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IMO NEWS & EVENTS

WHAT’S NEW

50 years of marine environment protection

IMO marks 50 years since the MARPOL Convention was adopted.

Ships today must take measures on board to stop sewage, garbage and operational waste entering the sea without restriction – and ships must control emissions into the air. Ships must be designed and built to prevent and limit accidental spills of oil and chemicals. This is all thanks to rules adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

On 2 November, IMO is marking 50 years since 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. More...

Key milestone reached on Cape Town Agreement on fishing safety

Republic of Nicaragua’s accession marks major step for 2012 Cape Town Agreement entry into force and improved fishing vessel safety.

A crucial milestone has been reached on the path towards global regulation of safety standards for large industrial fishing vessels across the world, and those working onboard. Nicaragua is the 22nd State to become a party to the Agreement, thus fulfilling one of the two required criteria for the entry into force of the 2012 Cape Town Agreement (CTA).

The second condition – that the States which are Party to the treaty must have an aggregate of at least 3,600 fishing vessels of 24 metres and over operating on the high seas – is yet to be met. The Agreement will enter into force 12 months after the date on which both requirements have been satisfied. More...

MEETING SUMMARIES AND SCHEDULE

Previous Meetings

45th Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties to the London Convention and the 18th Meeting of Contracting Parties to the London Protocol (LC 45/LP 18) 2-6 October 2023

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

Forthcoming Meetings

IMO Council (C 130) 21-24 November 2023

IMO Assembly (A 33) 27 November – 6 December 2023

IMO Council (C 131) 7 December 2023

Programme of Meetings for 2023 Preliminary programme of meetings for 2024
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MARPOL Annex VI, Regulations for the prevention of air pollution from ships, covers the requirements in respect of both control of emissions of air pollutants from ships (chapter 3) and carbon intensity of international shipping (chapter 4). The requirements for control of nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions, given by chapter 3, are supplemented by the mandatory NOx Technical Code 2008, which covers the testing, survey and certification of marine diesel engines.
This fifth edition of the consolidated texts of MARPOL Annex VI and the NOx Technical Code 2008 includes all amendments through to those adopted at MEPC 76 in June 2021, in particular those on the IMO short-term greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction measures (EEXI, CII and enhanced SEEMP).

Also contained are the current versions of the Guidelines and other information relevant to the application of MARPOL Annex VI and the NOx Technical Code 2008. These include all those related to:

- exhaust gas treatment systems and measures for reduction of NOx and SOx emissions from ships;
- improvement of energy efficiency to reduce GHG emissions from ships, related to chapter 4 of MARPOL Annex VI; and
- sulphur content of fuel oil used by ships.

This publication is intended to be of use to maritime administrations, recognized organizations, shipping companies, classification societies, educational institutes, shipbuilders and equipment manufacturers together with others with an interest in the prevention of air pollution from ships and in the technical and operational measures to improve the energy efficiency of ships.

Life-Saving Appliances (LSA Code), 2023 Edition
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This publication contains the three most important IMO instruments dealing with life-saving appliances, as updated, namely the International Life-saving Appliance (LSA) Code (resolution MSC.48(66)), the Revised recommendation on testing of life-saving appliances (resolution MSC.81(70)) and the Code of practice for evaluation, testing and acceptance of prototype novel life-saving appliances and arrangements (resolution A.520(13)).
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.

Performance Standards, 2023 Edition
Digital format only: KD978E

As a result of the modernization of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) in 2022, several performance standards have been revised, consolidated, revoked or newly adopted. Most of these performance standards will be implemented as from 1 January 2024, in line with the entry into force of the amendments to SOLAS chapter IV and other related instruments.

The latest developments under SOLAS chapter V include amendments to the performance standards for shipborne voyage data recorders and simplified voyage data recorders, and revised performance standards for electronic chart display and information systems, which will introduce new IHO S-100 product specifications.

The present publication incorporates all performance standards for shipborne radiocommunications and navigational equipment and systems, including revisions or amendments thereto adopted up to June 2023.
The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (MARPOL Convention), is concerned with preserving the marine environment through the prevention of pollution by oil and other harmful substances and the minimization of accidental discharge of such substances. Its technical content is laid out in six Annexes, the first five of which were adopted by the 1973 Convention, as modified by a 1978 Protocol. These Annexes cover pollution of the sea by oil, by noxious liquid substances in bulk, by harmful substances in packaged form, by sewage from ships and by garbage from ships. Annex VI was adopted by a further Protocol in 1997 and covers air pollution from ships.

The 2022 consolidated edition provides an easy and comprehensive reference to the up-to-date provisions and unified interpretations of the articles, Protocols and Annexes of the MARPOL Convention, including the incorporation of all of the amendments that have been adopted by the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) with entry into force up to 1 November 2022.

Basic Documents Volume II is a compendium of basic documents on the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and its Training Institutions and Regional Centre. It also includes agreements between IMO and other intergovernmental organizations.


This 2021 edition includes up-to-date, consolidated text in line with amendments adopted up to 1 July 2021, as well as updated unified interpretations that have been keyed to relevant articles and regulations.
UNITED NATIONS

Hottest September on record puts 2023 on track to be warmest year ever. *UN News.*
5 October 2023. Available from: [https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/10/1141937](https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/10/1141937) Last month was roughly 1.75°C warmer compared to the pre-industrial period. It was also 0.93°C warmer than the 1991-2020 baseline which is used as a practical tool for climate sensitive sectors like agriculture.


CASUALTIES


Box Fire Doused on Maersk Ship as Reports Suggest an EV was Involved. *Maritime Executive*. 3 October 2023. Available from: [https://maritime-executive.com/article/box-fire-doused-on-maersk-ship-as-reports-suggest-an-ev-was-involved](https://maritime-executive.com/article/box-fire-doused-on-maersk-ship-as-reports-suggest-an-ev-was-involved) The Hellenic Coast Guard is reporting that a small fire aboard a Maersk containership has been resolved but the vessel remains docked in the port of Piraeus awaiting inspections before resuming its voyage.


Russia destroyed 300,000 tons of grain since July in port, ship attacks, Kyiv says. Olena Harmash. *Reuters*. 13 October 2023. Available from: [https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/russia-destroyed-300000-tons-grain-since-july-port-ship-attacks-kyiv-2023-10-13/](https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/russia-destroyed-300000-tons-grain-since-july-port-ship-attacks-kyiv-2023-10-13/) Russia has destroyed almost 300,000 metric tons of grain since July in attacks on Ukraine’s port facilities and on ships, the Ukrainian government said on Friday, underscoring the war’s threat to global food security.


Chinese ship collides with PH boat on supply mission to Ayungin Shoal. *Philippine News Agency (PNA)*. 22 October 2023. Available from: [https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1212273](https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1212273) A China Coast Guard (CCG) vessel collided with a Philippine supply boat, which was on a regular rotation and resupply (RORE) mission to the detachment manning the *BRP Sierra Madre* in Ayungin Shoal, on Sunday morning.


German authorities say there’s no hope for 4 missing sailors after North Sea ship collision.  
*Associated Press.* 25 October 2023. Available from: [https://apnews.com/article/germany-ship-collision-verity-search-70ab2a58186951360253640dc1d41f76](https://apnews.com/article/germany-ship-collision-verity-search-70ab2a58186951360253640dc1d41f76) German authorities on Wednesday broke off their search for four crew members missing since their British-flagged cargo ship sank a day earlier following a collision with a larger vessel in the North Sea.


Deadly explosion off Nigeria points to threat posed by aging oil ships around the world.  
Helen Wieffering and Grace Ekpu. *Associated Press.* 30 October 2023. Available from: [https://apnews.com/article/oil-exploration-gasoline-environment-nigeria-1d4cc4791cbb6ccf942075510a60](https://apnews.com/article/oil-exploration-gasoline-environment-nigeria-1d4cc4791cbb6ccf942075510a60) It was the dead of night when the ship caught fire, Patrick Aganyebi remembers, but the flames made it seem as bright as day.

