31d77a1324f953d3a4431c7](https://apnews.com/article/business-maryland-baltimore-chesapeake-bay-us-coast-guard-a3212d50b31d77a1324f953d3a4431c7) Crews will try to refloat a container ship that has been stranded in the Chesapeake Bay for more than two weeks, the U.S. Coast Guard said Monday.

*Ever Forward?* Cargo Ship Doesn’t Budge In First Refloat Attempt. *CBS News (US)*. 29 March 2022. Available from: [https://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2022/03/29/ever-forward-cargo-ship-remains-firm-in-first-refloat-attempt/](https://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2022/03/29/ever-forward-cargo-ship-remains-firm-in-first-refloat-attempt/) After more than a week of dredging mud, crews made their first attempt Tuesday at refloating the *Ever Forward*, a massive container ship that has been stuck in the Chesapeake Bay for more than two weeks.

**SEAFARERS**

Are seafarer centres still relevant in a digital age? *Marine Professional (IMarEST)*. 25 February 2022. Available from: [https://www.imarest.org/themarinenews/on-the-radar/6401-are-seafarer-centres-still-relevant-in-a-digital-age](https://www.imarest.org/themarinenews/on-the-radar/6401-are-seafarer-centres-still-relevant-in-a-digital-age) In the late 1990s and early noughties, the sale of phone cards, use of phone booths and desktop computers were the most in-demand services provided by centres.


Shipping needs to draw on its international nature to calm crew fears, says InterManager. Ship Management International. 2 March 2022. Available from: https://shipmanagementinternational.com/ukraine-news-shipping-needs-to-draw-on-its-international-nature-to-calm-crew-fears-says-intermanager/ While Ukrainian and Russian seafarers are currently “behaving professionally” and working harmoniously together onboard ships, many accepting the need to work beyond their contracted hours due to crew change difficulties, the InterManager meeting heard predictions that this may change over the coming days and weeks.

Invasion of Ukraine leaves its seafarers feeling even farther from home. Eric Priante Martin. TradeWinds. 2 March 2022. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/invasion-of-ukraine-leaves-its-seafarers-feeling-even-farther-from-home/2-1-1176082 One seafarer had to decide whether to start a months-long contract aboard a vessel as his wife and child sought to flee an embattled country.

21 Filipino Seafarers Evacuated from Chornomosk, Ukraine Now Safe in Moldova. Government of the Philippines. 2 March 2022. Available from: https://bit.ly/3w0hker The Department of Foreign Affairs confirms the safe arrival in the Republic of Moldova of 21 Filipino seafarers who make up the all-Filipino crew of MV S-Breeze, from Chornomosk, Ukraine through the assistance of Philippine Honorary Consul in Moldova Victor Gaina, in close coordination with the Philippine Embassy in Budapest.


Anglo-Eastern has offered to evacuate families of Ukrainian staff. Tomas Kristiansen. ShippingWatch. 3 March 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article13792272.ece Specifically today, it’s relatively peaceful in the Ukrainian port city of Odesa located by the Black Sea, if one can say that of any place in a country at war and under invasion from Russia.

Ukrainian seafarer repatriation. Gard. 3 March 2022. Available from: https://www.gard.no/web/updates/content/33197267/ukrainian-seafarer-repatriation As the conflict in Ukraine continues, many Members and clients are having difficulties repatriating Ukrainian crew.
**Bornheim: Seafarers should not become ‘victims of war’.** Ian Lewis. *TradeWinds.* 3 March 2022. Available from: [https://www.tradewindsnews.com/people/bornheim-seafarers-should-not-become-victims-of-war-/2-1-1178352](https://www.tradewindsnews.com/people/bornheim-seafarers-should-not-become-victims-of-war-/2-1-1178352) German shipowners have called for the release of ships, and measures to ensure the safety of seafarers stranded in Ukraine.

