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IMO NEWS & EVENTS

WHAT’S NEW

Technical feasibility assessment on shipping decarbonization

A study on the readiness and availability of low- and zero-carbon ship technology and marine fuels suggests that achieving a more ambitious decarbonization pathway than business as usual is feasible, with a strengthened level of ambition and implementation of further GHG reduction measures. The research was commissioned by IMO under its Future Fuels and Technology for Low- and Zero-Carbon Shipping Project. More...

FSO SAFER: Call for equipment for oil spill response preparedness

IMO is urging Member States to contribute equipment to help UN-led efforts to prevent a possible catastrophic oil spill from the FSO SAFER, an ageing and rapidly decaying floating storage offshore (FSO) unit moored 4.8 nautical miles off the Red Sea coast of Yemen. IMO is seeking used or near end-of-life spill response equipment that can be transported to the region within weeks. More...

International organizations meet at IMO

IMO hosted the annual meeting of the UK Based International Organizations (UKBIO) (19 April) at IMO Headquarters. Participants discussed current issues and concerns, including travel authorizations, privileges and immunities, and border restrictions. More...

MEETING SUMMARIES AND SCHEDULE

Previous Meetings

Facilitation Committee (FAL 47) 13-17 March 2023

Intersessional Working Group on the Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (ISWG-GHG 14) 20-24 March 2023

Legal Committee (LEG 110) 27-31 March 2023

Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR 10) 24-28 April 2023

Forthcoming Meetings

Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR 10) 10-19 May 2023

Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 107) 31 May – 9 June 2023

Programme of Meetings for 2023
UNited Nations

Although cascading global crises are undermining hard fought development gains, "now is not the time for despair", UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed told African ministers and policy makers meeting in Niamey, Niger, on Tuesday.

As the Intergovernmental Conference to draft a new maritime biodiversity treaty continued its resumed fifth session, the Secretary-General sent a message to delegations, urging them to adopt a robust and ambitious agreement that advances ocean health for future generations.

"One million species teeter on the brink of extinction, due to habitat destruction, fossil fuel pollution and the worsening climate crisis. We must end this war on nature," UN Secretary-General António Guterres warned in his message for the Day.

Ahead of a major United Nations conference on the world’s most vulnerable countries, Secretary-General António Guterres on Saturday urged the international community – particularly wealthy nations – to step up and help the more than 1.1 billion people in these countries break out of “vicious cycles” and lift themselves out of poverty.

Secretary-General António Guterres has congratulated UN member countries for finalizing a text to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, calling it a “breakthrough” after nearly two decades of talks.

Closing the major gender gap in innovation and technology is the focus of the 67th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), which opened at UN Headquarters in New York on Monday.

The UN General Assembly was awash in a sea of blue on Wednesday as some 1,800 people gathered to mark International Women’s Day, which this year focused on the need for inclusive and transformative technology and digital education.

If adopted, the new bill would deny the right to seek refugee protection to people arriving irregularly in the UK, such as those risking their lives to cross the English Channel in small boats.

The UN chief on Monday confirmed the UN would “do everything possible to preserve the integrity” of the Black Sea Grain Initiative – the deal agreed between Ukraine and Russia last July that is due to expire in just a few days.


“In a number of countries, key sectors are facing labour shortages, because people are increasingly reluctant to engage in work which is not properly, adequately, fairly valued by society and rewarded in terms of better pay and improved working conditions,” said Manuela Tomei, Assistant Director-General for Governance, Rights and Dialogue at the ILO.


The study, “Climate Change 2023: Synthesis Report”, released on Monday following a week-long IPCC session in Interlaken, brings into sharp focus the losses and damages experienced now, and expected to continue into the future, which are hitting the most vulnerable people and ecosystems especially hard.


This Synthesis Report (SYR) of the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) summarises the state of knowledge of climate change, its widespread impacts and risks, and climate change mitigation and adaptation. [Press Conference](https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/syr/).


The 2023 theme of the International Day focuses on the urgency of combatting racism and racial discrimination, 75 years after the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).


Launched ahead of the UN 2023 Water Conference, the new edition of the UN World Water Development Report focuses on twin themes of partnerships and cooperation.


The resolution was put forward by the cyclone-battered Pacific Island nation of Vanuatu, supported by a “core group” of 17 countries from various regions, and is focused on the adverse impacts of climate change on small island developing States as well as climate justice. [Plenary discussion](https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-racism-day).


Following is the text of UN Secretary-General António Guterres’ video remarks to the Economist Impact’s eighth annual Sustainability Week, in London today: Ladies and gentlemen, dear friends, let me begin by thanking the Economist for shining the spotlight on accelerating private sector action on sustainability.
**CASUALTIES**

**Bangladesh owner to get $22.48 mln after ship explosion in Ukraine.** Ruma Paul and Jonathan Saul. Reuters. 28 February 2023. Available from: https://reut.rs/3OhLYt Insurers are about to pay state-owned Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC) $22.48 million for its vessel that was hit by a missile during fighting in Ukraine, two officials involved said Tuesday.

**Chinese Bulk Carrier Damaged by Ice Sinks Off Russia.** Mike Schuler. gCaptain. 1 March 2023. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/chinese-bulk-carrier-yong-xing-56-sinks/ A Chinese bulker has sunk in Strait of Tartary near the Russian port of Vanino after being damaged in a collision with heavy ice flows.


**‘Full investigation’ into fire on board Irish ferry.** RTÉ (Ireland). 4 March 2023. Available from: https://www.rte.ie/news/2023/0304/1360277/ Irish Ferries is to launch a “full investigation with relevant authorities” into a fire on one of its vessels in the English Channel.

**Lifeboats launched after fire breaks out on passenger ferry in the Channel.** Sky News. 4 March 2023. Available from: https://news.sky.com/story/lifeboats-launched-after-fire-breaks-out-on-passenger-ferry-in-the-channel-12824934 Three lifeboats were despatched from Kent to a ferry in the English Channel after a fire broke out on board.

**DENR: Possible site of sunken oil tanker detected.** Philippine News Agency (PNA). 6 March 2023. Available from: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1196757 The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) on Monday reported the detection of possible site where MT Princess Empress oil tanker sank last week.


**IOPC Funds looks into Philippines tanker oil spill as claims bill is set to soar.** Adam Corbett. TradeWinds. 7 March 2023. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insurance/iopc-funds-looks-into-philippines-tanker-oil-spill-as-claims-bill-is-set-to-soar/2-1-1415134 The International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds) is looking at the insurance issues surrounding a devastating oil spill off the coast of the Philippines.
Probe on oil leak from sunken tanker in Mindoro pushed. Philippine News Agency (PNA). 7 March 2023. Available from: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1196799 Expressing concerns over serious damage that the oil spill may bring to the environment and marine life, a lawmaker on Tuesday pushed for the investigation, in aid of legislation, of the incident caused by the capsizing of MT Princess Empress in the waters off Naujan town in Oriental Mindoro province on Feb. 28.


MSC Containership Lost Empties During Bad Weather off Bermuda. Maritime Executive. 8 March 2023. Available from: https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/msc-containership-lost-empties-during-bad-weather-off-bermuda Bermuda’s Department of Marine & Ports Services has issued a warning to mariners after receiving a report of containers that fell overboard from an MSC-managed vessel at the beginning of the month. After liaising with the U.S. Coast Guard, Bermuda began issuing the warning about the potential danger of boxes floating in the Atlantic.


Sunken tanker provisionally declared first pool claim of policy year. David Osler. Lloyd’s List. 15 March 2023. Available from: https://www.lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.inform.com/LL1144313/ A Product tanker which capsized in Filipino waters last month has been provisionally declared by P&I insurer Shipowners’ Club as the first International Group pool claim of the current policy year, according to marine insurance sources.

15 additional bodies found following Gabon ferry tragedy. Baird Maritime. 15 March 2023. Available from: https://www.bairdmaritime.com/work-boat-world/passenger-vessel-world/ro-pax/15-additional-bodies-found-following-gabon-ferry-tragedy/ Rescuers have found the bodies of another 15 people who perished after a passenger ferry sank off the coast of Gabon late last week, raising that incident’s confirmed death toll to 21.

FSO Off Thailand Taking on Water After Fatal Accident. Maritime Executive. 16 March 2023. Available from: https://maritime-executive.com/article/fso-off-thailand-taking-on-water-after-fatal-explosion MISC Behard, owners of the FSO reports that there was no explosion correcting the Royal Thai Navy which had at the time said it understood there had been an explosion that caused the death of the crewmember.

Tanker Fire Off Portugal; No Risk of Pollution. Mike Schuler. gCaptain. 21 March 2023. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/tanker-fire-off-portugal-greta-k/ The Portuguese Navy is reporting that the Lisbon Maritime Search and Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) received a distress call at approximately 3:30 PM Tuesday concerning a fire aboard the Malta-flagged tanker Greta K.


