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IMO NEWS & EVENTS

WHAT'S NEW

Environmental technologies in focus on World Maritime Day 2022

The International Maritime Organization is shining a spotlight on the role of emerging technologies to support a green transition of the maritime sector into a sustainable future. During the World Maritime Day 2022, on 29 September, celebrations will focus on the theme of 'New technologies for greener shipping', providing a platform to showcase inclusive maritime innovation, research and development, and the demonstration and deployment of new technologies.

In his message on the World Maritime theme, IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim said, "Our theme 'New technologies for greener shipping' opens up a larger conversation about shipping's direction and how technology can be harnessed for a more sustainable future. It also provides an incentive to further examine how digitalization and automation can support shipping. But technological solutions for cleaner, safer and more sustainable shipping must also benefit people. In this regard, the impact on seafarers and other marine personnel, including the need for training must be considered."

Watch IMO Secretary General Kitack Lim's video message here.

IMO Secretary-General welcomes FSO Safer milestone

International Maritime Organization (IMO) Secretary-General Kitack Lim has welcomed the huge step made in securing funding for the first stage of a UN-coordinated plan to address the threat of a major oil spill from the FSO Safer, moored off Yemen.

Following a side-event in the margins of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, United States, it was confirmed that US$ 77 million has now been pledged following a funding campaign.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim expressed his heartfelt condolences to the members of the Royal Family, the Government, the people of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Commonwealth following the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

"It is with great sorrow and sadness that we have learned of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The entire Membership of the International Maritime Organization and the staff share the grief with deep sympathy at this difficult time," Mr. Lim said.
MEETING SUMMARIES AND SCHEDULE

Previous Meetings

IMO Council (C 127) – 11-15 July 2022 (remote)
Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III 8) – 25-29 July 2022 (remote)
Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC 8) – 14-23 September 2022

Forthcoming Meetings

Consultative Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Convention 1972) and Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Protocol 1996) (LC 44/LP 17) – 3-7 October 2022
Technical Cooperation Committee (TC 72) – 17-20 October 2022

RECENT SPEECHES BY IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL KITACK LIM

Signing of MOU with Commonwealth Secretariat – 29 September 2022 (Remarks)
IMO-UNEP-Norway Innovation Forum 2022 – 28 September 2022 (Opening Address)
Naples Shipping Week – 26 September 2022 (Keynote Speech)
Korea Maritime Week – 21 September 2022 (Opening and Keynote Speech)
International Marine Debris Conference, Busan, Republic of Korea – 19-23 September 2022 (Opening and Closing Session)
Sub-Committee On Carriage Of Cargoes And Containers 8 (CCC 8) – 14-23 September 2022 (Opening Remarks)

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Ocha / Food Vessel Inspection. United Nations. 3 August 2022. Available from: https://www.unmultimedia.org/tv/unifiedfeed/asset/2915/2915370/. The first shipment of over 26,000 tons of Ukrainian food under a Black Sea export deal was cleared to proceed today towards its final destination in Lebanon.

Note to Correspondents: Operational Update on the Black Sea Grain Initiative/Joint Coordination Centre. United Nations. 4 August 2022. Available from: https://www.un.org/en/content/sg/note-correspondents/2022-08-04/note-correspondents-operational-update-the-black-sea-grain-initiativejoint-coordination-centre The Joint Coordination Centre (JCC) has authorized the departure of three vessels from Ukraine, two from Chornomorsk and one from Odessa, carrying a total of 58,041 tons of corn through the maritime humanitarian corridor under the Black Sea Grain Initiative.


Conference opens to draft first-ever treaty on ocean’s biological diversity. UN News. 15 August 2022. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/08/1124702 Amidst calls for flexibility, openness and the spirit of compromise that prevailed in 1982, when the landmark “constitution for the oceans” was adopted, the new treaty will aim to address the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in areas of the ocean which are beyond the limits of States’ maritime zones.


UN chief pays second call on Ukraine, will visit grain-exporting Black Sea Port. UN News. 17 August 2022. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/08/1124922 “Tomorrow, he will join President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan in a meeting hosted by President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine,” UN Deputy Spokesman Farhan Haq told a regular press briefing in New York.

Facilitators Highlight Progress Over Last Two Days at Intergovernmental Conference to Draft First-Ever Oceans Biodiversity Treaty. United Nations. 17 August 2022. Available from: https://press.un.org/en/2022/sea2159.doc.htm The Intergovernmental Conference to draft a new maritime biodiversity treaty continued its fifth session today, with the facilitators of informal discussions on various elements updating on progress made over the last two days.


UN chief ends Europe trip with visit to ‘vessels of hope’. *UN News.* 20 August 2022. Available from: [https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/08/1125112](https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/08/1125112) Mr. Guterres flew into Istanbul on Saturday morning from Chisinau, Moldova – where he was hosted for a working dinner with President Maia Sandu the previous evening – and boarded a pilot boat in the Sea of Marmara, where he sailed next to the *M/V Brave Commander*, the World Food Programme (WFP) ship which picked up more than 23,000 tonnes of wheat in the port of Yuzhny/Pivdennyi.

CASUALTIES

Flag states reject proposal to improve casualty reports. Nidaa Bakhsh. Lloyd’s List. 2 August 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1141789/ Flag states have rejected a proposal for mandatory new rules that could have improved casualty reports by requiring investigators to understand the root causes of serious accidents.


Firefighters failure to listen to ship’s master led to fire getting larger - report. Stuff (New Zealand). 5 August 2022. Available from: https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/129488368/ Miscommunication between firefighters and the captain of a container ship at Napier meant a fire on board the ship got bigger than it should have.


Fishing Boat Collides With U.S. Coast Guard Cutter, Killing One. Maritime Executive. 9 August 2022. Available from: https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/fishing-boat-collides-with-u-s-coast-guard-cutter-killing-one One fisherman was killed and another injured when a small commercial fishing boat collided with a U.S. Coast Guard cutter off the coast of Puerto Rico on Monday.


HSA Group pledges US$1.2 million to support the UN’s emergency FSO SAFER appeal. ReliefWeb. 25 August 2022. Available from: https://reliefweb.int/report/yemen/hsa-group-pledges-us12-million-support-uns-emergency-fso-safer-appeal HSA Group, Yemen’s largest private company, has today announced a US$ 1.2 million donation to support the United Nations’ efforts to avert a major humanitarian, economic, and ecological disaster in the Red Sea.


More than 80 people rescued from Philippine ferry fire. Associated Press. 27 August 2022. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/fires-asia-philippines-manila-search-and-rescue-efforts-b204683ca6ab5d98019637a80168f867 Philippine coast guard personnel and volunteers have rescued more than 80 passengers and crew of an inter-island ferry that caught fire as it approached a port south of Manila, prompting many to jump into the water as flames spread fast in windy weather, officials said Saturday.


Cargo ship beached off Catalan Bay after collision. Brian Reyes. *Gibraltar Chronicle.* 30 August 2022. Available from: [https://www.chronicle.gi/cargo-ship-beached-off-catalan-bay-after-collision/](https://www.chronicle.gi/cargo-ship-beached-off-catalan-bay-after-collision/) A cargo ship loaded with steel rebars was beached 200 metres off Catalan Bay in the early hours of Tuesday morning after it was damaged in a collision with a liquefied natural gas carrier as it was leaving the Bay of Gibraltar.


**ENVIRONMENT**


Heat, drought and wildfires during one of the warmest Julys on record– WMO. *UN News.* 10 August 2022. Available from: [https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/08/1124242](https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/08/1124242) According to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), temperatures were close to 0.4°C above the 1991-2020 average across much of Europe, with southwestern and western Europe being the most above-average regions, because of an intense heatwave around mid-July.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION


OnWatch episode 9: BIMCO’s single use plastics campaign - a conversation with Dr Bev Mackenzie. Gard. 3 August 2022. Available from: https://www.gard.no/web/articles?documentId=33974545 BIMCO’s back of the envelope estimate is that more than 1.7 billion plastic water bottles are used on board commercial ships every year.


U.S. authorities working to keep orcas away from ‘pollution incident’ off Vancouver Island. Ian Holliday. CTV News (Canada). 15 August 2022. Available from: https://vancouverisland.ctvnews.ca/u-s-authorities-working-to-keep-orcas-away-from-pollution-incident-off-vancouver-island-1.6026799 The U.S. Coast Guard and other agencies are responding to a sunken vessel leaking fuel in Haro Strait, between Vancouver Island and San Juan Island.


UPDATE 6: Unified Command continues response to pollution incident off San Juan Island. United States Coast Guard. 19 August 2022. Available from: https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/328e3ae The Unified Command continues its response Friday following the sinking of a commercial fishing vessel resulting in a pollution incident west of San Juan Island, Washington.


