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IMO NEWS & EVENTS

WHAT'S NEW

IMO welcomes maritime humanitarian corridor in Black Sea

IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim on Friday (22 July) welcomed the signing of an initiative to establish a humanitarian maritime corridor to allow ships to export critical cargoes of grain and foodstuffs from Ukraine.

The initiative was signed in Istanbul, Türkiye after several weeks of talks. IMO participated as part of the UN delegation.

Mr. Lim attended the [signing ceremony in Istanbul](#).

"I am very pleased that all parties have reached agreement on the way forward for ships to safely transport much-needed grain and other commodities through the Black Sea. This agreement would not have been possible without the spirit of cooperation by the countries involved and the leadership shown by UN Secretary General António Guterres in proposing this initiative," IMO Secretary-General Lim said.

"The safety of ships and seafarers remains my top priority. IMO instruments, including the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code, underpin this agreement for safe and secure shipping through the Black Sea. I commend the efforts of all involved, particularly the IMO Member States - Russian Federation, Türkiye and Ukraine.”

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IMO celebrates graduating women maritime leaders

Thirty women from maritime administrations across the globe have completed the first ever Leadership Accelerator Programme (LEAP) run by Maritime SheEO, designed to equip women with leadership skills and the confidence to progress in their careers. A virtual graduation ceremony for participants was held on 30 June 2022.

The programme, which ran over eight-weeks, was announced in November 2020 and launched on International Women’s Day in March 2022. It was part of the IMO’s Women in Maritime programme and run-in collaboration with the Women's International Shipping and Trading Association (WISTA International). The participants were a mix of candidates from the eight IMO-established Women in Maritime Associations (WIMAs) and WISTA International. [More...](#)
MEETING SUMMARIES AND SCHEDULE

Previous Meetings (REMOTE)

IMO Council (C 127) – 11-15 July 2022
Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III 8) – 25-29 July 2022

Forthcoming Meetings
Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC 8) – 19-23 September 2022

RECENT SPEECHES BY IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL KITACK LIM

Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III 8) – 25-29 July 2022 (Opening Remarks)
Council 127th session (C 127), 11-15 July 2022 (Opening and Closing remarks)
IMO action against wildlife trafficking in international maritime supply chains – 12 July 2022
IMLI graduation 2022 – 1 July 2022
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LATEST PRESS BRIEFINGS

New World Maritime Theme highlights environmental legacy
18 July 2022

Chinese chief officer selected for IMO Bravery Award
18 July 2022

Professor David Attard to receive International Maritime Prize
15 July 2022

Safeguarding the oceans for the future
5 July 2022

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UNITED NATIONS

Rescue us from our environmental ‘mess’, UN chief urges Stockholm summit. UN News. 2 June 2022. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/06/1119532 Global wellbeing is at risk – and it’s in large part because we haven’t kept our promises on the environment – UN Secretary-General António Guterres said on Thursday.


Bangladesh: ILO calls for workplace safety review following deadly fire. UN News. 6 June 2022. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/06/1119782 A fire and explosion in southeastern Bangladesh over the weekend which left more than 40 dead, has prompted the UN’s labour agency, ILO, to urge workplaces throughout the country to address safety shortcomings.

‘We can do better, we must’ declares departing UN climate change chief, as COP27 looms over horizon. UN News. 6 June 2022. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/06/1119792 The annual UN Climate Change Conference in the German city of Bonn began on Monday, designed to lay the groundwork for a successful COP27, due to take place in the Egyptian coastal resort of Sharm-el-Sheikh, in November.

INTERVIEW: ‘Deliver the care our ocean needs – together’, urge co-hosts of UN conference. UN News. 7 June 2022. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/06/1119922 At the end of the month, world leaders, youth, entrepreneurs, and civil society will gather in Lisbon, Portugal, for the second UN Ocean Conference, to mobilize action and jumpstart science-based innovative solutions aimed at starting a new chapter of global ocean action.

Solidarity, sustainability, science, will guide new General Assembly President’s agenda. UN News. 7 June 2022. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/06/1119892 A veteran Hungarian diplomat was appointed President of the forthcoming session of the UN General Assembly during an official ceremony in New York on Tuesday.

‘Revitalize our seas’ UN chief urges on World Oceans Day. UN News. 8 June 2022. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/06/1119802 Ensuring a healthy and productive ocean that serves the whole planet, is a “collective responsibility” that can only be fulfilled by working together, the UN chief told an celebratory event marking World Oceans Day on Wednesday.

Yemen: UN launches crowdfunding campaign to head off decaying oil tanker threat. UN News. 13 June 2022. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/06/1120302 A social media campaign launched on Monday by the United Nations aims to bring the world closer to preventing a decaying supertanker, anchored off Yemen, from causing an oil spill that could spell disaster for the region and beyond.


The two-day event brought together hundreds of youth from some 165 countries with a shared goal: protecting the Ocean.


At the Sustainable Blue Economy Investment Forum in Cascais, Portugal, a special UN Ocean Conference event, more than 150 major companies have signalled their commitment to a healthy ocean by signing onto the UN Global Compact Sustainable Ocean Principles.


Marine and coastal ecosystems are the most threatened in the world — a fact that must receive greater attention if Governments are going to successfully reverse pollution trends and restore the health of the world’s oceans, speakers in the third interactive dialogue taking place alongside the 2022 Ocean Conference stressed today, as they focused on solutions.


The most important action countries can take to safeguard the diverse ecosystems, marine life and vital services offered by the world’s oceans is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, particularly carbon dioxide, speakers stressed today in an interactive dialogue held alongside the 2022 Ocean Conference, as experts described the extreme consequences of continued inaction.
CASUALTIES

Can a UN-coordinated Dutch-American plan defuse the ticking Safer ‘time bomb?’ Rawan Radwan. Arab News (Saudi Arabia). 1 June 2022. Available from: https://www.arabnews.com/node/2094001/middle-east. The saga of the Safer continues with an attempt by the UN to raise funds to salvage the stricken vessel that has been anchored close to Yemen’s Red Sea coast since 1988.


A year since X-Press Pearl sinking, Sri Lanka is still waiting for compensation. Mongabay. 2 June 2022. Available from: https://news.mongabay.com/2022/06/a-year-since-x-press-pearl-sinking-sri-lanka-is-still-waiting-for-compensation/. A year since the sinking of the cargo ship the X-Press Pearl, Sri Lanka continues to clean its beaches of the plastic pellets that the vessel was carrying, and still trying to claim compensation for the environmental damage wrought.


Accident probes rise but no deaths reported on UK ships last year, MAIB says. Gary Dixon. TradeWinds. 9 June 2022. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/accident-probes-rise-but-no-deaths-reported-on-uk-ships-last-year-maib-says/2-1-1234815. No deaths were recorded on UK-flag ships in 2021, but the number of casualty probes rose.


