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IMO NEWS & EVENTS

WHAT’S NEW

New code of safety for ships carrying industrial personnel adopted

A new mandatory safety code for ships carrying industrial personnel – aimed at ensuring the safety of people transported to work on offshore facilities including windfarms – has been adopted by IMO’s Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 106), which met 2 - 11 November 2022.

The new Chapter XV of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) and the associated new International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel (IP Code) were developed by the IMO Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC 8). More...

Rules on ship carbon intensity and rating system enter into force

Amendments to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) Annex VI enter into force on 1 November 2022. Developed under the framework of the Initial IMO Strategy on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships agreed in 2018, these technical and operational amendments require ships to improve their energy efficiency in the short term and thereby reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. More...

MEETING SUMMARIES AND SCHEDULE

Previous Meetings

Council, 128th session 28 November – 2 December 2022

Forthcoming Meetings

Intersessional Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (ISWG-GHG13) 5 – 9 December 2022 test

Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC79), 12 – 16 December 2022

Programme of Meetings for 2023
UNITED NATIONS

Security Council debates Russian withdrawal from crucial Ukraine grain deal. *UN News.*

Black Sea grain deal shipments on hold Wednesday, following Russia suspension. *UN News.*
1 November 2022. Available from: [https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/11/1130092](https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/11/1130092) UN officials stationed at the Joint Coordination Centre (JCC) for the UN-brokered Black Sea Grain Initiative have said there will be no movement of vessels on Wednesday, in the light of Russia’s decision to suspend its involvement in the deal.

UN chief warmly welcomes Russia decision to end suspension from Ukraine grain deal. *UN News.*


Ukraine grain deal, Ethiopia agreement, show ‘power of multilateralism in action’: Guterres. *UN News.*
3 November 2022. Available from: [https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/11/1130147](https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/11/1130147) Russia’s decision to rejoin the Black Sea Grain Initiative and the Ethiopian agreement to end the war in Tigray demonstrate the power of multilateralism in action, said the UN chief on Thursday, in a call for countries to also rebuild trust between the North and South at the UN’s COP27 climate conference in Egypt.

More funding needed for climate adaptation, as risks mount. *UN News.*

COP27 begins a ‘new era to do things differently’, UN climate change chief declares as pivotal conference gets underway. *UN News.*
6 November 2022. Available from: [https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/11/1130242](https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/11/1130242) The UN Climate Change Conference in Sharm el-Sheik, Egypt, should shift the world towards implementation of previously agreed plans to tackle humanity’s greatest challenge, Simon Stiell, the new Executive Secretary of the UN Climate Convention (UNFCCC), said on Sunday at the opening of COP27.


Dirty fossil fuel investments and a new AI inventory of global emissions in the spotlight during ‘Finance Day’ at COP27. UN News. 9 November 2022. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/11/1130372 The first of the ‘thematic’ days kicked off on Wednesday at COP27, focused on finance, and activists made it clear right from the start that there must be a global push to re-direct the hundreds of billions of dollars invested annually in fossil fuels to help fund community-led renewable energy initiatives.


COP27 closes with deal on loss and damage: ‘A step towards justice’, says UN chief. UN News. 20 November 2022. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/11/1130832 “This COP has taken an important step towards justice. I welcome the decision to establish a loss and damage fund and to operationalize it in the coming period,” UN Secretary-General António Guterres said in a video message issued from the conference venue in Egypt, underscoring that the voices of those on frontlines of the climate crisis must be heard.
CASUALTIES

Response to Media Queries on Grounding of Djibouti-flagged Vessel Young Yong. *Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)*. 31 October 2022. Available from: https://www.mpa.gov.sg/media-centre/details/response-to-media-queries-on-grounding-of-djibouti-flagged-vessel-young-yong In response to media queries, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) said that it was informed by the master of the Djibouti-registered tanker, YOUNG YONG, that it had grounded off Takong Kecil in the Riau Islands, Indonesia in the Singapore Strait at around 2020h on 26 October.

Skipper sentenced after collision with 266-metre container ship. *Bay of Plenty Times (New Zealand)*. 2 November 2022. Available from: https://bit.ly/3HloHvG The Skipper of a near 20-metre fishing vessel has been sentenced this week after a collision off the Bay of Plenty coast with a 266-metre container ship in July last year.


Container ship accidents are a little understood but emerging threat to marine ecosystems, a new Concordia study shows. *Concordia University (Canada)*. 16 November 2022. Available from: https://www.concordia.ca/news/stories/2022/11/16/container-ship-accidents-are-a-little-understood-but-emerging-threat-to-marine-ecosystems-a-new-concordia-study-shows.html An estimated 80 per cent of the world’s cargo is transported via ship-borne containers — a method that has soared in use in the decades after World War II.


**ENVIRONMENT**

Climate Questions: What are the solutions to climate change? Dana Beltaji. *Associated Press*. 31 October 2022. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/science-climate-and-environment-46237878471f4b2357c389d7b91f1758 As the world warms and extreme weather events mount, governments and corporations have been called on to address climate change by top officials, climate scientists and activists and to curb levels of heating.

Hunt for deep sea minerals draws scrutiny amid green push. Dánica Coto. *Associated Press*. 2 November 2022. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/science-business-europe-united-nations-puerto-rico-999427c16a6f3681dc7b28a652c448e High demand for metals ranging from copper to cobalt is pushing the mining industry to explore the world’s deepest oceans, a troubling development for scientists who warn that extracting minerals from critical ecosystems that help regulate climate could cause irreparable damage.

Temperatures in Europe increase more than twice global average. *World Meteorological Organization (WMO)*. 2 November 2022. Available from: https://public.wmo.int/en/media/press-release/temperatures-europe-increase-more-twice-global-average As the warming trend continues, exceptional heat, wildfires, floods and other climate change impacts will affect society, economies and ecosystems, according to a new report from the WMO.


Great Blue Wall initiative: Build resilience in face of common threats, says Seychelles’ President. *Seychelles News Agency.* 8 November 2022. Available from: [http://www.seychellesnewsagency.com/articles/17697](http://www.seychellesnewsagency.com/articles/17697) Seychelles’ President Wavel Ramkalawan said he is pleased to see that the role of the ocean in addressing climate change is now being widely recognised, valued and considered during negotiations and global interactions.

Protected status ensures seals are safe in Dalian Zhang Xiaomin. *China Daily.* 9 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202211/09/WS636b06c6a3105ca1f2274e64.html](https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202211/09/WS636b06c6a3105ca1f2274e64.html) Lyu Xueyi has been working as a guardian at the Dalian National Spotted Seal Nature Reserve in the northeastern province of Liaoning for more than three years.


‘Our futures are being stolen!’ Youth activists tell COP27 negotiators it’s past time to tackle ‘loss and damage’. *UN News.* 10 November 2022. Available from: [https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/11/1130422](https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/11/1130422) Armed with banners, picket signs, megaphones, and especially with heart-wrenching testimonies backed by scientific and economic facts, the youth took over the halls of COP27 on Thursday to demand that negotiators address the issue of loss and damage.


COP27: Protecting biodiversity is protecting the Paris Agreement. UN News.
16 November 2022. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/11/1130677. "The two need to be looked at as being on the same wavelength, and not one higher than the other," Elizabeth Mrema, Executive Secretary of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the international legal instrument to protect biodiversity ratified by 196 nations, told UN News.

16 November 2022. Available from: https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/speech/towards-new-plan-biodiversity. It is a pleasure to co-convene this thematic day on biodiversity with Egypt – who, we mustn’t forget, carried the presidency for the Convention on Biological Diversity COP14, which started the process of developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.


Protecting the marine environment is vital say public. UK Government. 18 November 2022. Available from: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/protecting-the-marine-environment-is-vital-say-public. Whether its rambling along coastal paths, walking the dog or visiting coastal heritage sites, a new survey has revealed the overwhelming value the public feel the marine environment offers to their mental and physical health.


U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry – COP27 Closing Statement. United States Embassy in Egypt. 20 November 2022. Available from: https://eg.usembassy.gov/u-s-special-presidential-envoy-for-climate-john-kerry-cop27-closing-statement/. We extend our thanks to the Egyptian presidency, and to all the Egyptian people, for the incredible work of hosting COP27 and for their very warm welcome here in Sharm el-Sheikh – a remarkable place that radiates both the wonder and the fragility of our one common home, this magnificent planet Earth.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION


Strengthen mechanisms to respond to oil related accidents. *News Ghana*. 8 November 2022. Available from: [https://newsghana.com.gh/strengthen-mechanisms-to-respond-to-oil-related-accidents](https://newsghana.com.gh/strengthen-mechanisms-to-respond-to-oil-related-accidents) African countries operating in the oil and gas industry have been asked to strengthen mechanisms, including Environmental Sensitive Atlases (ESA), to prevent and respond to oil related accidents.