High winds unlikely to have toppled ship in Edinburgh dock - expert. BBC News. 23 March 2023. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-65050308 An incident where a US Navy vessel toppled over at an Edinburgh dry dock is “unlikely” to have been caused by high winds, a marine expert has said.


Ferry fire off Basilan leaves 12 dead, at least 7 missing. Al Jacinto. Manila Times. 30 March 2023. Available from: https://www.manilatimes.net/2023/03/30/news/ferry-fire-off-basilan-leaves-12-dead-at-least-7-missing/1885004 At least a dozen people, including a child, were killed and many more injured after a fire broke out in a ferry off the southern Philippine province of Basilan.


ENVIRONMENT


Sticking to ‘cold, hard’ climate facts can end global warming: Guterres. UN News. 13 March 2023. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/03/1134537 Underlining the “urgent need to end global heating with cold, hard facts”, he said the panel’s forthcoming report ahead of the next UN Climate Change Conference (COP28), to be held in Dubai in November, comes at a pivotal time.
IPCC meets to approve the final component of the Sixth Assessment Report. *Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).* 13 March 2023. Available from: https://www.ipcc.ch/2023/03/13/ipcc-meets-to-approve-ar6-synthesis-report/ The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) began its meeting today to approve the Synthesis Report to the Sixth Assessment Report.


Earth Hour: small actions can make a big difference. *WWF.* 22 March 2023. Available from: https://www.wwf.org.uk/earth-hour On Saturday 25 March at 8:30pm, millions of people across the globe unite to show that they care about the future of our planet, by switching off for one hour.


International NGOs call out Norwegian Prime Minister’s mistaken claim that deep-sea mining can be done without harming ocean life. *WWF.* 29 March 2023. Available from: https://wwf.panda.org/wwf_news/press_releases/?8303466/ The Deep Sea Conservation Coalition, including the likes of international NGOs such as WWF, Fauna & Flora and Greenpeace are calling out erroneous claims by the Norwegian Prime Minister, Jonas Gahr Støre, that deep-sea mining can be done in a way which does not harm natural diversity in the ocean – published on Thursday 23 March in regional Norwegian newspaper Bergens Tidende.
ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

PCG: Oil spill in Oriental Mindoro expands; tanker fully sinks. CNN Philippines. 1 March 2023. Available from: https://www.cnnphilippines.com/news/2023/3/1/pcg-oil-spill-expands-tanker-fully-sinks.html The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) on Wednesday reported that the oil spill in waters off Oriental Mindoro has expanded to six kilometres long and four kilometres wide.

Abandoned trawler in Kinsale shows ‘State’s effort to remove shipwrecks has been left to rot’. Eoin English. Irish Examiner. 2 March 2023 Available from: https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/munster/arid-41083816.html An abandoned trawler which has been rotting against a quayside in Cork for over a decade is proof that the State’s efforts to deal with abandoned ships and wrecks is apparently dead in the water.

Oil leak from sunken Philippine tanker prompts swimming bans. Associated Press. 2 March 2023. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/philippines-oil-spill-sunken-tanker-fishing-swimming-ban-45a226975daac5a95b0c7e7c66cfb6b0 Oil leaking from a Philippine tanker that sank southwest of the capital has prompted at least seven coastal towns to ban fishing and swimming as authorities scramble to contain the spill, officials said Thursday.


Two years since major coastal tar spill, marine unit still waiting for extra funds. Sue Surkes. Times of Israel. 7 March 2023. Available from: https://www.timesofisrael.com/two-years-since-major-coastal-tar-spill-marine-unit-still-waiting-for-extra-funds/ Prime minister visited spill site, a ministerial committee made recommendations – but in terms of preparedness for a future spill, nothing has actually changed.

With pails and mugs, Philippine residents clean up oil spill. Reuters. 8 March 2023. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/with-pails-mugs-philippine-residents-clean-up-oil-spill-2023-03-07/ Residents of a central Philippine province affected by an oil spill from a sunken tanker endured the powerful stench of petroleum as they cleaned it up using buckets and mugs while authorities raced to contain environmental damage.

Oil spill hits tourism in Philippine province. Adrian Portugal. Reuters. 8 March 2023. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/oil-spill-hits-tourism-philippine-province-2023-03-08/ Resorts in a Philippine province known for world-class beaches and dive spots are reeling from the impact of an oil spill just off the coastline, as tourists cancel reservations during what is supposed to be peak season. Drone footage shows oil spill on Philippines coast.

Coast Guard seeks US assistance in locating oil spill source. Philippine News Agency (PNA). 11 March 2023. Available from: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1197163 The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) on Saturday confirmed it sought the assistance of the United States to contain an oil spill in Oriental Mindoro that is fast spreading to other coastal communities.


DENR, communities create oil spill booms from organic materials to save marine ecosystems. Government of the Philippines. 14 March 2023. Available from: https://www.denr.gov.ph/index.php/news-events/press-releases/4881-denk-communities-create-oil-spill-booms-from-organic-materials-to-save-marine-ecosystems The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) continues its oil spill containment efforts with the local government units, Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), and the local communities to restrict the oil leaked by sunken MT Princess Empress from afflicting surrounding marine protected areas (MPAs) in the MIMAROPA and Western Visayas regions by installing spill booms made from locally available organic materials.

How prepared are we for another oil spill? Brenda V. Pimentel. Manila Times. 15 March 2023. Available from: https://www.manilatimes.net/2023/03/15/business/maritime/how-prepared-are-we-for-another-oil-spill/1882777 The oil spill, which resulted from the capsized tanker Princess Empress, continues to spread and is said to be approaching the Verde Island passage.

Decaying oil tanker off Yemen could be offloaded by September if remaining $34M is raised: UN. Betul Yuruk. Anadolu Agency (Turkey). 15 March 2023. Available from: https://www.aa.com.tr/en/world/decaying-oil-tanker-off-yemen-could-be-offloaded-by-september-if.remaining-34m-is-raised-un/2846681 The UN said Wednesday that it could finish offloading oil from a decaying tanker off Yemen if donors quickly provide the remaining $34 million that is needed.

Pola mayor: Owner of tanker that caused oil spill should provide us complete recovery plan. CNN Philippines. 16 March 2023. Available from: https://www.cnnphilippines.com/news/2023/3/16/Pola-mayor-recovery-plan-from-Princess-Empress-owner.html The owner of MT Princess Empress, the tanker that sank and caused a massive oil spill in the province, should provide a complete plan to help affected communities recover from the incident that will be felt for at least three years, the mayor of Pola Oriental Mindoro said.


Scripps Whale Acoustics Lab teams up with shipping giant Maersk to identify vessel designs that reduce radiated noise.


Better safe than sorry with Fukushima water. Francisco Leandro. China Daily. 22 March 2023. Available from: https://www.chinadailyasia.com/article/321721 Following the announcement of Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida on March 3, Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno, according to a BBC report, has confirmed that the government is planning to release 1.3 million cubic meters of contaminated water from the damaged Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant into the sea.

Oil slick risks IMO pact. Raffy Ayeng. Daily Tribune (Philippines). 22 March 2023. Available from: https://tribune.net.ph/2023/03/23/oil-slick-risks-imo-pact/ The country’s maritime regulators, namely, the Maritime Industry Authority and the Philippine Coast Guard, among other government agencies, must work double time to mitigate the effects of the oil spill in Oriental Mindoro before auditors of the IMO arrive in June for the IMO Member State Audit Scheme or IMSAS.

Super tanker anchored off Yemen coast is likely to sink or explode at any moment, UN says. Hannah Thomas-Peter. Sky News. 25 March 2023. Available from: https://news.sky.com/story/super-tanker-anchored-off-coast-of-yemen-is-likely-to-sink-or-explode-at-any-moment-un-says-12841780 The vessel was abandoned as the Middle Eastern country descended into civil war in 2015 and is now starting to fall apart.


First International Day of Zero Waste bolsters actions to address global pollution crisis.

Princess Empress clean-up costs likely to hit IOPC Funds threshold. David Osler. Lloyd’s List. 30 March 2023. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144535/ Funds that provide compensation for oil pollution damage resulting from spills from tankers say the clean-up costs related to a casualty off the coast of the Philippines may have reached intervention thresholds.

HEALTH & SAFETY


IMO


China leads challenge to IMO 2050 net zero goal due to clash with Xi Jinping’s 2060 aim. TradeWinds. 9 March 2023. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/esg/china-leads-challenge-toIMO-2050-net-zero-goal-due-to-clash-with-Xi-Jinping-s-2060-aim/2-1-1415934 China is among a group of 12 developing countries attempting to block the International Maritime Organization from setting a target to achieve zero emissions by 2050 at a decisive meeting in July.