Fuel yet to be removed from ship. *The Hindu (India)*. 26 June 2022. Available from: https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Mangalore/fuel-yet-to-be-removed-from-ship/article65567616.ece While the Coast Guard continues to keep an eye for oil spill, if any, from the sunken merchant vessel *Princess Miral* near Batpady, the district administration continued its mock drill to prevent the spread of oil spill along the coast for the second day on Sunday.

ENVIRONMENT


**ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION**


**Invasive species: Are they really threatening the Mediterranean Sea and local fisheries?** Marie Lecoq. *Euronews*. 2 June 2022. Available from: [https://www.euronews.com/green/2022/06/01/invasive-species-are-they-really-threatening-the-mediterranean-sea-and-local-fisheries](https://www.euronews.com/green/2022/06/01/invasive-species-are-they-really-threatening-the-mediterranean-sea-and-local-fisheries) In the last 20 years, the number of non-native species in European waters has increased to almost 1,300.


**Alien species are moving across oceans faster: climate change will accelerate this.** Nicole Martin. *The Conversation*. 7 June 2022. Available from: [https://theconversation.com/alien-species-are-moving-across-oceans-faster-climate-change-will-accelerate-this-184415](https://theconversation.com/alien-species-are-moving-across-oceans-faster-climate-change-will-accelerate-this-184415) It is hard to find a spot in the ocean that has not been invaded by an alien species.

Study finds generator engines as key cause of methane emissions on LNG carriers. Adis Ajdin. Splash 247.com. 15 June 2022. Available from: https://splash247.com/study-finds-generator-engines-as-key-cause-of-methane-emissions-on-lng-carriers/ The results of a first-of-its-kind study to quantify greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from liquefied natural gas (LNG) carriers were released on Tuesday, providing actionable data for the LNG shipping industry on methane emissions.


HEALTH & SAFETY

Bangladesh becomes first nation to bar shore passes over monkeypox fears. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 31 May 2022. Available from: https://splash247.com/bangladesh-becomes-first-nation-to-bar-shore-passes-over-monkeypox-fears/ Bangladesh has become the first confirmed country to enact seafarer restrictions in the wake of the global spread of monkeypox, with other Asian nations looking at tightening rules too.

Fighting fatigue one sleep at a time. Nautical Institute. 1 June 2022. Available from: https://www.nautinst.org/resources-page/fighting-fatigue-one-sleep-at-a-time.html Fatigue can be described as a drowsy state of deprived sleep and extreme tiredness.


Danish survey into abuse at sea welcomed by union. Declan Bush. Lloyd’s List. 27 June 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1141361 A Danish officers’ union has welcomed a decision by the Danish government to investigate sexual abuse and harassment at sea.
IMO


Shipowners reveal zero-emission wishlist for the IMO and member states. TradeWinds. 7 June 2022. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/shipowners-reveal-zero-emission-wishlist-for-the-imo-and-member-states/2-1-1232372 Zero-emission vessels and fuels need to be commercially viable by 2030 for the whole shipping sector to decarbonise by 2050, however, the market alone cannot solve this challenge.

Climate groups demand a breakthrough on cleaning up shipping at the UN. Hellenic Shipping News. 7 June 2022. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/climate-groups-demand-a-breakthrough-on-cleaning-up-shipping-at-the-un/ Countries must seize the momentum and turn their climate pledges into action at the IMO, which is gathering next week for the 78th session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 78).

‘We need international system for emissions trading, and fast’ says EU policymaker. Holly Birkett. TradeWinds. 7 June 2022. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/-we-need-international-system-for-emissions-trading-and-fast-says-eu-policymaker/2-1-1232747 Policymakers and shapers at Posidonia called on the International Maritime Organization to agree on a global solution for shipping emissions and prevent regulatory fragmentation, as the Marine Environment Protection Committee met in London this week.


IMO’s climate committee has begun difficult discussions on CO2 reduction. Tomas Kristiansen. ShippingWatch. 8 June 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article14116909.ece Discussions in the MEPC on how global shipping is supposed to reduce its carbon emissions have divided the IMO’s member nations into two groups that have very different views on how far one can get before 2050.
Towards 2050: Governments must share the load, warns INTERCARGO. *International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (INTERCARGO)*. 9 June 2022. Available from: https://www.intercargo.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/INTERCARGO-MEDIA-RELEASE_09_06_2022-1.pdf. It would be a mistake to place responsibility for meeting IMO’s zero emission shipping targets fully on the shoulders of the shipping industry, warns INTERCARGO, as IMO’s MEPC 78 debates steps to meet IMO ambitions for zero emission shipping by 2050.


Golden Ocean CEO declares support for CO2 tax: “The sooner the better”. Idha Toft Valeur. *ShippingWatch*. 9 June 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Bulk/article14119501.ece Ulrik Andersen, CEO of dry bulk operator Golden Ocean, states that the carrier overall supports a carbon levy as a market-based measure – as long as the right conditions are in place.


“No Standout Outcome” From IMO’s Latest Greenhouse Gas Talks. *Maritime Executive*. 10 June 2022. Available from: https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/no-standout-outcome-from-imo-s-latest-greenhouse-gas-talks At the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee’s 78th meeting (MEPC 78) this past week, little forward movement was observed on shipping’s climate ambitions, though a majority of delegates supported the concept of bringing IMO greenhouse gas targets in line with the Paris Climate Agreement.

Momentum builds for IMO’s future: Stronger ambition and an equitable transition. *University Maritime Advisory Services (UMAS)*. 10 June 2022. Available from: https://www.umas.co.uk/momentum-builds-for-imos-future-stronger-ambition-and-an-equitable-transition/ MEPC 78 was the first of three meetings to work on, among other things, the production of a final draft Revised IMO GHG Strategy. An overview of the discussions from IMO MEPC 78 📖

IMO gives itself one year to raise CO2 ambitions for shipping. Tomas Kristiansen. *ShippingWatch*. 10 June 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article14139168.ece The IMO’s Marine Environment Protection Committee further accelerates efforts to reduce shipping’s CO2 emissions, seeking agreement on a new and revised 2050 plan within one year.

IMO MEPC78 sees important progress on the greenhouse gas agenda. *World Shipping Council*. 10 June 2022. Available from: https://www.worldshipping.org/news/imo-mepc78-sees-important-progress-on-the-greenhouse-gas-agenda As the IMO MEPC78 draws to a close, we have seen good progress on several important topics, including on the next phase of the IMO greenhouse gas (GHG) strategy.

IMO Concludes MEPC78. Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*. 10 June 2022. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/imo-concludes-mepc78/ The UN International Maritime Organization’s has concluded its latest meeting of its key Marine Environment Protection Committee, known as MEPC78, held virtually from IMO headquarters in London.

