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CURRENT AWARENESS BULLETIN | Vol. XXXV | No. 9 | September 2023
**IMO NEWS & EVENTS**

**WHAT’S NEW**

GreenVoyage2050 project extended to 2030

Norway gives large funding boost for work with developing States to reduce GHG emissions from shipping.

A major project which aims to ensure that no country is left behind in maritime decarbonization is set to continue its work through to 2030, following a large new injection of funding.

The Government of Norway has confirmed 210 million NOK (US$19.4 million USD) of funds for Phase Two of the IMO GreenVoyage2050 project, in an agreement between Norway and IMO that was signed on 28 September, World Maritime Day, during the IMO-UNEP-Norway Innovation Forum. More...

World Maritime Day 2023 highlights marine environment protection

This year sees the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), the primary global treaty for the prevention of pollution of the marine environment by ships from intentional, operational or accidental causes.

To mark IMO’s dedication to the objectives of this landmark treaty, the theme of World Maritime Day 2023 is “MARPOL at 50 – Our commitment goes on”. IMO is calling on Member States and all in the maritime industry to celebrate the day and be inspired to build upon the positive impacts MARPOL has brought. IMO’s work towards a sustainable future with enhanced protection of our planet and ocean continues. More...

**MEETING SUMMARIES AND SCHEDULE**

Previous Meetings

Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC 9) 20-29 September 2023

Forthcoming Meetings

Consultative Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Convention 1972 (LC 45)) and Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Protocol 1996 (LP 18)) 2-6 October 2023

Technical Cooperation Committee (TC 73) 16-19 October 2023

IMO Council (C 130) 21-24 November 2023

Programme of Meetings for 2023 Preliminary programme of meetings for 2024
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The International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code), adopted on 4 December 2008 by resolution MSC.268(85), entered into force on 1 January 2011, from which date it was made mandatory under the provisions of the SOLAS Convention. The present edition incorporates Amendment 07-23, which may be applied from 1 January 2024 on a voluntary basis, anticipating its envisaged official entry into force on 1 January 2025.

This publication also presents additional information that supplements the IMSBC Code, such as the Code of Practice for the Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers (BLU Code), BLU Manual and recommendations on the safe use of pesticides in ships applicable to the fumigation of cargo holds. The IMSBC Code and supplement is commended to Administrations, shipowners, shippers and masters and all others concerned with the standards to be applied in the safe stowage and shipment of solid bulk cargoes, excluding grain.

Basic Documents, Volume 1, 2023 Edition, Spanish
Digital format only: KD001S

This edition incorporates amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization up to December 2021.

It also includes amendments to the Rules of Procedure of:

- the Assembly up to December 2021;
- the Council up to November 2021;
- the Maritime Safety Committee up to June 2017;
- the Legal Committee up to April 2017;
- the Marine Environment Protection Committee up to July 2017;
- the Technical Cooperation Committee up to July 2017;
- the Facilitation Committee up to June 2018; and
UNited Nations


Gender gap persists on road to the SDGs: UN Women. UN News. 7 September 2023. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/09/1140472 The new Gender Snapshot report from the UN’s gender equality agency at this midway point towards the SDGs warns that if current trends continue, over 340 million women and girls will be living in poverty by 2030.

UNGA78: UN chief brushes off key leaders’ absence, says delivery paramount. UN News. 16 September 2023. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/09/1140842 With several high-profile world leaders opting out of the UN General Assembly’s annual opening session next week, Secretary-General António Guterres has said that he cares less about who comes to New York and more about what gets done, especially to revive the lagging Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

UN General Assembly adopts declaration to accelerate SDGs. UN News. 18 September 2023. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/09/1140857 Now is the time for a global plan to rescue the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which are woefully off-track halfway towards their 2030 deadline, UN Secretary-General António Guterres said on Monday in New York.


African leaders take bold stand for sustainable development at UN Assembly. UN News. 20 September 2023. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/09/1141162 A recurring theme in speeches delivered by the Presidents of Seychelles, Namibia, Ghana, Angola, Sierra Leone and Liberia was the urgent need to rebuild trust and rekindle global solidarity in the face of complex changes.


International Day for Universal Access to Information. *UNESCO.* 28 September 2023. Available from: [https://www.unesco.org/en/days/universal-access-information](https://www.unesco.org/en/days/universal-access-information). Recognizing the significance of access to information, the 74th UN General Assembly proclaimed 28 September as the International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI) at the UN level in October 2019.
CASUALTIES


German container ship catches fire following collision with another vessel in Greece. Harry Papachristou. TradeWinds. 6 September 2023. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/german-container-ship-catches-fire-following-collision-with-another-vessel-in-greece/2-1-1512909  A container feeder vessel and a general cargo ship collided early on Wednesday, causing a fire on the former that was soon put out by the crew.

MV Derbyshire Anniversary. National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT). 9 September 2023. Available from: https://www.rmt.org.uk/news/mv-derbyshire-anniversary/  Seafarers Union RMT remembers the 44 victims of the MV Derbyshire tragedy on the 43rd anniversary of the sinking of the UK registered Bulk Carrier in the South China Sea on 9 September 1980 with the loss of all hands, including two wives of crew members.


North Sea wrecks: Toxic legacies of war. Bart De Smet. Hydro International. 19 September 2023. Available from: https://www.hydro-international.com/content/article/north-sea-wrecks-toxic-legacies-of-war  Some 290 shipwrecks lie in the Belgian part of the North Sea alone, with probably more than 1,000 in the entire North Sea, many of them silent witnesses to the two world wars.


**ENVIRONMENT**

Hypocrisy is threatening the future of the world’s oceans. **Nature**. 5 September 2023. Available from: [https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-023-02746-8](https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-023-02746-8) A few powerful nations are undermining progress towards global ocean sustainability.

Sand dredging devastating ocean floor, UN warns. **BBC News**. 5 September 2023. Available from: [https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-66724628](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-66724628) Around six billion tonnes of sand is dredged from the world’s oceans every year, endangering marine life and coastal communities, the UN says.


‘Without renewables, there can be no future’: 5 ways to power the energy transition. UN News. 7 September 2023. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/09/1140357 Renewable technologies like wind and solar power are, in most cases, cheaper than the fossil fuels that are driving climate change, but the world needs to prioritize the transformation of energy systems to renewable energy.


Tens of thousands march to kick off climate summit, demanding end to warming-causing fossil fuels. Seth Borenstein. Associated Press. 18 September 2023. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/protest-climate-change-march-hot-warming-200f35470e1d6f34f238e9c3c3f7f137 Yelling that the future and their lives depend on ending fossil fuels, tens of thousands of protesters on Sunday kicked off a week where leaders will try once again to curb climate change primarily caused by coal, oil and natural gas.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION


Fears World War II shipwrecks leaking oil into Pacific Ocean. *ABC (Australia).* 8 September 2023. Available from: https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-09-08/fears-world-war-ii-shipwrecks-leaking-oil-into/102833126. An estimated 3,800 ships were sunk during WWII. Although the war is long over, Pacific island nations fear the lasting impact on the marine environment and their livelihoods.

