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IMO NEWS & EVENTS

WHAT’S NEW

Women in Maritime day: networks for gender equality

The second International Day for Women in Maritime, on 18 May 2023, seeks to highlight the importance of collaboration and networking in achieving gender equality in the maritime sector.

IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim said: “Women are working in all facets of the maritime sector across the globe, on shore and at sea to support the transition to a decarbonized, digitalized and more sustainable future for the industry. There is still a significant gender imbalance in maritime. Times are changing – but we need to accelerate that change. The benefits for the whole sector of improved diversity in the workforce is evident.” More…

MEETING SUMMARIES AND SCHEDULE

Previous Meetings

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

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

Forthcoming Meetings

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

Intersessional Working Group on the Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (ISWG-GHG 15) 26-30 June 2023

Programme of Meetings for 2023

Current climate policies ‘a death sentence’ for the world, warns Guterres. *UN News.* 20 April 2023. Available from: [https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/04/1135862](https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/04/1135862) Antonio Guterres was addressing via videolink, the fourth meeting of the Major Economies Forum, convened by the United States President Joe Biden, which is designed to galvanize efforts to keep the global temperature rise of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, within reach – in line with the Paris Agreement.


CASUALTIES


Eight Missing After Cargo Ship Bound for Ukraine Sinks off Turkey. Maritime Executive. 5 April 2023. Available from: https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/eight-missing-after-cargo-ship-bound-for-ukraine-sinks-off-turkey Turkish officials are reporting that a search and rescue operation is underway in the Mediterranean after a small, general cargo ship, sunk in a storm.


PCG: All but one oil spill sources temporarily sealed. Raymond Carl Dela Cruz. Philippine News Agency (PNA). 17 April 2023. Available from: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1199569 The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) announced on Monday the completion of underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) operations in Oriental Mindoro province as part of mitigation efforts in the oil spill caused by the sinking of the M/T Princess Empress nearly two months ago.

Reliability concerns for container ship that broke down in Wellington Harbour. Conor Knell. Stuff (New Zealand). 17 April 2023. Available from: https://www.stuff.co.nz/dominion-post/news/wellington/131786475/ Maritime NZ officials are beginning inspections of Shiling, the container ship that broke down on Saturday, to decide when it can leave Wellington, the harbourmaster said on Monday.

DENR hoping oil spill leakage to be fully controlled ‘within the month’. ABS-CBN (Philippines). 18 April 2023. Available from: https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/04/18/23/denr-hopes-oil-spill-leakage-fully-controlled-within-the-month The Department of Natural Resources (DENR) on Tuesday hoped the oil spill leakage could be fully controlled “within the month,” just as it is still undertaking impact analysis on the spill’s ecological damage.

One killed in tanker fire in Malaysia-Indonesia border waters. Jakarta Post. 19 April 2023. Available from: https://www.thejakartapost.com/indonesia/2023/04/19/one-killed-in-tanker-fire-in-malaysia-indonesia-border-waters.html A crew member was killed and two others injured, and one reported missing, after a fire broke out on a Malaysian-flagged tanker in the Outside Port Limits (OPL) waters between Indonesia and Malaysia on Monday.


**SS Montevideo Maru** shipwreck found 81 years after Australia’s worst maritime disaster. Brianna Morris-Grant. *ABC (Australia).* 21 April 2023. Available from: [https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-04-22/montevideo-maru-wwii-shipwreck-found/102255384](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-04-22/montevideo-maru-wwii-shipwreck-found/102255384) The ship at the centre of the worst maritime disaster in Australia’s history has been discovered more than 4,000 metres beneath the sea, 81 years after it sank.


At least 11 people killed as ferry capsizes off Indonesia. *ABC (Australia).* 28 April 2023. Available from: [https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-04-28/ferry-capsizes-off-indonesia-killing-several-people/102278966](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-04-28/ferry-capsizes-off-indonesia-killing-several-people/102278966) Officials said the ferry, *Evelyn Calista 01*, was carrying about 78 people — 72 passengers and six crew — to the small island of Tanjung Pinang near neighbouring Singapore when, about 30 minutes after it set sail, it was believed to have hit a log.

**ENVIRONMENT**


Earth Day: Here are 5 ways we can scale up climate solutions, according to IPCC. Andrea Willige. World Economic Forum. 19 April 2023. Available from: https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2023/04/earth-day-2023-climate-solutions-ipcc/ On April 22, the world will be marking Earth Day, a global day of environmental activism to bring about policy changes, mobilize funding and transform human behaviour to fight the climate crisis.


Harnessing the ocean’s power to combat the climate crisis. Tiffany Challe. Phys.org. 24 April 2023. Available from: https://phys.org/news/2023-04-harnessing-ocean-power-combat-climate.html Earth Day is an opportunity to celebrate the awe-inspiring wonders on this planet—a place full of biodiversity hotspots, from lush rainforests to scenic mountain ranges, home to rich, endemic species.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION


Bad weather causes further separation of OS35. Gibraltar Port Authority. 5 April 2023.
Available from: https://www.gibraltarport.com/news/press-release-bad-weather-causes-further-separation-of-os35-94. The Government has been advised by the Captain of the Port that, as a result of the adverse weather conditions at sea, the OS 35 has shifted slightly from its position and separated further in the area of the hull previously damaged.

Available from: https://splash247.com/say-no-to-lng-shipping-campaign-launches/  Say No to LNG, a global shipping campaign, has launched this month, with its backers saying they aim to debunk the “myth” that LNG is a climate friendly marine fuel alternative.

OS 35 Update – Coastal clean up progresses well. Gibraltar Port Authority. 7 April 2023.

The clean up operation of Wednesday’s oil spill from the OS 35 bulk carrier is ongoing.

The Captain of the Port is pleased to confirm that the heavy swells on the East side subsided enough to enable the safe redeployment of the boom around the OS 35 Saturday (8/4/23).


Remembering Deepwater Horizon, the worst offshore oil spill in our history. Ben Jealous. Chicago Sun Times. 17 April 2023. Available from: https://chicago.suntimes.com/columnists/2023/4/17/23686797/oil-gas-leases-deepwater-horizon-gulf-coast-climate-change-ben-jealous-op-ed How long do you think it would take to overlook the worst offshore oil spill in history, one that lasted 87 days and during which 4 million barrels spewed into the Gulf of Mexico?