The IMO’s revised GHG targets must align with a 1.5°C pathway and support a fair and equitable transition. Opportunity Green. 13 March 2023. Available from: https://www.opportunitygreen.org/press-release-the-imos-revised-ghg-targets Next week’s round of technical talks at the UN’s maritime regulator, The International Maritime Organization (IMO), is one of the last and most crucial opportunities for countries to contribute towards the IMO’s revised GHG Strategy.

Green lobby urges IMO to set more ambitious green targets. Enes Tunagur. Lloyd’s List. 17 March 2023. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144357 Environment groups, including the Clean Shipping Coalition and the Carbon Market Watch, have called on the IMO to align its strategy with Paris Agreement goals to keep global warming within 1.5°C by adopting tougher targets for 2030 and 2040.
The IMO is drinking in the last chance saloon on setting carbon goals. Here's why.
Adam Corbett. TradeWinds. 22 March 2023. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/the-imo-is-drinking-in-the-last-chance-saloon-on-setting-carbon-goals-here-s-why/2-1-1422958 The release of a final report by the United Nations’ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is a timely reminder to shipping regulators of the need to commit immediately to accelerating the decarbonisation of shipping at a critical meeting this week.


Norwegian shipowners: IMO must secure climate neutrality by 2050. Idha Toft Valeur. ShippingWatch. 23 March 2023. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article15439314.ece When the IMO’s Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) will meet in a 100 days, the most important element is to revise the current 2050 target of halving emissions and aim for net zero instead.

Latest intersessional IMO meeting provides important clues on what might be agreed in the revised GHG strategy in July 2023. Tristan Smith and Alison Shaw. University Maritime Advisory Services (UMAS). 24 March 2023. Available from: https://www.u-mas.co.uk/imo-iswg-ghg-14-readout-from-umas/ Much of the specifics remain up in the air as IMO’s ISWG-GHG 14 meeting outcome leaves open a broad range of options for key elements of the revision of the GHG reduction strategy at ISWG GHG 14. An overview of the discussions from IMO ISWG-GHG 14

IMO Member States show broad support for zero emissions – but we need more to achieve an equitable transition that ‘keeps the 1.5 alive’. Opportunity Green. 24 March 2023. Available from: https://www.opportunitygreen.org/press-release-imo-member-states-broad-support-for-zero-emissions This week’s IMO greenhouse gas working group meeting (ISWG-GHG 14) was a pivotal moment to ensure the shipping industry takes meaningful action on climate change ahead of adopting its revised GHG Strategy in July.


International Chamber of Shipping’s comment following the conclusion of the IMO ISWG-GHG 14. International Chamber of Shipping (ICS). 24 March 2023. Available from: https://bit.ly/453BbJ8 Guy Platten, the Secretary General of the International Chamber of Shipping, comment following the conclusion of the IMO ISWG-GHG 14: “We are disappointed by the lack of progress on setting new levels of ambition for GHG reductions to provide shipping with a clear net zero target for 2050.
Mike Schuler. gCaptain. 24 March 2023. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/growing-support-for-zero-emission-shipping-target-ahead-of-critical-imo-meeting/ The United Nations’ International Maritime Organization (IMO) has concluded its latest round of talks ahead this summer’s critical Marine Environment Protection Committee meeting (MEPC 80) which will decide the shipping industry’s strategy to mitigate the sector’s impact on climate change.

NGO on climate summit: “We haven’t moved an inch”. Idha Toft Valeur. ShippingWatch. 24 March 2023. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article15443856.ece The so-called intersessional meeting in London ahead of the actual MEPC 80 climate summit in July has lasted a week, and nothing has come of it.

It is still possible for the IMO to translate climate aspiration into action. Lloyd’s List. 24 March 2023. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144450/ The climate debate is streamed live in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish at the International Maritime Organization.


Compliance through maritime audit. Shanelle Prasad. Fiji Times. 29 March 2023. Available from: https://www.fijitimes.com/compliance-through-maritime-audit/ The reconvening of the National IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS) Steering Committee now allows the collaboration between the Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji (MSAF) and relevant agencies in rectifying findings of the IMO in the maritime sphere.

ISWG-GHG 14 FEEDBACK: Clean-tech providers pleased with ‘initial discussions’, but looking for ‘further granularity’ at MEPC 80. Ian Taylor. Bunkerspot. 29 March 2023. Available from: https://www.bunkerspot.com/global/58666 Some of the technology providers who will be helping to drive the marine energy transition have shared their thoughts with Bunkerspot on the fourteenth meeting of the Intersessional Working Group on Greenhouse Gases (ISWG-GHG 14) – and while most seem pleased with the tone of last week’s discussions, there is a clear call for ‘further granularity’ to emerge at the eightieth meeting of MEPC 80 in July.

Wrecker nations must not hold shipping hostage over carbon cut ambition. Paul Berrill. TradeWinds. 30 March 2023. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/wrecker-nations-must-not-hold-shipping-hostage-over-carbon-cut-ambition/2-1-1426405 Two events central to shipping’s decarbonisation last week — or rather one event and one non-event — suggest the International Maritime Organization is on its way to becoming a turkey that votes for Christmas.
**LAW & POLICY**


Ukraine urges UN and Turkey to start talks to extend grain deal. *Reuters*. 28 February 2023. Available from: [https://www.reuters.com/markets/commodities/ukraine-urges-un-turkey-start-talks-extend-grain-deal-2023-02-28/](https://www.reuters.com/markets/commodities/ukraine-urges-un-turkey-start-talks-extend-grain-deal-2023-02-28/) Ukraine has sent an appeal to the UN and Turkey to start negotiations on extending a grain export deal, but there has been no response, a Ukrainian government source said on Tuesday.


Shipping companies reach $97M California oil spill agreement. *Associated Press*. 1 March 2023. Available from: [https://apnews.com/article/california-oil-spill-pipeline-rupture-shipping-vessel-dba9405cf53aa2b57da1a90870f984e7](https://apnews.com/article/california-oil-spill-pipeline-rupture-shipping-vessel-dba9405cf53aa2b57da1a90870f984e7) Shipping companies will pay nearly $97 million to settle a lawsuit with a pipeline operator over a 2021 oil spill off the coast of Southern California, the pipeline company said Wednesday.

India imposes ban on oil tankers and bulk carriers more than 25 years old. *ShipTechnology*. 1 March 2023. Available from: [https://www.ship-technology.com/news/india-ban-oil-tankers-carriers/](https://www.ship-technology.com/news/india-ban-oil-tankers-carriers/) The Indian Government has decided to impose a ban on oil tankers and bulk carriers that are more than 25 years old.

MSC, world’s biggest shipping company and U.S.-China trade bellwether, is betting on a rebound for global economy. Lori Ann LaRocco. *CNBC (US)*. 1 March 2023. Available from: [https://www.cnbc.com/2023/03/01/worlds-biggest-shipping-firm-isnt-talking-like-a-recession-is-coming.html](https://www.cnbc.com/2023/03/01/worlds-biggest-shipping-firm-isnt-talking-like-a-recession-is-coming.html) MSC, Mediterranean Shipping Company, the world’s largest ocean freight line, tells CNBC it is expecting positive signals for the global economy from trade demand, but it will be months before a rebound takes hold.

The Transport Committee has urged the Government to change its approach towards backing specific technology solutions to decarbonise the UK’s transport sector, or risk failing its targets for cutting emissions.


As the Intergovernmental Conference to draft a new maritime biodiversity treaty convened on the eve of the closure of its resumed fifth session, some delegations expressed concern that discussions have gone beyond the Conference’s scope or are not adequately addressing the needs of geographically and economically vulnerable groups of countries, underscoring that the Conference’s outcome must align with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.


Today, at the Our Ocean Conference in Panama, the EU is confirming its strong engagement for international ocean governance by announcing 39 commitments for action for the year 2023.


Vessels linked to shipping companies in the UAE, Vietnam and China are in the US State Department’s crosshairs for skirting sanctions on Iran.


Australia will join more than 100 nations and co-sponsor Vanuatu’s landmark bid to have the International Court of Justice (ICJ) rule on the legal obligations that states have to deal with climate change and the damage it has caused.


At the 2023 Our Ocean Conference in Panama, the U.S. delegation, headed by Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry, worked with allies and partners to tackle the climate crisis, combat marine pollution, support sustainable fisheries, establish effective marine protected areas, promote a sustainable blue economy, and advance maritime security.


As UN member states gathering in New York this week to finally knock out a long-awaited treaty on the high seas announced “significant progress” with just one day left in the talks, a main stumbling block remained: how to fairly share “marine genetic resources” (MGR) and the eventual profits.
Nations reach accord to protect marine life on high seas. Christina Larson and Patrick Whittle. Associated Press. 5 March 2023. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/un-oceans-biodiversity-treaty-0b024fa07e8c1947236d8b8491ebf92c. For the first time, United Nations members have agreed on a unified treaty to protect biodiversity in the high seas - representing a turning point for vast stretches of the planet where conservation has previously been hampered by a confusing patchwork of laws.