Shipping industry frustrated by governments’ rejection of R&D Fund to catalyse sector decarbonisation. *International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)*. 10 June 2022. Available from: https://www.ics-shipping.org(statement/shipping-industry-frustrated-by-governments-rejection-of-rd-fund-to-catalyse-sector-decarbonisation/ Following the conclusion of this week’s meeting of the IMO’s Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 78), the International Chamber of Shipping, representing 80% of the world’s merchant fleet, has released the following statement: Guy Platten, ICS Secretary General, commented: “By refusing to take forward the shipping industry’s proposed research and development fund, the IMO has wasted its opportunity to kick start a rapid transition to zero-carbon technologies which will be vital if we are to decarbonise completely by 2050.”

UN Shipping Agency Still Stalling on Immediate Climate Action, Despite Alarm Bells. *Clean Arctic Alliance*. 10 June 2022. Available from: https://cleanarctic.org/2022/06/10/un-shipping-agency-still-stalling-on-immediate-climate-action-despite-alarm-bells/ While a majority of national IMO delegates spoke up in favour of moving the sector closer to the Paris Agreement’s goal of keeping global heating below 1.5°C during this week’s Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 78), NGOs expressed dismay over the IMO’s failure to make progress on the urgent short-term measures that would kick-start deep reductions in CO2 and black carbon emissions from global shipping, both of which are needed to protect the Arctic from catastrophic climate impacts.


Pressure builds on next year’s MEPC. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 13 June 2022. Available from: https://splash247.com/pressure-builds-on-next-years-mepc/ The virtual gathering of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) at the IMO closed on Friday with the big takeaways being the creation of an emissions control area (ECA) in the Mediterranean and the dismissal of the International Chamber of Shipping’s (ICS) plans for $5bn decarbonisation research and development fund.

**LIMA Hosts Brainstorming Session to Assess Preparedness For IMSAS Audit.** *Front Page Africa (Liberia).* 17 June 2022. Available from: https://frontpageafricaonline.com/news/lima-hosts-brainstorming-session-to-assess-preparedness-for-imsas-audit/ The Liberia Maritime Authority (LIMA) through its Department of Policy, Compliance and International Relations, on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 began a three-day stakeholders’ assessment workshop to continue brainstorming efforts to ensure the country’s preparedness for the conduct of the IMO Member States Audit Scheme (IMSAS).

**Boost for biofuels as IMO removes regulatory hurdle.** *International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA).* 20 June 2022. Available from: https://ibia.net/2022/06/20/boost-for-biofuel-as-imo-removes-regulatory-hurdle/ Interest in biofuels is growing due to its environmental benefits and potential GHG savings, but there have been doubts about a potential increase in NOx emissions and compliance with MARPOL Annex VI and the NOx Technical Code.

**Jamaica salutes seafarers’ journeys on the Day of the Seafarer.** *Hellenic Shipping News.* 23 June 2022. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/jamaica-salutes-seafarers-journeys-on-the-day-of-the-seafarer/ Seafarers make a “significant contribution” to the global community while a career at sea offers the possibility of “a remarkable journey”, according to Rear Admiral (ret’d) Peter Brady, the Director General of the Maritime Authority of Jamaica, who has experienced his own successful nautical life voyage.


**LAW & POLICY**


**Joint statement from ECSA and ICS on the current situation in the Persian Gulf.** *European Community Shipowners’ Associations (ECSA).* 1 June 2022. Available from: https://www.ecsa.eu/news/joint-statement-ecsa-and-ics-current-situation-persian-gulf Following the seizure of Greek flagged oil tankers “Delta Poseidon” and “Prudent Warrior” on 27 May 2022, the International Chamber of Shipping and the European Community Shipowners’ Association jointly call for a quick and diplomatic resolution in order for the vessels and crew to be released.

PMO’s Statement on latest situation of the two seized Greek tankers. *Islamic Republic News Agency - IRNA (Iran).* 5 June 2022. Available from: [https://en.irna.ir/news/84778233/](https://en.irna.ir/news/84778233/) Iran’s Ports and Maritime Organization (PMO) as the authority for Iran’s maritime sovereignty, said in a statement that the crew of the two seized Greek tankers are in perfect physical and mental health conditions and phone talks with their families is arranged and facilitated.

Shippers fear carbon tax will hike freight costs still higher. *Trade Arabia.* 6 June 2022. Available from: [http://www.tradearabia.com/news/IND_397169.html](http://www.tradearabia.com/news/IND_397169.html) Shippers fear that the proposed carbon tax on bunker fuel, which will come up at this week’s Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) meeting at the IMO, is set to raise freight costs beyond their already record levels.


Shipping industry calls EU fuel proposal ‘unambitious’. Kyriacos Nicolaou. *Cyprus Mail.* 8 June 2022. Available from: [https://cyprus-mail.com/2022/06/08/shipping-industry-calls-eu-fuel-proposal-unambitious/](https://cyprus-mail.com/2022/06/08/shipping-industry-calls-eu-fuel-proposal-unambitious/) Major stakeholders from the European shipping industry have voiced their opposition to the European Union’s recent proposal on the use and regulation of maritime fuel.


High Seas Treaty Could Strengthen Maritime Protections in South Africa. Pew Charitable Trusts. 8 June 2022. Available from: [https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/articles/2022/06/08/high-seas-treaty-could-strengthen-maritime-protections-in-south-africa](https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/articles/2022/06/08/high-seas-treaty-could-strengthen-maritime-protections-in-south-africa) South Africa is well known for its iconic terrestrial species such as elephants, giraffes, and lions; after all, the country has more than 290 conservation parks and is home to almost 300 mammal species, about 860 bird species and 8,000 plant species.

This Pacific island is protecting 100% of its ocean territory. Douglas Broom. *World Economic Forum.* 8 June 2022. Available from: [https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2022/06/pacific-island-protecting-100-marine-waters/](https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2022/06/pacific-island-protecting-100-marine-waters/) Niue covers only 261 square kilometres, but it’s become a world leader in marine conservation.

Biden pushing to lower ocean shipping costs, fight inflation. Josh Boak. *Associated Press.* 9 June 2022. Available from: [https://apnews.com/article/space-launches-biden-oceans-prices-business-5ed1bd655920f34e31eb777a87197134](https://apnews.com/article/space-launches-biden-oceans-prices-business-5ed1bd655920f34e31eb777a87197134) President Joe Biden launched a renewed push Thursday to reduce the costs of shipping goods across oceans, a major challenge for retailers that the White House said has pushed up prices as the world emerges from the coronavirus pandemic.