**Bangladeshi seafarers move to safety with body of dead colleague as Russia besieges Ukraine.** bdnews24.com (Bangladesh). 3 March 2022. Available from: [https://bdnews24.com/bangladesh/2022/03/03/crew-members-abandon-bangladesh-ship-stranded-in-ukraine-amid-russian-shelling](https://bdnews24.com/bangladesh/2022/03/03/crew-members-abandon-bangladesh-ship-stranded-in-ukraine-amid-russian-shelling) The 28 Bangladeshi seafarers who were stranded in a damaged ship in Ukraine have moved to safety with the body of a dead colleague as Russian forces have surrounded and continued bombarding cities.

**Shipmanagers focus on crews as Ukraine crisis worsens.** Richard Clayton. *Lloyd’s List.* 3 March 2022. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140041](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140041) Shipmanagers and crew supply agencies have coordinated their efforts on behalf of both Ukrainian and Russian seafarers in the week since conflict began.


**New research to explore welfare needs of women seafarers.** *Safety4Sea.* 4 March 2022. Available from: [https://safety4sea.com/new-research-to-explore-welfare-needs-of-women-seafarers/](https://safety4sea.com/new-research-to-explore-welfare-needs-of-women-seafarers/) The research project will be carried out by the Seafarers’ International Research Centre at Cardiff University and will focus on women working on cargo ships.


**Maran capsize crews evacuated from Ukraine port.** Nigel Lowry. *Lloyd’s List.* 7 March 2022. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140089](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140089) The crews of two Angelicoussis Group bulk carriers have been evacuated from the Ukrainian port of Yuzhny.

**Protection for women seafarers under the Magna Carta.** *Cebu Daily News (Philippines).* 8 March 2022. Available from: [https://cebudailynews.inquirer.net/428699/protection-for-women-seafarers-under-the-magna-carta](https://cebudailynews.inquirer.net/428699/protection-for-women-seafarers-under-the-magna-carta) Filipino seafarers will have to wait again for another administration to have their own Magna Carta.

**Russian control of Odesa and Mariupol could be a “complete disaster” for seafarers.** Idha Toft Valeur. *ShippingWatch.* 8 March 2022. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article13802033.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article13802033.ece) If Russia takes full control of the port cities Odesa and Mariupol, it will be a “complete disaster” for Ukrainian seafarers, crew manager company Danica Maritime Services tells ShippingWatch.


**Stranded ships abandoned as crews are removed from Ukraine.** Declan Bush. *Lloyd’s List.* 8 March 2022. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140092](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140092) Ships stuck in war zone have been abandoned as countries, owners and managers work to get crew out and reconnect seafarers with their families.
21 Pinoy seafarers ‘extracted’ from Ukraine arrive in Manila. Philippine News Agency (PNA). 8 March 2022. Available from: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1169285 The 21 Filipino seafarers who were extracted from war-torn Ukraine have arrived in the Philippines, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) reported Tuesday.


Ukrainian crew members questioned by Russian authorities. Tomas Kristiansen. ShippingWatch. 9 March 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article13810687.ece Ukrainian seafarers are being interrogated by Russian authorities and Russian ones detained, according to Anglo-Eastern.


Shipping grapples with moving crews from war zone. Declan Bush. Lloyd’s List. 9 March 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140101 Insurers and employers are grappling with how to change Russian and Ukrainian crew as the crewing impacts of the military incursion worsen.


Supporting seafarers caught up in Ukraine-Russia war. Stella Maris. 10 March 2022. Available from: https://www.stellamaris.org.uk/stella-maris-supporting-seafarers-caught-up-in-ukraine-russia-war/ Stella Maris chaplains have been speaking about the dilemmas and worries of both Ukrainian and Russian seafarers as the war in Ukraine deepens.

Seafarers – always collateral damage. Michael Grey. Seatrade Maritime News. 11 March 2022. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/opinions-analysis/seafarers-always-collateral-damage Nobody, I am willing to wager, would have suggested to the crews of ships bound for Ukrainian ports last month that they might have been putting their lives on the line, or finding themselves in harm’s way.


Will robotic and uncrewed vessels improve Maritime’s gender imbalance? Ann Till. Marine Professional (IMarEST). 11 March 2022. Available from: https://www.imarest.org/themarineprofessional/interactions/6415 Whilst we were developing our prototype Bridge design and completing the build of our first Remote Control Centre, my initial thoughts were to ensure each Bridge could be accessible to those with mobility disabilities.