Not fantastic when it’s plastic: Stemming the tide of ocean rubbish. *United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)*. 10 November 2022. Available from: [https://unctad.org/podcast/not-fantastic-when-its-plastic-stemming-tide-ocean-rubbish](https://unctad.org/podcast/not-fantastic-when-its-plastic-stemming-tide-ocean-rubbish) In this episode of The Weekly Tradecast, as the COP27 global climate summit gets underway, we look at plastic pollution and how the world is drowning in it with David Vivas, an UNCTAD legal officer working on trade and environmental issues.


Litter dumped from ships is creating catastrophic pollution levels on Australian shores.

Tarballs dot India’s west coast annually, indicating continued oil spills, ship fuel discharge.

The EPA, CWA, and Invasive Organisms. Lisa Whitley Coleman. *EHS Daily Advisor (US).* 29 November 2022. Available from: https://ehsdailyadvisor.blr.com/2022/11/the-epa-cwa-and-invasive-organisms/ Last month, a letter signed by 160 organizations was sent to President Joseph Biden Jr. requesting that he take action to direct the EPA to implement discharge standards for ships’ ballast water that comply with the Clean Water Act (CWA).


**HEALTH & SAFETY**


Cruise ship Majestic Princess with hundreds of COVID-infected passengers docks in Sydney.

Bali-bound cruise ship Queen Elizabeth diverted to Fremantle due to COVID-19 outbreak.
IMO


Managing expectations: MEPC 79 and beyond. Craig Jallal. Marine Propulsion & Auxiliary Machinery. 31 October 2022. Available from: https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/managing-expectations-mepc-79-and-beyond-73375 International Maritime Organisation’s (IMO) Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC)’s 79th meeting in December 2022 will have a packed agenda, but should lead to an agreement on finalising the initial strategy on greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction in shipping at MEPC 80 in mid-2023

Shipping giants reticent as IMO ship efficiency measures enter force. Charlie Bartlett. The Loadstar. 1 November 2022. Available from: https://theloadstar.com/shipping-giants-reticent-as-imo-ship-efficiency-measures-enter-force/ The International Maritime Organization’s (IMO) latest emissions reduction measures came into force today, a regulatory move which will grant an ‘efficiency rating’ to ships, similar to those used for buildings and household appliances.

New carbon emissions index claimed to put IMO metric to shame. Charlie Bartlett. The Loadstar. 10 November 2022. Available from: https://theloadstar.com/new-carbon-emissions-index-claimed-to-put-imo-metric-to-shame/ Following discontent with the IMO’s Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII) and Energy Efficiency Existing Ships Index (EEXI) calculations, due to enter force in January, Xeneta and partner Marine Benchmark have devised a carbon emissions index (CEI) it believes is the true metric by which shipping should be benchmarking its performance.


MEPC79 Preview: What to Expect at the IMO’s Upcoming Marine Environmental Protection Committee Meeting. Barry Parker. gCaptain. 16 November 2022. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/mepc79-preview-what-to-expect-at-the-imos-upcoming-marine-environmental-protection-committee-meeting/ Though this gathering will not be the venue for adjusting the IMO’s overall strategy on decarbonization that is expected to be finalized at MEPC80 in Summer 2023, the agenda includes a number of important items.

**COP27 outcome only adds more pressure on IMO.** Tomas Kristiansen. *ShippingWatch*. 18 November 2022. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article14605104.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article14605104.ece) The Brussels-based Transport & Environment NGO is disappointed with the UN’s latest climate summit COP27, which has been held over the past 14 days in Sharm El-Sheik, Egypt, and which was prolonged Friday to Saturday.


**IMO tricked into assigning numbers for fake shipowners shipping Iran and Venezuelan oil.** Michelle Wiese Bockmann. *Lloyd’s List*. 18 November 2022. Available from: [https://lloydlist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1143042/](https://lloydlist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1143042/) The IMO has been tricked into assigning unique identification numbers to fake shipowners, technical managers and ISM managers, in an alarming new sanctions-evading shipping tactic uncovered by Georgia.


**IMO to Discuss Role of Carbon Capture to Meet GHG Targets at Key Meeting Next Month.** *Ship & Bunker*. 22 November 2022. Available from: [https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/652687](https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/652687) The issue of how the IMO views carbon capture systems as a means of cutting GHGs as part of its emissions reduction targets will be up for discussion at a key committee meeting next month.


**CII at the IMO: All Eyes on Shipping’s New Carbon Intensity Index.** Barry Parker. *gCaptain*. 23 November 2022. Available from: [https://gcaptain.com/cii-at-theIMO-all-eyes-on-shippings-new-carbon-intensity-index/](https://gcaptain.com/cii-at-theIMO-all-eyes-on-shippings-new-carbon-intensity-index/) With the upcoming IMO environmental committee meeting now a scant three weeks away, a treasure trove of written material, some factual, some opinion and some offering a little bit of both, is available for journalists to review in advance of the meeting—officially tagged as Marine Environmental Protection Committee (MEPC) 79.


The final outcome from the COP27 climate talks was inadequate on many levels, not least the fact that it failed to deliver the accelerated cuts in emissions sought by wealthy nations to avert more severe global warming.


When it comes to climate change, shipping cannot be reduced to the roles of the hapless tramp protagonists of Samuel Beckett’s absurdist masterpiece.


After the disappointments of COP27, and let’s face it, there was a lot to be disappointed about, attention now turns to what the International Maritime Organization can achieve by way of solid climate strategy.


The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has concluded its consultation and assessment of domestic passenger ships to improve the safety and energy efficiency of the ferry operations.

**LAW & POLICY**


The International Rescue Committee (IRC) is warning of the catastrophic consequences of Russia suspending its participation in the UN-brokered grain deal.


Highlighting an obvious issue, shipbroker Gibson attempts to shed light on how will the latest round of sanctions on Russian oil trade, be implemented?

UN, Türkiye and Ukraine defy Russia and continue grain shipments via corridor. Kim Wiesener. ShippingWatch. 31 October 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article14541406.ece

Russia’s decision to suspend its participation in the UN-sponsored agreement on grain exports from Ukrainian ports has provoked international condemnation and pushed up grain prices.


Iran’s elite Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has seized the crew and cargo of a foreign ship that was carrying 11 million litres (2.9m gallons) of smuggled fuel, according to a local judiciary official.
We’ll always have Paris: How to adapt multilateral climate cooperation to new realities. Anthony Dworkin and Mats Engström. European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR). 31 October 2022. Available from: https://ecfr.eu/publication/well-always-have-paris-how-to-adapt-multilateral-climate-cooperation-to-new-realities/ Ahead of COP27, multilateral climate negotiations are stalling due to geopolitical tensions, distrust between the global south and high-income countries, and concerns about energy supplies.


Putin: We could quit grain deal again, but would not block grain for Turkey Reuters. 2 November 2022. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/russia-resume-participation-black-sea-grain-deal-defence-ministry-2022-11-02/ President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday reserved Russia’s right to withdraw again from an international agreement allowing Ukraine to export grain via the Black Sea, after ending four days of non-cooperation with the deal.


Putin endorses evacuation of parts of Ukraine’s Kherson region. Ali Kucukgocmen and Pavel Polityuk. Reuters. 2 November 2022. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/grain-ships-sail-ukraine-ports-russian-missiles-knock-out-power-across-country-2022-10-31/ Russian President Vladimir Putin publicly endorsed the evacuation of civilians from parts of Ukraine’s southern Kherson region on Friday, the latest sign of Russia’s retreat in one of the most bitterly contested areas in Ukraine.

War risk and cargo cover for Ukraine back after Russia resumes grain deal. Bridget Diakun. Lloyd’s List. 2 November 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1142793/ Russia will continue to allow seaborne exports of grain from Ukraine in a move that marks a U-turn on threats to withdraw from the Black Sea Grain Initiative made over the weekend.

Tankship Commercial Manager Convicted of Violation for Air Pollution. US Department of Justice. 2 November 2022. Available from: https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/tankship-commercial-manager-convicted-violation-air-pollution Ionian Management Inc. (IONIAN M), a New York-based company that commercially manages three vessels, including the M/T Ocean Princess, was sentenced yesterday in the District of the Virgin Islands before U.S. District Court Judge Wilma A. Lewis in St. Croix, after pleading guilty to a violation of the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships.


UNCTAD sets out actions to support least developed countries in the global low-carbon transition. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). 3 November 2022. Available from: https://unctad.org/news/unctad-sets-out-actions-support-least-developed-countries-global-low-carbon-transition As nations convene for the 27th UN Climate Conference (COP27), the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has set out the actions needed to ensure global efforts towards a low-carbon future don’t leave least developed countries (LDCs) behind. The Least Developed Countries Report 2022

New legislation introduced today (3rd November) will prevent countries from using the UK’s services to transport Russian oil. UK Government. 3 November 2022. Available from: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-government-bans-services-enabling-the-transport-of-russian-oil New legislation introduced today (3rd November) will prevent countries from using the UK’s services to transport Russian oil unless it is purchased at or below the Oil Price Cap set by the Price Cap Coalition of the G7 and Australia.