Greek court overturns decision on US seizure of Iranian oil cargo. *Ekathimerini (Greece).* 9 June 2022. Available from: [https://www.ekathimerini.com/news/1186427](https://www.ekathimerini.com/news/1186427) A Greek court on Wednesday overturned an earlier court ruling that allowed the confiscation by the United States of part of a cargo of Iranian oil on an Iranian-flagged tanker off the Greek coast, three sources familiar with the matter said.

Greek court ruling lifts hopes for release of tankers. Nigel Lowry. *Lloyd’s List.* 9 June 2022. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1141177](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1141177) Hopes for the release of two Greek tankers and their crews being held by Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps in the Middle East Gulf have been lifted by a Greek court decision that has overturned an earlier ruling allowing the US to confiscate an Iranian oil cargo snared in the Aegean.

Ocean Shipping Reform Act Headed to President Biden's Desk After Passing House. Mike Schuler. gCaptain. 13 June 2022. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/ocean-shipping-reform-act-headed-to-president-biden-desk-after-passing-house/ The U.S. House of Representatives has voted 369 to 42 to pass the Senate's version of the bipartisan Ocean Shipping Reform Act, designed to give the government's shipping competition commission with greater authority to help U.S. exporters.

Greece considers next move in Iranian oil dispute. Nigel Lowry. Lloyd’s List. 13 June 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1141207 Greek officials are this week expected to decide arrangements for a parcel of Iranian crude oil that appears key to securing the release of two Greece-flagged tankers snatched from international shipping lanes and taken to Iran more than a fortnight ago.


Greece releases Iranian oil tanker after court decision: PMO. MEHR News Agency (Iran). 14 June 2022. Available from: https://en.mehrnews.com/news/187957 The Iranian PMO said in its Tuesday statement that despite the US attempt to confiscate the Iranian oil cargo on an Iranian-flagged tanker off the Greek coast, a Greek court has overturned an earlier court ruling and now the court has authorized the Greek government to return the cargo to its owners.


Sexual offences on Maersk ship investigated as criminal case. Dag Holmstad. ShippingWatch. 17 June 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article14159702.ece The two women, who have sued Maersk in the US for failing to take responsibility in cases of rape and sexual harassment, have filed the cases to the US Coast Guard.


Historic extension of EU’s carbon market gets green light from Parliament. Transport & Environment. 22 June 2022. Available from: https://www.transportenvironment.org/discover/historic-extension-of-eus-carbon-market-gets-green-light-from-parliament/ The EU Parliament has voted in favour of extending its carbon market to shipping and road transport, two weeks after it also voted on expanding coverage to all departing flights from the EU.

UN Ocean Conference is a key step on the road to recovering ocean health. Peter Thomson. China Dialogue Ocean. 24 June 2022. Available from: https://chinadialogueocean.net/en/conservation/un-ocean-conference-is-a-key-step-on-the-road-to-recovering-ocean-health/ With every breath we take, we are connected to the ocean.

Who will own the oceans? Colleen Graffy. Geopolitical Intelligence Services (GIS). 24 June 2022. Available from: https://www.gisreportsonline.com/r/maritime-law/ At one time, papal bulls settled the argument over who owned the oceans, such as the one delivered in 1493 by Pope Alexander VI, which divided the oceans between Spain and Portugal.

Healthy planet needs ocean action from Asian, Pacific countries. New Straits Times (Malaysia). 25 June 2022. Available from: https://www.nst.com.my/opinion/columnists/2022/06/808062/healthy-planet-needs-ocean-action-asian-pacific-countries As the Second Global Ocean Conference opens in Lisbon, Portugal, governments in Asia and the Pacific must seize the opportunity to boost cooperation and solidarity to address challenges that endanger a lifeline for millions of people in the region.
Memorandum on Combating Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing and Associated Labor Abuses. The White House. 27 June 2022. Available from: https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/06/27/memorandum-on-combating-illegal-unreported-and-unregulated-fishing-and-associated-labor-abuses/ Illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing and related harmful fishing practices are among the greatest threats to ocean health and are significant causes of global overfishing, contributing to the collapse or decline of fisheries that are critical to the economic growth, food systems, and ecosystems of numerous countries around the world.


Cargoship allowed to leave Mariupol after four months. David Osler and Bridget Diakun. Lloyd’s List. 28 June 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1141372 A general cargoship trapped alongside at Mariupol since February has been allowed to leave the occupied Ukraine port, according to a report from the Lloyd’s agency that covers the country.


Sustainable blue economy vital for small countries and coastal populations. UN News. 28 June 2022. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/06/1121562 The world’s coastal populations contribute significantly to the global economy – an estimated $1.5 trillion per year – with expectations pointing to some $3 trillion by 2030.

Ship’s Master and First Officer fined $75,000 for compliance breach. Government of Australia. 28 June 2022. Available from: https://bit.ly/3JjcQyl A Master and the First Officer of a 289-metre bulk carrier, the Sea Coen, have been convicted and fined $40,000 and $35,000 respectively after pleading guilty for exiting a designated shipping area within the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area.


Maersk captain was convicted for offences on ship – authority demands stronger sentence. Dag Holmstad. *ShippingWatch*. 29 June 2022. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article14198401.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article14198401.ece) The US Coast Guard believes a captain at Maersk has gotten off the hook far too easily when a judge in April 2022 rejected that the captain had carried out “gross sexual contacts” and “sexual harassment” against a ship cadet aboard vessel Maersk Idaho back in 2014 and 2015.

**MARINE TECHNOLOGY**


Green hydrogen: A pie in the sky or an unfolding transformation? Observer Research Foundation (ORF). 6 June 2022. Available from: [https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/a-pie-in-the-sky-or-an-unfolding-transformation/](https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/a-pie-in-the-sky-or-an-unfolding-transformation/) For all the brouhaha around the hydrogen economy at Davos and the competition amongst the Indian ministries to garner a piece of the regulatory action around this future energy business, it is hard to find any authentic, consistent information on the state of play in green hydrogen (GH) from government websites of the concerned ministries.


International taskforce established to drive forward the development of Clean Energy Marine Hubs. *International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)*. 23 June 2022. Available from: [https://bit.ly/3SoM0i](https://bit.ly/3SoM0i) A summit of more than 100 CEOs and government representatives unanimously agreed to establish an international cross-sectoral collaboration platform to help decarbonise the shipping industry, in London.

Major shipping players to collaborate on CO2 problem. *ShippingWatch*. 24 June 2022. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article14184817.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article14184817.ece) The tone was optimistic and discussions oriented toward solutions when a number of shipping players contemplated the difficult question of decarbonization during shipping conference Marine Money held in New York.


Tanker, bulker players to fight climate change with digital tools, alternative fuels.


**MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING**


FNU’s Fiji Maritime Academy students join Swire Shipping. *Fiji Times*. 29 June 2022. Available from: https://www.fijitimes.com/fnus-fiji-maritime-academy-students-join-swire-shipping/ Eleven students from Fiji National University’s (FNU) Fiji Maritime Academy (FMA) have found employment with Swire Shipping Pte Ltd.