Nearly half of seafarers are directly affected by Ukraine war, says the International Chamber of Shipping. CNBC (US). 14 March 2022. Available from: https://www.cnbc.com/video/2022/03/14/nearly-half-of-seafarers-are-directly-affected-by-ukraine-war-says-the-international-chamber-of-shipping.html Supply chains and the shipping industry face a new threat as nearly half of the sector’s seafarers are directly affected by the Ukraine war, according to the International Chamber of Shipping.

This 25-year-old marine engineer spends months at sea and is the only woman on board. Vanessa Chia. Channel News Asia. 15 March 2022. Available from: https://cna.lifestyle.channelnewsasia.com/women/female-marine-engineer-shell-fadhiilah-abdul-wahab-306656 She works in a hot engine room all day, sweating it out in a boiler suit, helmet, safety goggles and boots, and lives her off-work and workout hours on the same ship.


Calls for ‘blue corridor’ to let stranded seafarers leave Ukraine war zone. Karen McVeigh. The Guardian. 16 March 2022. Available from: https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/mar/16/ukraine-russia-war-black-sea-azov-blue-corridor-stranded-seafarers Hundreds of seafarers on more than 100 foreign-flagged cargo vessels are stranded in Ukrainian waters in the Black Sea and Sea of Azov “in the middle of the line of fire”.

Around 150 Filipino seafarers in Ukraine still stuck in vessel. CNN Philippines. 16 March 2022. Available from: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkOc25x6TM0 More than a hundred Filipino seafarers are still stranded in Ukraine as the war in Eastern Europe marks its third week.


Shipowners use armed guards to evacuate seafarers. Manila Times. 16 March 2022. Available from: https://www.manilatimes.net/2022/03/16/business/maritime/shipowners-use-armed-guards-to-evacuate-seafarers/1836392 Shipowners are taking extra efforts and paying hefty amounts to secure their seafarers trapped in the Black Sea because of the worsening war caused by the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Russian, Ukrainian seafarers work together at Essberger Tankers. Dag Holmstad. ShippingWatch. 17 March 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article13834743.ece 80 seafarers with the German tanker carrier are Russian and Ukrainian nationals who sail together even though Russia has invaded Ukraine.


Russia’s war on Ukraine has left more than 100 merchant vessels stranded. *National Public Radio (US).* 18 March 2022. Available from: [https://www.npr.org/transcripts/1087448519?f=1649932299435](https://www.npr.org/transcripts/1087448519?f=1649932299435) Russia has ordered some waterways closed, and they have the guns to back it up. So more than 100 ships are stranded at Ukrainian ports and in the waters of the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov.


On the ground in Ukraine #1: Ukrainian seafarer turned humanitarian rescuer Human Rights at Sea (HRAS). 22 March 2022. Available from: [https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/news/ground-ukraine-1-ukrainian-seafarer-turned-humanitarian-rescuer](https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/news/ground-ukraine-1-ukrainian-seafarer-turned-humanitarian-rescuer) The sub-zero temperatures of southern Ukraine this last week have meant that during the curfew hours, the Human Rights at Sea team had to remain at a secure location overnight in their vehicle before an onward move at 0600 along previously shelled coastal routes south of Odesa. *On the ground in Ukraine #2: Arrival in Odesa*

Columbia Shipmanagement to employ 10% more Georgian sailors. *Agenda.ge* (Georgia). 22 March 2022. Available from: [https://agenda.ge/en/news/2022/841](https://agenda.ge/en/news/2022/841) German-Cypriot ship-owning company Columbia Shipmanagement will employ at least 10 percent more Georgian sailors on their ships, the Georgian Economy Ministry announced on Tuesday.