UN forges historic deal to protect ocean life: what researchers think. Nicola Jones. Nature. 6 March 2023. Available from: https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-023-00684-z. After years of debates and discussions, nations have agreed on a High Seas Treaty to protect marine biodiversity and provide oversight of international waters.


UN chief in Ukraine on Wednesday to talk Black Sea grain deal renewal. Michelle Nichols. Reuters. 7 March 2023. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/un-chief-ukraine-wednesday-talk-black-sea-grain-deal-renewal-2023-03-07/. United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres will meet Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy in Kyiv on Wednesday to discuss extending a deal with Moscow that allows the Black Sea export of Ukraine grains amid Russia’s war in the country.

Twenty-five trailblazing women leading the fight against climate change. Terry Slavin and Karen Luckhurst. Reuters. 7 March 2023. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/business/sustainable-business/twenty-five-trailblazing-women-leading-fight-against-climate-change-2023-03-07/. With so many extraordinary women engaged in the battle against climate change, the biggest task in compiling Reuters Impact’s list of trailblazing women for International Women’s Day was whittling down our long list to only 25.

The high seas are supposed to belong to everyone – a new UN treaty aims to make it law. Cymie Paine and Robert Blasiak. The Conversation. 7 March 2023. Available from: https://theconversation.com/the-high-seas-are-supposed-to-belong-to-everyone-a-new-un-treaty-aims-to-make-it-law-201245. It may come as a surprise to fellow land-dwellers, but the ocean actually accounts for most of the habitable space on our planet.

A changing Pacific landscape this International Women’s Day. Miles Young. Samoa Observer. 8 March 2023. Available from: https://www.samoaobserver.ws/category/op_ed/102407. When the women and men of our Blue Pacific work together, with equal access to opportunities, incredible things happen.


‘Taking children to work should be a no-brainer’, maritime lawyer says. *Times of Malta*. 8 March 2023. Available from: https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/taking-children-to-work-should-be-no-brainer-maritime-lawyer-says.1017900. The government should incentivise employers to allow women to have the option to take their children to work in a bid to retain female talent in the workforce and encourage more women to continue pursuing their career after having children, maritime lawyer Ann Fenech told Times of Malta.


United States Announces $800 Million in International Commitments for Protecting Our Ocean. *US Department of State*. 8 March 2023. Available from: https://www.state.gov/united-states-announces-800-million-in-international-commitments-for-protecting-our-ocean/. The government should incentivise employers to allow women to have the option to take their children to work in a bid to retain female talent in the workforce and encourage more women to continue pursuing their career after having children, maritime lawyer Ann Fenech told Times of Malta.

The ironic side effects of the rapid global energy transition. Gavin Maguire. *Reuters*. 9 March 2023. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/ironic-side-effects-rapid-global-energy-transition-maguire-2023-03-10/. There’s a consensus among some climate advocates that catastrophic global environmental damage can only be avoided by a rapid and comprehensive retooling of the world’s energy system and tough caps on emissions for industry.


Analysis: Patchwork fixes to Ukraine grain shortfall leave world vulnerable a year into war. Karl Plume. Reuters. 13 March 2023. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/patchwork-fixes-ukraine-grain-shortfall-leave-world-vulnerable-year-into-war-2023-03-13/ A patchwork of fixes and increased crop plantings around the world to counter the impact of war in Ukraine on global grain supplies are not enough to ward off further risks of disruption.

Grain agreement in Black Sea extended: Parties disagree on extension length. ShippingWatch. 14 March 2023. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/logistics/article15323176.ece Russia says grain export via the Black Sea is prolonged by 60 days. Ukraine says 120 days.


UN high seas treaty is a landmark – but science needs to fill the gaps. *Nature.* 15 March 2023. Available from: [https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-023-00757-z](https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-023-00757-z) The agreement is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for researchers and funders to use every idea and instrument available to preserve the health of the seas.


UN backs Turkey, Ukraine in call for 120-day grain rollover. Michelle Nichols. *Reuters.* 16 March 2023. Available from: [https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/ukraine-grain-deal-clearly-calls-120-day-rollover-un-says-2023-03-16/](https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/ukraine-grain-deal-clearly-calls-120-day-rollover-un-says-2023-03-16/) The United Nations backed Turkey and Ukraine on Thursday by calling for a 120-day rollover of an agreement allowing the safe export of grain from several Ukrainian Black Sea ports after Russia said it would only extend the pact for 60 days.


Commonwealth study finds increased focus on ocean-climate action. The Commonwealth. 17 March 2023. Available from: https://thecommonwealth.org/news/commonwealth-study-finds-increased-focus-ocean-climate-action New research has found that most of the Commonwealth’s coastal and island states have mainstreamed ocean-based actions into their national climate commitments. ‘Blueing’ the NDCs.

IRC disappointed by only 60-day extension of Black Sea Grain Deal. International Rescue Committee. 18 March 2023. Available from: https://www.rescue.org/press-release/irc-disappointed-only-60-day-extension-black-sea-grain-deal The International Rescue Committee is disappointed that a deal has been brokered for only 60 days for the Black Sea Grain Alliance before its expiration date today, March 18.

Black Sea Grain Initiative extended on deadline day. UN News. 18 March 2023. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/03/1134762 The announcement was made in a Note to Correspondents, released by the UN Secretary-General’s spokesperson’s office on Saturday, which emphasized that the Initiative allows for the “facilitation of the safe navigation for the exports of grain and related foodstuffs and fertilizers, including ammonia, from designated Ukrainian seaports.”

Turkish president announces extension of Black Sea grain deal. Diyar Guldogan. Anadolu Agency (Türkiye). 19 March 2023. Available from: https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkiye/turkish-president-announces-extension-of-black-sea-grain-deal/2849446 The Black Sea grain deal that was due to expire on Sunday has been extended, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced on Saturday.


As the world moves towards an international, legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, IUCN and GRID-Arendal partner in a new project: AFRIPAC, “Effective Plastic Treaty Capacity Building for Africa.”


Responding to the Independent Review of Net Zero’s Recommendations. UK Government. 30 March 2023. Available from: https://bit.ly/3Of5z1 Chris Skidmore was asked to lead the review and focus on how we can deliver a pro-growth, cost effective net zero in the context of global economic shocks.

MARINE TECHNOLOGY


Prince Madog research vessel to be powered by hydrogen in £5.5m Transship II project. Bangor University (UK). 28 February 2023. Available from: https://www.bangor.ac.uk/news/2023-02-28-prince-madog-research-vessel-to-be-powered-by-hydrogen-in-ps55m-transship-ii The Transship II project is the largest retrofit of its kind to-date and will see the Prince Madog retrofitted with a hydrogen electric hybrid propulsion system that will enable zero to low emission operation by 2025.

Cargill testing new sail technology for cargo ships to cut emissions. Jonathan Saul. Reuters. 1 March 2023. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/business/sustainable-business/cargill-testing-new-sail-technology-cargo-ships-cut-emissions-2023-03-01/ Cargill, one of the world’s biggest ship charterers, is stepping up a push to resurrect wind power for cargo ships as the agricultural commodities group moves to cut emissions from its chartered fleet.


Spy in the sky might be used to track ghost ships. Eoin English. Irish Examiner. 5 March 2023. Available from: https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/arid-41085487.html The State is examining satellite technology to help it identify and track ghost ships or lost containers in Irish territorial waters.
MSC: ‘We are willing and ready’ to further adopt alternative fuels. Jasmina Ovcina Mandra. *Offshore Energy*. 7 March 2023. Available from: [https://www.offshore-energy.biz/msc-we-are-willing-and-ready-to-further-adopt-alternative-fuels/](https://www.offshore-energy.biz/msc-we-are-willing-and-ready-to-further-adopt-alternative-fuels/) World’s largest container shipping company MSC is ready to embrace alternative fuels as part of its commitment to decarbonize its operations, Claudio Abbate, Vice President of Maritime Policy and Government Affairs at MSC Group, said.


What will power ocean vessels under IMO 2050? John Kingston. *FreightWaves*. 9 March 2023. Available from: [https://www.freightwaves.com/news/what-will-power-ocean-vessels-under-imo-2050](https://www.freightwaves.com/news/what-will-power-ocean-vessels-under-imo-2050) Four years ago at CERAWeek, discussion of marine fuels focused on IMO 2020, which at that point was looming for full implementation of its tighter sulfur levels the following year.


Study: Retrofitting to green ammonia will be difficult and costly. Idha Toft Valeur. *ShippingWatch*. 14 March 2023. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article15323796.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article15323796.ece) It will be very difficult and very expensive to retrofit deep sea vessels to be fuelled by green ammonia in the coming years.