**IAEA and Japan Sign Agreement on Continuous Monitoring and Safety Assessment of ALPS Treated Water Discharge.** *International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).* 18 September 2023. Available from: https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/pressreleases/iaea-and-japan-sign-agreement-on-continuous-monitoring-and-safety-assessment-of-alps-treated-water-discharge. The IAEA and Japan signed an agreement today setting out the full scope of the Agency’s comprehensive and continuous safety review of the discharge of treated water from the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (FDNPS), paving the way for decades of independent monitoring, sampling and analysis at the site and at sea.

**Stakeholders raise the alarm over threat of plastic waste to sea activities.** *Guardian (Nigeria).* 27 September 2023. Available from: https://guardian.ng/business-services/stakeholders-raise-the-alarm-over-threat-of-plastic-waste-to-sea-activities/. Stakeholders are worried about rising plastic and non-degradable wastes generated yearly in the country, stressing that they are threatening marine transportation and life at sea.

**HEALTH & SAFETY**


**Seafarers reporting diverse mental health challenges to ISWAN’s helplines.** *International Seafarers’ Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN).* 19 September 2023. Available from: https://www.seafarerswelfare.org/news/2023/seafarers-reporting-diverse-mental-health-challenges-to-iswans-helplines. Calls and messages from seafarers relating to mental health increased by 37% in the last quarter (Q2 2023 – April to June) across all helplines operated by ISWAN.


GHG targets from a multilateral decision making process come close to science derived targets, new analysis shows. *University Maritime Advisory Services (UMAS).* 11 September 2023. Available from: [https://www.u-mas.co.uk/ghg-targets-from-a-multilateral-decision-making-process-come-close-to-science-derived-targets-new-analysis-shows](https://www.u-mas.co.uk/ghg-targets-from-a-multilateral-decision-making-process-come-close-to-science-derived-targets-new-analysis-shows) In a rare occurrence in the challenging politics of climate change, the IMO’s Revised GHG Strategy, adopted at MEPC 80 in July, represents a significant leap forwards in ambition.

**Implications of IMO GHG strategy on national regional and corporate actions [Executive Summary]**

IMO praised for leapfrogging others with new green targets. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com.* 11 September 2023. Available from: [https://splash247.com/imo-praised-for-leapfrogging-others-with-new-green-targets/](https://splash247.com/imo-praised-for-leapfrogging-others-with-new-green-targets/) Long castigated for its slowness to adopt green targets, the shipping body of the United Nations (UN) today has received some glowing praise for suddenly leapfrogging most regulatory and industry bodies in stipulating a pathway for shipping’s decarbonisation.


The implications of a fully ratified London Protocol on infrastructure investment, project deployments, storage options and overall decarbonisation timelines were thoroughly debated at Riviera Maritime Media’s September CO2 Shipping & Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Conference, Asia, held in association with DNV, at the Conrad Centennial Hotel in Singapore.

Shipping is a pillar of the world economy, a catalyst of development and a vital link connecting goods, commodities and communities across the world.

Two lawmakers from Korea’s main opposition Democratic Party of Korea (DPK) have paid a visit to the headquarters of the IMO and delivered concerns about Japan’s release of radioactive water into the ocean.


Experts gathered in London on Monday to work out how the drive to decarbonise shipping can also cut underwater noise.

The European Union is “very clear” in its intention to align parts of FuelEU Maritime with the IMO if it deems the global regulator’s upcoming emissions measures are ambitious enough.

“Decarbonisation efforts guided by human rights must be applied to all sectors, including in the shipping industry,” the Special Rapporteur said as he presented the recommendations he made to the IMO. IMO report and recommendations

IMO’s recent strengthening of its environmental ambitions heralds a significant turning point for the shipping industry and, consequently, a heightened impact on marine insurers.

World Maritime Day reflections. Fantasha Lockington. *Fiji Times.* 21 September 2023. Available from: https://www.fijitimes.com/world-maritime-day-reflections/ In Fiji, and most parts of the Pacific, it’s common to have a friend with a boat or someone who simply adores sailing and relishing the open sea.


LAW & POLICY


Black Sea Grain Initiative safest, most cost-effective option for the world. Faruk Hanedar and Alperen Aktas. Anadolu Agency (Türkiye). 3 September 2023. Available from: https://www.aa.com.tr/en/economy/black-sea-grain-initiative-safest-most-cost-effective-option-for-the-world/2982208 Following Russia’s withdrawal from the Black Sea grain deal, which was implemented with the UN’s mediation and Turkey’s contribution, efforts to revive the deal continue.

Erdogan’s Russia visit vital for grain deal, Turkish aide says. Ece Toksabay. Reuters. 3 September 2023. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/erdogans-russia-visit-vital-grain-deal-turkish-leaders-chief-aide-says-2023-09-03/ Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin will focus on the Black Sea grain deal during their meeting on Monday as Turkey seeks to bring Moscow back to the deal, Erdogan’s chief foreign policy advisor said.

Two more ships pass through Black Sea corridor, Zelenskiy says. Ron Popeski. Reuters. 3 September 2023. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/two-more-ships-pass-through-black-sea-corridor-zelenskiy-2023-09-03/ Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said on Saturday that two more ships had passed through a “temporary” Black Sea shipping corridor established since Russia withdrew from a U.N.-backed grain export deal in July.

20 Heads of State expected in Nairobi for Climate Summit. Margaret Kalekye. Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC). 3 September 2023. Available from: https://www.kbc.co.ke/mutua-highlights-kenyas-leadership-in-climate-change/ Kenya’s Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Cabinet Secretary Dr. Alfred Mutua played host to distinguished guests from across the African continent as he received the Presidents of Ghana, Comoros and Burundi in Nairobi for the Africa Climate Summit.

Transport and Logistics Minister Opens SMIC 2023; 4 Agreements Signed. Saudi Press Agency (SPA). 4 September 2023. Available from: https://spa.gov.sa/en/b868cc0a2bx In his opening speech, Al-Jasser mentioned Saudi Arabia’s achievements in the maritime industry sector and logistical operations, including its 17-place jump in the Logistics Performance Index (LPI) and its current rank of 16th among the world’s 100 largest ports in terms of container handling.
Now that Nigeria Has Ministry for Maritime Affairs. Kumuyi Oluwafemi. *This Day (Nigeria).* 4 September 2023. Available from: [https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2023/09/03/now-that-nigeria-has-ministry-for-maritime-affairs](https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2023/09/03/now-that-nigeria-has-ministry-for-maritime-affairs) The establishment of a ministry of maritime affairs has long been the desire of Nigerian maritime stakeholders, a sentiment which has been echoed at various fora.