**ENVIRONMENT**

Ireland Makes Rare Decision to Deny LNG Port for Climate Reasons. Anna Shiryaevkaya and Jennifer Duggan. *Bloomberg.* 2 October 2023. Available from: [https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/ireland-makes-rare-decision-to-deny-lng-port-for-climate-reasons-1.1979050](https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/ireland-makes-rare-decision-to-deny-lng-port-for-climate-reasons-1.1979050) Amid Europe’s angst over energy security, Ireland has made one of the boldest moves of any nation on the continent in the name of climate action: It rejected a new fossil fuel import facility.


From car-free zones to Arctic solar power: Positive environmental stories from 2023. *Euronews.* 16 October 2023. Available from: [https://www.euronews.com/green/2023/10/16/here-are-all-the-positive-environmental-stories-from-2023-so-far](https://www.euronews.com/green/2023/10/16/here-are-all-the-positive-environmental-stories-from-2023-so-far) Eco-anxiety, climate doom, environmental existential dread - as green journalists, we see these terms used a lot - and often feel them ourselves.


Extreme weather is making major trade routes less reliable, and it’s only going to get worse. *Inga Fechner and Rico Luman. ING Bank N.V.* 19 October 2023. Available from: [https://think.ing.com/articles/extreme-weather-makes-major-trade-routes-less-reliable/](https://think.ing.com/articles/extreme-weather-makes-major-trade-routes-less-reliable/) Extreme weather is becoming an increasing challenge for transport.


‘We should be worried’: As COP28 nears, green energy transition is not happening fast enough, say industry experts. *Darrelle Ng. Channel News Asia.* 25 October 2023. Available from: [https://www.channelnewsasia.com/sustainability/singapore-international-energy-week-siew-cop28-green-transition-irena-iae-wec-3871576](https://www.channelnewsasia.com/sustainability/singapore-international-energy-week-siew-cop28-green-transition-irena-iae-wec-3871576) With less than two months until COP28, the United Nations’ annual conference on climate change, all signs point to a losing battle to curb global temperature within 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.
For a healthier planet, a change in perspective. Carlos Salinas. Manila Times. 25 October 2023. Available from: https://www.manilatimes.net/2023/10/25/business/maritime/for-a-healthier-planet-a-change-in-perspective/1916218 Last April, Moninya Roughan, professor in oceanography at the University of South Wales (UNSW) in Sydney, warned that huge areas of the world’s oceans were "unusually warm" and that this year would likely bring record-breaking heat.

LNG-Powered Shipping: A Nightmare for Arctic Ecosystems. Sian Prior. Clean Arctic Alliance. 30 October 2023. Available from: https://cleanarctic.org/2023/10/30/lng-powered-shipping-a-nightmare-for-arctic-ecosystems/ Every September, the Clean Arctic Alliance team anxiously watches for news from the US National Snow and Ice Data Center for updates on the state of the Arctic.

Amid record melting, countries fail again to protect Antarctic waters. Mongabay. 30 October 2023. Available from: https://news.mongabay.com/2023/10/amid-record-melting-countries-fail-again-to-protect-antarctic-waters/ For the seventh year in a row, the international community has declined to establish new marine protected areas (MPAs) around Antarctica.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION


Bursting bubbles move microplastics from the ocean to the atmosphere. Colton Poore. Princeton University. 3 October 2023. Available from: https://engineering.princeton.edu/news/2023/10/03/bursting-bubbles-move-microplastics-ocean-atmosphere In a paper published Oct. 3 in PNAS Nexus, the team of researchers showed that bubbles formed from breaking waves at the ocean’s surface can launch tiny bits of plastic - such as those that might come from broken-down plastic bottles, synthetic clothing fibers and cosmetic products - into the atmosphere after they burst.


IAEA to Conduct First Extensive Sampling of Marine Environment Near Fukushima Daiichi Since Start of Treated Water Release. *International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)*. 10 October 2023. Available from: [https://tinyurl.com/3bryvabe](https://tinyurl.com/3bryvabe) IAEA scientists and international scientific observers will visit Japan next week to take marine samples near the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station.


The Commission proposes measures to reduce microplastic pollution from plastic pellets. 


S. Korea to host U.N. preparatory meeting on plastic pollution pact next year. *Yonhap News Agency (South Korea).* 23 October 2023. Available from: [https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20231023005900315?section=news](https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20231023005900315?section=news). South Korea will host a United Nations committee meeting next year on negotiating to develop an internationally binding agreement on tackling plastic pollution, the foreign ministry said Monday.
The Arctic Ocean is getting louder. Inuit knowledge can help quell the racket.
The United Nations’ maritime agency says shipping companies ought to work with Indigenous communities to reduce noise pollution.


A ferry that ran aground repeatedly off the Swedish coast is leaking oil and is extensively damaged. Associated Press. 30 October 2023. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/sweden-ferry-oil-spill-baltic-marco-polo-d0cf790f93334ed3b2b7ebb664bf0bb A ferry that ran aground off southeastern Sweden was leaking oil into the Baltic Sea and suffered “extensive damage,” a spokesman for the Swedish Coast Guard said Monday.

HEALTH & SAFETY

US Coast Guard strengthens measures against violations on commercial ships.
Dag Holmstad. ShippingWatch. 4 October 2023. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article16484122.ece With new legislation in hand, the US Coast Guard will now take a tougher stance on cases of sexual harassment and sexual assault on commercial vessels.

Mental Health Watch: Expert thinking on aligning mental health as a universal human right.
Safety4Sea. 10 October 2023. Available from: https://safety4sea.com/cm-mental-health-watch-expert-thinking-on-aligning-mental-health-as-a-universal-human-right/ It is essential to engage with maritime stakeholders to promote and address mental health for people onboard ships and ensure their well-being.

World Mental Health Day: Mental Health is a Universal Human Right. World Health Organization. 10 October 2023. Available from: https://www.who.int/southeastasia/news/detail/10-10-2023-world-mental-health-day-mental-health-is-a-universal-human-right This year’s theme of the World Mental Health Day, Mental Health is a Universal Human Right, calls for WHO, Member States and partners to accelerate efforts in mental health in a human-rights based approach.


After several cases of sexual harassment and assault on Maersk’s ships, the shipping group is now forced to install electronic monitoring of employees on its 23 container ships in the US.


The Government of Portugal has committed to addressing harassment and bullying in the maritime sector.


A dedicated working group, more supervision on board ships and training of inspectors are all measures that aim to reduce bullying and harassment across the Norwegian fleet.


In the aftermath of the global pandemic, mental health and well-being at sea took a long-awaited place in public awareness.


A ship’s master has been hospitalised after being attacked during the boarding of his vessel in the Strait of Malacca early on Friday.

IMO


The U.N. shipping agency is departing from its impartial role due to “external pressure” and is being used in the interests of “a minor group of beneficiaries”, which is impacting the fair treatment of all member countries, Russia said in a submission to the global shipping regulator published this week.

Shipping routes and maritime hubs’ actions to cut shipping’s GHG emissions examined at IMO-Singapore NextGEN Connect workshop in Singapore. Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA). 6 October 2023. Available from: [https://tinyurl.com/yp7776n3](https://tinyurl.com/yp7776n3)

The potential for shipping routes and maritime hubs’ actions to reduce shipping’s greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and support maritime decarbonisation was examined during the IMO-Singapore NextGEN workshop held in Singapore on 5 to 6 October 2023.