**Over Rs. 90 million spent to clean the beach contaminated by the X-Press Pearl ship.** *Colombo Times (Sri Lanka).* 24 August 2022. Available from: [http://www.colombopage.com/archive_22B/Aug24_1661314196CH.php](http://www.colombopage.com/archive_22B/Aug24_1661314196CH.php). The chairperson of the Marine Environment Protection Authority (MEPA), Dharshani Lahandapura said Rs. 93.8 million (Rs, 93,857,293) has been spent so far to clean the beach from Mannar to Hambantota Kirinda by removing the plastic and waste released from the *M.V X-Press Pearl*, which caught fire in the Sri Lankan waters.

**Kuwaiti divers lift four tons of abandoned fishing nets in Kuwait Bay.** *Kuwait News Agency (KUNA).* 30 August 2022. Available from: [https://www.kuna.net.kw/ArticleDetails.aspx?id=3051336&language=en](https://www.kuna.net.kw/ArticleDetails.aspx?id=3051336&language=en). Kuwait Dive Team, under the umbrella of Kuwait Voluntary Environmental Foundation, managed on Tuesday to lift several neglected fishing nets containing hundreds of dead and live fish, weighing 4 tons, found from the offshore locations of Kuwait Bay and Umm Al-Namal island.

**HEALTH & SAFETY**


**Food at sea: changing menus.** *Splash 247.com.* 9 August 2022. Available from: [https://splash247.com/food-at-sea-changing-menus](https://splash247.com/food-at-sea-changing-menus). With the recent challenges of covid, the Ukraine conflict, increasing prices globally and the supply chain crisis, the last 10 years have seen significant change within the shipping industry and in particular the strong focus now on crews’ health and wellbeing.
**Welfare Survey on Ukraine conflict reveals priorities for Seafarers.** *All About Shipping.* 15 August 2022. Available from: [https://allaboutshipping.co.uk/2022/08/15/welfare-survey-on-ukraine-conflict-reveals-priorities-for-seafarers/](https://allaboutshipping.co.uk/2022/08/15/welfare-survey-on-ukraine-conflict-reveals-priorities-for-seafarers/) A major survey into the welfare priorities of seafarers affected by the Ukraine crisis has shone a spotlight on the measures being taken to support seafarers and their families, as well as the most pressing priorities in the coming months.

**Sweating the assets – a bit of rest for seafarers?** Michael Grey. *Seatrade Maritime News.* 17 August 2022. Available from: [https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/opinions-analysis/sweating-assets-bit-rest-seafarers](https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/opinions-analysis/sweating-assets-bit-rest-seafarers) Smaller crews and growing regulatory burden mean more work for those onboard, but in an industry worried about mental health Michael Grey asks where is the priority for seafarer rest?

**Seafarers’ Health: On Course for a Culture of Care.** *Seafarers Hospital Society.* 30 August 2022. Available from: [https://seahospital.org.uk/seafarers-health-on-course-for-a-culture-of-care/](https://seahospital.org.uk/seafarers-health-on-course-for-a-culture-of-care/) As part of our ongoing efforts to improve crew health, the Seafarers Hospital Society has launched a discussion paper titled ‘Seafarers’ Health: On Course for a Culture of Care’ which outlines a data tracking framework for seafarer wellbeing.  Discussion Paper

**IMO**


**Comment: peering through the smoke – container shipping's EEXI quandary.** Daniel Richards. *The Loadstar.* 29 July 2022. Available from: [https://theloadstar.com/comment-peering-through-the-smoke-container-shippings-eexi-quandary/](https://theloadstar.com/comment-peering-through-the-smoke-container-shippings-eexi-quandary/) While the implications of the EEXI [Energy Efficiency Existing Ship Index] for the containership fleet are becoming clearer, the full impact of the IMO’s Carbon Intensity Index (CII) remains frustratingly difficult to define.


**Aurescu, meeting with IMO secretary general, discussions about grain exports from Ukraine by sea.** *ACTMedia (Romania).* 29 August 2022. Available from: [https://www.actmedia.eu/daily/aurescu-meeting-with-imo-secretary-general-discussions-about-grain-exports-from-ukraine-by-sea/99236](https://www.actmedia.eu/daily/aurescu-meeting-with-imo-secretary-general-discussions-about-grain-exports-from-ukraine-by-sea/99236) The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bogdan Aurescu, received, on Sunday, at the headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAE), the Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Kitack Lim, the discussions aimed at the impact of the aggression of the Russian Federation regarding grain exports from Ukraine by sea, which affects the security global food supply, as well as freedom of navigation in the Black Sea.
LAW & POLICY


Lebanon Seizes Ship Accused of Carrying Stolen Ukrainian Grain. Youssef Diab and Omar Tamo. Bloomberg. 31 July 2022. Available from: https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/lebanon-seizes-ship-accused-of-carrying-stolen-ukrainian-grain-1.1799607 Lebanon has seized a ship loaded with barley and wheat flour while it determines whether the cargo may have been stolen from Ukraine, said Public Prosecutor Ghassan Oueidat.


3 more grain ships to set sail from Ukrainian ports on Friday: Turkish defense chief.

UN, IMF disagree on who should foot the bill of the energy crisis. Isabelle Gerretsen. Climate Home News. 4 August 2022. Available from: https://www.climatechangenews.com/2022/08/04/un-imf-disagree-on-who-should-foot-the-bill-of-the-energy-crisis/. UN chief António Guterres called for windfall taxes on oil and gas this week, arguing it is “immoral” for fossil fuel companies to reap record profits while ordinary people suffer from a cost of living squeeze.


Climate Bill Could Open Up New Waters for Offshore Wind Development. Jennifer A. Dlouhy. gCaptain. 8 August 2022. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/climate-bill-could-open-up-new-waters-for-offshore-wind-development/. The strong gusts blowing off the coasts of Puerto Rico, Guam and other US territories offer big green energy potential — but for decades, a quirk in federal law meant renewable developers have been barred from tapping them.

Vessel Operator and Chief Engineer Convicted for Oily Bilge Water Discharge Offense.


UN focused on ‘freeing up Ukraine port space’ for grain shipments. Adam Corbett. TradeWinds. 11 August 2022. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/bulkers/un-focused-on-freeing-up-ukraine-port-space-for-grain-shipments/2-1-1276234. The United Nations is prioritising the release of ships trapped at Ukrainian ports since the outbreak of hostilities with Russia in preparation for humanitarian shipments of grain.

Ukraine minister says grain exports to reach 3m tonnes in September. Michelle Wiese Bockmann. Lloyd’s List. 11 August 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1141909. Ukraine’s three grain export ports will be able to ship volumes at a pace equal to 3m tonnes per month within "two to three weeks", the country’s deputy infrastructure minister Yurii Vaskov told Lloyd’s List.

Gas-starved Europe is about to get a pair of floating LNG units. Sergio Chapa and Anna Shiryaevskaya. *ShippingWatch*. 12 August 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/Offshore/article14303311.ece At least two floating liquefied natural gas terminals are heading for Europe in the next several months as the region clamours to replace supplies cut off after Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.


**UN resuming talks on high-seas treaty amid growing concerns.** *EurActiv*. 15 August 2022. Available from: https://www.euractiv.com/section/global-europe/news/un-resuming-talks-on-high-seas-treaty-amid-growing-concerns/ A host of NGOs and affected countries say the pact is urgently needed to improve environmental stewardship over the vast, yet largely unregulated, area as it faces growing challenges.

**How should the high seas be protected?** Al Jazeera. 15 August 2022. Available from: https://www.aljazeera.com/program/inside-story/2022/8/15/how-should-the-high-seas-be-protected United Nations members are meeting to agree on a deal to protect international waters.

**Portico Shipping fined for health and safety breaches over port death.** *BBC News*. 15 August 2022. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hampshire-62550357 A shipping firm has been fined £200,000 after a port worker was crushed to death between containers.


**Caribbean nations should push for climate finance at COP27, Bahamas PM says.** Jasper Ward. *Reuters*. 16 August 2022. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/business/environment/caribbean-nations-should-push-climate-finance-cop27-bahamas-pm-says-2022-08-16/ Caribbean countries should pressure developed nations to provide more financing to mitigate the effects of climate change at the upcoming COP27 climate talks, the prime minister of The Bahamas said at a summit of regional officials on Tuesday.
Norwegian Shipowners’ Association fears hesitant politicians may curb green transformation.
Ida Toft Valeur. *ShippingWatch*. 17 August 2022. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article14312170.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article14312170.ece) Two concrete initiatives should be commenced as soon as possible to avoid green ships and projects being put on ice due to the great uncertainty surrounding green fuels and the price companies must pay for them, says Norwegian Shipowners’ Association CEO Harald Solberg to ShippingWatch.