Africa Climate Week & Summit 2023. *United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).* 4 September 2023. Available from: [https://www.unep.org/events/conference/africa-climate-week-summit-2023](https://www.unep.org/events/conference/africa-climate-week-summit-2023) Africa Climate Week (ACW) is an annual event that brings together leaders from governments, businesses, international organizations and civil society to explore ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while adapting to the mounting fallout from the climate crisis.


World losing race to meet climate goals, COP28 president says. Duncan Miriri and Aaron Ross. *Reuters.* 5 September 2023. Available from: [https://www.reuters.com/business/environment/world-losing-race-meet-climate-goals-cop28-president-says-2023-09-05/](https://www.reuters.com/business/environment/world-losing-race-meet-climate-goals-cop28-president-says-2023-09-05/) The world is losing the race to meet its climate change goals, the president of the upcoming COP28 summit said on Tuesday, as African leaders called for changes to what they say is an unfair international climate finance system.


ASEAN-U.S. Leaders’ Statement on Cooperation on the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific. The White House. 6 September 2023. Available from: https://tinyurl.com/2979zwwx ‘We, the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the United States of America (United States), gathered on the occasion of the 11th ASEAN-United States (U.S.) Summit in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 6 September 2023;’

Captain, Crew Face Manslaughter Charges as Man Drowns Trying to Board Ferry. Maritime Executive. 6 September 2023. Available from: https://maritime-executive.com/article/captain-crew-manslaughter-charges-as-man-drowns-trying-to-board-ferry The captain and three other members of the crew of the Greek inter-island ferry Blue Horizon have been detained and are facing manslaughter charges after a man attempting to board the departing ferry drowned.

African Climate Summit issues unanimous call for world leaders to support global tax on fossil fuels. Cara Anna. Associated Press. 6 September 2023. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/africa-climate-kenya-finance-65a5708b00e204a7c3d2783e81d3e1b6 The first African Climate Summit ended with a call Wednesday for world leaders to rally behind a global carbon tax on fossil fuels, aviation and maritime transport, and it seeks reform of the world financial system that forces African nations to pay more to borrow money.


Greek shipper pleads guilty to smuggling Iranian crude oil and will pay $2.4 million fine. Jon Gambrell. Associated Press. 7 September 2023. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/iran-us-tensions-suez-rajan-seizure-a9a4bf6b6616a8502c4eb052bcef5aa A Greek shipping company has pleaded guilty to smuggling sanctioned Iranian crude oil and agreed to pay a $2.4 million fine, newly unsealed U.S. court documents seen Thursday by The Associated Press show.


US Confirms April Seizure of Iran Oil Shipment. Voice of America. 8 September 2023. Available from: https://www.voanews.com/a/us-confirms-april-seizure-of-iran-oil-shipment-7260671.html The United States confirmed Friday that it seized a tanker load of Iranian oil in April, just before Iran seized two vessels in the Gulf region, in the Justice Department’s first official statement about the incident.


Small island nations take high-emitting countries to court to protect the ocean. Karen McVeigh. The Guardian. 10 September 2023. Available from: [https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2023/sep/10/small-island-nations-take-high-emitting-countries-to-court-to-protect-the-ocean](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2023/sep/10/small-island-nations-take-high-emitting-countries-to-court-to-protect-the-ocean) In a landmark hearing, small island nations disproportionately affected by the climate crisis will take on high-emitting countries in a court in Hamburg, Germany, on 11 September, in what is being seen as the first climate justice case aimed at protecting the ocean.


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Request for an Advisory Opinion submitted by the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law. *International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea* (ITLOS). 11 September 2023. Available from: https://tinyurl.com/44n99yc9 We have the honour to inform you, in our capacity as the Co-Chairs of the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law, representing the Commission pursuant to Article 3(3) of the Agreement for the Establishment of the Commission, that we hereby submit a request for an advisory opinion from the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea on the legal questions set out below.


Dark fleet shipping sanctioned oil expands to 530 tankers after oil price cap breach. Michelle Wiese Bockmann. *Lloyd’s List.* 12 September 2023. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1146564/ The dark fleet* of tankers plying sanctioned oil has expanded by 55 ships over the past three months, after the breach of G7 price caps on Russian oil accelerated demand for ships that can operate outside Western jurisdictions.

Climate justice case draws record number of countries to sea tribunal. Molly Quell. *Courthouse News Service.* 13 September 2023. Available from: https://www.courthousenews.com/climate-justice-case-draws-record-number-of-countries-to-sea-tribunal/ An eclectic group of countries participating in a climate justice case before the world’s top maritime tribunal had their say on Wednesday, the first batch in a record-breaking number of states who want to weigh in on the historic legal ruling.

UN chief to meet Erdogan, Zelenskyy, Lavrov next week to revive grain deal. Betül Yürük. *Anadolu Agency* (Türkiye). 14 September 2023. Available from: https://www.aa.com.tr/en/world/un-chief-to-meet-erdogan-zelenskyy-lavrov-next-week-to-revive-grain-deal/2991357 UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said Wednesday he will meet Turkish Ukrainian and Russian leaders next week at the annual UN meeting in an effort to revive the Black Sea Grain deal.

Stronger international cooperation in high emissions sectors crucial to get on track for 1.5 °C climate goal. *International Energy Agency* (IEA). 14 September 2023. Available from: https://www.iea.org/news/stronger-international-cooperation-in-high-emissions-sectors-crucial-to-get-on-track-for-1-5-c-climate-goal Insufficient progress in transitions to clean technologies and sustainable solutions over the past year highlights the need for strong and targeted international collaboration in high emissions sectors to deliver transitions that are faster, easier and cheaper for all, according to the latest Breakthrough Agenda Report.

International Green Corridor Fund. *UK Government.* 14 September 2023. Available from: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/international-green-corridor-fund In September 2023, the UK Shipping Office for Reducing Emissions (UK SHORE) announced the International Green Corridor Fund (IGCF), which will fund feasibility studies examining green corridor routes between the UK and international partner countries.


Iran seizes 2 tankers with over 1,500 million liters of smuggled fuel. *Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA)* (Iran). 15 September 2023. Available from: https://en.irna.ir/news/85229097/ Deputy commander of the IRGC Navy’s Third Naval Zone, Mohammad Sharif Shirali said on Thursday that IRGC Navy forces have seized two oil tankers holding over 1,500 million metric tons of “smuggled fuel” and 37 crew members based on a court order.


California lawsuit says oil giants deceived public on climate, seeks funds for storm damage. Michael R. Blood. *Associated Press*. 17 September 2023. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/climate-oil-gas-california-lawsuit-newsom-212d6d9873352f28094173a1974e3d90 The state of California filed a lawsuit against some of the world’s largest oil and gas companies, claiming they deceived the public about the risks of fossil fuels now faulted for climate change-related storms and wildfires that caused billions of dollars in damage, officials said Saturday.