UK confirms it will not insure ships carrying Russian oil. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 4 November 2022. Available from: https://splash247.com/uk-confirms-it-will-not-insure-ships-carrying-russian-oil/ The UK treasury has confirmed it will not allow any British insurers to cover ships carrying Russian oil from December 5.


U.S. Treasury Sanctions Tanker Owner for Trafficking Iranian Oil. Maritime Executive. 4 November 2022. Available from: https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/u-s-treasury-sanctions-tanker-owner-for-trafficking-iranian-oil/ The U.S. Treasury has blacklisted over a dozen companies, six people and 11 vessels connected to Iranian oil exports, which have been sanctioned by the United States since the U.S. withdrew from the Iranian nuclear agreement in 2018.

MSC says it will fully pass on EU carbon tax compliance costs to customers. Michelle Wiese Bockmann. Lloyd’s List. 4 November 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1142824/MSC-says-it-will-fully-pass-on-EU-carbon-tax-compliance-costs-to-customers MSC says it plans to pass on all European Union carbon taxes to its customers.
Russia seeks sanctions exemptions for state bank in Ukraine grain deal talks. *EurActiv.*

Explainer: COP27: What is ‘Loss and Damage’ compensation, and who should pay?

Maritime sector given green boost with major COP27 pledge. *UK Government.*

Trade must be a cornerstone of climate action, urges World Trade Report released at COP27. *World Trade Organization (WTO).* 7 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news22_e/publ_07nov22_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news22_e/publ_07nov22_e.htm) The 2022 edition of the WTO’s World Trade Report presents new analysis and recommendations on how international trade and greater cooperation can amplify global efforts to address climate change and put the planet on a sustainable trajectory.


‘Cooperate or perish’: At COP27 UN chief calls for Climate Solidarity Pact, urges tax on oil companies to finance loss and damage. *UN News.* 7 November 2022. Available from: [https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/11/1130247](https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/11/1130247) At the opening of the two-day Climate Implementation Summit at COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, António Guterres called for a historic pact between developed and developing countries to combine capacities, and pivot the world towards reducing carbon emissions, transforming energy systems and avoiding a climate catastrophe.


Exclusive: Ukraine wants grain deal expanded, eyes decision next week. Pavel Polityuk. Reuters. 8 November 2022. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/markets/commodities/exclusive-ukraine-wants-grain-deal-expanded-eyes-decision-next-week-2022-11-08/ Ukraine wants the Black Sea grain export deal expanded to include more ports and goods, and hopes a decision to extend the agreement for at least a year will be taken next week, Ukraine’s deputy infrastructure minister said on Tuesday.


Finland to help UN ship Ukraine grain to Somalia. Pekka Vanttinen. Euractiv. 9 November 2022. Available from: https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/news/finland-to-help-un-ship-ukraine-grain-to-somalia/ Finland will allocate €15.7 million in humanitarian assistance to the region, of which €7 million will be used to help WFP transport Ukrainian grain to Somalia, the ministry’s statement released on Tuesday reads.

Insurer Gard calls for consistency as governments finalise Russia sanctions. Adam Corbett. TradeWinds. 9 November 2022. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insurance/insurer-gard-calls-for-consistency-as-governments-finalise-russia-sanctions/2-1-1348550 Gard chief executive Rolf Thore Roppestad says international insurance sanctions targeting Russia need to be harmonised if they are to be effective.


**Kremlin: Work underway to address Russia’s concerns on grain deal.** *Reuters*. 11 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.reuters.com/markets/commodities/kremlin-work-underway-address-russias-concerns-grain-deal-2022-11-11/](https://www.reuters.com/markets/commodities/kremlin-work-underway-address-russias-concerns-grain-deal-2022-11-11/) The Kremlin said on Friday that work was underway to address a number of Russian concerns regarding the Black Sea grain initiative, which is due to expire on Nov. 19.

Nigerian Navy Takes Control of Seized VLCC Heroic Idun. *Maritime Executive.*
13 November 2022. Available from: https://maritime-executive.com/article/nigerian-navy-assume-control-of-seized-vlcc-heroic-idun The crew, owners and insurers of the VLCC Heroic Idun have lost their bid to keep the tanker out of the hands of the Nigerian military, which claims that the vessel unlawfully called at an offshore facility in the nation’s EEZ.


Oceans yet to make it to formal climate talks agenda here at COP27. Sanjeshni Kumar and Makereta Komai. *Pacific Islands News Association (PINA).* 15 November 2022. Available from: https://pina.com.fj/2022/11/15/oceans-yet-to-make-it-to-formal-climate-talks-agenda-here-at-cop27/ Fiji and other Pacific Small Island Developing Countries (PSIDS) continued their push to include oceans on the agenda of the global climate talks in Sharm El Sheikh this week despite very little movement on the issue in week one of the negotiations.


Iran confirms release of two seized Greek tankers. Associated Press. 16 November 2022. Available from: https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/11/16/iran-confirms-release-of-two-seized-greek-tankers Ιran has confirmed the release of two Greek oil tankers that it seized in the Gulf in May, ending a months-long diplomatic impasse that has strained relations between Athens and Tehran.

U.S. Announcements on Ocean-Climate Action at COP27. US Department of State. 16 November 2022. Available from: https://www.state.gov/u-s-announcements-on-ocean-climate-action-at-cop27/ Ocean-based climate solutions have a key role in keeping the goal to limit temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius within reach and improving global climate resilience.


Black Sea grain export deal extended, but Russia wants more on fertiliser exports. Michelle Nichols. Reuters. 17 November 2022. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/un-secretary-general-says-black-sea-grain-deal-extended-2022-11-17/ A deal aimed at easing global food shortages by helping Ukraine export its agricultural products from Black Sea ports was extended for four months on Thursday, though Russia said its own demands were yet to be fully addressed.
Parties agree to extend Türkiye-led grain deal for 4 months. *Daily Sabah (Türkiye).* 17 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.dailysabah.com/business/economy/parties-agree-to-extend-turkiye-led-grain-deal-for-4-months](https://www.dailysabah.com/business/economy/parties-agree-to-extend-turkiye-led-grain-deal-for-4-months) An agreement had been reached to extend the Black Sea grain initiative by 120 days, as confirmed by President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and the United Nations, with parties stressing the importance of Türkiye’s mediator and guarantor role in enabling the grain and foodstuff to leave war-shadowed Ukraine ports.


BIMCO’s CII clause adopted. Mette Kronholm Fraende. *BIMCO.* 17 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.bimco.org/News/Priority-news/20221121-CII-clause-adopted](https://www.bimco.org/News/Priority-news/20221121-CII-clause-adopted) The BIMCO Documentary Committee has adopted a CII Operations Clause for Time Charter Parties which will help the industry commercially navigate the complexities of the new CII regulations from the IMO.


Clean Arctic Alliance Responds to Russian Opt-out from Heavy Fuel Oil Ban, Raises Concerns Over Canada’s Implementation. *Clean Arctic Alliance.* 17 November 2022. Available from: [https://cleanarctic.org/2022/11/17/clean-arctic-alliance-responds-to-russian-opt-out-from-heavy-fuel-oil-ban raises-concerns-over-canadas-implementation/](https://cleanarctic.org/2022/11/17/clean-arctic-alliance-responds-to-russian-opt-out-from-heavy-fuel-oil-ban raises-concerns-over-canadas-implementation/) Responding to media reports that Canada and Russia have written letters to the IMO, stating their reasons for not implementing the 2024 prohibition on heavy fuel oil (HFO), Dr Sian Prior, lead advisor to the Clean Arctic Alliance said: “IMO Member States must now strengthen the Arctic heavy fuel oil fuel prohibition regulation by removing the option for Arctic coastal states to issue waivers to the requirements, …


Life-cycle-approach: Key to unlock green investments and climate mitigation. *Splash 247.com.*


Unctad’s five actions for resilient, efficient and green supply chains. Jan Hoffmann and Shamika Sirimanne. TradeWinds. 21 November 2022. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/unctad-s-five-actions-for-resilient-efficient-and-green-supply-chains/2-1-1356614 Over the past few years, the world has been reminded of the importance of maritime transport for the functioning of supply chains, affordable consumer prices and the delivery of essential goods.


Washington outlines impact Russian sanctions will have on shipping. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 23 November 2022. Available from: https://splash247.com/washington-outlines-impact-russian-sanctions-will-have-on-shipping/ Details of the Russian oil price cap and penalties and bans against shipping companies who infringe sanctions due to come in place on December 5 are beginning to emerge.