Fears grow for more than 1,000 seafarers trapped off Ukraine. Adam Corbett. *Trade Winds.* 23 March 2022. Available from: [https://www.tradewindsnews.com/ship-management/fears-grow-for-more-than-1-000-seafarers-trapped-off-ukraine/2-1-1189937](https://www.tradewindsnews.com/ship-management/fears-grow-for-more-than-1-000-seafarers-trapped-off-ukraine/2-1-1189937) Shipowner and seafarer representatives are warning of a looming humanitarian crisis among an estimated 1,000 or more crew trapped on vessels around the war-ravaged ports of south Ukraine.
Situation ‘dire’ for seafarers in Sea of Azov as supplies dwindle. Gary Howard. Seatrade Maritime News. 23 March 2022. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/management-crewing/situation-dire-seafarers-sea-azov-supplies-dwindle In a briefing call hosted by the International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF) and International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), the organisations said they were aware of around 140 vessels stuck in the Sea of Azov.


Getting owners to understand the merits of a happy crew. Splash 247.com. 24 March 2022. Available from: https://splash247.com/getting-owners-to-understand-the-merits-of-a-happy-crew/ Crew welfare has been brought into sharp focus during the pandemic, perhaps more than it has ever been.

On the ground in Ukraine: #4: Odesa: Seafarer welfare support with Stella Maris. Human Rights at Sea (HRAS). 24 March 2022. Available from: https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/news/ground-ukraine-4-odesa-seafarer-welfare-support-stella-maris Meeting with the Stella Maris Ukraine National Director and Odesa Port Chaplain, Friar Oleksandr Smerechynskyy, was a unique experience in a war zone with impending threats of encirclement, ground and air attacks. #3: A Besieged Port and a Chief Officer’s Story


Social security coverage for seafarers is rather a matter of cooperation. European Transport Workers' Federation. 25 March 2022. Available from: https://www.etf-europe.org/social-security-coverage-for-seafarers-is-rather-a-matter-of-cooperation/ Better social security coverage for seafarers residing in EU countries is above all a matter of cooperation between national authorities.

The Department of Foreign Affairs - Consular Office in Angeles, Pampanga welcomed a total of thirteen seafarers of MV Ithaca Prospect on 26 March 2022 at Clark International Airport.


One of the maritime agencies recruiting workers for P&O Ferries is advertising for crew members, saying no previous experience at sea required.


The global charity Mission To Seafarers is calling on the West Australian Health Department to provide Covid vaccinations to merchant sailors docked at ports around the state.


In a webinar hosted by Ocean Technologies Group last week, the founder of the Seafarer Happiness Index warned that the industry may see higher attrition ahead because of rising discontent among mid-career seagoing professionals.


P&O Ferries has defended its recruitment campaign as crewing providers Columbia Shipmanagement and Clyde Marine attracted union anger for working with the company.


With more than 1,000 seafarers stranded on ships in Ukrainian ports and food supplies running low, the United Nations is pressing for their safe passage out of danger but security risks and disagreements are hobbling those efforts, maritime sources say.


Over 10,000 transport workers from almost 200 ITF affiliated unions today expressed their outrage at the mass sacking and outsourcing of 800 P&O seafarers through a ‘Global Letter of Protest’ handed over to the global leadership of DP World, the owners of P&O Ferries.

1,000 seafarers remain stranded in Ukraine and have trouble securing food. Kim Wiesener. ShippingWatch. 31 March 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article13879521.ece

Since Russia’s invasion of Ukraine five weeks ago, around 100 ships flying foreign flags have been stranded at ports in the country, unable to depart.
**SEARCH & RESCUE**

**Migrant crisis continues in Mediterranean, dozens of women and children dead.** *EurActiv.* 13 March 2022. Available from: https://www.euractiv.com/section/global-europe/news/migrant-crisis-continues-in-mediterranean-dozens-of-women-and-children-dead/ With all eyes on the influx of millions of Ukrainian refugees into Eastern Europe and beyond, the crisis in the Mediterranean is also continuing with 100 saved and dozens of women and babies drowned over the last few days.

**Most crew members from UAE sunken ship rescued by Iranian team.** *Reuters.* 17 March 2022. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/uae-ship-sinks-30-miles-away-irans-assaluyeh-port-ima-2022-03-17/ All but one of the 30 crew members of a United Arab Emirates cargo ship that sank off Iran have been rescued, Iran’s official IRNA news agency said on Thursday.