**MARITIME SAFETY**

A Most Dangerous Trade: The Problems of Liquefaction. *North P&I Club*. 25 May 2022. Available from: https://www.nepia.com/articles/a-most-dangerous-trade-the-problems-of-liquefaction/ This article looks at the insurance implications surrounding the carriage of solid bulk cargoes which may liquefy and how claims arising from liquefaction are typically dealt with.


Ctg port yet to fully implement safety codes. Shahadat Hossain Chowdhury. *Business Standard (Bangladesh)*. 23 June 2022. Available from: https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/ctg-port-yet-fully-implement-safety-codes-445966 According to ISPS and IMDG codes, delivery of goods has to be conducted at a separate place other than the main port area, container scanners have to be installed at all the gates of the port, and dangerous products should be kept in separate containers with a label of product details.

**MARITIME SECURITY**


ECOWAS says it is winning war on maritime insecurity. *Ships & Ports*. 16 June 2022. Available from: https://shipsandports.com.ng/ecowas-says-it-is-winning-war-on-maritime-insecurity/ The President of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Commission, Jean-Claude Brou has said the war against maritime insecurity was being won in the West African sub-region.

US coast guard team to visit Ctg port to scrutinise ISPS code compliance. Business Standard (Bangladesh). 19 June 2022. Available from: https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/us-coast-guard-team-visit-ctg-port-scrutinise-isps-code-compliance-443058 A four-member US coast guard team will visit the Chattogram port on 21 and 22 June, and will also inspect inland container depots (ICDs) under the port facilities.


Italian Coast Guard deploying EMSA remotely piloted aircraft over the Gulf of Genoa for increased maritime surveillance. European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA). 28 June 2022. Available from: https://www.emsa.europa.eu/newsroom/press-releases/item/4774 This multipurpose operation allows the Italian Coast Guard to assess how remotely piloted aircraft can be deployed as part of their standard operating procedures to provide enhanced situational awareness.


PH Coast Guard hosts Indonesian, Malaysian counterparts for maritime security meet. Martin Sadongdong. Manila Bulletin. 28 June 2022. Available from: https://mb.com.ph/2022/06/28/ph-coast-guard-hosts-indonesian-malaysian-counterparts-for-maritime-security-meet/ The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) engaged its Indonesian and Malaysian counterparts in a high-level meeting on Tuesday, June 28, to discuss new ways to sustain the peace and security in the Sulu and Celebes Seas, which provide crucial pathway in the tri-border region.

MIGRANTS

Sri Lanka is on the verge of 'humanitarian emergency’, with hundreds boarding boats set for Australia. Avani Dias and Som Patidar. ABC (Australia). 13 June 2022. Available from: https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-06-14/sri-lanka-people-smugglers-use-australian-election/101147394 More than 300 Sri Lankans have tried to get to Australia in the past few weeks as the country’s economic crisis has worsened, with people smugglers claiming those on board will be allowed into the country under the new Labor government.

NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS

Nagbe makes case for Liberia’s re-admittance to IALA. New Dawn (Liberia). 2 June 2022. Available from: https://thenewdawnliberia.com/nagbe-makes-case-for-liberias-re-admittance-to-iala/ Maritime Commissioner Lenn Eugene Nagbe has said that Liberia will not remain on the periphery of International Maritime Organizations (IMO) “where matters of the industry are being decided.”


Shipping, chokepoints and supply chain vulnerabilities. Arab News (Saudi Arabia). 9 June 2022. Available from: https://www.arabnews.com/node/2100436 There are many essential shipping lanes with chokepoints. Some of these include the human-made Suez Canal and Panama Canal.

Ukraine grain finds Baltic Sea outlet. Ship & Bunker. 14 June 2022. Available from: https://shipandbunker.com/news/emea/454656 Some 18,000 metric tons of Ukrainian corn were loaded on to a ship at the Polish port Swinoujscie nine days ago bound for Spain.

About 80 ships still trapped in Ukraine, says Lloyd’s agent. David Osler. Lloyd’s List. 14 June 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1141214 About 80 vessels remain effectively trapped in Ukraine despite local and international efforts to free up port access following Russia’s incursion into the country, according to the local Lloyd’s agent.


The Shipping Forecast: is this much-loved British institution reaching the end of the road? The Week (UK). 17 June 2022. Available from: https://www.theweek.co.uk/from-the-magazine/957102/shipping-forecast-reaching-end-of-road In May, the BBC announced that, as part of its latest round of cuts, Radio 4’s long-wave service will lose its dedicated programmes next year, and will in time be shut down altogether.


For the sake of endangered whales: VDR recommends two detours to members. *German Shipowners’ Association.* 21 June 2022. Available from: [https://www.reederverband.de/en/sake-endangered-whales-vdr-recommends-two-detours-members](https://www.reederverband.de/en/sake-endangered-whales-vdr-recommends-two-detours-members) In partnership with several environmental NGOs, the German Shipowners’ Association (VDR) has resolved to recommend to its members to use modified shipping routes in two maritime zones – one in the Mediterranean and another in the Indian Ocean – in the interest of safeguarding the environment and nature.


**PIRACY**


NIMASA records zero pirates attack in 5 months. Godwin Oritse. Vanguard (Nigeria). 22 June 2022. Available from: [https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/06/nimasa-records-zero-pirates-attack-in-5-months/](https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/06/nimasa-records-zero-pirates-attack-in-5-months/) Following a successful fight against the menace of piracy and sea robbery against vessels and shipping activities on the nation’s coastal and territorial waters, the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency, NIMASA, has said that it recorded zero attacks in the first five months of the year, a development that has given Nigeria commendation from the international shipping community.

**PORT STATE CONTROL**


Neptune Indicator numbers remain consistently stable, pointing to a return to a normal situation. Global Maritime Forum. 3 June 2022. Available from: [https://www.globalmaritimeforum.org/press/neptune-indicator-numbers-remain-consistently-stable-pointing-to-a-return-to-a-normal-situation](https://www.globalmaritimeforum.org/press/neptune-indicator-numbers-remain-consistently-stable-pointing-to-a-return-to-a-normal-situation) The latest indicator shows that the number of seafarers onboard vessels beyond the expiry of their contract has decreased slightly to 4.3% from 4.5% in the last month, while the number of seafarers onboard vessels for over 11 months has remained stable at 0.3%. [Crew Change Indicator June 2022](https://www.globalmaritimeforum.org/press/neptune-indicator-numbers-remain-consistently-stable-pointing-to-a-return-to-a-normal-situation)

PORTS & HARBOURS

WPCAP: platform for climate action in maritime sector. World Ports Sustainability Program (WPSP). 27 May 2022. Available from: https://sustainableworldports.org/wpcap-platform-for-climate-action-in-maritime-sector/ In a growing number of ports, the supply of electricity to moored vessels is becoming a mature part of the infrastructure.