Chief Engineer Sentenced to More Than a Year in Prison for Obstruction of Justice and Oil Dumping Offenses. US Department of Justice. 18 September 2023. Available from: https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/chief-engineer-sentenced-more-year-prison-obstruction-justice-and-oil-dumping-offenses Chief engineer Denys Korotkiy of the vessel Donald was sentenced on Sept. 15 to serve twelve months and a day in prison after being convicted of conspiracy to obstruct justice, obstruction of justice and failure to maintain an accurate oil record book.

Concerns over destruction of vessels to tackle maritime crimes. Adaku Onyenucheya. Guardian (Nigeria). 18 September 2023. Available from: https://guardian.ng/business-services/concerns-over-destruction-of-vessels-to-tackle-maritime-crimes/ There are worries about the military continuous burning of vessels caught with stolen crude on the nation’s waters, as stakeholders claimed that the actions are aimed at destroying evidence of the crimes.

Funding a climate-resilient ocean economy. Lloyd’s Register Foundation. 19 September 2023. Available from: https://www.lrfoundation.org.uk/en/news/funding-a-climate-resilient-ocean-economy/ The ocean is the world’s largest ecosystem, covering 70% of the earth’s surface and home to an estimated 80% of the planet’s biodiversity.


COP28’s Biggest Conflicts Are on Display at the UN General Assembly. Zahra Hirji. Bloomberg. 20 September 2023. Available from: https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/cop28-s-biggest-conflicts-are-on-display-at-the-un-generalAssembly-1.1973707 As world leaders gathered at the United Nations General Assembly in New York City this week, everyone seemed to agree on one thing: Climate change is among the biggest problems facing the planet.

Specialists say Europe is being flooded by a “tsunami of cocaine”. Jens Thomsen. ShippingWatch. 20 September 2023. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article16446589.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article16446589.ece) International smuggling gangs that abuse shipping and port companies to transport drugs are more ruthless and dangerous than ever before, according to a panel of specialists.

Marine insurance talks with Ukraine falter as two ships test alternative Black Sea grains corridor. Michelle Wiese Bockmann. Lloyd’s List. 20 September 2023. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1146658/](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1146658/) The first two ships to test Ukraine’s temporary Black Sea grain corridor sailed from the port of Chornomorsk on Tuesday, likely with military protection, as talks falter with marine insurers to expand coverage to more ships.


**Miller open to enquiry on Ukraine war risk cover.** David Osler. *Lloyd’s List.* 26 September 2023. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1146715  Miller is to provide what it describes as full war risk insurance coverage for vessels operating in the Black Sea, in conjunction with unspecified Ukrainian authorities and a vessel-tracking services company, according to a statement from the (re)insurance broker.

**Irish special forces storm cargo ship suspected of drug trafficking.** Forces.net. 27 September 2023. Available from: https://www.forces.net/news/elite-irish-army-unit-storms-cargo-ship-suspected-drug-trafficking  Irish special forces have stormed a Panamanian cargo ship suspected of carrying significant amounts of drugs in a major operation off the southeast coast of Ireland.

**Ukraine grain corridor should not replace broader deal, UN trade chief says.** Jonathan Saul. *Reuters.* 27 September 2023. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/ukraine-grain-corridor-should-not-replace-broader-deal-un-trade-chief-2023-09-27/  Ukraine’s move to create a shipping channel for grain exports is a positive step for global food security, although efforts continue to reach a new agreement over a broader Black Sea corridor, the top U.N. trade official said on Wednesday.

**MARINE TECHNOLOGY**

**Nothing is perfect. Certainly not alternative fuels.** Lloyd’s List. 1 September 2023. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1146459/  Ocean Rebellion activists writhed all over the floor pretending to be dying mermaids, while bemused delegates clutched glasses of lukewarm white wine and chatted politely as they pretended to ignore them.

**Scientists Find Success With New Direct Ocean Carbon Capture Technology.** Ananya Chetia. *Inside Climate News.* 2 September 2023. Available from: https://insideclimatenews.org/news/02092023/direct-ocean-carbon-capture-breakthrough/  In a research paper, the scientists say capturing carbon dioxide directly from the oceans could have advantages over direct air capture.


**Shell invests in maritime carbon capture.** Jens Thomsen. *ShippingWatch.* 4 September 2023. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article16405573.ece  Oil company Shell has invested an undisclosed amount in Value Group, a company developing a carbon capture and ship exhaust cleaning system.

**Look, no hands! The autonomous ship is coming closer.** David Hughes. *Business Times (Singapore).* 5 September 2023. Available from: https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/international/look-no-hands-autonomous-ship-coming-closer  The prospect of ships sailing the oceans with nobody on the bridge – or even nobody at all on board – has been the subject of this column before from time to time.
FIT Alliance launches eBL declaration to secure commitment to digitalisation. *The Loadstar.* 5 September 2023. Available from: [https://theloadstar.com/fit-alliance-launches-ebl-declaration-to-secure-commitment-to-digitalisation/](https://theloadstar.com/fit-alliance-launches-ebl-declaration-to-secure-commitment-to-digitalisation/) BIMCO, DCSA, FIATA, ICC, and Swift (The FIT Alliance) have launched the “Declaration of the electronic Bill of Lading” as the adoption of eBLs can help make international trade more efficient, reliable, sustainable, and secure.


Demonstrating the technical and economic viability of carbon capture. Georgios Raptakis. *Seatrade Maritime News.* 11 September 2023. Available from: [https://tinyurl.com/bdz5rx4](https://tinyurl.com/bdz5rx4) As the world’s focus on environmental sustainability intensifies, the shipping industry is compelled to seek innovative solutions to reduce its carbon footprint.


‘Digital twins’ can monitor liquefaction, Lloyd’s of London told. David Osler. *Lloyd’s List.* 14 September 2023. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1146604/](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1146604/) So-called ‘digital twin’ technology has numerous shipping and marine insurance applications, including the monitoring of cargoes at risk of liquefaction, an industry audience has been told.


Maritime industry explores nuclear power for ships as technology opens up. Jonathan Saul. *Reuters.* 19 September 2023. Available from: [https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/maritime-industry-explores-nuclear-power-ships-technology-opens-up-2023-09-19/](https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/maritime-industry-explores-nuclear-power-ships-technology-opens-up-2023-09-19/) The maritime industry is exploring whether nuclear fuel can be used to power commercial ships as advancements in technology open up such options, industry officials said.