**Search continues for missing crew after storm sinks UAE cargo ship.** Sarah Forster. *The National (UAE).* 18 March 2022. Available from: https://www.thenationalnews.com/uae/2022/03/18/search-continues-for-missing-crew-after-storm-sinks-uae-cargo-ship/ The operator of a UAE cargo ship that sank on Thursday morning has confirmed that the search for two crew members is continuing.


SHIP RECYCLING


SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR

Stena RoRo has built the world’s largest civilian hospital ship – the Global Mercy is now calling Rotterdam. Stena RoRo. 28 February 2022. Available from: https://cisn.co/3yqDt7m From February 28 to March 14, completion of the newly built Global Mercy – the world’s largest civilian hospital ship – will be celebrated and she will be open for tours.

Experts urge for introduction of carbon neutral ships to mitigate climate emergencies. Xinhuanet (China). 3 March 2022. Available from: http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/afrika/20220304/c2cc794f09204dc2819c7be860fd6f00/c.html Transport experts on Thursday renewed the call for the introduction of carbon neutral ships in order to reduce black carbon emissions into the atmosphere.

The wind may be free, but it’s not easy to catch. Transport Policy Matters. 3 March 2022. Available from: https://transportpolicymatters.org/2022/03/03/shipping-sail-power/ Shiping is rediscovering sail power thanks to innovative projects reaping promising results on the high seas.


PM drives up regional investment with 30-year strategy to secure shipbuilding future. UK Government. 10 March 2022. Available from: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-drives-up-regional-investment-with-30-year-strategy-to-secure-shipbuilding-future The Prime Minister will visit a Merseyside dockyard today as he announces a £4 billion injection into the UK’s regional shipbuilding industry.

UKMPG welcomes £206 million decarbonisation funding as part of National Shipbuilding Strategy. UK Major Ports Group (UKMPG). 10 March 2022. Available from: https://ukmajorports.org.uk/ukmpg-welcomes-206-million-decarbonisation-funding-as-part-of-national-shipbuilding-strategy/ Responding to the announcement of the allocation of £206 million of decarbonisation funding to the maritime sector Tim Morris, Chief Executive of the UK Major Ports Group said “It’s very welcome that maritime has been allocated significant Government funding for co-investment alongside industry, and particularly welcome that port infrastructure is specifically highlighted as an area of focus.
Booming container market helps to fuel shipbuilding recovery. Roger Cornish. Lloyd’s Register. 18 March 2022. Available from: https://www.lr.org/en/insights/articles/booming-container-market-helps-to-fuel-shipbuilding-recovery/ With a fuel agenda under development both in technological and political terms, it’s no longer enough to have newbuilds that only sail on liquefied natural gas, warns the Norwegian presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers.

Nordic minister warns the age of LNG-fuelled ships is over. Peter Thomsen. ShippingWatch. 18 March 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article13839348.ece With a competition for yard space is shifting the balance of the yard-owner relationship says Roger Cornish, as he explores the latest trends in the shipbuilding industry, including alternative fuels and integration of smart systems.


Shortsea Cargo Ship Demonstrates Wind Propulsion Retrofit. Maritime Executive. 29 March 2022. Available from: https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/shortsea-cargo-ship-demonstrates-wind-propulsion-retrofit Demonstrating the ability to retrofit wind propulsion capabilities to older vessels, Dutch shipping company Amasus Shipping announced it will work with Spanish bound4blue, to add two rigid sails to a 22-year-old general cargo ship.

**SHIPPING**


Major container lines halt trade with Russia – Cosco remains silent. Dag Holmstad. 
*ShippingWatch.* 2 March 2022. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article13784719.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article13784719.ece) While major container lines have decided upon a temporary halt to trading with Russia, Chinese Cosco is resoundingly silent.