Representatives of more than 160 governments, Parties to the Convention on International trade in Endangered Species of Wild fauna and flora (CITES), today reaffirmed their commitment to address the biodiversity crisis by adopting proposals to regulate international trade in more than 500 new species.


‘Intense diplomatic efforts’ continue to ensure food and fertilizers reach those in need. *UN News.* 29 November 2022. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/11/1131127 Stéphane Dujarric reiterated that the UN welcomed the donation of 260,000 metric tonnes of fertilizer which has been stored in European ports and warehouses, “which will serve to alleviate humanitarian needs and prevent catastrophic crop loss in Africa, where it is currently planting season.”


Russian Oil Sanctions are Approaching: What Does it Mean for Tankers and LNGs? Rebecca Galanopoulos Jones. *VesselsValue.* 29 November 2022. Available from: https://blog.vesselsvalue.com/russian-oil-sanctions-are-approaching-what-it-means-for-the-tanker-and-lng-markets/ As the latest EU sanctions on Russian oil are coming into force in early December, we take a look at how the nearing sanctions are impacting values and trade within the Tanker and LNG markets.

**MARINE TECHNOLOGY**

*SAFEMATE showing the way for autonomous shipping.* DNV. 1 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.dnv.com/expert-story/maritime-impact/safemate-showing-the-way-for-autonomous-shipping.html](https://www.dnv.com/expert-story/maritime-impact/safemate-showing-the-way-for-autonomous-shipping.html) "While autonomous technology is available, the biggest challenge is building trust in automated systems that can function safely in many different maritime situations without human intervention," explains DNV’s SAFEMATE Project Manager Grunde Løvoll.

*Efficiency analysis – how do your ships stand up?* Philippos Stiris. *Hellenic Shipping News.* 3 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/efficiency-analysis-how-do-your-ships-stand-up/](https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/efficiency-analysis-how-do-your-ships-stand-up/) Technology is expected to play a significant part in the emissions reduction transition as was highlighted by this year’s World Maritime Day theme of ‘New technologies for greener shipping’, chosen by IMO.

*CO2 capture and storage: Environmental lifeline or blank cheque for polluters?* France 24. 4 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.france24.com/en/environment/20221104-co2-capture-and-storage-environmental-lifeline-or-blank-cheque-for-polluters](https://www.france24.com/en/environment/20221104-co2-capture-and-storage-environmental-lifeline-or-blank-cheque-for-polluters) For years, carbon capture and storage (CCS) was outside the mainstream, hindered by prohibitive costs and a lack of political support.


*Israel’s economy is setting sail into the deep blue tech sea.* Yermi Brenner. *Times of Israel.* 10 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.timesofisrael.com/israels-economy-is-setting-sail-into-the-deep-blue-tech-sea/](https://www.timesofisrael.com/israels-economy-is-setting-sail-into-the-deep-blue-tech-sea/) Once a tiny speck in the great big sea of Israeli startups, the “blue tech” industry of companies innovating maritime technologies is now making waves.


Scrubbers - a maritime mainstay. Aleksander Askeland. Seatrade Maritime News. 17 November 2022. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/opinions-analysis/scrubbers-maritime-mainstay While many see scrubbers as a minimal investment to comply with emission regulations, Aleksander Askeland, Chief Sales Officer of Yara Marine Technologies (YMT) suggests that they may be a mainstay within the industry as fuel uncertainty continues to loom.


Economic Watch: Shanghai to develop green, intelligent shipping industry technology. Xinhuanet (China). 24 November 2022. Available from: https://english.news.cn/20221124/ff4d10c3b348c9a306b5aa7cfe79c/c.html Shanghai will accelerate the development and application of green and intelligent technology, in order to build a world-class international shipping center, a local official said at the 2022 North Bund Forum.

AI tool developed for polar shipping to help vessels reduce emissions. Ellis Quinn. Radio Canada International (RCI). 24 November 2022. Available from: https://www.rcinet.ca/eye-on-the-arctic/2022/11/24/ai-tool-developed-for-polar-shipping-to-help-vessels-reduce-emissions/ An AI polar navigation tool has been developed by the British Antarctic Survey with a view to reducing emissions and more easily facilitating science in one of the most remote and unpredictable environments in the world.


MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING

Seychellois students tour Monaco Explorations’ research vessel to deepen knowledge. Seychelles News Agency. 2 November 2022. Available from: http://www.seychellesnewagency.com/articles/17664 Seychellois Students from several schools in Seychelles who work hard to learn all about the ocean had the chance to visit the Monaco Explorations’ research vessel ‘S.A . Agulhas 2’ in Port Victoria on Monday.

Congress to support improving training standards for seafarers. Philippines News Agency (PNA). 3 November 2022. Available from: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1187688 A leader of the House of Representatives on Thursday assured European Ambassador to the Philippines Luc Veron of Congress’ full support for improving the training standards for Filipino seafarers as the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) is set to undertake an audit of the country’s compliance with international training standards this month.

Young talents want three key things from a shipping job: “The world is changing”. Daniel Logan. ShippingWatch. 4 November 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/people/article14558596.ece Different working conditions are needed if the shipping and logistics industry wants to succeed in attracting skilled employees also highly coveted in other sectors.


Seeing the big picture... Brenda V. Pimentel. Manila Times. 9 November 2022. Available from: https://www.manilatimes.net/2022/11/09/business/maritime/seeing-the-big-picture/1865539 The conversations on the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) and the impact of a prognosis of the Philippine submission to address the negative findings of the audits by the said agency of the European Union bring about the differing perspectives of the various stakeholders in the Implementation of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW).

How do you train 800,000 seafarers to use new fuels when you do not know what they are? Paul Berrill. TradeWinds. 9 November 2022. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/how-do-you-train-800-000-seafarers-to-use-new-fuels-when-you-do-not-know-what-they-are/-2-1-1350469 In the year since being formed at the COP26 climate change talks in Glasgow the Maritime Just Transition Task Force, set up to work out how to reskill the seafaring workforce for a digital and decarbonised future in safe and fair ways, has come some distance.

Career choice - knowing the options and opportunities available. Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News.* 16 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/opinions-analysis/career-choice-knowing-options-and-opportunities-available](https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/opinions-analysis/career-choice-knowing-options-and-opportunities-available) As a specialised sector maritime has always had a need for highly skilled talent and as the industry faces the twin challenges of digitalisation and decarbonisation this requirement has broadened to include new skillsets not traditionally found among its workforce.


MARINA, Nautical Institute to boost maritime education in PH. Raymond Carl Dela Cruz. *Philippine News Agency (PNA).* 21 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1189090](https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1189090) The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has partnered with the Nautical Institute (NI) to boost the country’s maritime education and training (MET) through a memorandum of understanding (MOU).


Europe’s biggest port confirms challenge: “New skills are needed in new jobs”. Daniel Logan. *ShippingWatch.* 29 November 2022. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/people/article14637334.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/people/article14637334.ece) The big challenge with attracting highly skilled candidates to shipping also includes ports, which just like other parts of the industry have a need for employees specialized within sustainability and IT.
MARITIME SAFETY

Despite significant fire incidents, it is apparent that the broad maritime community and logistics supply chain remain predominantly unaware of the hazards and potential consequences when a lithium-ion battery fails and goes into thermal runaway.

Transport of lithium-ion batteries – a continuous threat. TT Club. 1 November 2022. Available from: https://www.ttclub.com/news-and-resources/news/press-releases/2022/transport-of-lithium-ion-batteries-a-continuous-threat/ The publishing of a whitepaper by insurance providers TT Club along with its fellow Thomas Miller managed business, UK P&I Club, and technical and scientific consultancy, Brookes Bell brings greater awareness of the dangers inherent in the transport of lithium-ion batteries, particularly by sea.


N. Korea fires 1 SRBM toward East Sea: S. Korean military. Yonhap News Agency (South Korea). 9 November 2022. Available from: https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20221109006953325 North Korea launched one short-range ballistic missile (SRBM) toward the East Sea on Wednesday, South Korea’s military said.

TT Club advocates continued vigilance to limiting container ship fires. TT Club. 10 November 2022. Available from: https://www.ttclub.com/news-and-resources/news/press-releases/2022/tt-club-advocates-continued-vigilance-to-limiting-container-ship-fires/ The freight transport and logistics insurance specialist insurer, TT Club is continuing its battle to convince cargo interests, supply chain professionals and enforcement agencies that the responsibility for mitigating container ship fires is shared by numerous entities involved from end to end of the entire global supply chain.


**MARITIME SECURITY**


NATO Deputy Secretary General discusses importance of Black Sea security. *NATO.*
15 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_209044.htm](https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_209044.htm) Mr Geoană said that for more than two decades the Black Sea region has been a launch pad for Russia's aggressive actions, which deeply affects key partners like Ukraine, and threatens Allied security.