Comment: Should shipping ditch methanol for a truly carbon-free future? Ian Lewis. TradeWinds. 29 September 2023. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/comment-should-shipping-ditch-methanol-for-a-truly-carbon-free-future-2-1-1524316 It is barely two years since AP Moller-Maersk said it “would not be using transition fuels”.

MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING

More women on maritime postgraduate courses, but they remain a minority says World Maritime University. Paul Peachey. TradeWinds. 4 September 2023. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/people/more-women-on-maritime-postgraduate-courses-but-they-remain-a-minority-says-world-maritime-university/2-1-1510690 The World Maritime University (WMU) has reported some of the highest levels of gender diversity in shipping, with women representing nearly 40% of recruits to its postgraduate programme in 2023, according to new figures.

First ‘in person’ passenger ship seminar since the pandemic takes place in Miami. Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA). 11 September 2023. Available from: https://www.bahamasmaritime.com/bma-news/first-in-person-passenger-ship-seminar-since-the-pandemic-takes-place-in-miami/ The Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) was pleased to hold a passenger ship seminar in Miami, USA, on 30 August 2023, the first ‘in person’ seminar for this sector since the pandemic.


Workshop focuses on shipping safety in Malacca, Singapore straits. Antara News (Indonesia). 14 September 2023. Available from: https://en.antaranews.com/news/293658/ The straits of Malacca and Singapore have an important role since they connect the Indian Ocean and South China Sea and are narrow shipping lanes congested with traffic, according to the Transportation Ministry.

London Shipping Week showcases shipping’s continued diversity problem. Michelle Wiese Bockmann. Lloyd’s List. 18 September 2023. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1146617/ Conferences at London International Shipping Week showcased the continued lack of diversity in global maritime sectors with women under-represented as speakers and panelists compared with other industries.

The Philippines ‘cannot meet the seafarer shortage on its own’. Richard Clayton. Lloyd’s List. 18 September 2023. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1146628/ There are about 1.8m seafarers worldwide, of which about 500,000 are citizens of the Philippines.


Conference helps to prepare Pacific countries to respond to oil spills. *South Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP)*. 26 September 2023. Available from: [https://www.sprep.org/news/conference-helps-to-prepare-pacific-countries-to-respond-to-oil-spills](https://www.sprep.org/news/conference-helps-to-prepare-pacific-countries-to-respond-to-oil-spills) Twelve Pacific countries are in a better position to address the unique challenges in preparing for, and responding to oil spills.

**MARITIME SAFETY**

N. Korea fires 2 short-range ballistic missiles into East Sea: S. Korean military. Chae Yun-hwan. *Yonhap News Agency (South Korea)*. 31 August 2023. Available from: [https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20230717007752325](https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20230717007752325) North Korea has fired two short-range ballistic missiles into the East Sea, South Korea's military said Thursday, in apparent protest against combined South Korea-U.S. military drills.

NTSB Renews Call for US Coast Guard to Strengthen Passenger Vessel Safety. *US National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)*. 31 August 2023. Available from: [https://www.ntsb.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/NR20230831.aspx](https://www.ntsb.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/NR20230831.aspx) Four years after the fire aboard the *Conception* dive boat claimed 34 lives, the National Transportation Safety Board renewed its call for the U.S. Coast Guard to require safety management systems (SMS) for passenger vessels.


Improperly Declared Dangerous Goods Putting Lives at Risk in the Supply Chain – Liner Shipping Addresses Urgent Safety Concern. World Shipping Council. 28 September 2023. Available from: https://www.worldshipping.org/news/improperly-declared-dangerous-goods-putting-lives-at-risk-in-the-supply-chain-liner-shipping-addresses-urgent-safety-concern Despite industry and government efforts, dangerous cargo that has not been declared, or that has been incorrectly declared or labelled, continues to cause fires and explosions, hurting and killing vessel crew and transportation staff.

MARITIME SECURITY


Commercial Ships Carrying Grain are Getting Air Support from UK’s RAF. Maritime Executive. 8 September 2023. Available from: https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/commercial-ships-carrying-grain-are-getting-air-support-from-uk-s-raf UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak revealed today that the UK is undertaking efforts to support commercial shipping in the Black Sea transporting grain from Ukraine and deterring Russian attacks on cargo ships.


U.S. and Papua New Guinea strengthen maritime security and sustainability through historic patrol, deepening personal bonds along the way. United States Coast Guard. 14 September 2023. Available from: https://www.news.uscg.mil/Press-Releases/Article/3525339/ Building on collaborative preparations and a recently ratified bilateral agreement to counter illicit transnational maritime activities, the United States and Papua New Guinea concluded a joint maritime patrol on September 4, 2023, aimed at strengthening regional security and resource management in the PNG exclusive economic zone for the first time.

26 nations discuss sharing maritime information. Mayank Singh. New Indian Express. 15 September 2023. Available from: https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2023/sep/15/26-nations-discuss-sharing-maritime-information-2615017.html Pointing out that the Indian Ocean Region plays a vital role for the larger part of humanity, Deputy Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Sanjay Mahindru on Thursday stressed the significance of collaboration to address the maritime challenges in the region.


**MIGRANTS**


NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS

‘Disturbing’: Second whale struck by BC Ferries vessel this summer. Elizabeth McSheffrey. Global News (Canada). 31 August 2023. Available from: https://globalnews.ca/news/9932984/second-whale-strike-bc-ferries/. Another humpback whale has been struck by a BC Ferries vessel on the northwest coast, the second this summer, the company confirms.


IFAN hikes charges and bills more ships to pay for Middle East navigation. Gary Dixon. TradeWinds. 1 September 2023. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/ifan-hikes-charges-and-bills-more-ships-to-pay-for-middle-east-navigation/2-1-1509713. The organisation that maintains and operates navigation aids in the Middle East has been forced to raise its charges after 17 years.

Two more ships leave Ukrainian Black Sea port under temporary corridor. Max Hunder, Anna Pruchnicka and Olena Harmash. Reuters. 1 September 2023. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/two-more-ships-leave-ukrainian-black-sea-port-under-temporary-corridor-2023-09-01/. Two cargo vessels have left a port near Odesa, Ukraine’s deputy prime minister said on Friday - the third and fourth to transit from deep-water Ukrainian ports through the Black Sea since Russia withdrew from a safe-passage deal for grain ships.


Ramping up Ukraine grain exports through the Sulina Channel. Nick Savvides and Ivan Niyaki. Seatrade Maritime News. 8 September 2023. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/dry-bulk/ramping-up-ukraine-grain-exports-through-sulina-channel. Romania’s Sulina Channel has become a key exit point for the war-torn country’s cereal exports since the ending of the grain deal in July.


UK intelligence claims Russia is actively targeting international merchant ships. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 12 September 2023. Available from: [https://splash247.com/uk-intelligence-claims-russia-is-actively-targeting-international-merchant-ships/](https://splash247.com/uk-intelligence-claims-russia-is-actively-targeting-international-merchant-ships/) Insurers baulking at covering ships heading near Ukraine will have been given further pause for thought yesterday with UK intelligence claiming the Russian military targeted a cargo ship berthed at Odesa port.