Sustainable biofuels and hydrogen can help shipping cut emissions, says IPCC. Enes Tunagur. *Lloyd’s List.* 20 March 2023. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144381/ The world needs to cut greenhouse gas emissions by up to 60% by 2035 to limit global warming to 1.5°C, scientists have warned.


OGCI, Stena, & GCMD get go-ahead to use carbon capture on oil tanker pilot to decarbonise shipping. *Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation (GCMD).* 22 March 2023. Available from: https://www.gcformd.org/post/ogci-stena-gcmd-gets-go-ahead-to-use-carbon-capture-on-oil-tanker-pilot-to-decarbonise-shipping A consortium of global shipping organisations and the Oil and Gas Climate Initiative (OGCI) have received approval in principle from the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS), the US ship certification agency, to use a carbon capture system onboard an oil tanker.


Autonomy is in sharper focus but lacks clear definitions. Richard Clayton. Lloyd’s List. 23 March 2023. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144423 Autonomous shipping is turning research and development effort into commercial solutions, according to Sinikka Hartonen, secretary general of the One Sea association of autonomous technology providers.

Biofuels replace LNG as most popular alternative fuel, survey shows. Enes Tunagur. Lloyd’s List. 23 March 2023. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144434 Biofuels are set to become the main alternative fuel choice, replacing liquefied natural gas, according to a survey.


Methanol joins the fast-track fuel race. Craig Jallal. Tanker Shipping & Trade. 31 March 2023. Available from: https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/methanol-joins-the-fast-track-fuel-race-75493 Methanol has been a tanker cargo and fuel for decades and is fast becoming the accepted alternative fuel for all types of newbuildings.


MARINE EDUCATION & TRAINING

Regulatory delay is holding back vital seafarer training. Richard Clayton. Lloyd’s List. 28 February 2023. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144128/ New training courses are expensive to develop and take many years to introduce, a factor to be considered given the hundreds of thousands of seafarers needing additional training by 2030.

MARINA, UP Open University team up to innovate maritime education. Martin Sadongdong. Manila Bulletin. 3 March 2023. Available from: https://mb.com.ph/2023/03/03/marina-up-open-university-team-up-to-innovate-maritime-education/ Learners who are interested to pursue a career in the maritime industry have now better options to achieve their dream.


Five-day training on international convention for seafarers. Shanelle Prasad. Fiji Times. 15 March 2023. Available from: https://www.fijitimes.com/five-day-training-on-international-convention-for-seafarers/ A five-day training was held recently to facilitate the delivery of requirements of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW).


‘SL in a position to provide professionals to global maritime industry’. Hiran H. Senewiratne. The Island (Sri Lanka). 19 March 2023. Available from: https://island.lk/sl-in-a-position-to-provide-professionals-to-global-maritime-industry/ Sri Lanka is in an ideal position to provide seafarers and maritime professionals to the global maritime industry, with the expansion of global trade and the establishment of a number of new sea ports in the future, General Manager, McLarens Maritime Academy (Pvt.) Ltd. (MMA) Capt. Dhakshina Perera said.


Shipping must adapt to retain and attract talent. Tomer Raanan. Lloyd’s List. 27 March 2023. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/ll1144440/ The maritime sector faces workforce challenges amid a tight labour market, shortage of mariners and changing expectations from prospective employees, according to recruiters and shipmanagers.

MARITIME SAFETY


Flags refute claims as ITF vows crackdown on ‘substandard shipping’. Nidaa Bakhsh. Lloyd’s List. 20 March 2023. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144349/ The International Transport Workers’ Federation will be targeting ships flagged to the Cook Islands, Palau, Sierra Leone, and Togo for safety, maintenance and seafarer welfare inspections.


MARITIME SECURITY


East Africa’s War on Illicit Maritime Trade, and How Exercise Cutlass Express 2023 is Changing the Narrative. *United States Navy.* 17 March 2023. Available from: https://www.navy.mil/Press-Office/News-Stories/Article/3333189/  Across Africa, partner nations have joined to train and work alongside each other to combat the laundry list of maritime crime on the continent.


EMSA deploys remotely piloted aircraft services over the Gulf of Genova for increased maritime surveillance in support of the Italian Coast Guard. European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA). 23 March 2023. Available from: https://emsa.europa.eu/index.php?option=com_flexicontent&view=item&cid=24&id=4928 EMSA has started the deployment of its remotely piloted aircraft services in support of the Italian Coast Guard to gain increased maritime awareness over the Gulf of Genova until the summer.


MIGRANTS

‘The beach is like a cemetery’: Italian village grapples with shipwreck aftermath. Angela Giuffrida. The Guardian. 27 February 2023. Available from: https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/feb/27/italy-shipwreck-calabria-migration?CMP=share_btn_tw It was about 5.30am on Sunday when Vincenzo Luciano rushed to the beach in Steccato di Cutro in Italy’s southern Calabria region after receiving a call from a fellow fisher who described seeing a boat breaking up in the waves.


Record-breaking number of migrants reach Italy in 48 hours. Euronews. 26 March 2023. Available from: https://www.euronews.com/2023/03/26/record-breaking-number-of-migrants-reach-italy-in-48-hours In the past 48 hours, more than 4000 migrants have reached Southern Italy - a new record - with some 2,000 people disembarking on the island of Lampedusa alone.

**NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS**

EU eases sanctions on ship piloting to avoid accidents. Peter Thomsen. *ShippingWatch.* 1 March 2023. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article15221180.ece Due to requests from northern countries, the EU has decided to provide exemptions for ship piloting services in the sanctions on Russia.


IWD: An Interview with India’s First and Only Woman Marine Pilot, Reshma Nilofer Visalakshi MNI. *Cyprus Shipping News.* 10 March 2023. Available from: https://cyprusshippingnews.com/2023/03/10/iwd-an-interview-with-indias-first-and-only-woman-marine-pilot-reshma-nilوفر-visalakshi-mni/ She is not only India’s first woman marine pilot, she is India’s only woman marine pilot, and one among an elite few women River Pilots in the world.

Diamond Princess returns to Yokohama 3 yrs after mass COVID outbreak. *Kyodo News (Japan).* 10 March 2023. Available from: https://english.kyodonews.net/news/2023/03/1cfb29f256fa-diamond-princess-returns-to-yokohama-3yrs-after-mass-covid-outbreak.html The Diamond Princess liner returned to Yokohama near Tokyo on Friday for the first time since a mass COVID outbreak three years ago led Japan to quarantine those onboard and suspend the arrival of foreign cruise ships until this month.

Countries call on flag states to crack down on dark STS oil transfers. *Hellenic Shipping News.* 13 March 2023. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/countries-call-on-flag-states-to-crack-down-on-dark-STS-oil-transfers/ Australia, Canada and the US have made a joint submission to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) to debate ways to end the use of ship-to-ship (STS) transfers of Russian crude oil.
Proper EPIRBs use is critical says the Marshall Islands. *International Institute of Marine Surveying (IIMS)*. 13 March 2023. Available from: [https://www.iims.org.uk/rmi-proper-eprib-use-is-critical/](https://www.iims.org.uk/rmi-proper-eprib-use-is-critical/) The Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator has issued an important reminder after an increase in both false Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) distress alerts and issues with their registration.


Ship Captain Believes ChatGPT Told Him To Change Course. *John Konrad. gCaptain*. 15 March 2023. Available from: [https://gcaptain.com/ship-captain-believes-chatgpt-told-him-to-change-course/](https://gcaptain.com/ship-captain-believes-chatgpt-told-him-to-change-course/) gCaptain has obtained a troubling report from an American captain, who claims that a shipowner utilized an AI bot, potentially ChatGPT, to suggest modifications to the ship’s voyage plan.

With Arctic Winter Sea Ice at Annual Low, Urgent Need to Slash Shipping Emissions. *Clean Arctic Alliance*. 20 March 2023. Available from: [https://cleanarctic.org/2023/03/20/arctic_winter_sea_ice_annual_low_need_slash_shipping_emissions/](https://cleanarctic.org/2023/03/20/arctic_winter_sea_ice_annual_low_need_slash_shipping_emissions/) Responding to reports from the US National Snow and Ice Data Center (NSIDC) that Arctic sea ice has reached its winter maximum, the fifth lowest in the 45-year satellite record, the Clean Arctic Alliance today called on the IMO to take immediate action to reduce fossil fuel emissions including black carbon from global shipping in order to rapidly reduce their impact on the Arctic.


Oil spills and near misses: more ghost tankers ship sanctioned fuel. *Jonathan Saul. Reuters*. 23 March 2023. Available from: [https://www.reuters.com/business/autos-transportation/oil-spills-near-misses-more-ghost-tankers-ship-sanctioned-fuel-2023-03-23/](https://www.reuters.com/business/autos-transportation/oil-spills-near-misses-more-ghost-tankers-ship-sanctioned-fuel-2023-03-23/) These vessels were part of a “shadow” fleet of tankers carrying oil last year from countries hit by Western sanctions, according to a Reuters analysis of ship tracking and accident data and interviews with more than a dozen industry specialists.