Shipping on high alert amid warning of more drone attacks. Bridget Diakun. Lloyd’s List. 25 November 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1143137/ More attacks against merchant ships involving armed unmanned aerial vehicles are likely given the accessibility and ease of use of such weapon systems, warn security analysts.


Next steps agreed to enhance Jeddah Amendment. Safety4Sea. 28 November 2022. Available from: https://safety4sea.com/next-steps-agreed-to-enhance-jeddah-amendment/ Signatory States to the revised Code of Conduct concerning the repression of piracy, armed robbery against ships and illicit maritime activity in the western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden Area, also known as the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC) 2017, have agreed the next steps to enhance implementation of the amended code.

From the State Police to the Maritime Police Force, EUCAP Somalia support to the maritime law enforcement agencies in Puntland. EUCAP Somalia. 28 November 2022. Available from: https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eucap-som/state-police-maritime-police-force-eucap-somalia-support-maritime-law-enforcement_en?s=332 The Puntland Maritime Police Force (PMPF) objectives is to prevent, detect, and eradicate piracy, illegal fishing, and other forms of criminal activity off the coast of Somalia, as well as to protect marine resources more broadly while the Bossaso Port Maritime Police Unit (BP-MPU) objective is to perform Port Security.

MIGRANTS

Italy demands countries take responsibility for migrant rescue boats. Angelo Amante and Alvise Armellini. Reuters. 4 November 2022. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/norway-shuns-italy-request-take-charge-migrants-ngo-ships-2022-11-04/ A row escalated on Friday over who should take care of migrants rescued by charity groups off the Italian coast, with Italy insisting that countries whose flag was flown by the boats should bear some of the responsibility and Norway disagreeing.


Channel dinghy tragedy: investigation confirms boat was in UK waters. Diane Taylor. *The Guardian*. 24 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2022/nov/24/dinghy-that-capsized-in-channel-killing-27-had-reached-uk-waters-finds-report](https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2022/nov/24/dinghy-that-capsized-in-channel-killing-27-had-reached-uk-waters-finds-report) Bereaved families who lost relatives in a mass drowning in the Channel a year ago have criticised the UK body investigating the tragedy for a lack of progress in determining how and why dozens of lives were lost.
Editorial: Shipwreck or Solidarity – What’s Next on the Mediterranean SAR Crisis?
Available from: https://ecre.org/editorial-shipwreck-or-solidarity-whats-next-on-the-mediterranean-sar-crisis/ With the election of a far-right government in Italy a new Search and Rescue (SAR) crisis has rapidly escalated and reached EU level.


Channel migrants: Man arrested in UK over 27 dinghy deaths. BBC News. 29 November 2022. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-63798798 Harem Ahmed Abwbaker, 32, was held in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire on Tuesday, the National Crime Agency said.

NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS

Black Sea Grain Corridor. International Chamber of Shipping (ICS). 1 November 2022. Available from: https://www.ics-shipping.org/statement/black-sea-grain-corridor/ Following the Russian government’s announcement that it is suspending participation in the Black Sea Grain Initiative, the International Chamber of Shipping, which represents 80% of the world’s merchant fleet, has issued a statement.

Update from the United Nations Secretariat at the Joint Coordination Centre. UN Joint Coordination Centre for the Black Sea Grain Initiative. 1 November 2022. Available from: https://www.un.org/en/black-sea-grain-initiative/update-1-november-2022 The UN Secretariat at the Joint Coordination Centre reports that there is no plan to move vessels under the Black Sea Grain Initiative for 2 November.


Suspicious activity rises in Caspian Sea as Russia looks for supply chain alternatives. Bridget Diakun. Lloyd’s List. 2 November 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1142744/Suspicious-activity-rises-in-Caspian-Sea-as-Russia-looks-for-supply-chain-alternatives Russia’s supply chains have shown resilience since the invasion of Ukraine, with cargo flows being redirected to ‘friendly’ countries using transport corridors touted by President Vladimir Putin as long-term priority trade routes.

6 ships left Ukrainian ports after resumption of grain deal: Turkish defense chief.
Diyar Guldogan. Anadolu Agency (Türkiye). 3 November 2022. Available from: https://www.aa.com.tr/en/russia-ukraine-war/6-ships-left-ukrainian-ports-after-resumption-of-grain-deal-turkish-defense-chief/2728320 Six ships have so far left Ukrainian ports since the grain deal corridor resumed on Wednesday, and since early August the number of ships under the deal totals over 425, carrying close to 10 million tons of grain, the Turkish national defense minister said.

Türkiye’s implementation of Montreux Convention keeps Black Sea out of war: Official.

Russia Sends Oil Thousands of Miles Through Arctic Circle Again. Elina Ganatra and Julian Lee. Bloomberg. 8 November 2022. Available from: https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/russia-sends-oil-thousands-of-miles-through-arctic-circle-again-1.1843114 Russia sent its second-ever crude oil shipment east through the Arctic Circle toward China, a route that could one day give the country a faster way to buyers in Asia.


Russia remains quiet on Kerch Strait closure. Richard Meade. Lloyd’s List. 15 November 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1142976 Russia appears to have blocked access to the Sea of Asov via the Kerch Strait for any vessels loaded outside of the country.


Data-based analysis can now help countries identify Green Corridor Opportunities.
Green Shipping Corridors: Opportunity Identification

CMES, BHP and DNV to pioneer voyage data-sharing to enable maritime carbon emissions reductions. DNV. 17 November 2022. Available from: https://www.dnv.com/news/cmses-bhp-and-dnv-to-pioneer-voyage-data-sharing-to-enable-maritime-carbon-emissions-reductions-235507 As the maritime industry is undergoing major transformations driven by the twin ambitions of carbon emissions reduction and digitalization, the MOU seeks to enable close cooperation between ship owner and charterer with the aim of achieving further energy efficiencies and GHG savings through improved voyage data collection, verification and sharing via DNV’s Veracity data platform in collaboration with the industry partners’ digital management systems.

PIRACY


The situation with respect to piracy and armed robbery at sea off the coast of Somalia. United Nations. 1 November 2022. Available from: https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=S%2F2022%2F819&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop&LangRequested=False The report covers the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 August 2022 and highlights developments since the previous report of the Secretary-General (S/2021/920).

Nigerian Navy can end piracy in West Africa, says Spanish Ambassador. Ships & Ports. 14 November 2022. Available from: https://shipsandports.com.ng/nigerian-navy-can-end-piracy-in-west-africa-says-spanish-ambassador/ Spain, at the weekend, said the Nigerian Navy has the key to ending piracy and other maritime crimes within the West African coast, especially as it has ensured the delisting of Nigeria from pirate prone countries.

Stronger action required to address changing dynamics of piracy in the Gulf of Guinea. UN News. 22 November 2022. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/11/1130937 Presenting the Secretary-General’s latest report on the issue, Martha Pobee, an Assistant Secretary-General in the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, warned of a shifting situation that will require greater response.

UN welcomes Gulf of Guinea piracy drop, but sees new threat. Edith M. Lederer. Associated Press. 22 November 2022. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/africa-business-crime-united-nations-guinea-831648af0157cc969dd4abc418d40f05 A senior United Nations official welcomed a substantial decrease in piracy incidents this year in the Gulf of Guinea, the world’s top hot spot for such attacks, but warned that pirate groups may be moving into more lucrative maritime crimes.

Oil Tanker Carrying 2 S. Koreans to be Towed Following Release by Pirates. KBS World Radio (South Korea). 28 November 2022. Available from: https://world.kbs.co.kr/service/news_view.htm?lang=e&Seq_Code=174090 An oil tanker carrying two South Koreans that was released last Friday after being seized by pirates in waters near the Gulf of Guinea is set to be towed.

Denmark: Nigerian pirate found guilty but not imprisoned. Associated Press. 8 November 2022. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/europe-africa-denmark-copenhagen-west-8095f2ef6fc29d4a3d3e75180a4208f A 31-year-old Nigerian man who was seriously injured during a gunfight last year with Danish troops on an anti-piracy mission off West Africa was Monday found guilty of endangering others by a Danish court.

PORT STATE CONTROL

New Italian government closes ports to NGO ships. Colleen Barry and Sylvie Corbet. Associated Press. 5 November 2022. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/europe-france-germany-migration-italy-0093a5514cb2de4f26810c8996b553ca0 Italy’s new far-right led government adopted a measure Friday formalizing the closure of its ports to rescue ships run by humanitarian groups as four vessels with more than 1,000 migrants continued to press for a safe port.


PORTS & HARBOURS


Danube ports fully booked as Russia halts grain deal. Lloyd’s List. 31 October 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1142760/Danube-ports-fully-booked-as-Russia-halts-grain-deal River Danube ports in Ukraine are operating at capacity, with limited ability increase their workload to handle cargoes currently being managed by the greater Odesa ports under the Black Sea Grain Initiative.