**HEALTH & SAFETY**


Unlocking much greater efficiency improvement is key to aligning shipping to 1.5°C by 2030. Dr Tristan Smith, Dr Jean-Marc Bonello and Akash Kapur. University Maritime Advisory Services (UMAS). 5 April 2023. Available from: https://www.u-mas.co.uk/unlocking-much-greater-efficiency-improvement-is-key-to-aligning-shipping-to-1-5oc-by-2030/ IMO’s GHG debates have centred on the fuel transition, which is key for the ultimate transition to zero emissions, but absolute emission reductions required this decade can mostly be unlocked with efficiency.

How can international shipping align with 1.5°C? Focus on 1.5°C alignment in 2030

Strengthening international maritime law and eliminating the ‘dark fleet’. David Hughes. Business Times (Singapore). 11 April 2023. Available from: https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/international/strengthening-international-maritime-law-and-eliminating-dark-fleet Over the past 50 years or so, there has been a steady increase in the international regulation of the global merchant fleet, mainly thanks to the work of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), a specialised agency of the United Nations based in London.


The IMO must win a consensus on carbon or shipping will face chaos. Terry Macalister. TradeWinds. 20 April 2023. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/the-imo-must-win-a-consensus-on-carbon-or-shipping-will-face-chaos/ One of the world’s biggest climate protests is set to take place in London this weekend as tens of thousands of demonstrators are expected to converge in the centre of the UK capital.

IMO study makes the case for more ambitious green targets. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 20 April 2023. Available from: https://splash247.com/imo-study-makes-the-case-for-more-ambitious-green-targets/ A study commissioned by the MO shows that the hurdles regularly cited barring the way to shipping’s decarbonisation are all surmountable.

Nixon demands “clear breakthrough” to achieve climate ambitions. Dag Homlstad. ShippingWatch. 24 April 2023. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article15660020.ece A clear breakthrough with tightened climate targets and specific, so-called mid-term measures could unleash a string of major investments in the shipping industry and at utilities, according to Jeremy Nixon, CEO of the world’s seventh-largest container carrier, Japanese ONE.

Call for Switch to Cleaner Shipping Fuel To Cut Arctic Black Carbon Emissions. Clean Arctic Alliance. 24 April 2023. Available from: https://cleanarctic.org/2023/04/24/call-for-for-switch-to-cleaner-shipping-fuel-to-cut-arctic-black-carbon-emissions/ As a meeting of the IMO’s Pollution Prevention and Response committee opens today (PPR 10), the Clean Arctic Alliance calls on the IMO to radically reduce the impact of black carbon emissions from shipping on Arctic sea and glacier ice, by putting in place a compulsory requirement for ships across the whole Arctic to use cleaner fuels, by switching to distillate fuels.

Now, the IMO out for help and asks its member nations to donate used and old equipment to prevent or at least lessen a potential oil leak for the large tanker.


In the Arctic, fishing boats, oil tankers and cargo ships are the biggest black carbon emitters.


The IMO is set to adopt a revised greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions strategy from the MEPC 80 meeting in July with increasingly intense lobbying by countries that want to see a commitment to net zero emissions by 2050 versus others that want a more conservative strategy.


The IMO is not fit for purpose and is too slow in pushing for new regulations, according to the former head of the International Chamber of Shipping.


The Danish minister for business will work diligently towards having IMO vote in favour of a CO2 levy on shipping and a stiffened climate goal for 2050, he tells ShippingWatch.


Alternative fuels are no silver bullet — they will only bring a climate benefit if they are produced in a sustainable way.


Concerns have emerged that the European Union may end up with a watered-down position at the IMO negotiations this summer to set more ambitious climate targets as European Union member states started to discuss proposals this week.


Starting 1 January 2023, the IMO’s Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII) scheme is in force.


These new carbon emissions standards – put forth by the IMO – require every commercial maritime shipping vessel to report emissions data and receive a CII grade on an annual basis.
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Maersk employee arrested in Rotterdam as part of drug trafficking case. Niklas Krigslund. ShippingWatch. 4 April 2023. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article15552239.ece  An employee from shipping major Maersk has been arrested in a case about drug trafficking in the major Dutch Port of Rotterdam.


Russia warns West: we may work around the Black Sea grain deal. Guy Faulconbridge. Reuters. 7 April 2023. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/russia-warns-west-we-may-work-around-black-sea-grain-deal-2023-04-07/  Russia warned the West on Friday that unless obstacles to its exports of grain and fertilisers were removed, then Ukraine would have to export grain over land and Moscow would work outside the UN-brokered landmark grain export deal.


IMF lowers global economic growth outlook as ‘fog thickens’. UN News. 11 April 2023. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/04/1135517  Global inflation is also heading down, signalling that the tightening of monetary policy through major interest rate rises is bearing fruit, though more slowly than initially anticipated, said the IMF’s Director of Research, from 8.7 percent last year to seven percent this year, and 4.9 percent in 2024.


Kremlin warns outlook for Black Sea grain deal is ‘not so great’. Guy Faulconbridge and Michelle Nichols. Reuters. 12 April 2023. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/kremlin-says-outlook-black-sea-grain-deal-is-not-so-great-2023-04-12/ The Kremlin warned on Wednesday that the outlook for extending a deal beyond May 18 that allows the safe wartime export of grain and fertilizer from several Ukrainian Black Sea ports was not great as Russia’s own such exports still faced obstacles.


Ince sale marks fall of the world’s most prestigious shipping law firm. David Osler. Lloyd’s List. 13 April 2023. Available from: https://lloydlist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144690/ Two decades ago, Ince & Co was arguably London’s - and by extension, the world’s - most prestigious shipping law firm.


Russia confirms its stance that without progress on resolving five systemic issues there can be no talk of the further extension of the grain deal after May 18, a statement by the Russian Foreign Ministry published on Thursday said.


U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has written to Russia, Ukraine and Turkey to raise concerns about the implementation of a deal that allows the safe wartime export of grain from several Ukrainian Black Sea ports, a U.N. spokesman said on Friday.


Member States to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission for Africa and the Adjacent Island States (IOCAFRICA) convened on 15-17 March 2023 in Nairobi to review the Sub-Commission’s activities for the 2021-2022 biennium and deliberate on the workplan for 2023-2025 in the context of a promising regional landscape for sustainability and the blue economy.