Antarctic expedition shows melting ice presents a growing threat to whales. *Dominic Cansdale and Sarah Cumming. ABC (Australia)*. 23 March 2023. Available from: [https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-03-24/antarctic-expedition-shows-melting-ice-growing-threat-to-whales/102133718](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-03-24/antarctic-expedition-shows-melting-ice-growing-threat-to-whales/102133718) They survived commercial whaling, but a large-scale Antarctic expedition has provided more insights into how climate change could re-shape future generations of whales.


Russia’s Oil Tanker Ghost Fleet Is A Time Bomb. James Stavridis. gCaptain. 30 March 2023. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/russias-oil-tanker-ghost-fleet-is-a-time-bomb/ Another watery part of the war, occurring on oceans around the world, is the smuggling of Russian oil, heavily sanctioned in the West, in so-called shadow tankers.

**PIRACY**


Ghana, Angola overtake Nigeria in number of piracy attacks. Ships & Ports. 6 March 2023. Available from: https://shipsandports.com.ng/ghana-angola-overtake-nigeria-in-number-of-piracy-attacks/ Ghana and Angola have passed Nigeria in the number of reported piracy incidents in their waters, with two-thirds of incidents taking place while ships were anchored or berthed.

Ongoing Incident: Pirates Board Product Tanker in Gulf of Guinea. Maritime Executive. 27 March 2023. Available from: https://maritime-executive.com/article/ongoing-incident-pirates-board-product-tanker-in-gulf-of-guinea The relative calm in the Gulf of Guinea appears to have been broken with reports of an ongoing incident with unknown boarders attempting to seize control of a product tanker that was laying off the coast of DR Congo near Point Noire.


Danish Shipping wants greater focus on piracy after new attack on ship. Astrid Sturlason. ShippingWatch. 29 March 2023. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article15484413.ece After a pirate attack in the Gulf of Guinea on a ship owned by Danish Monjasa, Danish Shipping encourages maintaining a focus on piracy in the exposed area.

France has sent a patrol boat to search for a pirated ship in the Gulf of Guinea. Maritimafrica. 29 March 2023. Available from: https://maritimafrica.com/en/france-has-sent-a-patrol-boat-to-search-for-a-pirated-ship-in-the-gulf-of-guinea/ On Sunday 26 March, the Chief Command for the Atlantic (CECLANT) sent the French Navy patrol boat Premier L’Her, which was in Libreville (Gabon) at the time, to reach the tanker’s last known position (05°03’N-009°35’E).

**PORTS & HARBOURS**

**Port of London Authority carbon reduction plans on track.** *Port of London Authority (PLA)*. 28 February 2023. Available from: [http://www.pla.co.uk/Port-of-London-Authority-carbon-reduction-plans-on-track](http://www.pla.co.uk/Port-of-London-Authority-carbon-reduction-plans-on-track) The Port of London Authority (PLA) has achieved a major milestone, halving its carbon emissions last year, as it made strong progress in its Net Zero programme.


**Biden envoy says that automating ports doesn’t have to cost jobs.** *ShippingWatch*. 1 March 2023. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/Ports/article15224611.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/Ports/article15224611.ece) White House envoy urges the port industry to accept that automation is an inevitable part of the future.

**Sheikh Mohammed issues law on Dubai Ports Authority to boost maritime trade.** *Gulf Today (UAE)*. 2 March 2023. Available from: [https://www.gulftoday.ae/news/2023/03/02/sheikh-mohammed-issues-law-on-dubai-ports-authority-to-boost-maritime-trade](https://www.gulftoday.ae/news/2023/03/02/sheikh-mohammed-issues-law-on-dubai-ports-authority-to-boost-maritime-trade) In his capacity as the Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, has issued Law No. (4) of 2023 on Dubai Ports Authority and affiliated Drydocks World-Dubai to the Authority.


**The Port of Gothenburg signs cooperative agreement with the Port of Los Angeles.** *Port of Gothenburg*. 6 March 2023. Available from: [https://bit.ly/3o3c7kU](https://bit.ly/3o3c7kU) Officials with the Port of Gothenburg and Port of Los Angeles have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to further their relationship and cooperation on a number of key topics, including sustainability, digital and physical infrastructure, and potential trade opportunities.


Apapa port hosts International Women’s Day event. Oluwatoyin Amoa. Ships & Ports. 9 March 2023. Available from: https://shipsandports.com.ng/apapa-port-hosts-international-womens-day-event/ The Port Manager, Lagos Port Complex Apapa, Mrs Olufunmilayo Olotu, has advised women in the maritime industry to embrace and support each other in the quest for professional advancement.


*Seychelles’ Port Victoria to go digital by October for 50th anniversary.* Rita Joubert-Lawen. *Seychelles News Agency*. 27 March 2023. Available from: [http://www.seychellesnewsgency.com/articles/18426/Seychelles%27+Port+Victoria+to+go+digital+by+October+for+50th+anniversary](http://www.seychellesnewsgency.com/articles/18426/Seychelles%27+Port+Victoria+to+go+digital+by+October+for+50th+anniversary) Seychelles’ Port Victoria is working towards digitalising its services to coincide with the commercial port’s 50th anniversary in October, said a top official on Monday.


*Over 207m tons of commodities loaded, unloaded in ports in a year.* *Tehran Times (Iran)*. 29 March 2023. Available from: [https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/483209](https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/483209) In addition to the unloading and loading of more than 207 million tons of goods in the ports of the country, the major development and infrastructure projects defined for the year 1401 were implemented affecting the national economy and the livelihood of the coastal people, Ali-Akbar Safaei stated.


**REGULATIONS**


Dutch ILT drones find lashing violations on container ships. *SWZ Maritime (Netherlands).* 6 March 2023. Available from: [https://swzmaritime.nl/news/2023/03/06/dutch-ilt-drones-find-lashing-violations-on-container-ships/](https://swzmaritime.nl/news/2023/03/06/dutch-ilt-drones-find-lashing-violations-on-container-ships/) The Dutch Human Environment and Transport Inspectorate (ILT) and Netherlands Coast Guard are deploying drones to check lashings on board container ships.

Shipowners urged to enhance data transparency for better IMO rules. *Hellenic Shipping News.* 9 March 2023. Available from: [https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/shipowners-urged-to-enhance-data-transparency-for-better-imo-rules/](https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/shipowners-urged-to-enhance-data-transparency-for-better-imo-rules/) Shipowners need to provide more operational data so that the International Maritime Organization can have a better regulatory framework around a center piece of its emissions regulations, the Carbon Intensity Index, some industry participants said March 7.

Regulation too slow to keep pace with development of EVs and batteries. Nick Savvides. *The Loadstar.* 16 March 2023. Available from: [https://theloadstar.com/regulation-too-slow-to-keep-pace-with-development-of-evs-and-batteries/](https://theloadstar.com/regulation-too-slow-to-keep-pace-with-development-of-evs-and-batteries/) Regulation in the maritime sector is moving too slow to keep pace with changes in the industry, particularly concerning the transport of electric vehicles (EVs) and lithium-ion (li-ion) batteries.


**SALVAGE**


Vessel to remove oil from stricken Yemen tanker could arrive by May. UN News. 9 March 2023. Available from: [https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/03/1134422](https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/03/1134422) The FSO Safer has been moored off the west coast of Yemen for over three decades but has not been properly maintained since war erupted across the country in 2015 between Government forces, backed by a Saudi-led coalition, and Houthi rebels.

SEAFARERS


Port-Based Welfare Needs of Women Seafarers. *Seafarers International Research Centre (SIRC).* 8 March 2023. Available from: [https://www.sirc.cf.ac.uk/Uploads/Publications/The%20port-based%20welfare%20needs%20of%20women%20seafarers.pdf](https://www.sirc.cf.ac.uk/Uploads/Publications/The%20port-based%20welfare%20needs%20of%20women%20seafarers.pdf). This study of the working lives and welfare needs of women seafarers was supported by The Seafarers’ Charity. The aim of the research was to provide an understanding of the port-based welfare needs of women seafarers and to consider how well these are currently met.


Abuse survivor Hope Hicks ‘sickened’ that her attacker can still work at sea. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds.* 9 March 2023. Available from: [https://www.tradewindsnews.com/law/abuse-survivor-hope-hicks-sickened-that-her-attacker-can-still-work-at-sea/2-1-1415835](https://www.tradewindsnews.com/law/abuse-survivor-hope-hicks-sickened-that-her-attacker-can-still-work-at-sea/2-1-1415835). The former cadet whose shocking account of being raped at sea sparked demands for cultural change within shipping has called for tougher enforcement action after being told her alleged attacker continues to work on vessels.