Fears for global shipping as Ukrainian officers stay home to fight. Paul Peachey. 
*The National (UAE).* 2 March 2022. Available from: [https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/2022/03/02/fears-for-global-shipping-as-ukrainian-officers-stay-home-to-fight/](https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/2022/03/02/fears-for-global-shipping-as-ukrainian-officers-stay-home-to-fight/) The global supply chain could face disruption owing to a looming officer shortage in the merchant navy caused by Russia’s invasion.

*Manila Times.* 2 March 2022. Available from: [https://www.manilatimes.net/2022/03/02/business/maritime/on-international-womens-day-break-the-bias/](https://www.manilatimes.net/2022/03/02/business/maritime/on-international-womens-day-break-the-bias/) Once again, we observe International Women’s Day on March 8, an annual event whose beginnings go back to Feb. 28, 1909, as “Women’s Day” to mark New York City’s garment industry strike led by the International Ladies’ Garment Workers’ Union.

World’s largest container lines suspend shipping to Russia. Jonathan Saul, Stine Jacobsen and Jacob Gronholm-pedersen. 
*Reuters.* 2 March 2022. Available from: [https://www.reuters.com/business/worlds-biggest-container-lines-suspend-shipping-russia-2022-03-01/](https://www.reuters.com/business/worlds-biggest-container-lines-suspend-shipping-russia-2022-03-01/) The world’s three biggest container lines on Tuesday temporarily suspended cargo shipments to and from Russia in response to Western sanctions on Moscow following its invasion of Ukraine, in a further blow to trade with the country.

International shipping costs projected to increase due to Russian-Ukrainian war. 
*Daily News (Egypt).* 2 March 2022. Available from: [https://dailynewsegypt.com/2022/03/02/international-shipping-costs-projected-to-increase-due-to-russian-ukrainian-war/](https://dailynewsegypt.com/2022/03/02/international-shipping-costs-projected-to-increase-due-to-russian-ukrainian-war/) Amr Al-Samdouni — the Secretary of the International Transportation and Logistics Services Division at the Cairo Chamber of Commerce — expects that international shipping costs would spike in the coming weeks, especially after the price of ship fuel jumped by 23% since the beginning of the year.

Russian shipping blacklist revealed as EU readies port ban. Richard Meade and Bridget Diakun. 
*Lloyd’s List.* 2 March 2022. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140032](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140032) Governments seeking to block vessels owned or controlled by Russian interests from entering ports will have to track a global list of 6,448 vessels, according to Lloyd’s List Intelligence data.

Shipping’s Russian Nightmare is Becoming a Reality. Nikos Roussanoglou. 

Ship fuel spikes to historic $1,000/ton mark as war fallout worsens. Greg Miller. 
The Lloyd’s List Podcast: War in Ukraine shocks shipping. Lloyd’s List. 4 March 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140061  It is very possible that Vladimir Putin had not anticipated the impact of economic sanctions being as big a threat as they have become.


These are the zero-emission fuels to decarbonize the shipping industry. Keith Dawe, Randall Krantz and Lara Mouftier. World Economic Forum. 7 March 2022. Available from: https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2022/03/transition-shipping-emissions-to-net-zero/  Shipping decarbonization depends on net zero fuels, and ammonia, methanol and biofuels have different roles to help this transition.


Supply chain issues will be compounded by lack of Ukrainian and Russian seafarers, says global body representing international shipping. International Chamber of Shipping (ICS). 10 March 2022. Available from: https://bit.ly/3FygOri  The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), representing 80% of the worlds merchant fleet, has warned that current supply chain disruption is set to be compounded by a shortfall in the global shipping workforce due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

DfT launches UK SHORE to take maritime ‘back to the future’ with green investment. UK Government. 10 March 2022. Available from: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/dft-launches-uk-shore-to-take-maritime-back-to-the-future-with-green-investment  Office dedicated to making maritime greener will pioneer new technology that could make journeys by sea as green as they were hundreds of years ago.