Ukraine: Grain ships depart Black Sea ports. *Deutsche Welle (Germany).* 3 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.dw.com/en/ukraine-grain-ships-depart-black-sea-ports/a-63637742](https://www.dw.com/en/ukraine-grain-ships-depart-black-sea-ports/a-63637742). This development came a day after Russia on Wednesday made the decision to reaffirm the grain export deal, allowing Ukrainian grain to be exported over the Black Sea.


**COP27 carbon ambitions seem a long way from Bristol docks.** Terry Macalister. *TradeWinds.* 5 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/cop27-carbon-ambitions-seem-a-long-way-from-bristol-docks/2-1-1344635](https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/cop27-carbon-ambitions-seem-a-long-way-from-bristol-docks/2-1-1344635) The port of Bristol has been a significant success story in terms of trade and investment over the past 30 years but like many of its rivals, it is struggling with soaring energy costs and the need for a new zero-carbon strategy.


**Port of Liverpool strike called off after pay deal agreement.** *BBC News.* 9 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-merseyside-63557505](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-merseyside-63557505) Almost 600 Unite members at the Port of Liverpool had taken part in a number of strikes and further action was due to take place on 14 November after the union said pay talks ended in “chaos”.

**China begins mass testing in manufacturing hub Guangzhou to fight city’s worst COVID outbreak.** *ABC (Australia).* 10 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-11-10/china-mass-testing-guangzhou-fight-worst-covid-outbreak-lockdown/101637448](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-11-10/china-mass-testing-guangzhou-fight-worst-covid-outbreak-lockdown/101637448) Millions of residents of China’s southern manufacturing hub of Guangzhou have been told to get tested for COVID-19, as infections topped 2,000 for two days running in the city’s worst outbreak so far.
Shipping woes push up prices in shops, as ships queue to offload at our main ports. Amanda Cropp. Stuff (New Zealand). 13 November 2022. Available from: https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/130327977. Woolston residents were horrified when towering stacks of shipping containers appeared mid-year on previously bare industrial land and disrupted their views of Christchurch’s Port Hills.


Australia braces for chaos as Friday ports shutdown looms. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 15 November 2022. Available from: https://splash247.com/australia-braces-for-chaos-as-friday-ports-shutdown-looms/. The decision by towage giant Svitzer, a Maersk subsidiary, to lock out staff from Friday over a bitter three-year pay dispute, has alarmed many, with the government weighing in on the issue and calls growing to nationalise the country’s towage sector.


In keeping with its mandate of enforcing international maritime conventions in Ghana, the Ghana Maritime Authority (GMA) has met with representatives of port reception facilities (PRFs) to discuss gaps that exist when performing their functions at the ports.


On Friday, Ivory Coast officially opened a second container terminal at the country’s main port of Abidjan.


Due to the ongoing Covid restrictions in Hong Kong, foreign visitors were thin on the ground at Hong Kong Maritime Week 2022 (20 November-November 26).


A cargo ship that spent months trapped in Ukraine has been denied entry to Spain for allegedly carrying Russian cargo.


As the Nigerian Port Authority embarks on the process of developing a port development master plan that would set out policy on port infrastructure development to match the current and future economic expectations/national goals and objectives, the Federal Government has revealed its position to discourage unsolicited port development proposals that are not based on viable projects and future developments contained in the infrastructure development plan of government under the National Transport Policy and programmes of the agencies.


“Ships carry over 80 per cent of the goods traded globally, with the percentage even higher for most developing countries; hence the urgent need to boost resilience to shocks that disrupt supply chains, fuel inflation and affect the poorest the most,” the UN agency said in a new report on maritime transport.


The Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji (MSAF) is carrying out its assessments of ports and terminals in a quest to improve and fulfil its International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS) obligations.
REGULATIONS

Documentation for CII paradox: Non-active ships receive worst climate rating. Idha Toft Valeur. ShippingWatch. 1 November 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article14543936.ece A vessel that has been berthed for 192 days is emitting very limited amounts of CO2, but the long inactivity is nonetheless punished hard by the International Maritime Organization’s (IMO) upcoming climate regulation, CII.

MSC demands changes to CII: Rules punish at random and will reduce fleet capacity. Dag Holmstad. ShippingWatch. 1 November 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article14543657.ece The world’s largest container line, MSC, which has a global fleet of 707 box ships and 125 new vessels under construction, now directs an unusually harsh criticism of the IMO’s climate regulation CII, which will take effect in only two months.

Maersk supports MSC’s critique: Climate regulation should make sense and be enforceable. Niklas Krigslund and Dag Holmstad. ShippingWatch. 2 November 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article14551153.ece Maersk voices its support for MSC, the carrier’s partner in the 2M alliance and especially critical toward the International Maritime Organization’s forthcoming Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII) climate scheme.

Podcast: In Focus - EEXI and CII compliance. Marcus Hand. Seatrade Maritime News. 9 November 2022. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulation/podcast-focus-eexi-and-cii-compliance In this latest In Focus episode of the Seatrade Maritime Podcast we take a look at the key points and challenges of the IMO’s EEXI and CII that came into force as part of MARPOL Annex VI on 1 November.


Time charterers to take responsibility for Carbon Intensity Indicator compliance. David Osler. Lloyd’s List. 17 November 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1143026/ Time charterers will take responsibility for a ship’s emissions when the International Maritime Organization’s new Carbon Intensity Indicator, known as CII, is introduced next year.


SALVAGE

UN starts emergency plan to salvage Yemen’s corroding oil tanker. Saeed Al-Batati. Arab News (Saudi Arabia). 31 October 2022. Available from: https://www.arabnews.com/node/2192126/middle-east Iran’s currency dropped to its lowest value against the dollar on Tuesday, after weeks of nationwide unrest roiling the country.


Sanctioned tanker “Young Yong” refloated, now at Nipah. Manifold Times (Singapore). 11 November 2022. Available from: https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/sanctioned-tanker-young-yong-refloated-now-at-nipah/ The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) on Friday (11 November) said that it was informed by the Indonesian authorities that the tanker Young Yong has been successfully refloated on 10 November 2022 and is now anchored at Nipah Anchorage in Indonesian waters.


**SEAFARERS**


Crew Welfare remains on the top of industry’s agenda. *Safety4sea*. 3 November 2022. Available from: [https://safety4sea.com/cm/crew-welfare-remains-on-the-top-of-industry-s-agenda](https://safety4sea.com/cm/crew-welfare-remains-on-the-top-of-industry-s-agenda) Ship managers and operators need to keep promoting efforts targeting both the physical and the mental health of crew onboard, experts of a dedicated panel on crew welfare argued during the last SAFETY4SEA Forum.

Norwegian minister rejects fierce criticism of seafarer bill. Idha Toft Valeur. *ShippingWatch*. 7 November 2022. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article14562743](https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article14562743) Norway’s Minister of Fisheries and Ocean Policy says that a much-discussed legislative bill, which intends to secure better work and wage conditions aboard ships in Norwegian waters, complies with the country’s collaboration with the European Union.

**Magna Carta for Filipino Seafarers pushed.** *Philippine News Agency*. 9 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1188131](https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1188131) As the government rushes to comply with the European Maritime Safety Agency’s (EMSA) requirements, Senator Sherwin Gatchalian on Wednesday filed a bill that would provide better protection for Filipino seafarers.


**All countries must back efforts to free Heroic Idun and its crew.** *Lloyd’s List*. 11 November 2022. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1142936](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1142936) Imagine the reaction if 26 people on board a plane chartered to one of the world’s biggest airlines were detained by an authoritarian regime for three months, over what, at worst, boiled down to a series of genuine misunderstandings and regulatory infringements of the most trifling gravity.


**Russian seafarers stuck in Lithuania’s Klaipeda leave for Kaliningrad.** *Baltic Times*. 15 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.baltictimes.com/russian_seafarers_stuck_in_lithuania_s_klaipeda_leave_for_kaliningrad](https://www.baltictimes.com/russian_seafarers_stuck_in_lithuania_s_klaipeda_leave_for_kaliningrad) As the International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF) asked Lithuania’s State Border Guard Service to explain why two Russian seafarers with health problems have been unable to leave Lithuania’s port of Klaipeda for more than as they cannot get transit visas, Lithuanian border guards say the visas have already been granted in line with the existing procedure, adding, that the seamen have already left Lithuania.
Seafarer support services and partnership working are vital for maritime industry’s future. *International Seafarers’ Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN).* 15 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.seafarerswelfare.org/news/2022/seafarer-support-services-and-partnership-working-are-vital-for-maritime-industries-future](https://www.seafarerswelfare.org/news/2022/seafarer-support-services-and-partnership-working-are-vital-for-maritime-industries-future) In its newly released annual review covering 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022, ISWAN reports that the total number of calls and messages handled by its free, 24-hour, international helpline SeafarerHelp was still 81% higher during the last financial year than before the pandemic in 2019/20.