The Kremlin has said the outlook is “not so great” for extending beyond May 18 a deal that allows the safe wartime export of grain from some Ukrainian Black Sea ports, raising concerns over what happens next with the U.N.-backed sea corridor.


We condemn Russia’s illegal, unjustifiable, and unprovoked war of aggression against Ukraine, violation of the Charter of the United Nations and disregard to the impacts that its war is having on people worldwide.


Group of Seven environment and energy ministers vowed to accelerate the phase-out of natural gas and other fossil fuels to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 but failed to set a clear deadline for ending coal power use after their two-day talks that ended Sunday.


Opponents of deep-sea mining are mobilising to stop a United Nations body from issuing the first licenses for the controversial practice later this year, saying not enough is known about the seabed environment or the impact that mining could have on marine ecosystems.


Ship It Zero Resolution Passes Long Beach City Council. *Ship it Zero*. 18 April 2023. Available from: [https://shipitzero.org/ship-it-zero-long-beach-resolution/](https://shipitzero.org/ship-it-zero-long-beach-resolution/) The Long Beach City Council unanimously passed a Ship It Zero Resolution, 8-0, after the city attorney recommended that the council approve the resolution.

NATO Maritime Task Group flies the flag in Helsinki for the first time since Finland joins the alliance. *NATO Allied Maritime Command (MARCOM)*. 18 April 2023. Available from: [https://mc.nato.int/media-centre/news/2023/nato-maritime-task-group-flies-the-flag-in-helsinki-for-the-first-time-since-finland-joins-the-alliance](https://mc.nato.int/media-centre/news/2023/nato-maritime-task-group-flies-the-flag-in-helsinki-for-the-first-time-since-finland-joins-the-alliance) On their first port visit to Finland since the country became the thirty-first member of the Alliance, ships from Standing NATO Maritime Group 1 (SNMG1) received a warm welcome as they arrived in the capital Helsinki.


Ministry of Climate Change and Environment launches marine plastic waste monitoring programme. *Emirates News Agency (UAE).* 19 April 2023. Available from: [https://wam.ae/en/details/1395303149611](https://wam.ae/en/details/1395303149611) The Ministry of Climate Change and Environment has launched an integrated programme to monitor plastic waste in the marine and coastal environment of the country, in line with its efforts to preserve marine resources, seawater quality, and beach cleanliness within the general framework of Year of Sustainability.


On Earth Day, oil-spill affected communities in Oriental Mindoro call for justice. Rappler (Philippines). 22 April 2023. Available from: https://www.rappler.com/nation/earth-day-oil-spill-affected-communities-oriental-mindoro-call-justice/ To mark Earth Day on Saturday, April 22, fisherfolk from oil-spill affected communities gathered in Pola, Oriental Mindoro, as they scored what they called government “inadequacy on one of the worst ecological disasters our country has faced.”

G7 calls for extension of Black Sea grain deal. POLITICO. 23 April 2023. Available from: https://www.politico.eu/article/ukraine-russia-war-g7-calls-for-extension-of-black-sea-grain-deal/ The Group of Seven on Sunday called for the “extension, full implementation and expansion” of a grain deal that has been essential to export Ukrainian produce through the Black Sea.


New Bill Seeks to Curb Anticompetitive Behaviour Among Ocean Carrier Alliances. Mike Schuler. gCaptain. 24 April 2023. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/new-bill-seeks-to-curb-anticompetitive-behavior-among-ocean-carrier-alliances/ The “Ocean Shipping Competition Enforcement Act” (H.R.2710) was introduced by Representative John Garamendi (D-CA-08) and would allow the Federal Maritime Commission to block agreements among ocean carriers or marine terminal operators that are determined to be unreasonably anticompetitive without needing to first obtain a federal court order.

Moving goods by sea is considered the most efficient form of commercial transport, and the carbon footprint of maritime shipping is substantially lower, per ton of cargo, compared with rail, truck, and air transport.


**‘Fit for 55’: Council adopts key pieces of legislation delivering on 2030 climate targets.** Council of the European Union. 25 April 2023. Available from: https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/04/25/fit-for-55-council-adopts-key-pieces-of-legislation-delivering-on-2030-climate-targets/ The Council today adopted five laws that will enable the EU to cut greenhouse gas emissions within the main sectors of the economy, while making sure that the most vulnerable citizens and micro-enterprises, as well as the sectors exposed to carbon leakage, are effectively supported in the climate transition.

**New CCS-partnership to boost CO2 trade.** Jacob K. Clasen. Danish Shipping. 25 April 2023. Available from: https://www.danishshipping.dk/en/press/news/new-ccs-partnership-to-boost-co2-trade At an event in the European Parliament, a coalition of companies, industry associations, and NGOs was announced with the aim of promoting the proliferation of CCS in Europe.

**Fisherfolk affected by oil spill to get compensation.** Philippine Star. 26 April 2023. Available from: https://www.philstarc.com/headlines/2023/04/26/2261683/ Fisherfolk affected by the oil spill caused by the sinking of M/T Princess Empress in waters off Naujan, Oriental Mindoro will be getting compensation from the International Oil Pollution Compensation (IOPC) Funds.

**Russian envoy says no breakthrough on grain deal, Ukraine says Moscow blocking ships.** Gabrielle Tétrault-Farber. Reuters. 26 April 2023. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/markets/commodities/russian-envoy-says-no-breakthrough-black-sea-grain-deal-2023-04-26/ Russia’s envoy to the United Nations in Geneva on Wednesday said “no real progress” had been achieved in resolving issues raised by Moscow over the Black Sea grain deal, which is set to expire next month.


Iran not to allow any country to attack its merchant ships. MEHR News Agency (Iran). 28 April 2023. Available from: https://en.mehrnews.com/news/199988/ Speaking to Iran National TV channel 1, Deputy Chief of the Iranian Army for Coordination Rear Admiral Habibollah Sayyari said that in order to be able to use the resources and interests in waters and in order to be able to maintain its own security, Iran must have a presence everywhere in the sea.

MARINE TECHNOLOGY


Factbox: Carbon storage projects across Europe. Reuters. 31 March 2023. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/markets/carbon/carbon-storage-projects-across-europe-2023-03-31/ Efforts to remove carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from industry and store them underground have gathered pace across Europe over the past few years as countries scramble to meet climate goals.