Government launches UK SHORE. UK Chamber of Shipping. 10 March 2022. Available from: https://ukchamberofshipping.com/latest/government-launches-uk-shore/  The government has launched a new unit, UK SHORE, to tackle shipping emissions and advance the UK towards a sustainable shipping future.
Combustion Conditioning to Reduce Black Carbon Emissions. Marc Sima. Ship & Bunker. 10 March 2022. Available from: https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/825244. Typically, we think of switching to distillates or LNG as the way to reduce black carbon emissions in the Arctic, but there are other options that offer significant and immediate benefits.


EU launches sanctions on Russian classification firm in shipping. Peter Thomsen. ShippingWatch. 10 March 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13814612.ece. New tightening moves in the EU’s sanctions regime resulting from the war in Ukraine now puts the spotlight on one of Russia’s classification firms.

Class societies start pulling out of Russia. Richard Meade. Lloyd’s List. 10 March 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1140117. Classification societies have started withdrawing services from Russia in a move that could potentially leave hundreds of vessels rapidly seeking new certification and insurance arrangements.


Asian Shipowners: R&D funding vital for shipping’s decarbonization. Safety4Sea. 14 March 2022. Available from: https://safety4sea.com/asian-shipowners-rd-funding-vital-for-shippings-decarbonization/. The Asian Shipowners’ Association (ASA) strongly emphasized the importance of R&D funding such as the IMO Maritime Research Fund (IMRF) to advance the industry transition to net-zero.


Climate change has already cost shipping billions every year. Kim Wiesener. ShippingWatch. 14 March 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article13824622.ece But the bill may increase further if the industry doesn’t act and take far-reaching steps to reduce carbon emissions, warns environmental organization in new report.


Shipping industry puts forward ‘fair and equitable’ R&D funding proposals to help decarbonise shipping in developing countries. International Chamber of Shipping (ICS). 15 March 2022. Available from: https://bit.ly/3yo41WV Representatives of the global shipping industry, supported by governments, have laid out proposals on how a planned global R&D fund can be tailored to support developing economies.


Director of Port of Tema urges women in maritime and shipping industry to take part in IMO SheEO leadership program. Sandra Opoku. GhanaWeb. 16 March 2022. Available from: [https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/pressreleases/Director-of-Port-of-Tema-urges-women-in-maritime-and-shipping-industry-to-take-part-in-IMO-SheEO-leadership-program-1492061](https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/pressreleases/Director-of-Port-of-Tema-urges-women-in-maritime-and-shipping-industry-to-take-part-in-IMO-SheEO-leadership-program-1492061) The Director of the Port of Tema, Sandra Opoku has encouraged women in the maritime and shipping industry to take part in the IMO SheEO leadership program which is focused on equipping women with leadership skills and confidence to enable them to participate in decision-making in the industry.


Turbulent times for global shipping industry. Drewry Shipping Consultants. 17 March 2022. Available from: [https://www.drewry.co.uk/maritime/research/browserepository/turbulent-times-for-global-shipping-industry](https://www.drewry.co.uk/maritime/research/browserepository/turbulent-times-for-global-shipping-industry) The ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine has far-reaching repercussions; from economic and geopolitical to trade and sourcing.

Shipmanagement and ESG. Splash 247.com. 18 March 2022. Available from: [https://splash247.com/shipmanagement-and-essg/](https://splash247.com/shipmanagement-and-essg/) ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) is going to drive investment decisions in shipping and when the platitudes have melted away on shipowners’ websites and real continuous improvement measuring has started, shipmanagers will have to show their colours.


Top Danish shipping positions filled by men – women represent just one in five. Astrid Sturlason. ShippingWatch. 18 March 2022. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article13839720.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article13839720.ece) Ambitions on diversity, focused initiatives and recruitment as well as retention of women are – at least on paper – high on the Danish shipping industry’s agenda.

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Shipmanagers and the art of risk removal. *Splash 247.com*. 28 March 2022. Available from: [https://splash247.com/shipmanagers-and-the-art-of-risk-removal/](https://splash247.com/shipmanagers-and-the-art-of-risk-removal/) The steadily increasing burden of regulation has benefited the professional shipmanagement sector, but the next wave of regulation seems likely to concern atmospheric emissions which is a subject that goes straight to the owner or the time charterer’s bottom line.


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