P&O Ferries won’t face criminal action over mass sacking of staff. BBC News. 20 August 2022. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-62613625 The firm sacked staff without notice in March, replacing them with foreign agency workers who were paid less than the UK minimum wage.

Funding for cadets boosted to £43 million pounds over next two years to help build the maritime sector. UK Government. 22 August 2022. Available from: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/funding-for-cadets-boosted-to-43-million-pounds-over-next-two-years-to-help-build-the-maritime-sector Eligible seafarers will now get half of their training paid – providing a real investment in the future of maritime and securing future growth.


Deadline looms to seal treaty to protect the high seas. David Fogarty. Straits Times. 24 August 2022. Available from: https://www.straitstimes.com/world/deadline-looms-to-seal-treaty-to-protect-the-high-seas United Nations delegates face an end-of-week deadline to seal a treaty that aims to conserve and protect nature on the high seas, a vast area of the planet that remains largely unregulated and is suffering from overfishing, pollution and the effects of climate change.


**MARINE TECHNOLOGY**


Wah Kwong, QIYAO and Bureau Veritas launch feasibility study on carbon capture and storage on ships. Bureau Veritas. 1 August 2022. Available from: https://bit.ly/3VatI7C The study will focus on two types of bulk carriers in operation in the Wah Kwong fleet.


GoodFuels’ Asia-Pacific branch kickstarts sustainable biofuel deliveries with NYK as first client. GoodFuels. 16 August 2022. Available from: https://goodfuels.com/goodfuels-apac-starts-sustainable-biofuel-deliveries-nyk-first-client/ GoodFuels, the leading biofuels pioneer for the global transport industry, has today announced that it has successfully supplied sustainable marine biofuel to NYK’s bulk carrier MV Frontier Explorer, in the first such delivery to a major maritime client since the company opened its Singapore office.


Floating ‘artificial leaves’ ride the wave of clean fuel production. Sarah Collins. University of Cambridge. 17 August 2022. Available from: https://www.cam.ac.uk/stories/floating-artificial-leaves The researchers, from the University of Cambridge, designed ultra-thin, flexible devices, which take their inspiration from photosynthesis – the process by which plants convert sunlight into food.


Do you know the difference between a well-to-wake analysis and a life cycle assessment of a fuel? Craig Eason. Fathom.World. 19 August 2022. Available from: https://fathom.world/do-you-know-the-difference-between-a-well-to-wake-analysis-and-a-life-cycle-assessment-of-a-fuel/ Tucked into the debate about which fuel will be used by shipping in the future are the distinct discussions about a fuel’s life cycle and the well to wake emissions picture of the fuel.


Tug Performs Autonomous Collision Avoidance in Port of Singapore. gCaptain. 22 August 2022. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/tug-performs-autonomous-collision-avoidance-in-port-of-singapore/ A harbor tug has become the first vessel to be verified for autonomous collision avoidance in the Port of Singapore as the shipping industry’s push towards self-driving technology continues to advance.

Wärtsilä to digitalise Associated British Ports’ maritime operations. Wärtsilä Corporation. 23 August 2022. Available from: https://news.cision.com/wartsila-corporation/r/wartsila-to-digitalise-associated-british-ports-maritime-operations.c3618112 Wärtsilä Voyage, part of the technology group Wärtsilä, has signed a prestigious contract for a five-year framework agreement with Associated British Ports the UK’s leading ports group, to digitalise operations at its 21 ports.


**MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING**


“The challenges we face as an industry require more skills and competencies”. Tomas Kristiansen and Astrid Sturlason. ShippingWatch. 12 August 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/article14262354.ece The Blue MBA program at Copenhagen Business School has never had as many enrolled students as in the class that started one year ago, who are now halfway through the program, which could potentially render them future leaders in shipping and logistics.

**Secretary General of Maritime Organization of West and Central Africa visits RMU.** Regional Maritime University (Ghana). 23 August 2022. Available from: https://rmu.edu.gh/secretary-general-of-maritime-organization-of-west-and-central-africa-mowca-visits-rmu/ On Tuesday, 16th August, 2022, the Secretary General of the Maritime Organization of West and Central Africa (MOWCA), Dr. Paul Adalikwu paid a working visit to the Regional Maritime University (RMU).

**Youth participation necessary for blue economy agenda – GoGMI officials.** GhanaWeb. 24 August 2022. Available from: https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/business/Youth-participation-necessary-for-blue-economy-agenda-GoGMI-officials-1609232 A clarion call has been made for the maritime industry to significantly involve the youth in the developmental agenda for the blue economy.


Developing the Next Generation of Maritime Professionals. Elpi Petraki. Sea Technology. 31 August 2022. Available from: https://seatotechnology.com/wista-elpi-petraki-developing-future-maritime-professionals As technology advances and the shipping industry looks at how it can decarbonize effectively, we hear a lot about “future-proof” solutions.

MARITIME SAFETY


Joint concentrated inspection campaign on STCW. Paris MoU on Port State Control. 1 August 2022. Available from: https://www.parismou.org/joint-concentrated-inspection-campaign-stcw Member Authorities of the Tokyo and the Paris Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) on Port State Control will launch a joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on STCW.

Can more be done to ensure the safe carriage of vehicles onboard ships? Lloyd’s Register. 2 August 2022. Available from: https://www.lr.org/en/latest-news/can-more-be-done-to-ensure-the-safe-carriage-of-vehicles-onboard-ships/ As the automotive industry looks to electric vehicles (EVs) to achieve zero carbon emissions by 2050, the shipping industry is having to devise ways to deal with uncertainty over the potential fire risks of transporting these vehicles, and the unfamiliarity with any associated fire characteristics.

China drills force ships to sail around Taiwan danger zones. Kevin Varley, Stephen Stapczynski and Ann Koh. ShippingWatch. 4 August 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article14282167.ece Shipping companies rerouted vessels as China began its most provocative military drills in decades around Taiwan, creating logistical headaches for global supply chains.


Ukrainian grain sailings increase amid lingering safety concerns. Cichen Shen and Nidaa Bakhsh. Lloyd’s List. 15 August 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1141937 More ships have been allowed to move Ukrainian agriculture products out of the war-torn country as the operations are anticipated to gather pace.
**Russian Air Strikes on Odesa Raise Concerns for Grain Shipments.** *Maritime Executive.* 17 August 2022. Available from: [https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/russian-air-strikes-on-odesa-raise-concerns-for-grain-shipments](https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/russian-air-strikes-on-odesa-raise-concerns-for-grain-shipments). In apparent retaliation for brazen strikes by Ukraine in recent days deep in Russian-held Crimea, the port city of Odesa was struck by a barrage of rockets overnight.

**Ukraine war: No attacks on civilian vessels since June.** Bridget Diakun. *Lloyd’s List.* 23 August 2022. Available from: [https://lloydlist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1142026](https://lloydlist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1142026). A total of 17 civilian ships have been attacked since Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24, but no casualty incidents have occurred since June.


**MARITIME SECURITY**


Leading shipowner associations have decided to end the Indian Ocean High Risk Area from January next year.

**Stronger ties among Asean navies to curb emerging threats.** *Philippine News Agency*. 24 August 2022. Available from: [https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1182044](https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1182044) Philippine Navy (PN) flag-officer-in-command Vice Adm. Adeluis Bordado has cited the need for strengthened cooperation between the navies of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) to be able to defeat emerging maritime challenges in the region.

**MIGRANTS**


NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS

Sixteen ships loaded with grain ready to leave Ukraine’s Odesa. Al Jazeera. 30 July 2022. Available from: https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/7/30/several-ships-loaded-with-grain-ready-to-leave-ukraines-odesa. Sixteen ships loaded with grain were set to depart from the Ukrainian port of Odesa, as tensions flair up again over a missile attack that killed dozens of Ukrainian prisoners of war.

Statement attributable to the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General - on the first commercial vessel sailing as part of the Black Sea Grain Initiative. United Nations. 1 August 2022. Available from: https://bit.ly/3CuctFA. The Secretary-General warmly welcomes the departure of the M/V Razoni, the first commercial ship leaving Ukraine’s port of Odesa since 26 February 2022.


1st ship carrying Ukrainian grain leaves the port of Odesa. Susie Blann and Suzan Fraser. Associated Press. 1 August 2022. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/russia-ukraine-middle-east-turkey-istanbul-932888f2e144b61acc8555bba49c83cc. The first ship carrying Ukrainian grain set out Monday from the port of Odesa under an internationally brokered deal to unblock the embattled country’s agricultural exports and ease the growing global food crisis.