Shanghai Faces Long Road to Recovery as Lockdown Lifts. gCaptain. 1 June 2022. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/shanghai-faces-long-road-to-recovery-as-lockdown-lifts/ Shanghai faces weeks, if not months, of slow recovery until economic activity can fully bounce back from the crippling Covid lockdown that began in March.

Bangladesh: Deadly fire and explosions at container facility. Al Jazeera. 5 June 2022. Available from: https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/6/5/16-killed-170-injured-in-bangladesh-container-depot-fire At least 49 people have been killed and more than 300 injured after a massive fire swept through a container depot in southeastern Bangladesh, according to senior officials.

Shanghai Port Waiting Times Returning to Normal -VesselsValue. Mike Schuler. gCaptain. 6 June 2022. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/shanghai-port-waiting-times-returning-to-normal-vesselsvalue/ Port congestion at Shanghai, home to the world’s busiest port, is returning to normal levels as the city emerges from its two-month COVID-19 lockdown.


GPHA, World Maritime University Collaborate On WeCAPS Project. News Ghana. 8 June 2022. Available from: https://newsghana.com.gh/gpha-world-maritime-university-collaborate-on-wecaps-project/ The European Commission and Expertise France have in recent years launched the Western and Central Africa Port Security (WeCAPS) project with the aim of strengthening the security and safety of port infrastructure.

NPA to automate Nigerian ports by end of 2023. Mohammed Bello Koko. Nigerian Tribune. 9 June 2022. Available from: https://tribuneonlineng.com/npa-to-automate-nigerian-ports-by-end-of-2023/ The Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) has assured that the ports’ system will be fully automated by the end of 2023 which will create a platform where all port-related government agencies will coalesce together through the single window.


Latest Shanghai quarantines add more pressure to global supply chain. Lori Ann LaRocco. CNBC (US). 13 June 2022. Available from: https://www.cnbc.com/2022/06/13/latest-shanghai-quarantines-add-more-pressure-to-global-supply-chain.html The mass quarantine measures imposed this past weekend in Shanghai, including highway closures, severely affected trucks carrying exports bound for the city’s port.
Ukraine’s Danube ports increase activity to boost grain trade. Bridget Diakun. Lloyd’s List. 13 June 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1141204/ Departures from Ukraine’s Danube ports have quadrupled as Ukraine tries to find viable routes to export grain in the face of Russia’s naval blockade.


Thirteen dead as tank falls on ship at Jordanian port, causing chlorine gas leak. Matt Coyne. TradeWinds. 27 June 2022. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/thirteen-dead-as-tank-falls-on-ship-at-jordanian-port-causing-chlorine-gas-leak/1-1246525 Thirteen are dead and more than 250 injured after a chlorine tank crashed onto the deck of a ship and leaked toxic gas at Jordan’s Aqaba port.


Situation under control after toxic chlorine gas leak at Aqaba port — PM. Jordan Times. 28 June 2022. Available from: https://www.jordantimes.com/news/local/situation-under-control-after-toxic-chlorine-gas-leak-aqaba-port-%E2%80%94-pm The situation in Aqaba is under control on Monday night after a toxic chlorine gas leak earlier in the day at the port killed 12 people and injured around 260, according to Prime Minister and Minister of Defence Bisher Al Khasawneh.

UK Chamber of Shipping: Electrification will play a key role in the industry’s decarbonization. Anna Ziou. Safety4Sea. 29 June 2022. Available from: https://safety4sea.com/cm-uk-chamber-of-shipping-electrification-will-play-a-key-role-in-the-industries-decarbonization/ Considering that shore power can support the industry’s journey towards decarbonization, Mrs Ziou identifies key barriers that prevent a widespread adoption and suggests that a national framework by the UK government would help accelerate action for shore power infrastructure and operation in the UK ports by 2030.
TotalEnergies and MOL Group complete first biofuel bunker op of “Heroic Ace” in Singapore. 
Manifold Times (Singapore). 29 June 2022. Available from: 

REGULATIONS

EU must go beyond weak global rules in its regulation of shipping emissions. Aoife O’Leary. 
Climate Home News. 2 June 2022. Available from: 
https://www.climatechangenews.com/2022/06/02/eu-must-act-as-imo-fails-to-regulate-shipping/ If international shipping were a country, its emissions would be the sixth largest in the world – larger than Germany’s.

International safety codes not followed properly at BM container depot. Ali Asif Shawon. 
Dhaka Tribune (Bangladesh). 6 June 2022. Available from: 
https://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/2022/06/06/international-safety-codes-not-followed-properly-at-bm-container-depot The massive fire at the BM Container Depot in Chittagong’s Sitakunda was the result of authorities not following international safety guidelines and concealing information about highly flammable substances on the premises.

BM Container Depot operated flouting regulations. Shamsuddin Illius, Shahadat Hossain Chowdhury and Jobaer Chowdhury. 
Business Standard (Bangladesh). 7 June 2022. Available from: 
https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/bm-container-depot-operated-flouting-regulations-434586 The BM Container Depot at Sitakunda, Chattogram, which saw a deadly fire and subsequent explosion causing 41 deaths and over 200 injuries on Saturday night, has been operating, flouting local and international guidelines.

7 June 2022. Available from: 
https://apnews.com/article/politics-caribbean-air-pollution-439aa4e49d8c4ba922a79652372e8a The trade group representing the cruise ship industry unsuccessfully pushed international authorities to water down new environmental regulations despite its members’ climate commitments, experts in marine air pollution warn.

10 June 2022. Available from: 
https://apnews.com/article/politics-climate-and-environment-pollution-weather-business-f0b5a37148a21f21dd6ccce37a2b8 The world’s ocean freight shipping companies recently called on international maritime authorities to exclude pollution that their vessels spew in bad weather from new regulations, a condition that would apply almost a third of the time in the Atlantic.

Regulation will shape shipowner strategy in the coming decade and beyond. 
Stamatis Fradelos. Seatrade Maritime News. 13 June 2022. Available from: 
https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulation/regulation-will-shape-shipowner-strategy-coming-decade-and-beyond Regulation is a constant presence in the global shipping industry and the changes taking place at present will do much to forge the operational landscape in the coming decades.

**SALVAGE**

Concerns as over 3,000 wrecks remain underwater after evacuation exercise. Adaku Onyenucheya. *Guardian (Nigeria).* 15 June 2022. Available from: [https://guardian.ng/features/travel/concerns-as-over-3-000-wrecks-remain-underwater-after-evacuation-exercise/](https://guardian.ng/features/travel/concerns-as-over-3-000-wrecks-remain-underwater-after-evacuation-exercise/) The wrecks, which have been abandoned, threaten the safety of the country’s maritime transportation.