On-The-Spot Advocates for Seafarers. James Kollin. *Seamen’s Church Institute.* 16 March 2023. Available from: [https://seamenschurch.org/on-the-spot-advocates-for-seafarers/](https://seamenschurch.org/on-the-spot-advocates-for-seafarers/) On a recent ship visit, I encountered a crew complaining about problems with the food they were given during their voyage.


70 percent of sacked P&O workers have left the industry. *National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT).* 17 March 2023. Available from: [https://www.rmt.org.uk/news/70-percent-of-sacked-pando-workers-have-left-the-industry/](https://www.rmt.org.uk/news/70-percent-of-sacked-pando-workers-have-left-the-industry/) The majority of unlawfully sacked P&O staff have left the industry following their appalling treatment last year, an RMT survey has found.

Seafarers from Ukraine now working on Great Lakes Ships. *Bay Observer (Canada).* 17 March 2023. Available from: [https://bayobserver.ca/seafarers-from-ukraine-now-working-on-great-lakes-ships/](https://bayobserver.ca/seafarers-from-ukraine-now-working-on-great-lakes-ships/) Algoma, CSL, Groupe Desgagnés, and Hamilton’s McKeil Marine are among the Canadian ship owners that have welcomed qualified Ukrainian seafarers and other marine personnel after Russia invaded their homeland in February 2022.


Final crew members of Yangtze Fortune to be repatriated following sale of abandoned carrier. *ABC (Australia).* 21 March 2023. Available from: https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-03-21/yangtze-fortune-crew-repatriated-home-abandoned-ship/102125840 After more than five months at sea on an abandoned ship, the remaining crew of the *Yangtze Fortune* is finally going home.


They call us derogatory names, label us as witches just to prevent us from undertaking roles of men in fishing — Women Fish Processors. Kwame Malcolm. *Modern Ghana.* 23 March 2023. Available from: https://www.modernghana.com/news/1218767/they-call-us-derogatory-names-label-us-as-witches.html Fish processors mostly women are unhappy how they are often discouraged from undertaking key roles in fishing which have been made the preserve of fishermen all in a bid to discourage them.


Stranded in Iran for four years, 5 Indian sailors to return home today. *Indo-Asian News Service (IANS).* 24 March 2023. Available from: https://ianslive.in/news/stranded-in-iran-for-four-years-5-indian-sailors-to-return-home-today-954914/NATION/1 Five Indian sailors who went to join a merchant navy ship in June 2019 and got stranded in Iran later, will finally return home on Friday afternoon after surviving a nightmarish ordeal of nearly four years, a family member said here.


Shipowners fear wide-ranging consequences of law against low wages. Niklas Krigslund and Dag Holmstad. ShippingWatch. 29 March 2023. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article15485693.ece. While DFDS is happy to see a UK intervention against social dumping, the carrier’s own trade association is worried that the new legislation could open the door to an ensuing chaos of local rules for shipping companies.

SEARCH & RESCUE

Philippine Coast Guard Forms Human Chain to Rescue Stranded Crew. Maritime Executive. 28 February 2023. Available from: https://maritime-executive.com/article/philippine-coast-guard-forms-human-chain-to-rescue-stranded-crew. The Philippine Coast Guard is reporting that it was able to rescue 14 crewmembers from a grounded dry mini bulker that had gone aground near Lubang Island in the western Philippines south of Manila.


China rescues foreign cargo ship with 21 crew in South China Sea. China Daily. 17 March 2023. Available from: https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202303/17/WS641469f6a31057c47ebb526b.html. A foreign cargo ship with 21 crew members on board has been towed to safety in the Pearl River estuary by a Chinese professional rescue ship after it broke down off the Nansha Islands in the South China Sea on March 3, the Ministry of Transport said Friday.

Banksy’s migrant rescue ship seized by Italy’s coast guard in Lampedusa. Reuters.
26 March 2023. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/banksys-migrant-rescue-ship-seized-by-italys-coast-guard-lampedusa-2023-03-26/ A rescue ship funded by British street artist Banksy was seized in Lampedusa on Sunday after Italy’s coast guard said the boat had disobeyed its instructions to head to Sicily after carrying out a migrant rescue operation.

PCG continues SAR operations on M/V LADY MARY JOY 3 caught on fire onboard. Philippine Coast Guard (PCG). 31 March 2023. Available from: https://coastguard.gov.ph/index.php/11-news/5082 The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) continues its search and rescue / retrieval (SAR) operations after M/V LADY MARY JOY 3 reported fire onboard while traversing the vicinity waters off Baluk-Baluk Island, Hadji Muhtamad, Basilan.

SHIP RECYCLING

Sheet Harbour becoming centre for green marine dismantling. Guysborough Journal (Canada). 1 March 2023. Available from: https://www.guysboroughjournal.com/?page=post&ID=1233 With one project almost complete and two more getting ready to start, Sheet Harbour may be on its way to becoming a centre of excellence for green marine reclamation and recycling.


Ship Recycling Activity Posts Strong Recovery. Nikos Roussanoglou. Hellenic Shipping News. 15 March 2023. Available from: https://www.hellenichippingnews.com/ship-recycling-activity-posts-strong-recovery/ The ship recycling market has shown signs of a strong recovery, as prices have increased and more owners have the financial incentive to sell their older ships.


Container shipping asked to clean up its act in view of upcoming scrapping wave. *NGO Shipbreaking Platform.* 29 March 2023. Available from: [https://shipbreakingplatform.org/container-shipping-scrapping-wave/](https://shipbreakingplatform.org/container-shipping-scrapping-wave/) Triggered by overcapacity, lower freight rates and the new carbon regulations expected this year, numerous container ships will be sold for scrapping in the near future.

**SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR**


Labor shortage puts pressure on deliveries of new ships from South Korea. *Tomas Kristiansen. ShippingWatch.* 8 March 2023. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article15273636.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article15273636.ece) Evergreen is currently in talks with Samsung Heavy Industries about how to avoid delays for the carrier’s massive order for new ships.

Strict enforcement of shipbuilding guides sought after oil spill. *Philippine News Agency (PNA).* 8 March 2023. Available from: [https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1196947](https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1196947) Negros Occidental 3rd District Representative Jose Francisco Benitez on Wednesday filed a bill seeking to empower the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) to strictly enforce shipbuilding standards and ensure that vessels are constructed and equipped with materials and apparatus to prevent discharge or emission of oil, sewage, garbage and other harmful substances and pollutants into Philippine seas.


Samsung Heavy teams up with Kongsberg to develop autonomous LNG carriers. *Pulse (South Korea)*. 20 March 2023. Available from: https://pulsenews.co.kr/view.php?year=2023&no=216751* Samsung Heavy Industries Co., one of the three biggest shipbuilders in South Korea, signed a joint development agreement with Kongsberg Maritime, a global marine solution provider in Norway, to develop autonomous vessels.


Crewless container ships appear on the horizon. Adrienne Murray. *BBC News*. 23 March 2023. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-64875319* However, by the end of the year, the number of crew on board will be reduced from five to two and then, if all goes well, in two more years the vessel’s bridge will be removed and there won’t be any crew on board at all.

Artificial intelligence in shipyard...Samsung Heavy Industries developed a chatbot. *Samsung Heavy Industries*. 27 March 2023. Available from: http://www.samsungshi.com/eng/Pr/news_view.aspx?Page=1&Seq=1235&mac=e8d85f3132c3873f27ca08935144da36* Chatbots, which have been introduced in businesses with customer service work including financial and public institutions, are also being used in the shipbuilding industry.

**SHIPPING**


**Cyprus president names new shipping deputy minister.** Nigel Lowry. Lloyd’s List. 28 February 2023. Available from: https://lloydsslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144134/Cyprus-president-names-new-shipping-deputy-minister Lawyer Marina Hadjimanolis has been named as Cyprus’ new deputy shipping minister.

**What the era of carbon pricing will mean for the maritime industry.** Panos Koutsourakis. Safety4Sea. 28 February 2023. Available from: https://safety4sea.com/what-the-era-of-carbon-pricing-will-mean-for-the-maritime-industry/ The shipping industry’s relationship to environmental regulation continues to evolve, with regional initiatives set to play an important role in the years ahead.

**Companies must act to abandon dirty ships: New research names top brands responsible for shipping pollution.** Ship it Zero. 1 March 2023. Available from: https://shipitzero.org/companies-must-act-to-abandon-dirty-ships/ New research released today by the Ship It Zero campaign finds that Walmart, Target and Home Depot were the largest ocean import polluters of 2021, as e-commerce demands skyrocketed in the U.S. and globally.