The hidden traps of connectivity onboard. Safety4Sea. 1 August 2022. Available from: https://safety4sea.com/cm-the-hidden-traps-of-connectivity-onboard/. Whilst we should address cyber threats, crimes, and dangers of the modern communications, it is of utmost importance to improve the communication for the crew in general.

ICS issues statement following the first commercial ship leaving the port of Odesa. International Chamber of Shipping (ICS). 1 August 2022. Available from: https://bit.ly/3EnRrKf. ICS has issued the below statement following the first commercial ship leaving the port of Odesa.


Insur ance and security crucial as Black Sea grain corridor opens. International Chamber of Shipping (ICS). 2 August 2022. Available from: https://www.ics-shipping.org/news-item/insurance-and-security-crucial-as-black-sea-grain-corridor-opens/ The first grain shipment to leave Ukraine since it was invaded by Russia nearly six months ago departed Odesa early this week after the two countries signed the Black Sea Grain Initiative brokered by Turkey and the UN.

Ten ships are ready to travel grain corridor, says Lloyd’s agent. Bridget Diakun. Lloyd’s List. 2 August 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1141801 There are 16 ships laden with grain at the ports of Odesa and Chornomorsk, 10 of which are ready to travel the grain corridor, according to an Odesa-based Lloyd’s agent.

Ukraine war: First grain ship out of Ukraine cleared to sail to Lebanon. Elsa Maishman and Phelan Chatterjee. BBC News. 3 August 2022. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world/europe-62401342 A team of officials from Russia, Ukraine, Turkey and the UN inspected the Razoni’s cargo of 26,000 tonnes of corn and its crew.


China’s military drills force over 200 vessels to reroute. Bridget Diakun. Lloyd’s List. 4 August 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1141835 Merchant vessels in and around Taiwan have cleared out from the six closure zones where China’s military drills are taking place, although a couple of vessels have chosen to ignore the warnings against entering the areas.

China’s military drills near Taiwan disrupt key shipping lanes. Joe Brock. Reuters. 5 August 2022. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/chinas-military-drills-near-taiwan-disrupt-key-shipping-lanes-2022-08-05/ China’s military exercises in the waters around Taiwan have prompted some ships to navigate around the Taiwan Strait and give the island a wide berth, disrupting key trading routes for cargo and commodities sailing around the world, analysts said.

First Ukraine ship under grain deal will not dock in Lebanon on time. Maya Gebeily. Reuters. 7 August 2022. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/first-ukraine-ship-under-grain-deal-will-not-dock-lebanon-time-embassy-2022-08-07/ The first grain ship to leave a Ukrainian port under a deal brokered last month will not arrive in Lebanon on Sunday as planned, the Ukrainian embassy in Lebanon said.

China appears to wind down threatening wargames near Taiwan. Associated Press. 10 August 2022. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/taiwan-china-reaffirms-military-force-option-a766511d7b63ab7c8c887f60b809588e9 China on Wednesday repeated military threats against Taiwan while appearing to wind down wargames near the self-governing island it claims as its own territory that have raised tensions between the two sides to their highest level in years.

Seafarers ‘sitting ducks’ as Port of Dakar leaves them without warning lights. International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF). 12 August 2022. Available from: https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/seafarers-sitting-ducks-port-dakar-leaves-them-without-warning-lights The Port of Dakar in Senegal has said it is too busy to rescue a cargo ship at its anchorage which has been without electricity and sidelights for months, putting its seafarers and those on passing ships in grave danger – especially at night.

Arctic Shipping Routes: Russia’s Challenges and Uncertainties. Lawson W. Brigham. Independent Barents Observer (Norway). 12 August 2022. Available from: https://thebarentsobserver.com/en/opinions/2022/08/arctic-shipping-routes-russias-challenges-and-uncertainties In March 2021 with global attention focused on the mega-container ship Ever Given stuck in the Suez Canal, President Putin and his ministers were quick to proclaim that Russia’s Northern Sea Route (NSR) and the entire length of the Russian maritime Arctic were open for global shipping.

Ukraine: No smooth sailing for grain via the Black Sea. Deutsche Welle (Germany). 13 August 2022. Available from: https://www.dw.com/en/ukraine-no-smooth-sailing-for-grain-via-the-black-sea/a-62799432 There is a shortage of bread in Lebanon and when it is available, it is very expensive.

Shippers prepare for worst as Rhine levels near critical low. Associated Press. 13 August 2022. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/droughts-germany-shipping-774dfbed81fae53c75126162b877032 Shipping companies prepared to halt the transport of goods on the Rhine as water levels in Germany’s biggest river neared a critically low point Saturday.

Location of 1st ship to leave Ukraine carrying grain unknown. Associated Press. 15 August 2022. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/russia-ukraine-middle-east-syria-lebanon-d098e435d0ac76a031e0cae39e884fdf The first grain ship to leave Ukraine under a wartime deal has had its cargo resold several times and there is now no information about its location and cargo destination, the Ukrainian embassy in Beirut said Monday.

First ship in Ukrainian grain corridor arrives in Syria. Daniel Logan. ShippingWatch. 16 August 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article14312453.ece The now world-famous dry bulk ship Razoni, which on Aug. 1 became the first vessel to leave Ukraine loaded with grain via the corridor that was negotiated by Ukraine and Russia with the UN and Turkey as mediators, has reportedly sailed to a port in Syria.

Ship Carrying Ukraine’s First Grain Cargo Docks in Syria After Two Weeks at Sea. Maya Gebely, Yoruk Isik and Daphne Psaledakis. gCaptain. 16 August 2022. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/ship-carrying-ukraines-first-grain-cargo-docks-in-syria-after-two-weeks-at-sea/ The first ship to depart Ukraine under a deal to resume grain exports from the country two weeks ago docked in the Syrian port city of Tartous on Tuesday, according to a shipping source and satellite data.

Iranian vessel retrieves seized oil, leaves Greece. Tehran Times (Iran). 16 August 2022. Available from: https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/475743 Following the seizure of the Lana, previously the Pegas, Iranian soldiers seized two Greek tankers in the Persian Gulf in May, which have yet to be freed.
Bulk of Ukraine grain ships changing course after clearance. Bridget Diakun and Nidaa Bakhsh. Lloyd’s List. 16 August 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1141967 Over half of the ships carrying grain and other foodstuffs from Ukraine’s export hubs have changed course to call at ports that were not part of their original destination.


Ukraine expects biggest convoy of ships to load since grain export deal. Reuters. 17 August 2022. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/ukraine-expects-biggest-convoy-ships-load-since-grain-export-deal-2022-08-17/ Ukraine expects five ships to arrive at its Chornomorsk Black Sea port on Wednesday for loading with more than 70,000 tonnes of agricultural products, the largest convoy so far under a U.N.-brokered grain export deal.

How does shipping cope with the decline of the Rhine? Terry Macalister. TradeWinds. 18 August 2022. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/how-does-shipping-cope-with-the-decline-of-the-rhine/-2-1-1278905 Barges have halted operations on parts of the Rhine, the most important inland waterway in Europe, due to record high summer temperatures and low water levels.


33 dry bulk vessels loaded with grain have left Ukrainian ports. Lars Attrup. ShippingWatch. 24 August 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Bulk/article14335298.ece In three weeks, Ukrainian exporters have shipped 720,000 tonnes of grain from the country’s ports by the Black Sea.

Sanctions-Hit Russia Sending Fuel Oil to Asia Using Ship-to-Ship Transfers. gCaptain. 24 August 2022. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/sanctions-hit-russia-sending-fuel-oil-to-asia-using-ship-to-ship-transfers/ Under pressure from Western sanctions, Russia is exporting more fuel oil to Asia and using ship-to-ship transfers to build larger cargoes for distant markets, according to traders and Refinitiv data.

Demand surges on Ukraine grain corridor. Nidaa Bakhsh. Lloyd’s List. 24 August 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1142025 The maritime corridor set up by the United Nations to allow the release of grains from war-torn Ukraine is getting busier as demand and confidence grow.


New charts map seabed and marine ecosystems. Cayman News Service (Cayman Islands). 29 August 2022. Available from: https://caymannewsservice.com/2022/08/new-charts-map-seabed-and-marine-ecosystems/ The newly completed seabed mapping survey of the Cayman Islands by the UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO) will support marine navigation safety and provide an invaluable source of information to support the management, protection and understanding of the local marine environment, according to a release from the Ministry of District Administration and Lands.