Marine insurers support owners adopting alternative fuels. Megawati Wijaya. Lloyd’s List. 4 April 2023. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144596/ Marine insurance is generally supportive of shipping firms adopting alternative fuels, despite the risk this represents to insurers, according to one senior executive.


Ship emissions: New study shows scope for ‘faster, better, cheaper’ monitoring. *Plymouth Marine Laboratory (UK)*. 11 April 2023. Available from: [https://www.pml.ac.uk/News/Ship-emissions-New-study-shows-scope-for-faster-better](https://www.pml.ac.uk/News/Ship-emissions-New-study-shows-scope-for-faster-better) Potential to increase ship emission monitoring to 100% coverage of the global ocean and attribute to individual ships.


In a keynote address to the Marinetech Conference in Singapore Maritime Week, Holm, who is also an Executive Vice President of Wärtsilä said the key was to combine the decarbonisation journey with financial viability.

MSC, the world’s largest shipping company, is starting to set out in more detail how it will handle the energy transition over the next few decades.

Carbon dioxide removal (CDR) technologies, which provide a means of sucking carbon out of the atmosphere, are one of the hottest areas of climate research, but also the most controversial.

Demand for biofuels for bunkering in the Mediterranean could be driven up in 2025 by the region becoming a sulphur oxide Emission Control Area (ECA) and vessels in EU territorial waters having to pay for 70pc of their CO2 emissions.

High costs and the lack of available technology are among challenges facing the maritime industry in its pursuit of its decarbonisation targets, said experts.

A new report from Lloyd’s Register (LR) and maritime innovation consultancy Thetius advocates investment to improve the understanding of AI at all levels within maritime organisations and outlines the value of including AI and Autonomy at board level, alongside workforce education and training to raise awareness of safety and regulations of advanced technology.
Maritime Education & Training


Authorities eye curriculum improvements, assistance to seafarers to improve PH maritime industry. *CNN Philippines.* 7 April 2023. Available from: [https://www.cnnphilippines.com/news/2023/4/7/PH-govt-maritime-industry-improvements.html](https://www.cnnphilippines.com/news/2023/4/7/PH-govt-maritime-industry-improvements.html) Curriculum evaluation and assistance to seafarers were some of the programs discussed by authorities during a recent interagency meeting to address the deficiencies raised by the European Commission and enhance the country’s maritime industry, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) said.

Kazakhstan’s Maritime Academy Marks 10th Anniversary, Seeks to Enhance Professional Development. *Astanatimes (Kazakhstan).* 10 April 2023. Available from: [https://astanatimes.com/2023/04/kazakhstans-maritime-academy-marks-10th-anniversary-seeks-to-enhance-professional-development/](https://astanatimes.com/2023/04/kazakhstans-maritime-academy-marks-10th-anniversary-seeks-to-enhance-professional-development/) The Kazakh-British Technical University (KBTU) hosted an event to mark the 10th anniversary of the Kazakhstan Maritime Academy (KMA) in Almaty on April 7, reported the university’s press service.

Hafnia wants equal gender distribution on four ships: “It’s a challenge in some countries”. Astrid Sturlason. *ShippingWatch.* 13 April 2023. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Carrier/article15595964.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Carrier/article15595964.ece) Tanker operator Hafnia has set a goal that aims to attract more women to careers at sea.


CMU taps Guyana for growth. Dashan Hendricks. *Jamaica Observer.* 14 April 2023. Available from: [https://www.jamaicaobserver.com/business/cmu-taps-guyana-for-growth/](https://www.jamaicaobserver.com/business/cmu-taps-guyana-for-growth/) The Caribbean Maritime University (CMU) has become the latest Jamaican entity to tap opportunities in oil-rich Guyana, signing a five-year memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the University of Guyana under which joint programmes are to be offered to train the labour force for the jobs of the future.


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Now, with huge changes to maritime jobs on the horizon, good communication skills are more important than ever, argues Catherine Logie – and we all need to brush up on these, whatever our native language.


Another giant leap into space: Successful launch of Lumelite-4 to enhance maritime communications. *National University of Singapore.* 22 April 2023. Available from: https://news.nus.edu.sg/successful-launch-of-lumelite-4-to-enhance-maritime-communications/ The microsatellite will test the VDES technology for potential maritime applications, such as real-time maritime traffic and asset tracking for better predictive analysis, as well as secured and reliable ship-to-ship or ship-to-port communication.


How schools and industry are working together for the future of Europe’s blue economy. Denis Loctier. *Euronews.* 25 April 2023. Available from: https://www.euronews.com/green/2023/04/25/how-schools-and-industry-are-working-together-for-the-future-of-europe-s-blue-economy In this latest episode of Ocean, we explore how schools and industry are working closely together to ensure Europe’s maritime sector is better prepared for the challenges ahead.

Maritime industry large enough to engage youths, says Jamoh. *Ships & Ports.* 26 April 2023. Available from: https://shipsandports.com.ng/maritime-industry-large-enough-to-engage-youths-says-jamoh/ The Director-General of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Dr. Bashir Jamoh, has said the maritime industry is large enough to adequately engage the teeming youths in the country.

In certain circumstances ignition may be delayed and the potential for a vapour cloud explosion may be created, which can be more damaging than a fire.

A United Nations agency that oversees shipping raised concerns about the shadow fleet of tankers that has emerged to transport oil amid sanctions, calling for more steps to boost safety.

In the 110th session of the legal committee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), held in London this week, the consequences and concerns regarding the global liability and compensation regime resulting from the increase in shipments have been discussed. Ship-to-ship on the high seas based on a proposal submitted by Australia, Canada and the States.

The Northern Ireland Fishing First project is set to benefit fishing vessel owners and crew in Northern Ireland.

A new £100m 'superferry' owned by P&O is undergoing repairs in Northern France after an accident during a safety drill at sea.

A male stowaway discovered on the Iraklis freighter before its arrival at Gijon, Spain, in late March 2023 may have tried convincing the crewmembers that found him not to alert the ship’s captain.

A cargo of Russian crude oil is being switched between tankers to the north of the Cape Verde islands in the Atlantic ocean, suggesting new locations are being sought for an activity that has caused concern among regulators.

The Maritime Technologies Forum (MTF), in association with Lloyd's Register (LR), has released a new report on current gaps in operational management practices and crew training requirements and issued recommendations on how to close those gaps to accelerate safe maritime decarbonisation.