The Women’s International Shipping and Trading Association UK (WISTA UK) held a special ceremony at the IMO headquarters on Friday, 6 October.
**Finland optimistic for IMO compromise on economic measure.** Enes Tunagur. *Lloyd’s List.* 6 October 2023. Available from: [https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1146814/Finland-optimistic-for-IMO-compromise-on-economic-measure](https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1146814/Finland-optimistic-for-IMO-compromise-on-economic-measure) The next phase of climate negotiation inside the IMO will require significant concessions and compromise compared with previously stated positions, but an agreement is possible, according to Finland’s IMO representatives.


**Wavelength: How ‘dark’ fleets and Gaza are turning the IMO into a war zone.** Terry Macalister. *TradeWinds.* 18 October 2023. Available from: [https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/wavelength-how-dark-fleets-and-gaza-are-turning-the-imo-into-a-war-zone/2-1-1536502](https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/wavelength-how-dark-fleets-and-gaza-are-turning-the-imo-into-a-war-zone/2-1-1536502) A move by Iran to try to eradicate references by the IMO to “dark shipping” shows politics burning like an acetylene torch into ship regulation.


**Opportunity NOx: How to fix the IMO’s backwards air pollution regulation.** Bryan Comer. *International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT).* 23 October 2023. Available from: [https://theicct.org/opportunity-nox-oct23/](https://theicct.org/opportunity-nox-oct23/) NOx emissions contribute to the formation of smog and acid rain and, more broadly, contribute to human health problems and environmental damage.


Women’s rights held hostage at UN, say former leaders. Alexandra Topping. The Guardian. 2 October 2023. Available from: https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2023/oct/02/womens-rights-held-hostage-at-un-say-former-leaders Women’s rights have been “taken hostage” at the UN, and hard-fought gains are being eroded around the world, a group of former UN leaders has warned.

To tackle Putin’s dark oil fleet, enforcement needs to be stepped up. Michelle Wiese Bockmann. Lloyd’s List. 3 October 2023. Available from: https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1146777/ The effectiveness of the G7 price cap on Russian oil stumbled at the first hurdle when prices rallied from July.
4 October 2023. Available from: [https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/maritime-industry-centre-new-economic-model-malta.1058949](https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/maritime-industry-centre-new-economic-model-malta.1058949) World Maritime Day has been celebrated on September 28 since 1978 to focus attention on the importance of shipping safety, maritime security and the marine environment but it also serves to shed light on an industry which, despite its size and economic contribution, has often failed to receive the importance it deserves.

Despite anticipated ‘soft landing’ of the US economy, UNCTAD warns of stalling and divergent global growth. *United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).*


Vessel Protect reaffirms support for commercial operators looking to export Ukrainian grain. Kane Wells. *Reinsurance News.* 5 October 2023. Available from: [https://www.reinsurancene.ws/vessel-protect-reaffirms-support-for-commercial-operators-looking-to-export-ukrainian-grain/](https://www.reinsurancene.ws/vessel-protect-reaffirms-support-for-commercial-operators-looking-to-export-ukrainian-grain/) Vessel Protect, a specialist war risk underwriter and part of Pen Underwriting, has reaffirmed its commitment to supporting commercial operators who are looking to export Ukrainian grain, as the new maritime corridor “begins to gain traction”.

Climate fund donations underwhelm ahead of COP28. *Deutsche Welle (Germany).*
5 October 2023. Available from: [https://www.dw.com/en/climate-fund-donations-underwhelm-ahead-of-cop28/a-67011753](https://www.dw.com/en/climate-fund-donations-underwhelm-ahead-of-cop28/a-67011753) Pledges for a UN climate fund that were made by several countries during a conference in the western German city of Bonn on Thursday have fallen shy of their target, authorities said.


Equal opportunity, representation for women focus at WiMAC conference. *The Gleaner (Jamaica).* 10 October 2023. Available from: [https://tinyurl.com/6vrjd7vj](https://tinyurl.com/6vrjd7vj) With Emphasis on mobilising stronger systems to support the cause of women within the region, the Women in Maritime Association, Caribbean (WIMAC) hosted its Regional Conference and Sixth Annual General Meeting at the Ocean Coral Spring Resort in Trelawny last week.

It’s safe to say most people don’t spend a lot of time contemplating seagrass.


$1.6bn legal wrangle over Prestige payout ‘on pathway to end’, says London Club. David Osler. Lloyd’s List. 12 October 2023. Available from: https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1146892/ Two decades of legal wrangling between the London Club and the Spanish government over the Prestige oil spill in 2002 are set to come to a close in the wake of a recent High Court win for the marine mutual, according to its claims director.


Dr Sultan Al Jaber calls for world to protect Arctic from climate change. *The National (UAE)*. 20 October 2023. Available from: [https://www.thenationalnews.com/climate/cop28/2023/10/20/dr-sultan-al-jaber-calls-for-world-to-protect-arctic-from-climate-change](https://www.thenationalnews.com/climate/cop28/2023/10/20/dr-sultan-al-jaber-calls-for-world-to-protect-arctic-from-climate-change). Dr Sultan Al Jaber, Cop28 President-designate, on Friday underlined the “massive task” the world faces in protecting vulnerable regions such as the Arctic Circle from the worst effects of climate change.

Strait of Hormuz: the world’s most important oil artery. Ahmad Ghaddar. Reuters. 20 October 2023. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/strait-hormuz-worlds-most-important-oil-artery-2023-10-20/ The Israel-Hamas war has raised the spectre of a wider regional conflict which could embroil Iran and other regional factions.


The energy world is set to change significantly by 2030, based on today’s policy settings alone. International Energy Agency (IEA). 24 October 2023. Available from: https://www.iea.org/news/the-energy-world-is-set-to-change-significantly-by-2030-based-on-today-s-policy-settings-alone World Energy Outlook shows there are set to be almost 10 times as many electric cars on the road, with renewables nearing half of the global power mix, but much stronger policies needed for 1.5 °C. World Energy Outlook 2023 📘


**Prestige Oil Spill Aftermath Continues to Linger.** Guy Hardaker. *Watson Farley & Williams LLP.* 26 October 2023. Available from: [https://www.wfw.com/articles/prestige-oil-spill-aftermath-continues-to-linger/](https://www.wfw.com/articles/prestige-oil-spill-aftermath-continues-to-linger/) Over 20 years after the *MT Prestige* (the “Prestige”) split in half and sank, releasing 77,000 MTs of heavy crude oil onto the Spanish and French coasts, the aftermath continues to preoccupy the courts.


**Israel to pay compensation for ships damaged in Gaza war.** Jonathan Saul. *Reuters.* 26 October 2023. Available from: [https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/israel-pay-compensation-ships-damaged-gaza-war-2023-10-26/](https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/israel-pay-compensation-ships-damaged-gaza-war-2023-10-26/) Israel will provide compensation for ships that are damaged due to the war in Gaza and the government is taking steps to minimise risks for vessels using the country’s ports, government advisories said.


UK supports moratorium on deep sea mining to protect ocean and marine ecosystems. UK Government. 30 October 2023. Available from: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-supports-moratorium-on-deep-sea-mining-to-protect-ocean-and-marine-ecosystems The UK government has today announced its support for measures designed to protect the world’s ocean and improve the conservation of marine biodiversity.