Ukraine grain deal: Where are the ships going? Paul Adams. BBC News. 30 August 2022. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-62717010 Speaking in Istanbul on 22 July, Antonio Guterres said the Black Sea Grain Initiative would bring relief for “the most vulnerable people on the edge of famine”.

Inmarsat study reveals surge in maritime data usage as shipping industry seeks increased connectivity. Inmarsat. 31 August 2022. Available from: https://www.inmarsat.com/en/news/latest-news/maritime/2022/maritime-data-usage-surge-increased-connectivity-study.html Data usage on commercial maritime vessels has jumped more than threefold since 2019, according to new communications analysis that underlines the shipping industry’s reliance on digital connectivity to enhance operating efficiency and safeguard crew welfare during a period of unprecedented disruption to seaborne trade.

PIRACY


PORTS & HARBOURS


Chinese ports linking Mongolia reopen, facilitating bilateral trade and enhancing cooperation. Global Times (China). 31 July 2022. Available from: https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202207/1271828.shtml Ports in North China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region linking Mongolia are reopening as the COVID-19 outbreaks have eased there, which an expert said will further promote trade despite global uncertainties and geopolitical tensions.


Turkish port slapped with sanctions as US turns eye toward Russia. Matt Coyne. TradeWinds. 2 August 2022. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/law/turkish-port-slapped-with-sanctions-as-us-turns-eye-toward-russia/2-1-1270621 The owner of a port facility in southern Turkey has landed on the US blacklist over its alleged connections to a Russian oligarch.

Port authority announces new container imbalance fee to minimize congestion due to excess empty containers at port of New York and Jersey. Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. 2 August 2022. Available from: https://bit.ly/3CgjKrp The Port of New York and New Jersey will implement a new quarterly container imbalance fee for ocean carriers as part of the seaport’s multi-pronged effort to aggressively move to handle record cargo volumes spurred by peak cargo season and a cargo shift from the West Coast, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey announced today.

MPA completes its investigations into bunker fuel contamination in Singapore port. Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA). 3 August 2022. Available from: https://www.mpa.gov.sg/media-centre/details/mpa-completes-its-investigations-into-bunker-fuel-contamination-in-singapore-port The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) was notified on 14 March 2022 that a number of ships had been supplied with High Sulphur Fuel Oil (HSFO) containing high concentration levels of Chlorinated Organic Compounds (COC) (1,2-Dichloroethane, Tetrachloroethylene) in the Port of Singapore.

Ukraine’s Danube ports face logistics setbacks amid grain corridor opening. Bridget Diakun. Lloyd’s List. 3 August 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1141815 Ukraine’s Danube ports are facing new logistics issues owing to a temporary restriction on the use of the Bystre Canal and falling water levels limiting the maximum draught of passing ships.

Romanian Black Sea port to keep shipping Ukrainian grain, seeks EU funding. Luiza Ilie. Euronews. 4 August 2022. Available from: https://www.euronews.com/2022/08/04/ukraine-crisis-grain-romania-constanta-port At the Romanian Black Sea port of Constanta dockers have worked for months to ship out Ukrainian grain in addition to their usual loads from Romania and its landlocked neighbours.

Wait over as Chennai Port offers shore leave to sailors. New Indian Express. 4 August 2022. Available from: https://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/chennai/2022/aug/04/wait-over-as-chennai-port-offers-shore-leave-to-sailors-2483856.html Indian seafarers on coastal ships can heave a sigh of relief as the Chennai Port has agreed to grant shore leave to them, provided they adhere to basic protocols of undergoing dual vaccination and wearing masks.

Port silos crack and fall near Beirut waterfront as protesters mark two years since deadly blast. France 24. 5 August 2022. Available from: https://bit.ly/3EkV2ss In a grim reminder of the disaster, several grain silos that were left heavily damaged by the blast collapsed on Thursday afternoon, only hundreds of metres from where crowds were gathering at the city’s waterfront.


Cuba fire rages at fuel storage port; Mexico, Venezuela sending help. Marc Frank and Nelson Acosta. Reuters. 7 August 2022. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/major-fire-spreads-cuban-fuel-storage-facility-hit-by-lightning-2022-08-06/ A massive oil-fed fire burned for a second day on Saturday near Cuba’s supertanker port in Matanzas, as Mexico and Venezuela sent teams to help fight the inferno and Cuba accepted a U.S. offer of unspecified “technical advice”.


Felixstowe strike: Workers at UK’s biggest container port to walk off the job for eight days. Sharon Marris. Sky News. 8 August 2022. Available from: https://news.sky.com/story/felixstowe-strike-workers-at-uks-biggest-container-port-to-walk-off-the-job-for-more-than-a-week-12666197 More than 1,900 members of Unite union at Felixstowe will strike for eight days from Sunday 21 August until Monday 29 August.

Panama Canal grapples with climate change threat. BBC News. 9 August 2022. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-62407514 Global warming and changing weather patterns are affecting the water supply for one of the world’s most important waterways, the Panama Canal, as well as access to drinking water for millions of Panamanians, reports journalist Grace Livingstone from Panama City.

Corn bulk ship leaves Chornomorsk port for South Korea; concerns over quality. Hellenic Shipping News. 10 August 2022. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/corn-bulk-ship-leaves-chornomorsk-port-for-south-korea-concerns-over-quality/ MV Ocean Lion has sailed from Ukraine’s port of Chornomorsk early Aug. 9 destined for South Korea, bringing the total to 12 ships to leave Ukraine since Turkey and the UN brokered a deal to resume grains shipment via a humanitarian maritime corridor out of the Black Sea.

Congestion increases on route from Europe to US. Daniel Logan. ShippingWatch. 10 August 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article14297420.ece Ports around the world are still struggling with extensive congestion and delayed ships, but whereas delays have waned slightly on the container industry’s main artery from Asia to northern Europe, the development is going in the opposite direction on the route across the Atlantic Ocean.


UK port strike to affect $800m in trade as ships redirect. Ian Lewis. *TradeWinds.* 17 August 2022. Available from: [https://www.tradewindsnews.com/containerships/uk-port-strike-to-affect-800m-in-trade-as-ships-redirect/2-1-1279747](https://www.tradewindsnews.com/containerships/uk-port-strike-to-affect-800m-in-trade-as-ships-redirect/2-1-1279747) The pending strike at the UK’s biggest container port will divert ships and disrupt more than $800m in trade, analysis shows.


Jebel Ali port blast was result of negligence, court finds. Ali Al Shouk. *The National (UAE).* 17 August 2022. Available from: [https://www.thenationalnews.com/uae/2022/08/17/last-years-jebel-ali-port-blast-caused-due-to-negligence-court-finds/](https://www.thenationalnews.com/uae/2022/08/17/last-years-jebel-ali-port-blast-caused-due-to-negligence-court-finds/) Five men have each been given a one-month suspended prison sentence and fined Dh100,000 after being convicted of causing the fire that led to an explosion on board a container ship at Jebel Ali Port last year.

Almost 2,000 Felixstowe port workers begin eight-day strike over pay, raising fears of supply chain disruption. Sky News. 21 August 2022. Available from: https://news.sky.com/story/almost-2-000-felixstowe-port-workers-to-begin-eight-day-strike-over-pay-raising-fears-of-supply-chain-disruption-12678095 The strike at Felixstowe port on the east coast rounds off a week that saw various strikes by thousands of transport workers in disputes over pay, as the cost of living crisis bites.

INSIGHT: Singapore’s MPA Sets Out Further Details of Green and Digital Corridor Scheme With Rotterdam. Ship & Bunker. 22 August 2022. Available from: https://shipandbunker.com/news/apac/189478 The Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) of Singapore is considering a range of alternative fuels in its deal with the Port of Rotterdam to set up a ‘green and digital corridor’ for shipping between the two hubs.

$4.7 billion in trade to be delayed in eight-day strike at Port of Felixstowe. Lori Ann LaRocco. CNBC (US). 23 August 2022. Available from: https://www.cnbc.com/2022/08/23/4point7-billion-in-trade-delayed-in-eight-day-strike-at-felixstowe.html The U.K.’s largest container port, Felixstowe, is essentially at a standstill after 1,900 members of the Unite union walked out for eight days over failed wage negotiations.


Cruise ships back in NZ waters: Should we really be welcoming them? Timothy Welch. Radio New Zealand. 24 August 2022. Available from: https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/on-the-inside/473378/cruise-ships-back-in-nz-waters-should-we-really-be-welcoming-them The return this month of the first cruise liner to Auckland’s Waitamata Harbour was accompanied by the sort of fanfare normally reserved for visiting foreign dignitaries: a tugboat decked out in bunting, a circling helicopter, even the mayor on hand to welcome the ship.