**Free the Nigeria 26 — the seafarers who have been unfairly criminalised.** *International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF).* 23 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/free-nigeria-26-seafarers-who-have-been-unfairly-criminalised-0](https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/free-nigeria-26-seafarers-who-have-been-unfairly-criminalised-0) Twenty-six seafarers who are held in Nigeria on charges of oil theft should be freed now, following confirmation from BP that their ship’s load was authorised, the International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF) has said.

**Stella Maris offers a lifeline to seafarers at Christmas.** *Independent Catholic News (ICN).* 24 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/45977](https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/45977) As Christmas approaches, many of us will be with our loved ones at this special time for families.


**SEARCH & RESCUE**


**Search for 12 missing seafarers after cement carrier sinks in Taiwan Strait.** Tomer Raanan. *Lloyd’s List.* 1 November 2022. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1142775/](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1142775/) A search operation has been launched after a bulk cement carrier with 17 crew sank in the Taiwan strait.

IMO members remind each other of rescue rules following Maersk Etienne incident. Jens Thomsen. ShippingWatch. 10 November 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article14574897.ece There are clear rules on how civilian ships and national authorities must react in situations where a merchant vessel rescues people at sea.


SHIP RECYCLING

Ship Recycling: Lack of Tonnage a Major Issue. Nikos Roussanoglou. Hellenic Shipping News. 2 November 2022. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/ship-recycling-lack-of-tonnage-a-major-issue/ In its latest weekly report, shipbroker Clarkson Platou Hellas said that "with Diwali celebrations in full swing this week, observants in the industry were taking this period to spend time with their families without the interruption of tonnage circulation.

Ship Demolition Continues its Lackluster Trajectory. Nikos Roussanoglou. Hellenic Shipping News. 9 November 2022. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/ship-demolition-continues-its-lackluster-trajectory/ In its latest weekly report, shipbroker Clarkson Platou Hellas said that "unlike the skies that will be lit above this weekend for the annual fireworks festivities, there remains a lack of spark in the recycling industry and despite the continued shortage of available tonnage, sentiment, surprisingly, has become weaker this week.


Less is more: Regional shipping policy and global decarbonisation

Shippers and banks must put pressure on carriers to scrap ships more responsibly. Jens Thomsen. ShippingWatch. 22 November 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article14614826.ece As container carriers have seen massive income for the last two years thanks to a boom in consumption and sky-high rates, all ships have been put to use, and a significant part of the world’s box fleet have now reached a scrap-ready age.

SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR


I name this ship … Human Lasagne?! The world’s biggest cruise ship goes viral for all the wrong reasons. The Guardian. 8 November 2022. Available from: https://www.theguardian.com/business/2022/nov/08/i-name-this-ship-human-lasagne-the-worlds-biggest-cruise-ship-goes-viral-for-all-the-wrong-reasons The Icon of the Seas will hold almost 10,000 people, spread between 20 decks.

POSCO’s high manganese steel recognized by U.N. agency as cryogenic material. Lim Chang-won. *Aju Business Daily (South Korea).* 15 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.ajudaily.com/view/20221115124127007](https://www.ajudaily.com/view/20221115124127007) High manganese steel developed by South Korea’s steel group POSCO has been recognized by a U.N. maritime safety agency as a cryogenic cargo and fuel tank material for ships.

Carbon reduction potentials of 22 new SHI ships exceed 10 mn tons. *Pulse (South Korea).* 17 November 2022. Available from: [https://pulsenews.co.kr/view.php?sc=30800028&year=2022&no=1030350](https://pulsenews.co.kr/view.php?sc=30800028&year=2022&no=1030350) South Korea’s Samsung Heavy Industries said on Thursday its carbon reduction methodology for Scope 3 (all indirect emissions not included in Scope 2) ship operation has been certified by Korean Foundation for Quality for the first time in the shipbuilding industry.


Samsung shipyard’s autonomous sailing system proves superior performance in test run. Lim Chang-won. *Aju Business Daily (South Korea).* 24 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.ajudaily.com/view/20221124152937076](https://www.ajudaily.com/view/20221124152937076) A 9,200-ton ship installed with a remote autonomous system developed by Samsung Heavy Industries, a major shipbuilder in South Korea, has completed its clean and trouble-free test run on a coastal sea route covering about 950 kilometers (590 miles) for four days to prove the superior performance of avoiding collision with obstacles on a long voyage.


Ships are continuing to carry Ukrainian grain, despite Russia suspending its participation in the Black Sea grain initiative.

Caribbean Shipping Association has raised the bar for collaboration, says re-elected president. Hellenic Shipping News. 1 November 2022. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/caribbean-shipping-association-has-raised-the-bar-for-collaboration-says-re-elected-president/ Marc Sampson was re-elected president of the Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA) at its 52nd Annual General Meeting (AGM), Conference and Exhibition in San Juan, Puerto Rico on Monday, October 31.

COP 27 Q&A: How The Shipping Sector Can Help Us Restore Our Oceans. Martha Hodgkins. United Nations Foundation. 1 November 2022. Available from: https://unfoundation.org/blog/post/cop-27-qa-how-the-shipping-sector-can-help-us-restore-our-oceans/ A lot of people don’t realize this, but the ocean is just as important as the atmosphere in terms of climate change.


The future of shipping and logistics industry takes focus on second day of Caribbean Shipping Association conference. Hellenic Shipping News. 3 November 2022. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/the-future-of-shipping-and-logistics-industry-takes-focus-on-second-day-of-caribbean-shipping-association-conference/ The prospects for the maritime sector took centre stage on day two of the Caribbean Shipping Association’s (CSA) 52nd Annual General Meeting, Conference and Exhibition held at the Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel and Casino in San Juan, Puerto Rico on Tuesday, November 1.


U.S. Announcements Under the Green Shipping Challenge at COP27. US Department of State. 7 November 2022. Available from: https://www.state.gov/u-s-announcements-under-the-green-shipping-challenge-at-cop27/ Greenhouse gas emissions from the shipping sector are significant, increasing, and on a trajectory that is not compatible with the goals of the Paris Agreement.

Launch of the Green Shipping Challenge at COP27. US Department of State. 7 November 2022. Available from: https://www.state.gov/launch-of-the-green-shipping-challenge-at-cop27/ Greenhouse gas emissions from the shipping sector are significant, increasing, and on a trajectory that is incompatible with the goals of the Paris Agreement.


International ignition of a just transition to greener shipping. Rob Coston. Nautilus International. 7 November 2022. Available from: https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/telegraph/international-ignition-of-a-just-transition-to-greener-shipping/ Nautilus International has long been pressing for a ‘just transition’ to new low- and zero-carbon propulsion technologies, so it was good to see that the IMO had decided to focus on the topic for its second symposium on low and zero carbon fuels.
China Classification Society and marine industry launched “Sustainable Shipping Innovation and Development Initiative”. China Classification Society (CCS). 7 November 2022. Available from: https://www.ccs.org.cn/ccswzen/articleDetail?id=202211040314486120 With the accelerated policy making and development to reduce shipping emission from the IMO, European Union, global and regional, it has become an industry consensus to promote the application of alternative fuels in shipping.


Gender Inclusiveness: WMU Commends NIMASA. Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA). 8 November 2022. Available from: https://nimasa.gov.ng/gender-inclusiveness-wmu-commends-nimasa/ NIMASA has been commended for its policies of gender equality which have manifested in both the number of women employed by the Agency as well as those sponsored for capacity development in country and abroad.


Net closing in on shipping’s greenwashed announcements at COP27. Richard Meade. Lloyd’s List. 9 November 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1142881/Net-closing-in-on-shippings-greenwashed-announcements-at-COP27 Four days into the COP27 climate summit, which had been billed as a showcase of implementation and progress towards zero carbon shipping, there have been nearly 50 significant new announcements promising emissions reduction in shipping.


Drewry urges shippers to start planning for decarbonisation in shipping, warns of up to $14 billion in extra costs. *Drewry Shipping Consultants*. 10 November 2022. Available from: https://www.drewry.co.uk/news/news/drewry-urges-shippers-to-start-planning-for-decarbonisation-in-shipping-warns-of-up-to-14-billion-in-extra-costs  The imperative to decarbonise the global shipping industry is clear and present, however, many of the world’s largest importers and exporters are insufficiently informed about the full implications of the forthcoming new emissions regulations and the billions of dollars that will be added to freight costs in the future.