Milestones reached along the increasingly busy Northern Sea Route. Bojan Lepic. *Splash 247.com*. 18 September 2023. Available from: [https://splash247.com/milestones-reached-along-the-increasingly-busy-northern-sea-route/](https://splash247.com/milestones-reached-along-the-increasingly-busy-northern-sea-route/) As the world’s oceans have broken surface temperature levels consistently during the past several months, more and more eyes have looked up to the north towards the growing shipping opportunities provided by the Northern Sea Route (NSR) which now has one of the longest shipping seasons on record.


Partners support emission reductions on Rotterdam-Singapore Green & Digital Shipping Corridor. *Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)*. 20 September 2023. Available from: [https://www.mpa.gov.sg/media-centre/details/partners-support-emission-reductions-on-rotterdam-singapore-green-digital-shipping-corridor](https://www.mpa.gov.sg/media-centre/details/partners-support-emission-reductions-on-rotterdam-singapore-green-digital-shipping-corridor) The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), the Port of Rotterdam (PoR) and 20 partners in the Green & Digital Shipping Corridor are working to reduce 20% to 30% of emissions from international shipping by 2030.


Seafaring in the digital age: Hapag-Lloyd to Enhance Connectivity at Sea with Starlink Satellite Internet. *Hapag-Lloyd*. 21 September 2023. Available from: [https://tinyurl.com/ye2658n4](https://tinyurl.com/ye2658n4) Since May, crewmembers aboard four pilot vessels have had the opportunity to test the Starlink technology.


Floating barriers at Scarborough Shoal violate PH sovereignty - DFA. Teresa Montemayor. *Philippine News Agency (PNA).* 25 September 2023. Available from: [https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1210513](https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1210513) The installation of floating barriers at Scarborough Shoal, also known as Bajo de Masinloc, by the China Coast Guard is an infringement of Philippine sovereignty, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said Monday.


Floating barriers at Bajo de Masinloc removed. *Philippine News Agency (PNA).* 26 September 2023. Available from: [https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1210541](https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1210541) The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) has removed the floating barriers installed by the China Coast Guard in the southeast entrance of Scarborough Shoal also known as Bajo de Masinloc.


PIRACY

Piracy attacks on Gulf of Guinea decrease - Dep. Minister of Foreign Affairs. Business Ghana. 7 September 2023. Available from: http://www.businessghana.com/site/news/General/293374/ The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration, Kwaku Ampratwum-Sarpong, has disclosed that piracy and robbery attacks in the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) have reduced over the last three years.


PORT STATE CONTROL


PORTS & HARBOURS

The first hydrogen powered container stacker arrives at the Port of Valencia, as part of the H2PORTS project. Port Authority of Valencia (PAV). 30 August 2023. Available from: https://maritime-executive.com/article/china-accuses-us-authorities-of-harassing-crewmembers-during-a-port-visit This prototype joins the hydrogen-powered tractor unit and the mobile hydrogen supply station (HRS) which will be tested in real operating conditions in the Port of Valencia from this month until December 2024.

One Ship in Panama Canal Paid $2.4 Million to Skip the Line. Alex Longley, Ruth Liao and Anna Shiryaevskaya. Bloomberg. 31 August 2023. Available from: https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/one-ship-in-panama-canal-paid-2-4-million-to-skip-the-line-1.1965721 Shippers are paying up to $2.4 million per vessel if they want to beat a logjam of carriers waiting to sail through the drought-affected Panama Canal, according to one company active in the market.

Arrival of Jamaica’s First Floating Dock. Maritime Authority of Jamaica. 2 September 2023. Available from: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=94dzUET5T1E The Maritime Authority of Jamaica is pleased to be a part of the development of the new shipyard at Harbour Head, Kingston, Jamaica.

Moscow attacks Ukraine port day before Russia-Turkey talks on grain deal. Victor Jack. POLITICO. 3 September 2023. Available from: https://www.politico.eu/article/ukraine-war-odesa-port-moscow-attacks-turkey-talks-grain-deal/ Moscow launched a barrage of drone attacks early Sunday at a port in Ukraine’s Odesa region used by Kyiv to export grain, a day ahead of talks between Russia and Turkey where reviving a U.N.-backed grain deal will be high on the agenda.


IAPH World Ports Tracker Q2 2023: more port calls with less cargo, truck driver shortages appear; overall liner trade connectivity improves. *World Ports Sustainability Program (WPSP)*. 7 September 2023. Available from: [https://tinyurl.com/2rkwuuk8](https://tinyurl.com/2rkwuuk8) IAPH has released its fifth edition of the World Ports Tracker for quarter 2 of 2023, which contains the most comprehensive situation report on economic activity by ports themselves, as well as by using S&P Global container market intelligence data and now UNCTAD-MDST’s liner shipping connectivity index, both on container trade trends.

Clean Air Progress at the Port of Los Angeles. *Port of Los Angeles*. 7 September 2023. Available from: [https://www.portoflosangeles.org/references/2023-news-releases/news_090723_air_emissions](https://www.portoflosangeles.org/references/2023-news-releases/news_090723_air_emissions) The Port of Los Angeles made significant clear air progress in 2022 compared with the previous year, according to the Port’s new Inventory of Air Emissions.


A delegation from the Port of Nagoya, one of Japan’s major ports, has visited the port of Bilbao to strengthen commercial ties.


‘The war had come to us too’: how Ukraine’s Danube ports became vital hubs – and targets. Emma Graham-Harrison. The Guardian. 9 September 2023. Available from: https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/sep/09/ukraine-izmail-reni It had been hundreds of years since the world paid much attention to the Danube river port of Izmail at the edge of the estuary that now separates Romania and Ukraine.

A green revolution begins at Portsmouth’s port as a £19.8m grant is secured. Portsmouth International Port. 11 September 2023. Available from: https://portsmouth-port.co.uk/news/a-green-revolution-begins-at-portsmouhports-port/ The SEA CHANGE project will design, build and operate a ‘shore power’ system across the three busiest berths at Portsmouth International Port.

Lampedusa: Migrant boats ‘queueing’ to dock at port. Emma Wallis. InfoMigrants. 12 September 2023. Available from: https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/51754/lampedusa-migrant-boats-queueing-to-dock-at-port Following a period of rough weather in the Central Mediterranean, the number of migrants arriving – or being rescued – near the Italian island of Lampedusa and Sicily has increased once again.

Panama Canal Says Traffic Restrictions Will Last Into Next Year. Jim Wyss and Ruth Liao. Bloomberg. 12 September 2023. Available from: https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/panama-canal-says-traffic-restrictions-will-into-next-year-1.1970424 The operator of the Panama Canal said there’s no immediate prospect of relief from the drought that’s reduced water levels and snarled shipping and global supply chains.