Port strike in Felixstowe may delay containers for a billion-dollar figure. Jens Thomsen. ShippingWatch. 24 August 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/Ports/article14337756.ece Wednesday, around 1,900 port workers continued their eight-day strike in key UK port Felixstowe – a strike expected to delay or affect the transportation of container freight for a total amount of USD 4.7bn, according to media CNBC with reference to calculations by MDS Transmodal.


Covid lockdowns return to key Chinese port cities. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 30 August 2022. Available from: https://splash247.com/covid-lockdowns-return-to-key-chinese-port-cities/ Covid lockdowns are ticking up in China again with neighbourhoods in key port cities such as Shenzhen and Dalian forced back home this week, and mass testing underway at other important maritime gateways including Tianjin.


**REGULATIONS**


What will happen when IMO rules force container ships to slow down? Ian Lewis. TradeWinds. 15 August 2022. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/containerships/what-will-happen-when-imo-rules-force-container-ships-to-slow-down/2-1-1277122 With barely four months to go until the introduction of new carbon reduction legislation, it remains unclear how container shipping will be affected.


SALVAGE

Canadian Coast Guard removes another large hazardous vessel from B.C. coastline. Government of Canada. 15 August 2022. Available from: https://bit.ly/3EmJBk8 Under the Oceans Protection Plan, the Government of Canada is working to reduce the number of vessels of concern in Canadian waters, and minimize their impact on coastal communities, the environment and the public.

SEAFARERS

Ukraine grain ship crew overjoyed to set sail amid worries about mines. Reuters. 1 August 2022. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/ukraine-grain-ship-crew-overjoyed-set-sail-amid-worries-about-mines-2022-08-01/ News that his ship would be allowed to leave the Ukrainian port of Odesa carrying grain was the “best feeling” of the year, a joyful crew member said on Monday, adding he was worried about mines.


Be good brand ambassadors of our country, Uhuru tells new Seafarers. Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC). 4 August 2022. Available from: https://www.kbc.co.ke/be-good-brand-ambassadors-of-our-country-uhuru-tells-new-seafarers/ President Uhuru Kenyatta has challenged 350 newly hired seafarers to be good brand ambassadors of the Kenyan nation saying their conduct will determine the demand for Kenyan maritime professionals by international shipping lines.

The Seafarers' Wages Bill which, if enacted in its current form, will provide that certain seafarers who are not entitled to UK National Minimum Wage (NMW) should be paid at least an equivalent amount when working in UK waters, has received its second reading in the House of Lords where the Bill was introduced.

Seafarer ministries look to industry as demand shifts continue. Matt Coyne. TradeWinds. 11 August 2022. Available from: [https://shippingwatches.com/carriers/article14310011.ece](https://shippingwatches.com/carriers/article14310011.ece) The industry needs to support maritime ministries as they rethink and reshape their work, Mission to Seafarers secretary general Rev Andrew Wright said.


Seafarers shortage has only worsened since last summer. Tomas Kristiansen. ShippingWatch. 15 August 2022. Available from: [https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/2022/seafarer-shortage-has-only-worsened-since-last-summer](https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/2022/seafarer-shortage-has-only-worsened-since-last-summer) It’s only every fifth year that the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) assesses the need for ship crews and officers, and new job candidates constantly graduate from maritime schools around the world.


P&O Ferries given ultimatum as firm’s owner posts record profit. Sky News. 19 August 2022. Available from: [https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/cruise-lines-crew-shortages-lead-to-cancelled-trips-less-pizza-1.1805230](https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/cruise-lines-crew-shortages-lead-to-cancelled-trips-less-pizza-1.1805230) Carnival Corp.’s Princess Cruises this week cancelled 11 fall sailings on its Diamond Princess, saying it couldn’t provide the level of service customers expect amid ongoing labor shortages.

India, Iran sign MoU for smooth movement of seafarers between both countries. The Hindu (India). 22 August 2022. Available from: [https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-iran-sign-mou-for-smooth-movement-of-seafarers-between-both-countries/article65798154.ece](https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-iran-sign-mou-for-smooth-movement-of-seafarers-between-both-countries/article65798154.ece) In a bid to smoothen the movement of seafarers between the two countries, India and Iran on Monday signed a Memorandum of Understanding on recognition of Certificates of Competency in Unlimited Voyages to help seafarers from both the countries as per the provisions of International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch Keeping for Seafarers (1978).

NIMASA working to incorporate revised seafarer working conditions in act—JAMOH.

Seafarers stuck at Felixstowe port during strike. Marcus Hand. Seatrade Maritime News. 26 August 2022. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/ports/seafarers-stuck-felixstowe-port-during-strike The container vessel George Washington Bridge in Felixstowe was scheduled to leave port the day before the strike started on 20 August, however, departure was delayed and the seafarers remained on the vessel once the strike started on Sunday.

Meet the seafarers. ABC (Australia). 26 August 2022. Available from: https://www.abc.net.au/melbourne/programs/theconversationhour/the-conversation-hour/14026436 They are the unsung and unknown front line workers, moving essential cargo, keeping all countries wealth and health afloat.

Seafarers Get Time for Shore Leave During Felixstowe Strike. Maritime Executive. 26 August 2022. Available from: https://maritime-executive.com/article/seafarers-get-time-for-shore-leave-during-felixstowe-strike The strike at the Port of Felixstow is creating challenges for UK importers and exporters, and it has also delayed several vessels within the port complex.


Hope fades for sailor lost overboard from ship off Otago coast. Stuff (New Zealand). 28 August 2022. Available from: https://www.stuff.co.nz/southland-times/news/129708835 Hopes are fading for a sailor missing at sea for more than 24 hours off the Otago coast.

SEARCH & RESCUE

Rescue ship gets OK to bring 438 rescued migrants to Italy. Associated Press. 29 July 2022. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/immigration-migration-italy-76c31d35eadb83dc4ebe5df0e71079f A German humanitarian organization’s maritime rescue ship was sailing Friday to the Italian mainland to disembark 438 migrants who were rescued in the Mediterranean Sea off Libya, where many people smugglers are based.


Ships of humanitarian organisations systematically carrying out activities relating to the search for and rescue of persons at sea may be subject to controls by the port State. *Court of Justice of the European Union.* 1 August 2022. Available from: [https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/upload/docs/application/pdf/2022-08/cp220138en.pdf](https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/upload/docs/application/pdf/2022-08/cp220138en.pdf) However, the port State may adopt detention measures only in the event of a clear risk to safety, health or the environment, which it is for that State to demonstrate.


**SHIP RECYCLING**

Toxic warship “Clemenceau II” starts voyage from Brazil to the Mediterranean Sea. *NGO Shipbreaking Platform.* 5 August 2022. Available from: [https://shipbreakingplatform.org/aircraft-carrier-sao-paulo-leaves-brazil/](https://shipbreakingplatform.org/aircraft-carrier-sao-paulo-leaves-brazil/) Reports from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil confirm that the sister ship of the infamous aircraft carrier CLEMENCEAU, formerly known as French warship FOCHE, and most recently named the SÃO PAULO, has now been placed under tow on an about 6000-mile journey to Aliaga, Turkey, where it is to be scrapped.

Turkey demands new survey of massive toxic warship before import. *NGO Shipbreaking Platform.* 23 August 2022. Available from: [https://shipbreakingplatform.org/turkey-demands-new-ihm-of-navy-ship-sao-paulo/](https://shipbreakingplatform.org/turkey-demands-new-ihm-of-navy-ship-sao-paulo/) Claiming for weeks that the export of the ship from Brazil to Turkey is illegal under the Basel and Barcelona Conventions and that the current IHM is not credible, environmental, and labor rights groups working on this matter in Turkey, Brazil, and internationally praised the Turkish action.
SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR


South Korea accounts for over half of new ship orders globally. Kim Wiesener. *ShippingWatch.* 9 August 2022. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article14293974.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article14293974.ece) Asia continues to completely dominate the shipbuilding market, with South Korea and China in first and second place, respectively.

Lots of gas but no more ships. Paul Bartlett. *Seatrade Maritime News.* 10 August 2022. Available from: [https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/ing/lots-gas-no-more-ships](https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/ing/lots-gas-no-more-ships) This was the warning from Lloyd’s Register (LR) gas guru, Panos Mitrou, who said that LNG shipbuilders are full until well into the second half of the decade.