The Maritime Technologies Forum (MTF) is a group of flag States and classification societies which aims to bridge the gap between technological progress and regulatory process.
Maritime safety: Council adopts legislation for safer journeys with ferries in Europe.  

**MARITIME SECURITY**


Indonesia discusses maritime safety in Malacca, Singapore Straits. *Antara News (Indonesia).* 26 April 2023. Available from: https://en.antaranews.com/news/279813/ The Indonesian government and the governments of Malaysia, Singapore, and Japan are attending a meeting in Singapore, April 26 to April 27, to discuss maritime safety in the straits of Malacca and Singapore.


NATO’s Operation Sea Guardian supported by Albania for the first time. *NATO Allied Maritime Command (MARCOM).* 6 April 2023. Available from: https://mc.nato.int/media-centre/news/2023/natos-operation-sea-guardian-supported-by-albania-for-the-first-time Maritime Patrol Aircraft and Airborne Early Warning Aircraft from Greece, Italy and Türkiye were in support of HRV Dubrovnik and ALS Lissus.


Marine underwriters list Sudan as high-risk area after Joint War Committee meeting. Michelle Wiese Bockmann. Lloyd’s List. 26 April 2023. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144883 London insurers have added Sudan to their list of high-risk areas, after a meeting of the Lloyd’s and International Underwriting Association’s Joint War Committee.


**MIGRANTS**


**NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS**


The Documentary - Deep Waters: Sanctions and the new ‘dark’ fleet. *BBC World Service*. 4 April 2023. Available from: [https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/w3ct5f3d](https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/w3ct5f3d) How sanctions on Russian oil have increased the world’s secretive “dark fleet”


MSIB: Reduced Visibility from the Navigation Bridge. *US Coast Guard Maritime Commons*. 10 April 2023. Available from: [https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2023/04/10/msib-reduced-visibility-from-the-navigation-bridge/](https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2023/04/10/msib-reduced-visibility-from-the-navigation-bridge/) The Coast Guard Inspections and Compliance Directorate has released Marine Safety Information Bulletin 04-23, to advise mariners that an increasing number of break-bulk and retrofitted bulk carriers are arriving in the U.S. carrying wind turbine parts stowed in a manner that substantially limits visibility from the navigation bridge.


Unmanned Surface Vessel Transits Strait of Hormuz with U.S. Coast Guard. *Defence Visual Information Distribution Service (DVIDS)*. 19 April 2023. Available from: [https://www.dvidshub.net/news/442887/](https://www.dvidshub.net/news/442887/) An unmanned surface vessel from U.S. 5th Fleet transited the Strait of Hormuz with two U.S. Coast Guard cutters, April 19, demonstrating the continued operational integration of unmanned and artificial intelligence systems by U.S. maritime forces in the Middle East.


Russia to boost grain shipments from illegally occupied port in Sea of Azov. Bridget Diakun. *Lloyd’s List*. 20 April 2023. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144823/](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144823/) Russia plans to increase exports from the occupied port of Berdyansk, one of the key sites the Ukrainian government insists is illegally exporting Ukrainian grain from occupied territories.

Shifty shades of grey: The different risk profiles of the dark fleet explained. Michelle Wiese Bockmann. *Lloyd’s List*. 21 April 2023. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144787](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144787) The “dark fleet” moniker first evolved more than three years ago, after tankers were observed switching off their vessel-tracking transponders to avoid detection and obfuscate the origin and destination of US-sanctioned oil they carried.

Iran navy seizes tanker near Oman that was on way to Houston. *Associated Press*. 28 April 2023. Available from: [https://apnews.com/article/iran-us-navy-oil-tanker-advantage-057155f4d9caf92131533fe90f94a3a0](https://apnews.com/article/iran-us-navy-oil-tanker-advantage-057155f4d9caf92131533fe90f94a3a0) Iran’s navy seized a Marshall Islands-flagged oil tanker in the Gulf of Oman on Thursday heading to the U.S. amid wider tensions over Tehran’s nuclear program, the latest-such capture in a waterway crucial for global energy supplies.

US demands Iran release oil tanker seized in Gulf of Oman. Megan Howard, Anthony Di Paola and Nick Wadhams. *ShippingWatch*. 28 April 2023. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article15702471.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article15702471.ece) The US demanded that Iran release an oil tanker hauling crude through the Gulf of Oman, the latest flare-up in one of the world’s important waterways.
**PIRACY**


Singaporean among crew on Singapore-registered tanker boarded by ‘unidentified persons’ off Ivory Coast. *Channel News Asia*. 12 April 2023. Available from: https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/ship-boarded-singapore-ivory-coast-cote-cote-dlvore-success-9-3411036 A Singapore-registered oil tanker was boarded by “unidentified persons” off Ivory Coast at about 10pm (Singapore time) on Monday (Apr 10), the Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) said late on Tuesday.


Shipowner has no contact with tanker boarded by pirates. Dag Holmstad. ShippingWatch. 14 April 2023. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article15601660.ece It’s not possible to establish contact to tanker Success 9 and its 20 crew members.

Chief of Naval Staff rejects IMB’s piracy and armed robbery in Ghana claims. Modern Ghana. 15 April 2023. Available from: https://www.modernghana.com/news/1224647/chief-of-naval-staff-rejects-imbs-piracy-and-armed-robbery-in-ghana-claims/ The Chief of the Naval Staff of the Ghana Armed Forces, Rear Admiral Issah Adam Yakubu, has strongly refuted claims made by a Malaysian-based international maritime setup, that sought to portray Ghana as one of the countries that recorded the highest number of piracy incidents in 2022.

Norway, Nigeria meet on maritime security as pirates return to GoG. Adaku Onyenucheya. Guardian (Nigeria). 19 April 2023. Available from: https://guardian.ng/business-services/norway-nigeria-meet-on-maritime-security-as-pirates-return-to-gog/ The recent pirate attacks in the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) have raised fresh global concern about the resurgence of the menace that costs the region about $1.9 billion yearly financial loss.