Maritime sector and green hydrogen leaders agree on ambitious targets and collaboration to reach zero emissions global shipping by 2050. *UNFCCC Climate Champions*. 14 November 2022. Available from: https://climatechampions.unfccc.int/green-hydrogen-and-green-shipping/ Leading organizations and initiatives across the shipping value chain, joined by the largest producers of green hydrogen, today signed on to a joint statement at COP27, committing to the rapid and ambitious production and use of low-carbon fuels based on green hydrogen to accelerate decarbonization of global shipping. Joint Statement


COP27: Maritime transport is a polluting sector that’s slow to change course. Mathilde Damgé. *Le Monde (France)*. 14 November 2022. Available from: https://bit.ly/3Idwvav "If shipping were a country, it would rank among the world’s top 10 emitters," the US and Norwegian governments said, presenting their Green Shipping Challenge on Monday, November 7, in Sharm El-Sheikh, where the global climate conference (COP27) is being held from November 6 to 18.


Trafigura head: Shipping risks losing fight over green fuels. Tomas Kristiansen. *ShippingWatch.* 15 November 2022. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article14591893.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article14591893.ece) The battle over shares of green fuels is already happening, and the shipping industry currently risks losing and thereby leave the market to other industries, which also have to achieve significant carbon reductions in the years to come.


New shipping emissions report. *University of Manchester Tyndall Centre for Climate Research.* 15 November 2022. Available from: [https://tyndall.ac.uk/news/new-shipping-emissions-report/](https://tyndall.ac.uk/news/new-shipping-emissions-report/) New research from the Tyndall Centre at the University of Manchester highlights an urgent global need for investment in green fuels this decade to meet the Paris Climate goals.

Emissions Regulations In Shipping – Will The Polluter Pay? *Holman Fenwick Willan LLP.* 15 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.hfw.com/Emissions-Regulations-In-Shipping-Will-The-Polluter-Pay](https://www.hfw.com/Emissions-Regulations-In-Shipping-Will-The-Polluter-Pay) Two IMO regimes, the Energy Efficiency Existing Ship Index (EEXI) and Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII), have just come into force (on 1 November 2022) via amendments to MARPOL Annex VI, and will have to be complied with by applicable ships from 1 January 2023.


Maersk settles with Hope Hicks in harassment case. Dag Holmstad. *ShippingWatch.* 18 November 2022. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article14605065.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article14605065.ece) Maersk’s US subsidiary, Maersk Line Limited (MLL), has entered into a settlement with former ship cadet Hope Hicks, who had alleged that a serious sexual assault took place on board of a Maersk vessel in 2019, the container carrier confirms to ShippingWatch in a mail.
The Lloyd’s List Podcast: Why shipping’s asset play model may be heading for extinction. Richard Meade. Lloyd’s List. 18 November 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1143027 The introduction of greener fuels at scale is some years ahead of us, but the race to zero it is already shaping the strategic outlook of companies.

Shipowners intensify lobbying as EU closes in on deal on emissions trading. Michelle Wiese Bockmann. Lloyd’s List. 21 November 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1143047/ Maritime groups in the European Union have stepped up calls for shipping revenues paid into the emissions trading scheme be directed to the region’s Innovation Fund to sponsor dedicated projects to decarbonise the sector.

Stepping up to decarbonise the maritime industry. Wärtsilä Corporation. 21 November 2022. Available from: https://www.wartsila.com/insights/article/stepping-up-to-decarbonise-the-maritime-industry Wärtsilä is leading the way in maritime decarbonisation, providing shipping companies with technologies that lay the groundwork for a low and eventually net-zero carbon future.

Søren Skou after Hope Hicks settlement: “Best outcome for her and for everyone”. A/ Kresten Andersen. ShippingWatch. 21 November 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/container/article14611634.ece The settlement, which was reached on Friday in the American lawsuit between Maersk’s American subsidiary Maersk Line Limited and the former cadet Hope Hicks, is the best outcome for both parties, says CEO, Søren Skou, shortly after the settlement was announced.

Maersk enters harassment settlement with second female cadet. Dag Holmstad. ShippingWatch. 22 November 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/container/article14613654.ece Maersk is now closing the lawsuit in which two former female ship cadets in June sued the container shipping line following severe sexual offenses on board a Maersk ship in 2019 and 2021.

Key trends driving marine insurance claims activity – from fire to inflation. Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty. 22 November 2022. Available from: https://www.agcs.allianz.com/news-and-insights/news/marine-claims-trends-press.html Fire and explosion incidents cause the most expensive insurance claims in the marine industry, while at a time of rising exposures and inflation, cargo damage is the most frequent cause of loss, according to Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty.


Shipping cannot wait on carbon while COP27 scores own goals. Terry Macalister. TradeWinds. 23 November 2022. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/shipping-cannot-wait-on-carbon-while-cop27-scores-own-goals/ And just as the COP27 inter-governmental climate talks broke up in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt with little to say about how to reduce dependence on oil and gas, freight rates in the large crude-carrying tanker market hit 18-year highs.
Haastrup bemoans gender gap in maritime industry as IMO advocates inclusion.


Methane and nitrous oxide to count in CO2 quotas for shipping. Tomas Kristiansen. ShippingWatch. 23 November 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article14621664.ece Negotiations about adding shipping to the European Union’s quota system are so advanced that a final deal could fall into place during next week already.


Top 10 flag states 2022. Lloyd’s List. 23 November 2022. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1142665/ Panama registered growth of 3.1% to 245.9m gt as of November 23, 2022, versus 2021’s snapshot, with 8,341 vessels — the most of any flag.


Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation & Gard partner to de-risk the uptake of decarbonisation. Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation (GCMD). 24 November 2022. Available from: https://www.gcformd.org/post/global-centre-for-maritime-decarbonisation-gard-partner-to-de-risk-the-uptake-of-decarbonisation The Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation (GCMD) and Gard have signed an Impact Partnership Agreement, committing to a five-year collaboration to accelerate decarbonisation of the maritime industry.
Shipping an easy target for regulators over bigger polluters. David Glass. *Seatrade Maritime News.* 24 November 2022. Available from: [https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulation/shipping-easy-target-regulators-over-bigger-polluters](https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulation/shipping-easy-target-regulators-over-bigger-polluters) Shipping is a peripheral business entity so it was an easy target as it does not have strong political clout and the regulators had a more or less free go at it although their understanding of how ocean going shipping functions is very shallow.


Why shipping must act now to beat inertia on global emissions goal. Paul Berrill. TradeWinds. 30 November 2022. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/why-shipping-must-act-now-to-beat-inertia-on-global-emissions-goal/2-1-1362445 Shipping representatives emerged from the COP27 climate talks in Egypt optimistic that the industry’s decarbonisation can be brought into line with stronger global efforts at upcoming International Maritime Organization meetings.

EU lands preliminary agreement for CO2 quotas for shipping. Daniel Logan and Astrid Sturlason. ShippingWatch. 30 November 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article14640524.ece Negotiations about adding shipping to the European Union’s quota system are close to an end as the union on Tuesday night reached a preliminary agreement to place the sector under the Emissions Trading System.


Shipowner associations positive about preliminary climate deal: “We are pleased". Daniel Logan and Jens Thomsen. ShippingWatch. 30 November 2022. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article14642501.ece With a preliminary deal in place for shipping’s inclusion into the European Union’s quota trade system, Emissions Trading System (ETS), it is now clear that carriers will have to pay for CO2 emitted by their ships within the EU from 2024 onwards.

In world first, EU legislators agree to price shipping emissions. Sean Goulding Carroll. EurActiv. 30 November 2022. Available from: https://www.euractiv.com/section/shipping/news/in-world-first-eu-legislators-agree-to-price-shipping-emissions/ EU legislators agreed to include maritime transport within the EU’s emission trading scheme (ETS) during talks that lasted until late Tuesday evening, a move that will force ship operators to pay for their carbon emissions for the first time.

EU includes methane and nitrous oxide in shipping emissions trading scheme. Harry Papachristou. TradeWinds. 30 November 2022. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/eu-includes-methane-and-nitrous-oxide-in-shipping-emissions-trading-scheme/2-1-1363734 In a meeting late on Tuesday, the European Union’s three major institutions agreed on how shipping’s greenhouse gases will be included in the bloc’s emissions trading system — EU ETS — from next year.

Green Seas: What will EU methane emissions trading mean for LNG-fuelled ships? Eric Priante Martin. TradeWinds. 30 November 2022. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/esg/green-seas-what-will-eu-methane-emissions-trading-mean-for-lng-fuelled-ships/-2-1-1363326 This week, focus shifted from COP27 to the European Union as it worked to put the finishing touches on amendments to its Emissions Trading System that will for the first time require shipping to buy carbon credits to cover the greenhouse gas footprint of its voyages.
RESEARCH

Container ship accidents can contaminate the surrounding marine environment and even have wider impact.


Gjerde KM, Clark NA, et al. Getting beyond yes: fast-tracking implementation of the United Nations agreement for marine biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction. npj Ocean Sustainability. 11 November 2022. Available from: https://www.nature.com/articles/s44183-022-00006-2 With a new international agreement on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement) on the horizon, now is the time to start laying the foundation for successful implementation.


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