Shipbuilding facilities have to be upgraded for implementation of new projects by 2030. Denis Manturov. *Port News.* 19 August 2022. Available from: [https://en.portnews.ru/news/334153/](https://en.portnews.ru/news/334153/) When speaking at the meeting on developing the shipbuilding industry held by Russian President Vladimir Putin, Denis Manturov, Deputy Prime Minister – Minister of Industry and Trade, said that the capacities of the shipbuilding plants have to be upgraded and expanded considerably to implement several hundred new projects by 2030.

Germany to provide €30 million per year for development of digitalization and zero-emission vessels. Safety4Sea. 22 August 2022. Available from: https://safety4sea.com/germany-to-provide-e30-million-per-year-for-development-of-digitalization-and-zero-emission-vessels/ Germany unveiled its decision to allocate millions of euros for the development of zero-emission vessels and support digitisation in shipbuilding.


Demo expert warns replacing older tonnage could raise carbon emissions. Paul Bartlett. Seatrade Maritime News. 25 August 2022. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulation/demo-expert-warns-replacing-older-tonnage-could-raise-carbon-emissions Dr Anand M. Hiremath, Chief Sustainability Officer at GMS, the world’s largest cash buyer of end-of-life ships, believes that the IMO’s energy efficiency existing ship index (EEXI) and carbon intensity indicator (CII) assessments that all ships of more 400gt, could be counter-productive from an emissions standpoint.


The shipbuilding shift to a data-centric workflow. Darren Guillory. WorkBoat. 25 August 2022. Available from: https://www.workboat.com/shippingbuilding/the-shipbuilding-shift-to-a-data-centric-workflow In the shipbuilding industry, it is my observation that most shipbuilding organizations are slow to adopt innovation and change implementation.

South Korean shipbuilder bets on methanol-powered vessels in decarbonisation push. Port News. 29 August 2022. Available from: https://en.portnews.ru/digest/23293/ One of the world’s greatest shipbuilders expects orders for methanol-powered ships to surge within the coming many years, as more durable environmental rules intensify a push to make use of various gasoline sources.


**SHIPPING**

**Can anything thwart the boxship boom? Royal Institution of Naval Architects (RINA).** 26 July 2022. Available from: [https://www.rina.org.uk/Can_anything_thwart_the_boxshipBoom.html](https://www.rina.org.uk/Can_anything_thwart_the_boxshipBoom.html) While the Covid era brought huge changes to many of our lives, for the container ship sector it very quickly turned into a boom cycle that continues to show little sign of slowing down, at least not yet.


**Insurance for Ukraine grain exports to come ‘at a reasonable price’.** Adam Corbett. TradeWinds. 29 July 2022. Available from: [https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insurance/insurance-for-ukraine-grain-exports-to-come-at-a-reasonable-price/2-1-1268603](https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insurance/insurance-for-ukraine-grain-exports-to-come-at-a-reasonable-price/2-1-1268603) An insurance scheme has been finalised to cover Ukrainian grain shipments, with the deal getting the support of the Lloyd’s of London market.

**Ukraine War Strains Shipping and Supply Chain.** Rahul Khanna. Risk Management. 1 August 2022. Available from: [http://www.rmmagazine.com/articles/article/2022/08/01/ukraine-war-strains-shipping-and-supply-chain](http://www.rmmagazine.com/articles/article/2022/08/01/ukraine-war-strains-shipping-and-supply-chain) In addition to the tragic human toll, Russia’s war against Ukraine has also caused widespread disruption to global shipping, and is exacerbating ongoing supply chain disruption, port congestion and crew crises caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Shipping plays it cool as Chinese military exercises threaten to blockade Taiwan.** Jonathan Boonzaier and Irene Ang. TradeWinds. 3 August 2022. Available from: [https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insight/shipping-plays-it-cool-as-chinese-military-exercises-threaten-to-blockade-taiwan/2-1-1270708](https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insight/shipping-plays-it-cool-as-chinese-military-exercises-threaten-to-blockade-taiwan/2-1-1270708) Taiwan’s defence ministry claims that Chinese military exercises scheduled to take place from Thursday to Sunday will create a sea and air blockade of the island.

**Inspectors OK 1st Ukraine grain ship but no sign yet of more.** Associated Press. 4 August 2022. Available from: [https://apnews.com/article/russia-ukraine-middle-east-istanbul-98121dddef31f236ebdcd4d99d020c14a](https://apnews.com/article/russia-ukraine-middle-east-istanbul-98121dddef31f236ebdcd4d99d020c14a) The first grain ship to leave Ukraine and cross the Black Sea under a wartime deal passed inspection Wednesday in Istanbul and headed on to Lebanon.

**More lifesaving grain shipments authorized to leave Ukraine.** UN News. 4 August 2022. Available from: [https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/08/1124032](https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/08/1124032) The Joint Coordination Centre (JCC) which is managing the Black Sea Grain Initiative, agreed between the UN, Ukraine, Russia and Türkiye, has authorized the departure of three vessels - two from the port of Chornomorsk and one from Odesa, carrying a total of 58,041 tons of corn through the designated “maritime humanitarian corridor”.

**Four more bulkers cleared to carry Ukrainian grain as export plan accelerates.** Harry Papachristou. TradeWinds. 4 August 2022. Available from: [https://www.tradewinds.com/bulkers/four-more-bulkers-cleared-to-carry-ukrainian-grain-as-export-plan-accelerates/2-1-1272694](https://www.tradewinds.com/bulkers/four-more-bulkers-cleared-to-carry-ukrainian-grain-as-export-plan-accelerates/2-1-1272694) Four more bulkers are sailing to carry Ukrainian grain shipments under a UN-brokered safe passage deal, after the first successful export was carried out on Wednesday.
Ship Ukraine says is carrying stolen grain leaves Lebanon. Bassem Mroue. Associated Press. 4 August 2022. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/russia-ukraine-middle-east-syria-lebanon-e2f3bf09b667c02d86386a65b757044 A Syrian ship that Ukraine says is carrying stolen Ukrainian grain has left a Lebanese port after officials in Lebanon allowed it to sail following an investigation, Lebanon’s transport minister tweeted on Thursday.

The Lloyd’s List Podcast: Shipping’s multifarious multi-fuel future. Lloyd’s List. 5 August 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1141836 We talk in broad terms about a multi-fuel future coming for shipping, but there is still little clarity over what that means in practical terms and it is about to get more complicated before it gets easier.

Taiwan: How much disruption are Chinese military drills causing in one of the world’s busiest shipping lanes? Victoria Elms and Carmen Aguilar García. Sky News. 6 August 2022. Available from: https://news.sky.com/story/taiwan-how-much-disruption-are-military-drills-causing-in-one-of-the-worlds-busiest-shipping-lanes-12666257 Taiwanese authorities have asked vessels to avoid six zones where Chinese military drills are taking place, some of which are in or near the usually packed Taiwan Strait, until operations finish on Sunday.

Pope Francis hails departure of Ukrainian grain ships as ‘sign of hope’. Al Arabiya. 7 August 2022. Available from: https://english.alarabiya.net/News/world/2022/08/07/Pope-Francis-hails-departure-of-Ukrainian-grain-ships-as-sign-of-hope- Pope Francis on Sunday welcomed the departure from Ukrainian Black Sea ports of the first ships carrying grain previously blockaded by Russia, saying the breakthrough could be a model for dialogue to bring an end to the war in Ukraine.


Ukraine grain exports pick up pace. Nidaa Bakhsh. Lloyd’s List. 8 August 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1141859 The export of grain from Ukraine is picking up pace, with six more vessels earmarked for departure.

Shipping in a safe position despite shaky world economy. Jens Thomsen. ShippingWatch. 8 August 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article14289769.ece Although the world economy is threatened by Covid-19, inflation, supply chain bottlenecks, and war in Ukraine, the outlook for the shipping industry seems quite promising for the next year, according to Christopher Rex, shipping economist and chief analyst at Danish Ship Finance.

China extends military drills heralding ‘new normal’ for shipping off Taiwan. Cichen Shen. Lloyd’s List. 8 August 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1141866 China’s decision to extend military drills around Taiwan is likely to become the “new normal”, which could keep affecting shipping operations and supply chain efficiency, a security intelligence firm has warned.
Two more grain ships leave Ukraine, bringing total to 12 under new deal. Yesim Dikmen and Ezgi Erkoyun. Reuters. 9 August 2022. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/two-more-grain-ships-sail-ukraine-turkey-says-2022-08-09/ Two more grain-carrying ships left Ukraine’s Chornomorsk port on Tuesday, Turkey’s defence ministry said, as part of a deal to unblock Ukrainian sea exports, bringing the total to leave the country under a safe passage deal to 12.