**MARINE TECHNOLOGY**

Update on Potential of Biofuels for Shipping [updated]. European Maritime Safety Agency. 26 September 2023. Available from: https://www.emsa.europa.eu/newsroom/latest-news/item/4834-update-on-potential-of-biofuels-for-shipping.html Among the broad spectrum of technology and fuel-solution pathways available for ship designers, builders, owners and operators, biofuels potentially offer medium and long-term marine fuel alternatives that can enter the market relatively quickly; they also offer the potential, if sustainability criteria are met, to reduce carbon output compared to traditional carbon-based fossil fuels. Report

Potential of Ammonia as Fuel in Shipping [updated]. European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA). 26 September 2023. Available from: https://www.emsa.europa.eu/newsroom/latest-news/item/4833-potential-of-ammonia-as-fuel-in-shipping.html Among the broad spectrum of technologies and fuel solutions ship designers, builders, owners and operators, anhydrous ammonia (NH3) has been identified as a potential long-term fuel that could enter the market relatively quickly and offer a zero, or a near-zero, carbon solution (on a tank-to-wake basis and in some cases on a well-to-wake basis) irrespective of the origin of the fuel. Report


Samsung Engineering and Carbon Clean partners on marine carbon capture solutions. Samsung Engineering. 5 October 2023. Available from: https://www.samsungengineering.com/en/newsroom/news/view?idx=15532 Samsung Engineering Co., Ltd. (SECL), one of the world’s leading engineering solutions and project management companies in the world, with an ambition to lead in the energy transition, and Carbon Clean, a global leader in point source carbon capture solution have signed a Joint Development Agreement (JDA), to explore opportunities for Onboard Carbon Capture solutions (OCCS) projects.
Protecting Our Ocean: Nuclear Techniques for Marine Emergency Response to Oil Spills.

Landmark agreement provides platform for delivery of major carbon store in North Sea.
The Crown Estate. 5 October 2023. Available from: https://tinyurl.com/33ch6rse The Crown Estate has awarded an Agreement for Lease for what could become one of the world’s largest carbon capture and storage (CCS) projects, playing a significant role in meeting the UK’s net zero ambitions.

The unmanned drone mission on the coast of Lithuania has ended – 140 ships were inspected during it. Port of Klaipėda. 6 October 2023. Available from: https://portofklaipeda.lt/en/naujienos/the-unmanned-drone-mission-on-the-coast-of-lithuania-has-ended-140-ships-were-inspected-during-it/ During the drone mission lasting for more than 3 months, the Baltic Sea coast of Lithuania and the waters of the Klaipėda port were monitored and 140 ships were examined for the quality of exhaust gases.

Mass Flow Meters to Become Mandatory at Rotterdam and Antwerp-Bruges From 2026.
Jack Jordan. Ship & Bunker. 9 October 2023. Available from: https://shipandbunker.com/news/emea/196621-mass-flow-meters-to-become-mandatory-at-rotterdam-and-antwerp-bruges-from-2026 The authorities governing the majority of Europe’s largest bunkering hub are planning to make the use of mass flow meters (MFMs) compulsory from the start of 2026, nine years after Singapore first started to impose a similar mandate.


Innovative Marking Technology Will Help Protect Nation’s Protected Shipwrecks From Heritage Crime.

New fuels and slower sailing: Can shipping ride the wave of decarbonisation? Ashima Sharma. Power Technology. 12 October 2023. Available from: https://tinyurl.com/36brcnce In her state of the union address, European Parliament President Ursula von der Leyen addressed the bloc’s Green Deal: “The core aim will be to support every sector in building its business model for the decarbonisation of industry.”

E-fuels will power maritime by 2045 if industry is allowed to pace itself.
Edwin Lampert. Rivera Maritime. 16 October 2023. Available from: https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/e-fuels-will-power-maritime-by-2045-if-industry-is-allowed-to-pace-itself-78141 E-fuels will be crucial in tackling the maritime sector’s decarbonisation challenge, but significant hurdles remain, including issues related to availability, costs and adapting existing assets within the limited timeframe available, according to a survey of 700 senior maritime executives and technical specialists.
Onboard Carbon capture & storage: a key solution for shipping’s complex decarbonisation challenge. Sigurd Jenssen. Hellenic Shipping News. 16 October 2023. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/onboard-carbon-capture-storage-a-key-solution-for-shippings-complex-decarbonisation-challenge/ For all the criticism and discussion around MEPC 80 this year, the IMO’s landmark environmental committee has given us one thing: the commitment to achieve net-zero emissions by around 2050 creates a clear sense of direction for an industry often criticised for its environmental impact.

INSIGHT: Methanol as a Marine Fuel – VPS Experience to Date. Steve Bee. Ship & Bunker. 16 October 2023. Available from: https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/353010 As the shipping industry looks to decarbonise and become net zero by 2050, ship owners and operators are looking at alternative fuels with a lower carbon footprint in order to reduce overall emissions from their fleet.


Data from clean technologies: powering up decarbonisation with digitalisation. Nick Chrissos. Hellenic Shipping News. 31 October 2023. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/data-from-clean-technologies-powering-up-decarbonisation-with-digitalisation/ One common claim is that shipping is behind the curve of technology adoption compared to other industries.
MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING


Danica Crewing Specialists: STCW training should focus on new technology developments and leadership. Henrik Jensen. Safety4Sea. 26 October 2023. Available from: https://safety4sea.com/cm-danica-crewing-specialists-stcw-training-should-focus-on-new-technology-developments-and-leadership/ In an exclusive interview to SAFETY4SEA, Henrik Jensen, CEO and Founder of Danica Crewing Specialists, suggests how seafarer training should adapt to new challenges and highlights the importance of providing to seafarers fully contracted employment.

Foreign Aquatic Species, Threat To Blue Economy – NIMASA. Yusuf Babalola. Leadership (Nigeria). 31 October 2023. Available from: https://leadership.ng/foreign-aquatic-species-threat-to-blue-economy-nimasa/ The transportation of harmful non-indigenous Invasive Aquatic Species (IAS), also known as, biofouling, poses a huge threat to Nigeria’s transition to Blue Economy, the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), on Monday said.

The Worldwide Sustainability of Maritime Education and Training (MET). Jessica Perez. Greater Houston Port Bureau. 31 October 2023. Available from: https://www.txgulf.org/news/the-worldwide-sustainability-of-maritime-education-and-training-met# Sustainability regarding Maritime Education and Training is a challenge that is global in scope and need. In the greater Houston area, we are fortunate to have many stakeholders taking an active part in furthering maritime education workforce pathways from the junior high level up through area universities.

MARITIME SAFETY

Podcast: Are electric cars getting a bad rap in ship fires? Eric Priante Martin. TradeWinds. 2 October 2023. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/esg/podcast-are-electric-cars-getting-a-bad-rap-in-ship-fires-/2-1-1527901 When a fire strikes a car carrier, the first question asked is often whether it was started by an electric vehicle.

Everyone should be able to work safely on board. Danish Shipping. 6 October 2023. Available from: https://danishshipping.dk/en/all-press-releases/2023/everyone-should-be-able-to-work-safely-on-board/ Everyone, regardless of gender, nationality, or sexuality, should be able to work safely on board a Danish-flagged ship without fearing bullying or harassment.

Cruise ship passengers describe alarming situation in Israel (Updated). Iole Damaskinos. Cyprus Mail. 13 October 2023. Available from: https://cyprus-mail.com/2023/10/13/ports-ready-to-handle-thousands-fleeing-israel/ The island’s ports have been put on full alert on Friday under a plan to evacuate thousands of Israelis and foreign nationals by sea to Cyprus.


U.S. 5th Fleet Enhances Middle East Maritime Security with Unmanned Capabilities. United States Navy. 6 October 2023. Available from: https://tinyurl.com/4exzzbmr Last month, naval forces in the Middle East region successfully integrated unmanned platforms with traditionally crewed ships and aircraft to conduct enhanced maritime security operations in the waters surrounding the Arabian Peninsula.

‘Maximum security’ warning issued to shipowners as Mideast violence spreads Harry Papachristou and Jonathan Boonzaier. TradeWinds. 9 October 2023. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/cruise-and-ferry/-maximum-security-warning-issued-to-shipowners-as-mideast-violence-spreads/2-1-1531534 Shipowners active in Israel and Lebanon are being warned to exercise maximum caution after the Israeli-Palestinian conflict flared up to levels of violence not seen in decades – sparked by a raid of armed Palestinians storming out of Gaza that caused over a thousand of deaths.