PORT STATE CONTROL


PORTS & HARBOURS

Container cranes lag container ships by a generation. Gary Howard. Seatrade Maritime News. 31 March 2023. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/ports/container-cranes-lag-container-ships-generation Speaking at CMA Shipping 2023 last week, Shmuel Yahalom, Ph.D., Distinguished Service Professor of Economics and Transportation at SUNY Maritime College said that each recent generation of container ships has added 2.5m in beam, the width of a container, as container lines seek economies of scale on the water.


B.C. commits $9M to deliver clean power to Victoria's harbour in hopes of reducing cruise ship emissions. Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC). 5 April 2023. Available from: https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/bc-commits-9m-to-shore-power-victoria-harbour-1.6803090 Transportation minister says the goal is to have cruise ships plug in and turn off their engines while in port.

New Modus Operandi: How organised crime infiltrates the ports of Europe. EUROPOL. 5 April 2023. Available from: https://www.europol.europa.eu/media-releases/co2-emissions-port-of-rotterdam-fell-by-over-4-in-2022 CO2 emissions from industry and power plants in the port of Rotterdam fell by over 4% in 2022 compared to 2021. Available from: https://guardian.ng/business/services/nigerian-ports-lead-stowaway-embarkations-list-in-africa/ The Port of Halifax has been hit with a “denial of service” cyberattack that has shut down its public website but did not compromise internal data or interrupt operations.

Valenciaport tests the use of airships for aerial surveillance of port activities. Port of Valencia. 5 April 2023. Available from: https://www.valenciaport.com/en/valenciaport-tests-the-use-of-airships-for-aerial-surveillance-of-port-activities/ It is part of the Autonomous Stratospheric Platforms for Maritime Monitoring (PLEAMMAR) project developed by the startup Smarthaps within the framework of the Ports 4.0 funds.


Valenciaport tests the use of airships for aerial surveillance of port activities. Port of Valencia. 5 April 2023. Available from: https://www.valenciaport.com/en/valenciaport-tests-the-use-of-airships-for-aerial-surveillance-of-port-activities/ It is part of the Autonomous Stratospheric Platforms for Maritime Monitoring (PLEAMMAR) project developed by the startup Smarthaps within the framework of the Ports 4.0 funds.


Container oversupply risk looms over China with empty containers at ports. Hellenic Shipping News. 20 April 2023. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/container-oversupply-risk-looms-over-china-with-empty-containers-at-ports Asia's maritime and supply chain industry is on a tumultuous ride, experiencing significant disruptions in trade patterns resulting in container prices dipping, according to the April Asia container market forecaster published by Container xChange, an online container logistics company that provides a marketplace, an operating infrastructure, and a layer of services like payments to container logistics companies globally.

Singapore, LA, Long Beach ports ink agreement on green and digital shipping corridor. C40 Cities. 24 April 2023. Available from: https://www.c40.org/news/singapore-los-angeles-long-beach-green-shipping The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach, with the support of C40 Cities, signed a memorandum of understanding today to establish a green and digital shipping corridor between Singapore and the San Pedro Bay port complex to support the decarbonisation of the maritime industry and improve efficiencies through digitalisation.


Green methanol MoU signed with Melbourne port. Port of Melbourne. 26 April 2023. Available from: https://www.portofmelbourne.com/green-methanol-mou-signed-with-melbourne-port/ A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between Port of Melbourne, Maersk, ANL, Svitzer, Stolthaven Terminals, HAMR Energy and ABEL Energy to explore the commercial feasibility of establishing a green methanol bunkering hub at the Port of Melbourne.
California Ports Sign Memorandum of Understanding on Data System Development. 
*California Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development.* 26 April 2023. 

Aberdeen aims to be UK’s first net zero port by 2040. *BBC News.* 28 April 2023. Available from: [https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-north-east-orkney-shetland-65409504](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-north-east-orkney-shetland-65409504)  The Port of Aberdeen will invest £55m over the next 10 years in a bid to become the UK’s first net zero port by 2040, it has been announced.

**REGULATIONS**

Preventing spills of plastic pellets: a feasibility analysis of regulatory options. 
Jasper Faber, Roy van den Berg and Sander Raphaël. *CE Delft.* March 2023.  Available from: [https://cedelft.eu/publications/preventing-spills-of-plastic-pellets/](https://cedelft.eu/publications/preventing-spills-of-plastic-pellets/)  Plastic pellets (also called ‘nurdles’) are small pieces of plastics, typically between 1 and 5 mm in diameter, produced by the petrochemical industry which serve as an input for the plastics industry to manufacture plastic products.  Report


Marine carriage of nurdles will be regulated – the question is how and when. Kim Jefferies. 

To reduce the risk of large nurdle spills experienced in recent years, the regulatory work is now focussing on packaging requirements for plastic pellets within the freight container, notification to the carrier so that containers containing plastic pellets can be identified quickly to aid recovery, and stowage requirements for containers containing plastic pellets.

**SALVAGE**


The Philippine Coast Guard and a Japanese salvor have begun a bagging operation to seal off leaks from the sunken tanker *Princess Empress*, one month after the vessel went down south of Luzon.


A UK high court judge has ruled that Dutch salvage company Smit was not bound by a pre-agreed salvage contract when it assisted in refloating the *Ever Given* from the Suez Canal in 2021.


Audio edition of Green Seas looks at an effort to prevent a catastrophic oil spill from a floating oil storage vessel abandoned off Yemen.


The *Nautica*, which left dry dock in Zhoushan, China, on April 6, is bound for Yemen, marking a significant step forward in a complex, multinational operation coordinated by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to drain 1.1 million barrels of oil from a floating storage and offloading vessel, the *Safer*, moored roughly 9km off Yemen’s west coast.


A fundraising event next month will attempt to secure the final $29m needed to remove 1.14m barrels of oil from a decaying tanker off the coast of Yemen.


The UN Development Programme has contracted the Boskalis subsidiary SMIT Salvage to transfer 1 million barrels of oil off a decaying tanker.


Boskalis through its subsidiary SMIT Salvage has reached an agreement with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the oil removal from the *FSO Safer* moored off Yemen’s Red Sea coast.

**SEAFARERS**


50K Filipino seafarers saved after EU nixes banning PH certs: DMW. *Philippine News Agency.* 1 April 2023. Available from: [https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1198698](https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1198698) The European Commission’s decision to continue recognizing the Philippines’ training and certification will directly benefit more than 50,000 Filipino seafarers, the Department of Migrant Workers said on Saturday.