Ukraine grain cargo rejected by Lebanese buyer. Nidaa Bakhsh and Tomer Raanan. Lloyd’s List. 9 August 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1141875 As two more vessels departed Ukraine under the maritime corridor deal set up by the United Nations, Türkiye, Ukraine and Russia, the first shipment on board Razoni (IMO: 9086526) is in limbo as the Lebanese buyer has refused to accept the cargo.

Ukraine grain shipment bulker not covered for war risk or cargo. Nidaa Bakhsh and David Osler. Lloyd’s List. 10 August 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1141897 The elderly bulk carrier charged with moving the first grain export shipment from Ukraine since the Russian invasion appears to be uninsured for either hull war risk or cargo risk, at least in the London market.

First humanitarian aid ship heads to Ukraine to load grains for Africa. Lloyd’s List. 10 August 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1141895 The first humanitarian aid ship is headed to Ukraine to pick up a cargo of grain bound for Africa.

U.N. Expects ‘Big Uptick’ in the Supply of Ships for Ukraine Grain. Michelle Nichols. gcaptain. 10 August 2022. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/u-n-expects-big-uptick-in-the-supply-of-ships-for-ukraine-grain/ The United Nations expects a "big uptick” in ships wanting to export Ukraine grain through the Black Sea after transit procedures were agreed and a goal of 2-5 million tonnes a month is “achievable,” a senior U.N. official said on Wednesday.

Panama Ship Registry grows by 9.6% in three years. Michele Labrut. Seatrade Maritime News. 11 August 2022. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulation/panama-ship-registry-grows-96-three-years The registry recorded a total tonnage of 239.4m gt as of July 2022 with 8,587 vessels, according to IHS Markit data.

JCC sees surge in inquiries to ship grains from Ukraine. Nidaa Bakhsh. Lloyd’s List. 11 August 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1141907 Interest in shipping Ukrainian grains is growing following more than a week since the inaugural ship departed the war-torn country through the newly established maritime corridor.


Vessel to collect first humanitarian wheat shipment under Ukraine grain deal. UN News. 12 August 2022. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/08/1124612 This will be the first shipment of humanitarian food assistance under the Black Sea Grain Initiative signed last month by Ukraine, Russia and Türkiye.

More blank sailings on the cards as ocean spot rates continue to tumble. Mike Wackett. The Loadstar. 12 August 2022. Available from: https://theloadstar.com/more-blank-sailings-on-the-cards-as-ocean-spot-rates-continue-to-tumble/ Container spot rates are falling fast on all export routes from China in what should normally be the peak season for demand.

Insurance remains biggest barrier for Ukraine’s grain corridor. Daniel Logan. ShippingWatch. 15 August 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Bulk/article14308216.ece Not often does the world watch TV and see a mid-size dry bulk ship set out from a port on the Black Sea loaded with grain.

Aid agency and big traders pushing for Ukraine grain lift-off. Holly Birkett. TradeWinds. 15 August 2022. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/aid-agency-and-big-traders-pushing-for-ukraine-grain-lift-off/2-1-1266998 The grain trade in Ukraine is grinding into life with support from big traders and aid cargoes that will make their way to countries with insecure food supplies.

First WFP vessel leaves Ukraine, boosting efforts to get food supplies to people threatened by famine. World Food Programme. 16 August 2022. Available from: https://www.wfp.org/news/first-wfp-vessel-leaves-ukraine-boosting-efforts-get-food-supplies-people-threatened-famine The shipment of 23,000 metric tons of wheat grain will go to WFP’s humanitarian response in the Horn of Africa where the threat of famine stalks the drought-hit region.

European shipowners wary of lifting grain from Ukraine. Nidaa Bakhsh and Bridget Diakun. Lloyd’s List. 16 August 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1141951 Leading European bulker owners say they are playing it safe when it comes to moving grains from Ukraine, despite the opening of the maritime corridor that has seen 36 vessels pass through so far.


Over 622,000 tons of shipments carried out via Ukraine grain corridor since Aug. 1. Anadolu Agency (Türkiye). 18 August 2022. Available from: https://www.aa.com.tr/en/economy/over-622-000-tons-of-shipments-carried-out-via-ukraine-grain-corridor-since-aug-1/2664070 More than 622,000 tons of grain were shipped from Ukrainian ports since Aug. 1 as part of a recent grain export deal signed between Türkiye, the UN, Russia, and Ukraine.


Ukraine: Obstacles to global grain shipments remain. Eugen Theise. Deutsche Welle (Germany). 22 August 2022. Available from: https://www.dw.com/en/ukraine-obstacles-to-global-grain-shippments-remain/a-62876081 Around 30 ships have left the largest Ukrainian ports in the Black Sea since July 22, when Russia and Ukraine signed an agreement brokered by the United Nations and Turkey to allow grain exports from Ukraine to restart.


Supply chain decarbonisation? It’ll all come out in the greenwash. Nick Savvides. The Loadstar. 23 August 2022. Available from: https://theloadstar.com/supply-chain-decarbonisation-ittl-all-come-out-in-the-greenwash Supply chain decarbonisation, critical as it is, is morphing into something new and very different as the Covid-led transformation of the maritime sector sees the rise of customer-led sustainability pledges away from the traditional regulatory theme.

About 720,000 tons of food shipped out Ukraine under grain deal. Daily Sabah (Türkiye). 23 August 2022. Available from: https://www.dailysabah.com/business/economy/about-720000-tons-of-food-shipped-out-ukraine-under-grain-deal A total of 33 cargo ships carrying around 719,549 tons of foodstuffs have left Ukraine under a deal brokered by the United Nations and Türkiye to unblock Ukrainian seaports, the Ukrainian Agriculture Ministry said on Tuesday.


All aboard – the business case for diversity and inclusion in maritime. Heidi Heseltine. Nautilus International. 23 August 2022. Available from: https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/telegraph/all-aboard--the-business-case-for-diversity-and-inclusion-in-maritime/ The principles of diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) have been steadily gaining momentum within the maritime industry over recent years, but the pace of change has now increased significantly, both for those at sea and ashore.

European container capacity drops significantly, benefiting long-haul shipping. Jens Thomsen. ShippingWatch. 24 August 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article14335345.ece The major boom in container traffic, especially from Asia to the US, has drained transport capacity in Europe, Asia and Africa, according to a report by analyst firm Alphaliner.

Cruise ships say they are getting greener, but critics want faster change. Amanda Cropp. Stuff (New Zealand). 24 August 2022. Available from: https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/green-business/129581715 The cruise industry is investing billions of dollars to make its global fleet carbon-neutral by 2050, but critics argue it is not moving fast enough to clean up its act.

Middle East shipping and ports ‘primed for hydrogen transition’. Trade Arabia. 25 August 2022. Available from: http://www.tradearabia.com/news/IND_399944.html With hydrogen emerging as an attractive and viable solution to maritime decarbonisation, the Middle East is well positioned to establish itself as a leading producer and exporter of the clean energy source, says an expert.

Stena Line reports 11% reduction of carbon emissions. Hellenic Shipping News. 25 August 2022. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/stena-line-reports-11-reduction-of-carbon-emissions/ Stena Line has decreased the carbon emissions by 11% per tonne of cargo carried over each nautical mile, as well as achieving a reduction of 4% total ship emissions compared to pre-Covid operations.

Bumper enquiries to shift Ukraine grain. Bridget Diakun. Lloyd’s List. 26 August 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1142060/ A total of 44 ships have left Ukraine under the Black Sea grain initiative, with 984,536 tonnes of agricultural products on board.

Ukraine grain silos backed up as new harvest comes in. Deutsche Welle (Germany). 28 August 2022. Available from: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RAR3EpkbIW8 The UN says millions of tons of grain still need to be cleared from Ukrainian silos to make room for the new harvest.

Inspectors from UNODC provide critical support for over one million tonnes of grain shipments from Ukraine in August. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). 29 August 2022. Available from: https://www.un.org/unodc/frontpage/2022/August/inspectors-from-unodc-provide-critical-support-for-over-one-million-tonnes-of-grain-shipments-from-ukraine-in-august.html Inspectors from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) this month have been providing critical support for the delivery of over one million tonnes of grain and other foodstuffs from Ukraine to global markets and food-insecure regions as part of the Black Sea Grain Initiative, mediated by UN Secretary-General António Guterres.


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Pichegru L, Vibert L, et al. Maritime traffic trends around the southern tip of Africa – Did marine noise pollution contribute to the local penguins’ collapse? *Science of The Total Environment*. 6 August 2022. Available from: [https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0048969722049774](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0048969722049774) The rapid increase in seaborne trade since the 1990s has resulted in an increase in vessel-derived noise pollution, yet there is little evidence linking these activities to a decline in many marine taxa, such as seabirds.

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