**International Chamber of Shipping and Suez Canal Authority commit to continue open communication.** International Chamber of Shipping (ICS). 1 March 2023. Available from: https://www.ics-shipping.org/press-release/international-chamber-of-shipping-and-suez-canal-authority-commit-to-continue-open-communication/ The International Chamber of Shipping and Egypt’s Suez Canal Authority have re-signed an agreement covering key issues impacting international shipowners and operations of the Suez Canal.
**War In Ukraine Has Had a Structural Change In Global Shipping.** Nikos Roussanoglou. Hellenic Shipping News. 3 March 2023. Available from: [https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/war-in-ukraine-has-had-a-structural-change-in-global-shipping/](https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/war-in-ukraine-has-had-a-structural-change-in-global-shipping/) Russia’s invasion in Ukraine, a year and a few days ago, has had a profound impact on shipping.


**The health of the oceans is shipping’s problem too.** Enes Tunagur. Lloyd’s List. 7 March 2023. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144270/The-health-of-the-oceans-is-shippings-problem-too](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144270/The-health-of-the-oceans-is-shippings-problem-too) An industry that routinely allowed garbage to be dumped overboard until just 10 years ago needs to get with the programme.
8 March 2023. Available from:  [https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/viewpoint-rewriting-the-hidden-women-into-maritime-history/2-1-1411379](https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/viewpoint-rewriting-the-hidden-women-into-maritime-history/2-1-1411379) Leading shipping organisations are collaborating on a project to highlight the many opportunities undertaken by women to forge their careers — and making the information free.


Breaking barriers: how women in maritime are overcoming gender bias. Alice Chambers. *Cruise & Ferry.* 8 March 2023. Available from:  [https://www.cruiseandferry.net/articles/breaking-barriers-how-women-in-maritime-are-overcoming-gender-bias-1](https://www.cruiseandferry.net/articles/breaking-barriers-how-women-in-maritime-are-overcoming-gender-bias-1) Did you know that women only make up 1.2 per cent of the global seafarer workforce?


How the U.S. can cut maritime emissions. Caroline Bonfield. *Ocean Conservancy.* 10 March 2023. Available from:  [https://oceanconservancy.org/blog/2023/03/10/how-us-can-cut-maritime-emissions/](https://oceanconservancy.org/blog/2023/03/10/how-us-can-cut-maritime-emissions/) For several years, Ocean Conservancy has joined with partners to sound the call for the decarbonization of the shipping industry.

**Reducing Greenhouse Gases in the Maritime Sector: Approaches for Decarbonizing the U.S. Fleet.**


**Post IMO 2020 high sulphur fuel accounts for 26% of global bunker sales.** Marcus Hand and Peter Shaw-Smith. *Seatrade Maritime News.* 15 March 2023. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/bunkering/post-imo-2020-high-sulphur-fuel-accounts-26-global-bunker-sales With the IMO 2020 regulation restricting bunker fuel to 0.5% sulphur content from 1 January 2020 market observers had been expecting HSFO to become marginalised and potentially difficult to purchase in many ports.


Over 100 falsely flagged ships are trading in plain sight. Richard Meade. *Lloyds List.*


US wants to cut CO2 emissions from global shipping by 96 percent in 2040. *ShippingWatch.* 20 March 2023. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article15398264.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article15398264.ece) There is a mere 100 days till the next climate meeting at IMO wherein there will be talks of a complete elimination of CO2 emissions by 2050.


Net-zero shipping: where there’s a will. Oliver Gordon. *Energy Monitor.* 20 March 2023. Available from: [https://www.energymonitor.ai/sectors/transport/net-zero-shipping-where-theres-a-will/](https://www.energymonitor.ai/sectors/transport/net-zero-shipping-where-theres-a-will/) There are whispers of a global decarbonisation agenda for the archaic monolith that is the maritime shipping industry – but will the technology be ready to turn the tanker in time?

CSA, IDB sign agreement to accelerate shipping industry decarbonization. *Caribbean Shipping Association.* 20 March 2023. Available from: [https://caribbeanshipping.org/csa-idb-sign-agreement-to-accelerate-shipping-industry-decarbonization/](https://caribbeanshipping.org/csa-idb-sign-agreement-to-accelerate-shipping-industry-decarbonization/) The Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) will collaborate to decarbonize the shipping industry after signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Friday, March 17.


The Poseidon Principles — now it’s going to get difficult. Gary Howard. Seatrade Maritime News. 22 March 2023. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/finance-insurance/poseidon-principles-now-its-going-get-difficult Speaking on the opening day of CMA Shipping 2023 in Connecticut, Michael Parker, Chairman, Global Shipping, Logistics & Offshore at Citi and one of the architects of the Poseidon Principles, said that the ambitions and commitments within the framework would make for tough decisions in coming years.

Business as usual ‘not an option’ on shipping’s path to decarbonisation. Tomer Raanan. Lloyd’s List. 22 March 2023. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144410/ The coming year will be defining for shipping’s decarbonisation journey and the industry can no longer go about its business as usual, according to shipowner group BIMCO.


EU agrees to the world’s first green shipping fuel requirement: The beginning of the end for dirty shipping fuels. Transport & Environment. 23 March 2023. Available from: https://www.transportenvironment.org/discover/eu-confirms-the-worlds-first-green-shipping-fuel-requirement/ Ships will be required to increasingly switch to sustainable fuels and at least 2% of the bloc’s shipping fuels will need to come from e-fuels derived from renewable electricity by 2034, at the latest.

Cargo ships must use 2 percent green fuel in EU from 2025. Daniel Logan. ShippingWatch. 23 March 2023. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article15438820.ece The EU reaches agreement on new legislation which entails that freighters must initiate cuts to greenhouse gas emissions from fuels.


FuelEU Maritime: a step forward towards shipping’s energy transition. European Community Shipowners’ Associations (ECSA). 23 March 2023. Available from: https://www.ecsa.eu/index.php/news/fueleu-maritime-step-forward-towards-shippings-energy-transition The agreement gives a strong political signal and provides clear climate targets and guidance for the industry as regards the fuels that may be used towards the energy transition of the sector.

Insurers covering Ukraine grain corridor shipments for now - Lloyd’s exec. Jonathan Saul. Reuters. 23 March 2023. Available from: https://reut.rs/3W4ND7D Insurers continue to cover grain shipments from Ukraine through a U.N.-backed corridor although more clarity will be required soon, a senior Lloyd’s of London official said on Thursday, after the export accord was renewed for at least 60 days.


EU raises the target for shipping’s decarbonisation, but IMO doesn’t yet. *Ship Management International.* 27 March 2023. Available from: [https://shipmanagementinternational.com/eu-raises-the-target-for-shippings-decarbonisation-but-imo-doesnt-yet/](https://shipmanagementinternational.com/eu-raises-the-target-for-shippings-decarbonisation-but-imo-doesnt-yet/) The European Commission has welcomed the political agreement reached between the European Parliament and the Council that increases the maritime transport sector’s contribution to reaching the EU-wide target of reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, and to achieving climate neutrality in 2050.


CMA Shipping 2023: Liner Shipping’s Commercial and Data-Driven Future. Barry Parker. *gCaptain.* 27 March 2023. Available from: [https://gcaptain.com/cma-shipping-2023-liner-shippings-commercial-and-data-driven-future/](https://gcaptain.com/cma-shipping-2023-liner-shippings-commercial-and-data-driven-future/) During the discussion, questions came up regarding the future of alliances between carriers, which was not surprising given the recent breakup of the 2M Alliance (Maersk and MSC) and the unravelling of the TradeLens effort (Maersk and IBM) to build an industry-wide blockchain platform for liner shipping.


Decarbonisation and digitalisation are opportunities to get more women into shipping, WISTA head says. Matt Coyne. *TradeWinds.* 29 March 2023. Available from: [https://www.tradewindsnews.com/people/decarbonisation-and-digitalisation-are-opportunities-to-get-more-women-into-shipping-wista-head-says/2-1-1426383](https://www.tradewindsnews.com/people/decarbonisation-and-digitalisation-are-opportunities-to-get-more-women-into-shipping-wista-head-says/2-1-1426383) Environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) issues and the push for decarbonisation are opportunities to get more women involved in shipping, says WISTA International’s new president.


**Russia Still Uses Western Insurance for Half of Oil Shipments.** Bloomberg. 30 March 2023. Available from: [https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/russia-still-uses-western-insurance-for-half-of-oil-shipments-1.1902483](https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/russia-still-uses-western-insurance-for-half-of-oil-shipments-1.1902483) Russia still relies on Western insurers to cover more than half of the tanker fleet that exports its oil, according to data compiled by Bloomberg, and the country’s energy officials are voicing concerns about the situation.


**RESEARCH**


About the front cover

The CAB front cover is a photograph of the international memorial to the world’s seafarers, past, present and future which graces the entrance to IMO Headquarters in London. The memorial, a seven-metre high, ten-tonne bronze representation of the bow of a cargo ship with a lone seafarer on the deck, is the work of internationally renowned British sculptor Michael Sandle.