Norden to pay fine after two deaths aboard tanker. Dag Holmstad. *ShippingWatch.* 3 April 2023. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article15534061.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article15534061.ece) The Danish tanker carrier Norden will be punished with a fine after two deaths aboard tanker ship *Nord Magic* in the summer of 2022, the police of Northern Zealand tells ShippingWatch.


Abandonment guidelines safeguard shipping's most important asset: seafarers. Guy Platten. Lloyd's List. 11 April 2023. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144656/ It is a sad truth that, in some port states, distraught crews impacted by abandonment can be blocked from disembarking their ships.

Master's detention reflects 'growing criminalisation' of seafarers. Paul Peachey. TradeWinds. 12 April 2023. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/master-s-detention-reflects-growing-criminalisation-of-seafarers/2-1-1433101 The detention of a Russian tanker captain in a suspected oil smuggling case is the latest example of a growing global trend of criminalising seafarers, according to a union.

Port strikes take their toll on supply chains and seafarers. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 13 April 2023. Available from: https://splash247.com/port-strikes-take-their-toll-on-supply-chains-and-seafarers/ The number of port strikes around the world has been growing over the past year, causing headaches for supply chain providers as well as distress for seafarers denied shore leave.

For 12 years, she's worked at sea and learned to call out women's work condition aboard ships. Astrid Sturlason. ShippingWatch. 14 April 2023. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article15604738.ece Throughout the past 12 years, she has been working as a seafarer at several carriers, and for long stretches of time, her days have been spent at sea.

Singapore-Registered Ship, Success 9, Located and Crew Safe. Government of Singapore. 16 April 2023. Available from: https://www.sgpcc.gov.sg/detail?url=/media_releases/maritime-and-port-authority-of-singapore/press_release/P-20230416-1&page=/detail&HomePage=home Since the boarding of the Singapore-registered ship, SUCCESS 9, by unidentified persons on 10 April 2023, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) has been coordinating with the ship owner and multinational agencies through the Information Fusion Centre (IFC) and the Monrovia Regional Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) to search for the ship.


ITF secures freedom for 13 abandoned Filipino seafarers stuck in Singapore for 5 months; $1m in backpay won for crews. ITF Seafarers. 17 April 2023. Available from: https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/itf-secures-freedom-13-abandoned-filipino-seafarers-stuck-singapore-5-months-1m-backpay-won Thirteen Filipino seafarers have made it home after more than five months aboard an abandoned livestock carrier ship, the Yangtze Harmony, thanks to the intervention of the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF).


**More provision needed for female seafarers.** Nidaa Bakhsh. Lloyd’s List. 21 April 2023. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144829/](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144829/) More needs to be done for women seafarers to ensure their retention, according to the findings of a new report.


**Internet connectivity seen as ‘transformational’ for seafarers.** Richard Clayton. Lloyd’s List. 25 April 2023. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144870/](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144870/) Global connectivity has transformed the crewing marketplace, with seafarers now able to find job opportunities on their mobile phones, which gives them more employment choices.


**SEARCH & RESCUE**


Danish ship helps rescue 20 sailors from pirates in West Africa. Dag Holmstad. ShippingWatch. 15 April 2023. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article15610593.ece On Saturday, the Danish-owned tanker Monjasa Sprinter played a decisive role in the rescue of 20 sailors on a Singapore-owned tanker from a pirate hijacking off West Africa.


Bedwell Island rescue. Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA). 19 April 2023. Available from: https://media.amsa.gov.au/media-release/bedwell-island-rescue At around 5pm AEST on 17 April 2023, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) coordinated the rescue of 11 Indonesian fishers from Bedwell Island, approximately 313 km west of Broome, WA, whose fishing vessel had been shipwrecked during Cyclone Ilsa.

Italy: 1,200 migrants rescued by coastguard as 70 bodies pulled from sea. ITV News (UK). 25 April 2023. Available from: https://www.itv.com/news/2023-04-25/italy-1200-migrants-rescued-by-coastguard-as-70-bodies-pulled-from-sea More than 1,200 migrants have been rescued by Italian authorities and at least 70 bodies have been recovered from the sea after a number of boats undertook the dangerous journey across the Mediterranean.

SHIP RECYCLING


**SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR**


S. Korea releases revised standards for construction of fuel cell-powered vessels. Park Sae-jin. *Aju Business Daily (South Korea).* 5 April 2023. Available from: https://www.ajudaily.com/view/20230405151905889 In a bid to gain competitiveness in the global hydrogen fuel cell-powered vessel market, South Korea has revised standards for the construction of ships equipped with a clean energy drive system.

Ships with lowest zero-carbon fuel readiness seen as ‘default’ option for newbuilding orders. Michelle Wiese Bockmann. *Lloyd’s List.* 5 April 2023. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1144617/ Ships with dual-fuel engines that operated on liquefied natural gas or heavy fuel oil were the least prepared for the energy transition but were shipowners’ “default” ordering option, according to Lloyd’s Register.


Development of CO2 Tanker. Knud E. Hansen. 12 April 2023. Available from: https://www.knudehansen.com/news/co2-tanker/ According to the Paris Agreement CO2 emissions shall be reduced as to limit the global warming to well below 2°C, preferably max 1.5°C.

Record high container order book of 7.54 million TEU signals significant change. Niels Rasmussen. *BIMCO.* 13 April 2023. Available from: https://www.bimco.org/news-and-trends/market-reports/shipping-number-of-the-week/20230413-snow During the last ten quarters, 8.61 million TEU has been contracted, matching the level contracted during the preceding 30 quarters.


Shipyards build up to the challenge of launching a zero-emission fleet. Irene Ang and Adam Corbett. *TradeWinds*. 27 April 2023. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/shipyards/shipyards-build-up-to-the-challenge-of-launching-a-zero-emission-fleet/ A huge part of the world fleet will have to be replaced with zero-emission vessels in little more than two decades if regulators set a goal of decarbonising shipping by 2050.

World’s largest liquefied gas carrier delivered in Shanghai. *Xinde Marine News (China)*. 27 April 2023. Available from: https://www.xindemarinenews.com/en/shipbuilding/2023/0427/47471.html With a total length of 230 meters and a width of 36.6 meters, the vessel, named *Harzard*, is independently developed, designed and built by Chinese manufacturer Jiangnan Shipyard and has a service speed of 16.5 knots.
SHIPPING

Climate advocates applaud IKEA’s latest commitment to zero-emission shipping. Ship it Zero. 29 March 2023. Available from: https://shipitzero.org/ikea-joins-zemba/ Today, the Aspen Institute announced the addition of IKEA as the first member of the Zero Emission Maritime Buyers Alliance (ZEMBA), alongside co-founders Amazon, Patagonia and Tchibo.