**SEAFARERS**


Faith and Burial for Seafarers. *International Chamber of Shipping (ICS).* June 2022. Available from: [https://www.ics-shipping.org/publication/faith-and-burial-for-seafarers/](https://www.ics-shipping.org/publication/faith-and-burial-for-seafarers/) Over the last few years and particularly since the start of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic there has been an increase in cases of shipping companies finding it difficult to repatriate the bodies or ashes of deceased seafarers quickly enough, in accordance with the wishes of their next of kin. Report 📄


Marina to slap penalty vs seafarers faking certificates. Yashika F. Torib. *Manila Times*. 8 June 2022. Available from: [https://www.manilatimes.net/2022/06/08/business/maritime/marina-to-slap-penalty-vs-seafarers-faking-certificates/1846490](https://www.manilatimes.net/2022/06/08/business/maritime/marina-to-slap-penalty-vs-seafarers-faking-certificates/1846490) Penalties ranging from P50,000 to P200,000, in addition to disqualification to apply for a certificate, will be imposed by the Maritime Industry Authority (Marina) against seafarers who are found guilty of submitting falsified, fraudulent or tampered documents to the agency.

Scot Carrier Officer Sentenced to Prison Over Fatal Baltic Sea Collision. Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*. 16 June 2022. Available from: [https://gcaptain.com/scot-carrier-officer-sentenced-to-prison-over-fatal-baltic-sea-collision/](https://gcaptain.com/scot-carrier-officer-sentenced-to-prison-over-fatal-baltic-sea-collision/) A British crew member of the *Scot Carrier* has pleaded guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to 1.5 years in prison after his ship collided with a barge last year in Baltic Sea, killing two Danish seafarers, Danish police said on Thursday.


Sea Sunday - War in Ukraine creates extra hardships for seafarers. Greg Watts. *Independent Catholic News (ICN)*. 20 June 2022. Available from: [https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/44943](https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/44943) The war in Ukraine might be 1,500 miles away from the UK, but Stella Maris port chaplains, such as permanent deacon John Fogarty, who covers the Kent coast, have heard from seafarers of its terrible destruction and how it has ripped apart families.


**£2.4 million funding to support seafarers’ mental wellbeing.** *UK Government.* 23 June 2022. Available from: [https://www.gov.uk/government/news/24-million-funding-to-support-seafarers-mental-wellbeing](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/24-million-funding-to-support-seafarers-mental-wellbeing) Maritime Minister Robert Courts has announced government funding for 3 organisations to support projects developing seafarers’ wellbeing and maritime skills, diversity and careers.

**Years After MLC’s Passage, Seafarer Abandonment Persists at High Rate.** *Maritime Executive.* 23 June 2022. Available from: [https://maritime-executive.com/article/years-after-mlc-s-passage-seafarer-abandonment-persists-at-high-rate](https://maritime-executive.com/article/years-after-mlc-s-passage-seafarer-abandonment-persists-at-high-rate) Just ahead of the Day of the Seafarer, the ESG tracking platform RightShip is calling attention to the startling number of active cases of vessel abandonment in ports around the world.


**Shining a light on seafarer wellbeing.**


Dr Carolyn Graham, an expert in maritime sociology, gives her take on what the industry ought to be addressing on this year’s Day of the Seafarer.

Day of The Seafarers. Obiageli Chuma-Ugbo. *This Day (Nigeria).* 24 June 2022. Available from: https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2022/06/24/day-of-the-seafarers/ This is a day no one in the world should forget but somehow the day is still slipping under the radar.


Port authority extends complimentary Wi-Fi access to support seafarers at the Port of Vancouver. *Port of Vancouver.* 24 June 2022. Available from: https://www.portvancouver.com/about-us/information-updates/port-authority-extends-compimentary-wi-fi-access-to-support-seafarers-at-the-port-of-vancouver/ In recognition of IMO’s ‘Day of the Seafarer’ on June 25, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is pleased to announce that it has extended its commitment to provide complimentary Wi-Fi to seafarers within the Port of Vancouver’s jurisdiction until 2024.

Seafarers’ Day honours maritime journeys and voyages. *UN News.* 25 June 2022. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/06/1121342 Secretary-General António Guterres highlighted both their critical role, as well as the challenges they face, In his message to mark the Day of the Seafarer on Saturday.


Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure launches ‘Salmeen’ initiative to reinforce wellbeing of seafarers around the world. Hazem Hussein. Emirates News Agency (UAE). 25 June 2022. Available from: https://www.wam.ae/en/details/1395303060755 In conjunction with the Day of the Seafarer, the UAE Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure has launched ‘Salmeen,’ an initiative that aims to provide care to seafarers and those working in the maritime sector with comfort and safety.


Seafarers’ unions celebrate #DayoftheSeafarer 2022. ITF Seafarers. 25 June 2022. Available from: https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/seafarers-unions-celebrate-dayoftheseafarer-2022 The ITF Seafarers’ Section coordinated an online activity for seafarers to share their stories (and pictures) about their own #SeafarerJourney, and to let us know how they thought the industry had changed from when they first started, compared to now.


Girls At Sea. Loop Pacific. 28 June 2022. Available from: https://www.looppng.com/png-news/girls-sea-113762 Dago has never regretted her decision, saying, "Thank God I did because it is a really nice program.


The day of the seafarer as a catalyst for change. Carlos Salinas. Manila Times. 29 June 2022. Available from: https://www.manilatimes.net/2022/06/29/business/maritime/the-day-of-the-seafarer-as-a-catalyst-for-change/1849009 Last Saturday, June 25, 2022, the Philippines joined the global community in observance of the International Day of the Seafarer, to honour the world’s maritime professionals and their priceless contribution to ensuring uninterrupted international trade and the world economy.


Seafarers showered with praise. Barbados Today. 29 June 2022. Available from: https://barbadostoday.bb/2022/06/29/seafarers-showered-with-praise/ The contribution made by seafarers to international trade and the economy was lauded during a celebration held at the Barbados Coast Guard Ship (BCGS), PELICAN, on Sunday.
SEARCH & RESCUE


4 Pinoy survivors from ship collision now safe: OWWA. Ferdinand Patinio. *Philippine News Agency (PNA).* 24 June 2022. Available from: [https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1177501](https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1177501). The four Filipino survivors from a ship collision in the waters of the Pacific Ocean are now safe, the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) reported on Friday.