Maritime Cyber Risk report: Shipping industry remains “easy target”, pays average US$3.2m in cyberattacks. Ioanna Kontos. Container News. 17 October 2023. Available from: https://container-news.com/maritime-cyber-risk-report-shipping-industry-remains-easy-target-pays-average-us3-2m-in-cyberattacks/ New research has found that the maritime industry remains an “easy target” for cybercriminals and that the cost of attacks and demand for ransom payments across the sector have skyrocketed over the past 12 months.
“Forging maritime security: ECOWAS gathers its Chiefs of Naval Staff of staff for a 3rd Sub-Committee meeting”. Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). 17 October 2023. Available from: https://ecowas.int/archives/85306 The primary purpose of this meeting is to evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the ECOWAS Maritime Centres, which will provide valuable insights for improving maritime operations and effectively dealing with illicit maritime activities in the ECOWAS region.


NATO steps up Baltic Sea patrols after subsea infrastructure damage. NATO. 19 October 2023. Available from: https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_219500.htm NATO and Allies are stepping up patrols in the Baltic Sea following recent damage to undersea infrastructure in the region.


MIGRANTS


First Greek shipowner uses new, Ukraine-protected grain corridor. Harry Papachristou. TradeWinds. 1 October 2023. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/bulkers/first-greek-shipowner-uses-new-ukraine-protected-grain-corridor/2-1-1527369 For the first time since Ukraine re-opened a corridor for the seaborne export of its foodstuffs in the Black Sea, it has managed to attract a shipowner from Greece to use it.

Persistent threats to merchant vessels in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden and Persian Gulf and its approaches. Gard. 2 October 2023. Available from: https://www.gard.no/web/articles?documentId=36054248 The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator on 13 July 2023 issued a ship security advisory (SSA-03-23, Rev.3) that warns vessels transiting the Arabian/Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman and Arabian Sea about the increased level of political tension in this region and advises them to maintain a heightened level of vigilance.

Bulk carriers and containerships moving at slowest speeds on record this year. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 2 October 2023. Available from: https://splash247.com/bulk-carriers-and-containerships-moving-at-slowest-speeds-on-record-this-year/ Two of the main shipping segments which have disappointed the most earnings-wise this year have resorted to slowing their ships down considerably this year.


China Blockades Second Thomas Shoal, Cutting Off Supply Convoy. Maritime Executive. 4 October 2023. Available from: https://maritime-executive.com/article/china-coast-guard-blockades-second-thomas-shoal Once again, the China Coast Guard and Chinese maritime militia have blockaded and harassed a Philippine supply convoy at Second Thomas Shoal, where the Philippine Navy maintains a small outpost to defend Manila’s maritime claims.

PCG: Foreign vessel that rammed PH boat off Bajo de Masinloc violated protocols. CNN Philippines. 5 October 2023. Available from: https://www.cnnphilippines.com/news/2023/10/5/vessel-rammed-ph-boat-violations.html The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) Pangasinan on Thursday said the foreign vessel that rammed a Filipino boat and killed three fishermen near Bajo de Masinloc in the West Philippine Sea on Oct. 2 violated two international regulations.

General cargoship hits suspected sea mine on voyage to Ukraine. Bridget Diakun. Lloyd’s List. 5 October 2023. Available from: https://www.lloydlist.com/LL1146810/General-cargoship-hits-suspected-sea-mine-on-voyage-to-Ukraine A general cargoship is suspected of coming in contact with a sea mine this morning while waiting outside the entrance to the Sulina Canal, according to a Lloyd’s List Intelligence casualty report.

Turkish ship not damaged in Black Sea explosion, maritime authority says. Ezgi Erkoyun and Jonathan Saul. Reuters. 6 October 2023. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/turkish-ship-not-damaged-black-sea-explosion-maritime-authority-2023-10-06/ A Turkish-flagged general cargo ship that was sailing on Thursday in the Black Sea en route to Ukraine’s Izmail port did not sustain damage from an explosion, Turkey’s maritime authority and the ship’s captain told Reuters.

Green shipping corridors face ‘make or break’ moment. Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds.* 11 October 2023. Available from: [https://www.tradewindsnews.com/esg/green-shipping-corridors-face-make-or-break-moment/2-1-1532774](https://www.tradewindsnews.com/esg/green-shipping-corridors-face-make-or-break-moment/2-1-1532774) It has been roughly two years since representatives of more than 20 nations met on the River Clyde in Glasgow to put “green shipping corridors” firmly in the maritime industry’s lexicon.


Another step in the development of AI applications in IMS. *European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA).* 16 October 2023. Available from: [https://www.emsa.europa.eu/newsroom/latest-news/item/5044](https://www.emsa.europa.eu/newsroom/latest-news/item/5044) EMSA continues its journey towards implementation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications under the vessel traffic monitoring and information system (VTMIS) and the integrated maritime services (IMS).


**Finnish Authorities Focus on Ships Near Damaged Pipeline.** Mike Schuler. gCaptain. 17 October 2023. Available from: [https://gcaptain.com/finnish-authorities-focus-on-ships-near-damaged-pipeline/](https://gcaptain.com/finnish-authorities-focus-on-ships-near-damaged-pipeline/) Finnish investigators are currently examining the details of several ships that sailed in the area of a Finnish-Estonian gas pipeline and telecommunications cable around the time they were damaged earlier this month.

**Iridium: Ships need reliable systems to withstand adverse environments.** Safety4Sea. 19 October 2023. Available from: [https://safety4sea.com/cm-iridium-ships-need-reliable-systems-to-withstand-adverse-environments/](https://safety4sea.com/cm-iridium-ships-need-reliable-systems-to-withstand-adverse-environments/) In an exclusive interview to SAFETY4SEA, Kyle Hurst, the Director of Maritime Safety & Security Services at Iridium Communications, underscores the perils inherent in the maritime sphere, emphasizing the imperative of a robust onboard system that operates seamlessly irrespective of location, weather conditions or other challenges.


**Oil Tanker Sails to Israeli Red Sea Port to Avoid Conflict.** Sherry Su. Bloomberg. 19 October 2023. Available from: [https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/oil-tanker-sails-to-israeli-red-sea-port-to-avoid-conflict-1.1986906](https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/oil-tanker-sails-to-israeli-red-sea-port-to-avoid-conflict-1.1986906) An oil tanker is hauling a cargo of crude toward an Israeli Red Sea port that's seldom used for crude deliveries after the nation's main import terminal on the Mediterranean was disrupted by the conflict with Hamas.

**Increased Arctic Shipping Brings Increased Risks.** Elias Thorsson. Arctic Today. 21 October 2023. Available from: [https://www.arctictoday.com/increased-arctic-shipping-brings-increased-risks/](https://www.arctictoday.com/increased-arctic-shipping-brings-increased-risks/) The melting sea ice in the Arctic is opening up new shipping lanes and increasing traffic and with the benefits of new trade routes comes the increased risk of catastrophe.


Rule 14: Should we reciprocate? Chris Bordas. *Nautical Institute*. 27 October 2023. Available from: [https://www.nautinst.org/resources-page/free-article-rule-14-should-we-reciprocate.html](https://www.nautinst.org/resources-page/free-article-rule-14-should-we-reciprocate.html) In this article, I want to explore Rule 14 of the Colregs, known to all as the Head-on Rule. The reason for this is that its interpretation has come into question by the English Courts.


Russia’s shadow fleet is a disaster waiting to happen. Elisabeth Braw. *POLITICO*. 30 October 2023. Available from: [https://www.politico.eu/article/russia-shadow-fleet-oil-tankers-ships-accidents-ukraine-war-sanctions/](https://www.politico.eu/article/russia-shadow-fleet-oil-tankers-ships-accidents-ukraine-war-sanctions/) Earlier this month, the Cameroon-flagged *Turba* - a tanker transporting contraband Russian oil - was found adrift off the coast of Indonesia.