UK Maritime Pay Gap and Gender Diversity. Spinnaker Global Ltd. 5 April 2023. Available from: https://spinnaker-global.com/0_05-04-2023-uk-maritime-pay-gap-and-gender-diversity It is quite easy to assume that the maritime industry is driven by tradition rather than requirements of time; being a rather niche sphere, it is only natural to think it is playing by its own rules.


T&E analysis of EU taxonomy criteria for shipping. Transport & Environment. 5 April 2023. Available from: https://www.transportenvironment.org/discover/te-analysis-of-eu-taxonomy-criteria-for-shipping/ The European Commission is currently finalising the criteria for shipping to be included in EU taxonomy rules, a classification system establishing which investments can be environmentally sustainable. T&E analysis of EU taxonomy criteria for shipping
Nordic collaboration – Scandinavian shipping reacts to the challenges of decarbonisation.

I was intimidated, harassed in the first ten years of my career — Apapa Port Manager Funmilayo Olotu. *Ships & Ports.* 10 April 2023. Available from: https://shipsandports.com.ng/i-was-intimidated-harassed-in-the-first-ten-years-of-my-career-apapa-port-manager-funmilayo-olotu/ The Port Manager of Nigeria’s largest and busiest seaport, the Lagos Port Complex Apapa, Mrs Olufunmilayo Bolanle Olotu, had her own share of challenges in the course of building her career in the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA).


ICS Chairman Emanuele Grimaldi meets with CSA leadership and Chinese officials signifying a new era of collaboration. *International Chamber of Shipping (ICS).* 11 April 2023. Available from: https://www.ics-shipping.org/press-release/ics-chairman-emanuele-grimaldi-meets-with-csa-leadership-and-chinese-officials-signifying-a-new-era-of-collaboration/ The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) Chairman Emanuele Grimaldi met with Mr Feng Bo, the Executive Vice President of COSCO Shipping, who received the ICS delegation on behalf of China Shipowners’ Association (CSA), to pave the way forward for a closer working relationship between the ICS and China.


Teekay Tankers resorts to engine power limitations to meet EEXI. Jasmina Ovcina Mandra. *Offshore Energy.* 12 April 2023. Available from: https://www.offshore-energy.biz/teekay-tankers-resorts-to-engine-power-limitations-to-meet-eexi/ Teekay Tankers, one of the world’s leading providers of international seawide transportation of oil, said it would implement engine power limitation (EPL) on its vessels to meet the Efficiency Existing Ship Index (EEXI) requirements.


Green shipping: a $1.9tn investment opportunity? Schroder Fund Advisors LLC. 12 April 2023. Available from: https://www.schroders.com/en/us/tp-us/markets/equities/green-shipping-a-1.9tn-investment-opportunity/ If emissions from global shipping were a country it would be the sixth largest. We’ve analysed the risks and opportunities – from a wave of new regulation to the benefits of greener fuels and even a return to wind-powered cargo. A Voyage to Greener Shipping Risks and opportunities.

Europe’s ro-ro cargo ship sector well prepared for decarbonisation. Rob Willmington. Lloyd’s List. 13 April 2023. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informal.com/LL1144668/ The European ro-ro cargo vessel sector has been juggling rising costs and trade disruption caused by Brexit and the situation in Ukraine at a time when it is having to seek long-term decarbonisation solutions.


Carbon Chronicles: Voluntary Carbon Credits. Barry Parker. gCaptain. 17 April 2023. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/carbon-chronicles-voluntary-carbon-credits/ In a recent press release, shipping industry participants Greenheart, Njord, and Marsoft announced that they have entered into a “Green Tech Partnership Underpinned by Carbon Credits,” where Njord will design a package of fuel-saving technologies on four Greenheart-owned vessels.


The Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) has published an alert, “Possible Evasion of the Russian Oil Price Cap,” to warn U.S. persons about possible evasion of the price cap on crude oil of Russian Federation origin, particularly involving oil exported through the Eastern Siberia Pacific Ocean (ESPO) pipeline and ports on the eastern coast of the Russian Federation. OFAC Alert


Enhanced participation of women in European shipping. European Transport Workers’ Federation. 17 April 2023. Available from: https://eumaritimewomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Enhanced-participation-of-women-in-European-shipping-NOV-2022-web-version.pdf This project, commissioned by the European Community Shipowners’ Associations (ECSA), the European Transport Workers’ Federation (ETF) and funded by the European Union, reflects the necessity to adopt a creative approach, able to bring and include more women in the maritime industry, particularly within Europe.

New ETS law: Earmarked revenues can mark a turning point for shipping’s decarbonisation. European Community Shipowners’ Associations (ECSA). 18 April 2023. Available from: https://www.ecsa.eu/news/new-ets-law-earmarked-revenues-can-mark-turning-point-shippings-decarbonisation Importantly, the Parliament and the Council have embraced the calls of the industry stakeholders to earmark EU ETS revenues back to the maritime sector to support the uptake of clean fuels and foster innovation.

Shipmanagement business model under pressure. Splash 247.com. 19 April 2023. Available from: https://splash247.com/shipmanagement-business-model-under-pressure/ Much of Splash’s brand new shipmanagement magazine is focused on how the business model of the shipmanagement sector will change with many contributors sure the old ways of doing business are set to be jettisoned.


2050 Net Zero Target for Shipping May Be More Achievable Than 50% GHG Cut. Ship & Bunker. 21 April 2023. Available from: https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/153955 Bunker industry veteran Neil Lamerton has expressed the paradoxical view that a net zero GHG emissions target for shipping in 2050 may be more achievable that the present plan for a 50% cut.

Last live export ship has sailed. Damien O’Connor. Government of New Zealand. 21 April 2023. Available from: https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/last-live-export-ship-has-sailed Today the Government reaffirms its commitment to animal welfare and the protection of our reputation as world-leading food producers, with the departure overnight from New Plymouth of the last live export ship by sea, says Agriculture Minister Damien O’Connor.

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