UK Government backs Port of Aberdeen’s multi-million pound shore power project. Port of Aberdeen. 14 September 2023. Available from: https://www.portofaberdeen.co.uk/news/zevi-shore-power-project Port of Aberdeen today announces it has been awarded funding from the UK Government for a multi-million pound project to design and deliver the first large-scale landside and vessel-side shore power system in Scotland.


Belgian justice minister addresses IAPH RRC meeting. *International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH).* 22 September 2023. Available from: [https://www.iaphworldports.org/news/iaphnews/16501/](https://www.iaphworldports.org/news/iaphnews/16501/) Belgium is leading a proposal to be submitted at IMO MSC 108 next spring for revising and extending the scope of the ISPS Code to make illegal actions part of the respective impact assessments and ensure a robust global framework and level playing field.

Opinion: Europe’s key ports have become better connected after Covid. Lars Jensen. *ShippingWatch.* 22 September 2023. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/Ports/article16453669.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/Ports/article16453669.ece) Within Europe, several Mediterranean ports have increased their connectivity to the global liner shipping networks significantly since before the pandemic whereas North Europe is lagging behind.


Odesa Port Hit in Major Russian Overnight Attack. *Kyiv Post (Ukraine).* 25 September 2023. Available from: [https://www.kyivpost.com/post/21960](https://www.kyivpost.com/post/21960) The Ukrainian air force said Kalibrs were launched from a ship and a submarine, adding air defences shot down 11 as well as all 19 drones that were also used in the attack.

Russia strikes Odesa, damaging port, grain infrastructure and abandoned hotel. *Associated Press.* 25 September 2023. Available from: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4ATUGhN2No](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4ATUGhN2No) A Russian drone and missile strike near Odesa has damaged port infrastructure, a grain silo and an abandoned hotel and injured one person.

Panama Canal waiting times increase for ships once again. Dag Holmstad. *ShippingWatch.* 28 September 2023. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Bulk/article16465854.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Bulk/article16465854.ece) Waiting times for the many ships queuing to transit the important but very shallow Panama Canal between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans are growing again.
The work will be completed within a two-year timeframe, said Fernando Correa, Manager of Institutional Relations at Terminal Cuenca del Plata.

REGULATIONS


Long-distance logistics is getting greener – and slower. Emma Woollacott. Raconteur. 6 September 2023. Available from: https://www.raconteur.net/supply-chain/shipping-emissions-slower Maritime logistics firms are grappling with the practical implications of new regulations designed to reduce their sector’s environmental impact.

EU ETS could spur disruptive reciprocal measures. Enes Tunagur. Lloyd’s List. 20 September 2023. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1146655/ The European Union’s Emissions Trading System could spur other economic blocs to respond in kind, disrupting and fragmenting trade, the IMO’s head of climate action has warned.

How To Change Charter Parties To Comply With MEPC 80? Hellenic Shipping News. 20 September 2023. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/how-to-change-charter-parties-to-comply-with-mepc-80/ As shipping attempts to chart a course to a zero-carbon future, there is a general acceptance that decarbonization will require all stakeholders to contribute.

Europe’s ports express their concern about first signs of carbon and business leakage ahead of the start of the EU ETS for the maritime sector. European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO). 20 September 2023. Available from: https://www.espo.be/news/europes-ports-express-their-concern-about-first-si As part of the implementation process of the EU emission trading system (ETS) directive for the maritime sector, the Commission held a public consultation on the list of non-EU neighbouring ports that would fall under the “transhipment clause” that has been introduced in the directive intended to limit the risks of carbon and business leakage once the EU ETS maritime comes into force.

**SALVAGE**

Personnel from Danish Defence has been on board the grounded cruise ship *Ocean Explorer*. Government of Denmark. 13 September 2023. Available from: https://www.forsvaret.dk/en/news/2023/personnel-from-danish-defence-has-been-on-board-the-grounded-cruise-ship-ocean-explorer/ On Monday afternoon, the cruise ship *Ocean Explorer* ran aground in Alpefjord, which is located in the national park in the northeast of Greenland, just over 600 km north of the Arctic Circle.

Stranded luxury cruise ship *MV Ocean Explorer* is pulled free at high tide in Greenland. Jan M. Olsen. Associated Press. 14 September 2023. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/greenland-cruise-ship-aground-mv-ocean-explorer-c487b66a2cfc8f2adcd4893a63a82be6 The luxury cruise ship *MV Ocean Explorer* was successfully pulled free on Thursday, three days after running aground in Greenland with 206 people on board, authorities and the ship’s owner said.


**SEAFARERS**


New directory gives crews access to over 250 Stella Maris port chaplains worldwide. *Stella Maris*. 31 August 2023. Available from: https://www.stellamaris.org.uk/new-directory-gives-crews-access-to-over-250-stella-maris-port-chaplains-worldwide/ Global maritime charity Stella Maris is delighted to announce the launch of a brand new version of its Port Chaplain Directory, a vital tool which helps seafarers and fishers get access to pastoral, practical and spiritual support wherever they are in the world.


NPA fulfils promise made to international seafarers. *OnePageAfrica.* 14 September 2023. Available from: [https://onepageafrica.com/2023/09/14/npa-fulfils-promise-made-to-international-seafarers/](https://onepageafrica.com/2023/09/14/npa-fulfils-promise-made-to-international-seafarers/) The Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) under the leadership of Mohammed Bello Koko, has fulfilled its promised made to the global community of seafarers to reconstruct its Nigerian outpost; The Mission to Seafarers (MTS) located on Marine Road Apapa GRA.


AMSA: Seafarers must have a voice in shaping shipping’s future. *Safety4Sea.* 19 September 2023. Available from: [https://safety4sea.com/cm-amsa-seafarers-must-have-a-voice-in-shaping-shippings-future/](https://safety4sea.com/cm-amsa-seafarers-must-have-a-voice-in-shaping-shippings-future/) Capt. Jeanine Drummond has been the Chair of the AMSA Board since July, and in an exclusive interview to SAFETY4SEA, she outlines her top priorities for the agenda.

Crew travel costs increase as airlines focus on revenue. Richard Clayton. *Lloyd’s List.* 19 September 2023. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1146639/](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1146639/) Moving seafarers from their homes to their ships and back has become much harder since the Covid-19 pandemic, because airlines suffering financial stress have ditched the gentleman’s agreement that kept seats available until the last minute.
Inaction not an option: Columbia launches mentor scheme for female cadets. Gary Dixon. TradeWinds. 21 September 2023. Available from: https://tinyurl.com/5n77wd4r Columbia Group is preparing a mentoring programme for its young female ship cadets to make sure they prosper in what is still seen as a largely male profession.