No substitute for keeping a good lookout – even with tech gadgets on board. David Hughes. *Business Times (Singapore)*. 31 October 2023. Available from: [https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/international/no-substitute-keeping-good-lookout-even-tech-gadgets-board](https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/international/no-substitute-keeping-good-lookout-even-tech-gadgets-board) Collisions between ships make up the second-largest category among all reported “shipping incidents” around the world, after machinery damage or failure.
PIRACY


ReCAAP, Australia Border Force Hold Regional Anti-Piracy Forum. Maritime Executive. 29 September 2023. Available from: https://maritime-executive.com/corporate/recaap-australia-border-force-hold-regional-anti-piracy-forum The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ISC), in cooperation with its Australia Focal Point, the Australia Border Force (Maritime Border Command), today concluded a four-day Capacity Building Executive Programme (CBEP) attended by the coast guards, navies and maritime law enforcement agencies from Australia and 12 ReCAAP Focal Points (Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Laos, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, United States), as well as the Indonesian Coast Guard and Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA).


PORT STATE CONTROL


Abuja MoU begins training of Sierra Leone Port State Control officers. Abolanle Oluwatola. Ships & Ports. 4 October 2023. Available from: https://shipsandports.com.ng/abuja-mou-begins-training-of-sierra-leone-port-state-control-officers/ In a bid to ensure that member states have an effective Port State Control (PSC) regime, the Abuja Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control for West and Central Africa has commenced a two-week mentor-mentee capacity building program for PSC officers from Sierra Leone.

Ukraine and Russia-bound ships dominate detentions and port bans. Richard Meade and Bridget Diakun. Lloyd’s List. 4 October 2023. Available from: https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1146796/ The veteran fleet of ships deployed on Ukrainian or Russian Black Sea trades are increasingly showing signs of serious safety violations and are being detained or banned by port state control officials as a result.

Open Arms ship detained in Italian port after rescue. InfoMigrants. 6 October 2023. Available from: https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/52381/open-arms-ship-detained-in-italian-port-after-rescue The Open Arms migrant rescue ship was placed under administrative detention for 20 days on Thursday (October 5), one day after delivering 176 rescued migrants to the Italian port of Marina di Carrara.
PORTS & HARBOURS

What’s Causing the Panama Canal Logjam. Diana Roy. Chatham House Royal Institute of International Affairs. 29 September 2023. Available from: https://www.cfr.org/in-brief/whats-causing-panama-canal-logjam As of September 28, eighty-nine vessels are waiting to traverse the Panama Canal, which handles hundreds of billions of dollars in global trade each year.

Port of Felixstowe welcomes first Methanol-powered ship. Port of Felixstowe. 29 September 2023. Available from: https://www.portoffelixstowe.co.uk/press/news-archive/port-of-felixstowe-welcomes-first-methanol-powered-ship/ Hutchison Ports Port of Felixstowe has celebrated the maiden call of the Laura Maersk, the first container ship in the world to complete a voyage powered by Green Methanol.

Five more cargo ships head for Ukraine’s Black Sea ports, deputy prime minister says. Pavel Polityuk. Reuters. 1 October 2023. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/three-cargo-vessels-left-ukrainian-black-sea-ports-after-loading-marinetraffic-2023-10-01/ Five more ships are on their way to Ukrainian sea ports using a new corridor opened to resume predominantly agricultural exports, an alternative arrangement to the Black Sea grain deal blocked by Russia, a top Ukrainian official said on Sunday.


Cartagena is the largest transhipment hub in the Caribbean. Michele Labrut. Seatrade Maritime News. 6 October 2023. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/americas/cartagena-largest-transhipment-hub-caribbean SPRC operates 3 port facilities and provides a full range of port, transport, and logistics services, as it includes subsidiaries associated to tugboat operations, river & land transportation, cruise operations, stevedoring, and other logistics services representing yearly corporate sales of over $370m and a total container throughput of more than 3m teus.


Minister of Transport announces funding for a new container terminal at the Port of Montréal. *Government of Canada.* 10 October 2023. Available from: [https://tinyurl.com/3xb64heu](https://tinyurl.com/3xb64heu) An efficient and reliable transportation system is essential to keeping communities connected and making life more affordable for all Canadians.


EU highlights ports in large-scale roadmap against drug smuggling. Daniel Logan Berg-Munch. *ShippingWatch.* 19 October 2023. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article16527454.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article16527454.ece) Port authorities and privately owned carriers must be aware of the crucial role they play in the fight against organized drug traffickers, the EU stresses in a new initiative.


**REGULATIONS**


**Countdown to COP: Maritime.** Mhairi Main Garcia. *Watson Farley & Williams LLP*. 18 October 2023. Available from: [https://www.wfw.com/podcast/countdown-to-cop-maritime/](https://www.wfw.com/podcast/countdown-to-cop-maritime/) In this episode, Mhairi and Lizzie discuss two key challenges facing the sector, namely technological and regulatory uncertainty, and the positive steps being taken to rectify these.


**Self regulation coming for T&T's shipping industry.** Geisha Kowlessar-Alonzo. *Guardian (Trinidad & Tobago)*. 26 October 2023. Available from: [https://www.guardian.co.tt/business/self-regulation-coming-for-tts-shipping-industry-6.2.1835540.08084520b7](https://www.guardian.co.tt/business/self-regulation-coming-for-tts-shipping-industry-6.2.1835540.08084520b7) T&T is currently reviewing the legislative framework for the maritime industry through the preparation of the Shipping Bill, 2020.


**SALVAGE**


**SEAFARERS**


Why seafarers are key stakeholders for shipping’s decarbonisation. Sandra Welch. *Splash 247.com*. 9 October 2023. Available from: https://splash247.com/why-seafarers-are-key-stakeholders-for-shippings-decarbonisation. Seafaring is set to change significantly over the coming decades as the maritime industry pursues decarbonisation goals - bringing in changes to the fuels bunkeried and used onboard, scaled up technology and digitalisation, and a greater incorporation of automation onboard vessels of all types.


Pressure mounts on Indonesia to release three Indian crew under house arrest. Bojan Lepic. Splash 247.com. 16 October 2023. Available from: https://splash247.com/pressure-mounds-on-indonesia-to-release-three-indian-crew-under-house-arrest/ Indonesia has been accused of illegally holding three Indian seafarers from a beached ship under house arrest, using them as leverage to get money from the ship's owner to cover the costs of removing the wrecked ship.


Columbia launches female cadet mentoring programme. Columbia Shipmanagement. 17 October 2023. Available from: https://www.columbia-shipmanagement.com/columbia-launches-female-cadet-mentoring-programme/ Recognising that the industry is missing out on a great deal of female talent the group hopes that the mentoring programme will not only attract more females onboard vessels, but help to retain them in the industry past cadetship, especially when faced with a number of career challenges such as the flexibility needed for juggling work and home life.


St Kitts and Nevis Flag State forsakes over 30 seafarers already abandoned by shipowner. ITF Seafarers. 20 October 2023. Available from: https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/st-kitts-and-nevis-flag-state-forsakes-over-30-seafarers-already-abandoned-shipowner The St Kitts and Nevis (SKN) ship registry has evaded its responsibility to more than 30 seafarers by deregistering three ships on which they are abandoned, a tactic which has been roundly condemned by the International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF).


Govt to work with shipping agents to uplift seafarers. *Kenya News Agency (KNA).*
24 October 2023. Available from: https://www.kenyanews.go.ke/govt-to-work-with-shipping-agents-to-uplift-seafarers/ The government, through the State Department for Shipping and Maritime Affairs, has embarked on a partnership with the Kenya Ships Agents Association (KSAA) to up-skill seafarers in the maritime space.