SHIP RECYCLING

Surge of accidents at yards owned by Kabir Group in Bangladesh. *NGO Shipbreaking Platform.* 2 June 2022. Available from: [https://shipbreakingplatform.org/kabir-group-surge-accidents/](https://shipbreakingplatform.org/kabir-group-surge-accidents). Since the beginning of 2022, out of the eighteen accidents that shook the Bangladeshi shipbreaking industry, six have taken place at yards owned by Kabir Steel Re-Rolling Mills (KSRM), a concern of large conglomerate Kabir Group.


**Are hybrid-powered ships robust enough to cope with increasing demands at sea?**


**SHIPPING**

New oil sanctions will not change daily operations for tanker carriers – for now.
Astrid Sturlason and Idha Toft Valeur. *ShippingWatch*. 31 May 2022. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article14090989.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article14090989.ece) There will be no imminent changes to everyday life for tanker operators, even though the EU's member countries have just agreed on serious measures targeting Russian oil imports.


100 days of war in Ukraine have left deep marks in the shipping industry. Tomas Kristiansen, Astrid Sturlason and Idha Toft Valeur. *ShippingWatch*. 3 June 2022. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/logistics/article14104418.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/logistics/article14104418.ece) Besides the fact that the effect of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine can already be measured in thousands of lost human lives, the war has also had consequences for the global shipping industry, which go far beyond what a war between two neighbouring states usually entail for an industry which deems itself resilient toward most incidents and conflicts.


Shippers have lost up to $10bn from delayed ships during the pandemic. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 6 June 2022. Available from: https://splash247.com/shippers-have-lost-up-to-10bn-from-delayed-ships-during-the-pandemic/ The dire schedule reliability among containerlines, where 70% of ships arrive late, has led to billions of dollars being squandered during the pandemic, a new study from Copenhagen-based Sea-Intelligence shows.


Shipping to decarbonize in its stride: European Commissioner for Transport. Xinhuanet (China). 7 June 2022. Available from: https://english.news.cn/20220607/ca1fb473f850451896175a308131059c/c.html The international shipping industry will take the decarbonization in its stride and move on from COVID, European Commissioner for Transport Adina Valean said on Monday in Athens.


Shippers claim proposed carbon tax could be ‘world’s biggest BAF’. Nick Savvides. The Loadstar. 7 June 2022. Available from: https://theloadstar.com/shippers-claim-proposed-carbon-tax-could-be-worlds-biggest-baf/ Shippers in the US and Europe have raised concerns about the shift of the carbon pricing debate, claiming that a carbon tax could turn into “the world’s biggest BAF [bunker adjustment factor]”.


EU legislators turn down proposal for CO2 quotas for shipping. Peter Thomsen. ShippingWatch. 8 June 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article14117692.ece  Such was one of the main arguments when a majority of the EU Parliament Wednesday afternoon rejected a long awaited revision proposal for the union’s quota trade system, Emissions Trading System (ETS), which for long has been considered central for the EU’s overall climate ambition of reducing emissions by 55% before 2030.

Towards 2050: Governments must share the load, warns INTERCARGO. International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (INTERCARGO). 9 June 2022. Available from: https://www.intercargo.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/INTERCARGO-MEDIA-RELEASE_09_06_2022-1.pdf  It would be a mistake to place responsibility for meeting IMO’s zero emission shipping targets fully on the shoulders of the shipping industry, warns INTERCARGO, as IMO’s MEPC 78 debates steps to meet IMO ambitions for zero emission shipping by 2050.


EU presidency seeks to postpone deadline for new shipping quota demands. Peter Thomsen. ShippingWatch. 13 June 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/article14139570.ece  After a surprising rejection in relation to EU’s quota trade system, ETS, the union’s French presidency now opens up to postponing demands for when shipping will become subject to new CO2 quota regulation.

Energy efficiency developments on ship operators’ agenda. *Energy Northern Perspective.* 14 June 2022. Available from: [https://energynorthern.com/2022/06/14/energy-efficiency-developments-on-ship-operators-agenda/](https://energynorthern.com/2022/06/14/energy-efficiency-developments-on-ship-operators-agenda/) The industry’s ability to comply with the IMO’s 2023 energy efficiency measures demands accurate and proven performance management but there’s no quick fix.


Maersk sued by two women in rape and sexual harassment case. Søren Pico and Dag Holmstad. *ShippingWatch.* 14 June 2022. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article14145781.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article14145781.ece) Two women have sued Maersk at a New York court charging the container carrier for not having protected them when they were subjected to – respectively – rape and sexual harassment.


Fuel consumption is a burning issue in the race for ship emissions compliance, says study. *Maritime Oslofjord Alliance.* 16 June 2022. Available from: [https://maritimeoslofjord.no/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Energy_Transition_Shipping_150622.pdf](https://maritimeoslofjord.no/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Energy_Transition_Shipping_150622.pdf) Operational and technical measures are the most viable route to emissions abatement and compliance for the existing fleet of tankers, bulkers and container ships as many of these are unsuitable for low-carbon fuel conversions that can also pose commercial and other risks, according to a study. [Energy Transition in Shipping - Facts and Timeline](https://energynorthern.com/2022/06/14/energy-transition-in-shipping-facts-and-timeline)


Sexual abuse and harassment ‘systemic’ on ships. Declan Bush. Lloyd’s List. 17 June 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1141263 The timing of Hope Hicks’ lawsuit against Maersk, for failing to prevent her being raped by a senior officer in 2019, was important.


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The Poseidon Principles – what will it look like in practice? Karoline Flåm and Sigvald Fossum. Gard. 23 June 2022. Available from: https://www.gard.no/web/articles?documentId=33760933 The Poseidon Principles for Marine Insurance (PPMI) formally came into effect in May 2022, and the Signatories are getting ready to begin their first climate alignment reporting exercise, meaning that they will publicly disclose the carbon intensity of their hull and machinery (H&M) portfolios.


Hope Hicks case not an isolated incident, shows need for practical change in shipping. ITF Seafarers. 23 June 2022. Available from: https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/hope-hicks-case-not-isolated-incident-shows-need-practical-change-shipping Responding to news that Hope Hicks has taken a case against shipping giant Maersk, seafarers’ unions are calling for employers to ensure their safe workplace policies are actually being followed, before more seafarers are driven from an industry facing crew shortages.

Smart container fleet to expand 8-fold over the next 5 years. Drewry Shipping Consultants. 23 June 2022. Available from: https://www.drewry.co.uk/maritime-research-opinion-browser/smart-container-fleet-to-expand-8-fold-over-the-next-5-years Smart containers have increased in prominence following the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic and resultant supply chain disruption which has highlighted the need for better cargo visibility to cope with longer and more volatile transit times.
Now is not the time for shipping to be hiding behind closed doors. *Lloyd’s List.* 24 June 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1141327/ Tempting though it sometimes seems to dismiss the notion of openness and transparency in business as a slightly faddish counsel of perfection, the pay-offs for acting on these watchwords are often concrete.

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