IBF deal done: 250,000 seafarers pay boosted by 6%. International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF). 25 September 2023. Available from: https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/ibf-deal-done-250000-seafarers-pay-boosted-6 Seafarers’ unions and maritime employers have signed a four-year agreement that will see significant wage increases and dozens of workplace protections and improvements for over 250,000 seafarers’ serving on more than 10,000 vessels.


SRI marks its anniversary with new research initiative to support the industry. Seafarers’ Rights International (SRI). 28 September 2023. Available from: https://seafarersrights.org/sri-marks-its-anniversary-with-new-research-initiative-to-support-the-industry/ To mark World Maritime Day 2023, SRI, the international pan-industry body researching maritime and seafarers’ law, has announced the launch of a new research initiative endorsed by the IMO Legal Committee.


**SEARCH & RESCUE**


Seafarers on board stricken Taiwanese fishing vessel successfully rescued. *South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)*. 13 September 2023. Available from: https://blog.samsa.org.za/2023/09/13/update-seafarers-on-board-stricken-taiwanese-fishing-vessel-successfully-rescued-samssa/ According to the SAMSA Centre for Sea Watch and Response based Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) in Cape Town, the successful rescue of the crew occurred at approximately 02h30 on Wednesday, with assistance of several vessels that responded to distress and assistance request calls broadcast on Tuesday.

The impact of the IMO-ICAO JWG on crucial maritime safety operations. *International Maritime Rescue Federation.* 19 September 2023. Available from: https://www.international-maritime-rescue.org/news/rewatch-the-impact-of-the-imo-icao-jwg-on-crucial-maritime-safety-operations Maritime search-and-rescue teams should receive more psychological support for stress and mental exhaustion after shortcomings were highlighted by the deaths of five people on a submersible diving down to the wreck of the *Titanic,* according to documents lodged at the IMO.

People who risk drowning at sea 'must be rescued', says Pope Francis in Marseille. *France 24.* 22 September 2023. Available from: https://www.france24.com/en/europe/20230922-pope-to-arrive-in-marseille-with-message-of-tolerance-amid-eu-migrant-crisis Marseille was decked out in the yellow and white colours of the Vatican for the first visit by a pope to France's second-largest city in 500 years, where 100,000 people are expected to turn out to greet the pontiff in his "popemobile" on Saturday.

*Titanic* sub disaster highlights ‘need for search and rescue upgrade’. Paul Peachey. *Trade Winds.* 28 September 2023. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/titanic-sub-disaster-highlights-need-for-search-and-rescue-upgrade-2-1-1525905 Maritime search-and-rescue teams should receive more psychological support for stress and mental exhaustion after shortcomings were highlighted by the deaths of five people on a submersible diving down to the wreck of the *Titanic,* according to documents lodged at the IMO.

**SHIP RECYCLING**

Hong Kong Convention round table in Bangladesh. *IndustriALL Global Union.* 30 August 2023. Available from: https://www.industriall-union.org/hong-kong-convention-round-table-in-bangladesh A round table meeting was convened by IndustriALL in Bangladesh on 30 August, bringing together government, shipbreaking yard employers and local unions to plan the way forward after the country's ratification of the Hong Kong Convention.

Ship Recycling Down 14% So Far This Year. Nikos Roussanoglou. *Hellenic Shipping News.* 2 September 2023. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/ship-recycling-down-14-so-far-this-year The ship recycling activity has fallen by almost 14% so far this year, according to data from Xclusiv Shipbrokers.

Ship-breaking industry in dire straits due to ‘red’ category. Nazimuddin Shyamol. *Financial Express (Bangladesh).* 8 September 2023. Available from: https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ship-breaking-industry-in-dire-straits-due-to-red-category-1694109647 Ship-breaking industry in Chattogram which was categorised as 'red' by the Department Environment (DoE) on April 26 this year is yet to be categorised as 'orange'.

Once the world’s largest graveyard for vessels, Gadani beach now a sinking ship. Naimat Khan. *Arab News (Saudi Arabia).* 21 September 2023. Available from: https://www.arabnews.com/node/2377836/pakistan Number of active shipbreaking yards on Gadani beach fell to seven this year from a peak of over 130 in 2000.
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A.P. Moller - Maersk (Maersk) and Amazon have finalized a 2023-2024 agreement for the transport of 20,000 FFE containers using green biofuel through Maersk’s “ECO Delivery” ocean product offering.

**Actionable data is key to reducing shipping’s carbon footprint.** *Hellenic Shipping News*. 7 September 2023. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/actionable-data-is-key-to-reducing-shippings-carbon-footprint/ Maritime’s voyage to decarbonisation is underway, with shipping companies exploring technologies that harness wind, waves and even air bubbles to ensure their ships burn less fuel.

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**Shipping takes backseat as climate summit ends.** Lee Mwiti. *The Standard (Kenya)*. 7 September 2023. Available from: https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/business/shipping-logistics/article/2001480912/shipping-takes-backseat-as-climate-summit-ends The shipping industry, responsible for emitting 3.9 per cent of planet-warming gases, drew little interest among delegates as the African Climate Summit was concluded Wednesday in Nairobi.


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Shipping’s place in post-Brexit ‘Global Britain’ is under strain. Julian Bray. TradeWinds. 10 September 2023. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/comment-shipping-s-place-in-post-brexit-global-britain-is-under-strain/2-1-1511836 London welcomes the shipping world this week to its sixth biennial “open house”, where its extensive community of business services companies will be entertaining existing clients and trying to lure the new.

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Shipping might be sailing into a hurricane, says Martin Stopford. Ian Lewis. TradeWinds. 11 September 2023. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/ship-management/shipping-might-be-sailing-into-a-hurricane-says-martin-stopford/2-1-1516023 The shipping industry is moving to a new phase where the storm clouds are gathering, believes veteran analyst Martin Stopford.

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**Shipping - the environment and diversity - doing nothing is not an option.** Paul Bartlett. *Seatrade Maritime News.* 13 September 2023. Available from: [https://tinyurl.com/2bmsb3n2](https://tinyurl.com/2bmsb3n2) These were two of the principal messages from presentations on Tuesday at Informa Market’s head office in Blackfriars, London.

**Stopford: Shipping won’t get ‘a sniff’ of green fuel.** Declan Bush. *Lloyd’s List.* 13 September 2023. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1146577](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1146577) Shipping economist Martin Stopford laid out the challenge in stark terms as industry figures questioned whether shipping can reach its green targets.


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UK tightens laws to punish fraudulent shipping. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 9 September 2023. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/law/uk-tightens-laws-to-punish-fraudulent-shipping/2-1-1520700 The UK will tighten up its laws to ensure that operators of UK-flagged ships face jail if they try to disguise the ownership or history of their vessels.


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