India calls for release of three seafarers who escaped sinking tanker. *Paul Peachey. TradeWinds.* 24 October 2023. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/india-calls-for-release-of-three-seafarers-who-escaped-sinking-tanker/ Three Indian seafarers have been prevented from leaving an Indonesian island for eight months after they were forced to abandon their leaking ship when it ran aground.

Drugs menace has become seafarers' worst nightmare, Intercargo warns. *Harry Papachristou. TradeWinds.* 26 October 2023. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/bulkers/drugs-menace-has-become-seafarers-worst-nightmare-intercargo-warns/ Abusive ship arrests and seafarer detentions have replaced piracy as seafarers' worst nightmare, with adverse effects on crew recruitment among the younger generations, Intercargo executives warned.

Dark fleet offers higher wages but for seafarers cost could be even higher. *Marcus Hand. Seatrade Maritime News.* 30 October 2023. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/finance-insurance/dark-fleet-offers-higher-wages-seafarers-cost-could-be-even-higher The growing so-called dark fleet of vessels transporting sanctioned oil cargoes has grown rapidly since the Russian invasion of Ukraine last year and Windward.ai has identified up to 1,100 ships in this shadow trading fleet.

**SEARCH & RESCUE**


Coast Guard rescues 12 persons from *M/V Bonnie G*, aground off U.S. Virgin Islands. *United States Coast Guard.* 4 October 2023. Available from: https://tinyurl.com/3wcckvx2 A Coast Guard boat crew rescued 12 people, Wednesday morning, after they were forced to abandon the *M/V Bonnie G* that was taking on water and ran aground just south of the airport in St. Thomas.


‘Holding on for dear life’: Aussie ocean rower rescued by cruise ship describes shivering 14 hours stuck at sea. *Benjamin Plummer and Thomas Bywater. New Zealand Herald.* 6 October 2023. Available from: https://tinyurl.com/ymd34zsf A young Australian athlete rescued from the Pacific Ocean by a cruise ship this morning has described the frightening 14 hours he spent tied to the hull of his boat.
Germany says NGO sea rescue funding planned through 2026. Deutsche Welle (Germany). 7 October 2023. Available from: https://www.dw.com/en/germany-says-nngo-sea-rescue-funding-planned-through-2026/a-67029163. Germany’s Foreign Ministry on Saturday said that media reports about Berlin planning to halt donations to NGOs operating migrant rescue boats in the Mediterranean Sea were mistaken.


Yacht rescue sailors receive King’s bravery award. Lydia Wilson. BBC News. 31 October 2023. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cye1r1xr18do. Chief Petty Officer Stephen Froom and Able Seaman Alfie Hulme battled terrible conditions off the Isle of Wight last November to save the five yachtsmen on the broken-down boat.

SHIP RECYCLING


Anti-beaching sentiment sparks change. Kirstin Linnenkoper. Recycling International. 6 October 2023. Available from: https://recyclinginternational.com/business/anti-beaching-sentiment-sparks-change/55084/. Thoresen Thai Agencies was excluded from the fund in 2018 following reports it was selling decommissioned vessels to shipbreaking sites in Bangladesh.

Pakistan now holds the key to greening shipping’s dirty secret. Julian Bray. TradeWinds. 17 October 2023. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/comment-pakistan-now-holds-the-key-to-greening-shipping-s-dirty-secret/2-1-1535312. The end of the life of most modern ships has been one of the worst and last remaining of international shipping’s dirty secrets.


SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR

Wärtsilä to introduce ammonia engine: “We are definitely not a bottleneck”. Kit Lindhardt. *ShippingWatch*. 2 October 2023. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article16476980.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article16476980.ece) While shipping companies and energy companies are looking at each other and hesitating on green investments, climate-friendly technologies are as good as ready.


New technology uses good old-fashioned wind to power giant cargo vessels. Scott Neuman. *National Public Radio (US)*. 5 October 2023. Available from: [https://www.npr.org/transcripts/1200788439](https://www.npr.org/transcripts/1200788439) Previous audio and digital versions of this story said the IMO’s goal was to cut the shipping industry’s greenhouse gas emissions at least in half by 2050.

History made as first locally constructed *MV Uhuru II* sets sail Monday. Faith Matete. *The Star (Kenya)*. 8 October 2023. Available from: [https://tinyurl.com/y2c76zky](https://tinyurl.com/y2c76zky) President William Ruto will on Monday commission *MV Uhuru II*, the first ship to be locally constructed at the Kisumu Shipyard.


HD Hyundai signs $3.9 bil. shipbuilding deal with Qatar Energy. *Korea Times (South Korea)*. 25 October 2023. Available from: [https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/nation/2023/10/113_361887.html](https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/nation/2023/10/113_361887.html) Korea and Qatar agreed to elevate their energy-centered partnership to include self-driving vehicles, smart farms, healthcare, and finance, according to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy.


**SHIPPING**

**Smugglers target shipping to get drugs into Europe.** Nick Savvides. *Seatrade Maritime News.* 29 September 2023. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulation/smugglers-target-shipping-get-drugs-europe Speaking at a press conference in Dublin, Ireland, earlier this week, Drew Harrahill, Ireland’s revenue commissioner and director general of customs, said that the drugs haul of 2,253 kg of cocaine with an estimated street value of EUR157 million found on the 51,000 dwt bulk carrier *MV Matthew*, will not be the last.

**Overseas Shipholding Group Pledges $30,000 for Women Offshore Scholarships.** Overseas Shipholding Group (OSG). 29 September 2023. Available from: https://www.osg.com/overseas-shipholding-group-pledges-30000-for-women-offshore-scholarships Overseas Shipholding Group, Inc. (“OSG”) continues their efforts to remove financial barriers for women entering the maritime industry with a scholarship pledge in the amount of $30,000.


**Seatrade Maritime Latin America Shipping Report 2023.** Seatrade Maritime News. 2 October 2023. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/americas/seatrade-maritime-latin-america-shipping-report-2023 While the main terminals in the region and the auxiliary companies servicing the maritime sector have entered a wait and see mood, reflecting the global trade slowdown that has affected the entire region.

**The mother of all rides.** John Ioannou. *Cyprus Mail.* 3 October 2023. Available from: https://cyprus-mail.com/2023/10/03/the-mother-of-all-rides/ Bloodied but unbowed, bruised yet not broken, ship owners have again proved themselves to be resourceful, adaptable, and above all incredibly resilient.


Singapore shipowners on green transition: Business comes first. Tomas Kristiansen. *ShippingWatch.* 4 October 2023. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article16476613.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article16476613.ece) With a total of 500 members, 270 of which are shipowners or operators, the Singapore Shipping Association (SSA) is one of the influential maritime organizations that is listened to on a global level.


CMA CGM also announces new climate fee for customers. Daniel Logan Berg-Munch. *ShippingWatch.* 6 October 2023. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article16490548.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article16490548.ece) CMA CGM will also pass on extra costs of the European climate quotas on shipping to its customers when the quotas come into force at the turn of the year.

Maersk: “We’re working intensively to change the culture in our fleet”. Dag Holmstad. *ShippingWatch.* 9 October 2023. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article16495493.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article16495493.ece) According to Maersk, a new external investigation into harassment, bullying and abuse on Danish-flagged commercial ships unfortunately shows that there are significant problems with the working environment.


Africa emerges as container bright spot. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 9 October 2023. Available from: https://splash247.com/africa-emerges-as-container-bright-spot/ A bright spot for container shipping in a challenging year has been Africa, something experts believe will be spurred on in the coming years by the creation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), the world’s largest free trade area.

How are smaller cruise lines reducing their environmental footprint? Cruise & Ferry. 10 October 2023. Available from: https://www.cruiseandferry.net/articles/how-are-smaller-cruise-lines-reducing-their-environmental-footprint Many cruise lines aim to become net-zero by 2050 in line with the IMO’s shipping decarbonisation targets, but challenges such as cost pressures, a lack of available technology and a need for new alternative fuels are hindering their progress towards that goal.

Commission decides not to extend antitrust block exemption for liner shipping consortia. European Commission. 10 October 2023. Available from: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_4742 The European Commission has decided not to extend the EU legal framework which exempts liner shipping consortia from EU antitrust rules (Consortia Block Exemption Regulation or ‘CBER’).

EU decision could be first step towards tougher stance on carriers. Niklas Krigslund, Dag Holmstad and Jens Thomsen. ShippingWatch. 10 October 2023. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article16501898.ece The EU’s decision to scrap an important competition exemption may be a signal that legislators are done giving shipping companies advantages following the pandemic, when freight rates skyrocketed.

Growing International Chorus Demands Reduction of Arctic Shipping Impacts. Clean Arctic Alliance. 10 October 2023. Available from: https://cleanarctic.org/2023/10/10/arctic-ocean-action-growing-international-chorus-demands-reduction-of-arctic-shipping-impacts/ Responding to the increasing pressure on the Arctic region by the climate crisis, more than 75 organisations and individuals – including scientists, writers, and photographers – have signed up to the ‘Arctic Ocean Action’, which calls on the international community to support “equitable transition and urgent action to reduce shipping impacts on Arctic wildlife, habitats, ecosystems and communities”.


ICS continues to grow as it welcomes New Zealand Shipping Federation to full membership. *International Chamber of Shipping (ICS).* 11 October 2023. Available from: [https://tinyurl.com/3fzwea7j](https://tinyurl.com/3fzwea7j) Today, the New Zealand Shipping Federation (NZSF) has become a full member of the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS).

Shipping clearly divided over EC decision to scrap CBER. Charlotte Goldstone. *The Loadstar.* 11 October 2023. Available from: [https://theloadstar.com/shipping-clearly-divided-over-ec-decision-to-scrap-cber/](https://theloadstar.com/shipping-clearly-divided-over-ec-decision-to-scrap-cber/) The shipping industry is divided on yesterday’s announcement by the EC that it will not renew the Consortia Block Exemption Rule (CBER) for liners.


Customers could end up paying the price for new competitive landscape. Niklas Krigslund. *ShippingWatch.* 12 October 2023. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article16508620.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article16508620.ece) The EU has scrapped an anti-trust exemption for carriers in order to foster competition, but the decision could end up having the opposite effect.
Container lines set out EU ETS surcharges. Nick Savvides. Seatrade Maritime News. 13 October 2023. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/containers/container-lines-set-out-eu-ets-surcharges Indications of charges to be levied by Maersk, Hapag-Lloyd, and CMA CGM to cover the costs of the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) have been released this week, with estimates ranging from €7 to €105 per teu.


Podcast: In Conversation with Panama Canal Administrator Ricaurte Vasquez Morales. Marcus Hand. Seatrade Maritime News. 16 October 2023. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/panama/podcast-conversation-panama-canal-administrator-ricaurte-vasquez-morales The Panama Canal is one of the world’s most strategic waterways connecting Asia with the East Coast of the Americas but the impact of climate change has seen a cut in the number of daily transits allowed and draught restrictions.

ANALYSIS: Singapore HSFO Demand Climbed to Pre-IMO 2020 Level in September. Jack Jordan. Ship & Bunker. 16 October 2023. Available from: https://shipandbunker.com/news/apac/240265 Conventional bunker and biofuel blend sales volumes in Singapore, the world’ largest marine fuels hub, saw a strong gain on the year in September while rising marginally from August’s level, as HSFO demand hit the highest level since before the 0.50% sulfur cap came into force in 2020.

EU shipping carbon tax looms, but who will pay? David Hughes. Business Times (Singapore). 17 October 2023. Available from: https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/companies-markets/transport-logistics/eu-shipping-carbon-tax-looms-who-will-pay Back in July, there was widespread relief within the shipping industry that IMO had managed to agree on a revised greenhouse gas (GHG) strategy that aims to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.


From Today to 2050: Challenges and Opportunities for the Maritime Industry. RINA. 17 October 2023. Available from: https://www.rina.org/en/media/publications/2023/10/17/challenges-opportunities-maritime-industry The reduction of carbon dioxide emissions, as well as greenhouse gases in general, by the maritime sector is a common goal at the international, European, and national levels. Report


Shipping needs to take rapid action to achieve 5% zero-emission fuel target by 2030, new report finds. *Global Maritime Forum.* 18 October 2023. Available from: https://www.globalmaritimeforum.org/press/shipping-needs-to-take-rapid-action-to-achieve-5-zero-emission-fuel-target-by-2030-new-report-finds A new report from UMAS, Getting to Zero Coalition, and Race to Zero finds that while it is possible for scalable zero-emission fuels to make up 5% of international shipping fuels by 2030 – shipping’s breakthrough target – the window of opportunity will close soon and rapid action is required from the industry.


LR’s Elina V. Papageorgiou responds to allaboutshipping’s key questions on current matters. *All About Shipping.* 18 October 2023. Available from: https://allaboutshipping.co.uk/2023/10/18/lrs-elina-v-papageorgiou-responds-to-allaboutshipplings-questionnaire-on-current-matters/ In an exclusive interview with AllAboutShipping, Ms Papageorgiou responds to the challenges the shipping industry faces on the growing environmental demands and tackles neatly the methane slip issue, particularly on the LNG- fuelled fleets.


Tanker industry challenges and opportunities from Lloyd’s Register perspective. *Seatrade Maritime News.* 19 October 2023. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/tankers/tanker-industry-challenges-and-opportunities-lloyds-register-perspective In this interview, we speak with Nikos Michas, Global Tanker Segment Director at Lloyd’s Register, about the current challenges and opportunities in the tanker segment.

The world is not on track for zero-emission fuels to account for 5% of international shipping fuels by 2030, a new analysis has found, jeopardizing the shipping industry’s 2050 decarbonisation goal.


“The more we focus on fuels, the more non-fuel related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions will become relevant,” believes Andreea Miu, head of Decarbonisation at the Sustainable Shipping Initiative (SSI).


Giant retailer Target’s Corporation’s insurer has filed suit against Maersk for compensation for containers lost overboard in a 2021 incident.

The women who were always there. Nautilus International. 20 October 2023. Available from: https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/telegraph/the-women-who-were-always-there/

When we think of women in the 1970s workplace, we might envisage putupon secretaries with lecherous male bosses, or female factory workers whose skills with a sewing machine were less valued than those of male welders.


An aging and outdated fleet could be one of the hurdles that shipping needs to overcome, in order to achieve the decarbonization goals set by the IMO by 2030.

A little less conversation, a little more action please. Richard Meade. Lloyd’s List. 20 October 2023. Available from: https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1146966/ “Collaboraction” is the latest buzz- term being bandied about by industry leaders, apparently in a bid to talk their way out of the existential climate crisis that has left them overwhelmed with opportunity, but apparently short on vocabulary.


By and large, I’m pretty even keeled, but I sometimes go a bit overboard when in hot pursuit of a linguistic loose end — in this case, how so much nautical jargon has managed to work its way into our everyday speech.


Yesterday at the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Maritime and Ports three UK Chamber of Shipping members presented on their efforts to reduce their carbon footprint and what action is needed internationally and domestically to help the sector achieve net zero.
Israel-Gaza conflict: Impact on shipping. Gard. 24 October 2023. Available from: https://www.gard.no/web/articles?documentId=36097505 At the time of writing, and despite growing fears of a widening war, the majority of the fighting is reported to take place in the southern part of Israel.


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Van Roy W, Van Roozendael B, et al. International maritime regulation decreases sulfur dioxide but increases nitrogen oxide emissions in the North and Baltic Sea. *Communications Earth & Environment*. 26 October 2023. Available from: https://www.nature.com/articles/s43247-023-01050-7 Sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions from shipping have been regulated internationally for more than fifteen years.

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