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Statement on the attack on the True Confidence bulk carrier

Statement by IMO Secretary-General Arsenio Dominguez, 6 March 2024:

"It is deeply saddening to follow the horrific reports of the casualties on the merchant vessel *True Confidence,* following an attack on the ship southwest of Aden, in Yemen.

I extend my deepest condolences and those of the entire IMO family to the families of those who have lost their lives, and our thoughts are with those who have been injured. Innocent seafarers should never become collateral victims.

I want to thank the efforts of all ships in the area in assisting the vessel and particularly its crew. We all need to do more to protect seafarers.

I once again call for collective action to fortify the safety of those who serve at sea. International trade depends on international shipping and international shipping cannot go on without seafarers."

Red Sea crisis - Rubymar and Galaxy Leader

Speaking at the opening of the tenth session of the IMO's Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment at IMO Headquarters in London, United Kingdom on 4 March, 2024, IMO Secretary-General Mr. Arsenio Dominguez said:

"In view of the situation in the Red Sea, I want to urge the immediate release of the *Galaxy Leader* and its crew.

The first impact of this crisis, before it has an impact on trade, falls on seafarers. It is the responsibility of this Organization and its Member States to protect all seafarers.

I reiterate my firm belief that the exercise of navigational rights and freedom by merchant vessels must be respected. I join the calls for caution and restraint to avoid further escalation of the situation.

The recent sinking of the vessel *Rubymar* represents an additional risk for the environment and maritime security. We are in contact with the Government of Yemen and other UN organizations to provide necessary assistance.

IMO will continue to contribute to enhancing the safety of seafarers and transit of vessels of all States through the Red Sea and will closely monitor the situation, in collaboration with Member States and partners from the industry."



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Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 81) 18-22 March 2024



UNITED NATIONS

Peace is UN's raison d'être: Guterres. *UN News.* 7 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/02/1146322</u> Around the globe, "peace is the missing piece" as conflicts rage, divisions grow and polarization deepens, the UN Secretary-General said on Wednesday.

Landmark UN report: The world's migratory species of animals are in decline, and the global extinction risk is increasing. *United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)*. 12 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/press-release/landmark-un-report-worlds-migratory-species-animals-are-decline-and</u> While some migratory species listed under CMS are improving, nearly half (44 per cent) are showing population declines. State of the World's Migratory Species

UNEP's Annual Report shows progress, but need for acceleration to address the triple planetary crisis. *United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).* 19 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/press-release/uneps-annual-report-shows-progressneed-acceleration-address-triple</u> In 2023, ahead of the UN Climate Change Conference (COP28), analyses by UNEP – the Adaptation Gap Report, Emissions Gap Report and Production Gap Report – brought into sharp focus the scale of the climate crisis and offered policymakers a suite of solutions.

UN Environment Assembly opens at critical time for the planet. *United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).* 22 February 2024. Available from: https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/story/un-environment-assembly-opens-critical-time-planet The United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) will begin on 26 February in Nairobi, Kenya, where Heads of State and more than 5,000 representatives from government, civil society and the private sector are expected to tackle some of the planet's most-pressing environmental challenges.

United Nations adopts landmark global decarbonization strategy in transport by road, rail and inland waterway. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). 26 February 2024. Available from: https://unece.org/climate-change/press/united-nations-adoptslandmark-global-decarbonization-strategy-transport-road The present document contains the draft Inland Transport Committee (ITC) Strategy on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Inland Transport, which was developed by the secretariat in close cooperation with the Committee's subsidiary bodies and the ITC Bureau, in response to a request by the Committee at its eighty-fifth session. Strategy on Reducing GHG Emissions from Inland Transport

Passenger air traffic surpasses pre-pandemic levels. International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). 27 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.icao.int/Newsroom/Pages/Passenger-air-traffic-surpasses-pre-pandemic-levels.aspx In the first quarter of 2024, ICAO projects that passenger air traffic levels will be around 2% higher than in 2019, with airlines expected to sustain their operating profitability seen in 2023.





CASUALTIES

Houthi Red Sea attacks: Group claims to have hit US container ship. Patrick Jackson. *BBC News.* 1 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-68162927</u> The Houthi movement in Yemen says it has struck a US merchant ship it named as *KOI* in the Red Sea in a fresh attack targeting commercial shipping.

UK Reports New Ship Attack in Red Sea. *Ship & Bunker.* 1 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://shipandbunker.com/news/emea/988007-uk-reports-new-ship-attack-in-red-sea</u> The incident happened at about 10:00 AM UTC on Thursday 57 nautical males west of AL Hudaydah in Yemen, the UK Maritime trade Operations agency said in a social media post.

Turkish pilot falls to his death while boarding vessel in Bosphorus. Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds.* 5 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/turkish-pilot-falls-to-his-death-while-boarding-vessel-in-bosphorus/2-1-1593479</u> Oguz Kok believed to have died of hypothermia in cold Istanbul waters.

Ferry fatalities nearly double in 2023. Neil Baird. *Baird Maritime*. 5 February 2024. Available from: https://www.bairdmaritime.com/work-boat-world/passenger-vessel-world/ferries/editorial-ferry-fatalities-nearly-double-in-2023/ Perhaps made complacent by a comparatively low death toll in 2022, the global ferry industry has disgraced itself with a near doubling of fatalities in 2023.

The Lloyd's List Podcast: The lingering scandal of *Brillante Virtuoso. Lloyd's List* 5 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1148171/</u> The murder of David Mockett, the maritime surveyor at the heart of the *Brillante Virtuoso* scandal, continues to cast a long shadow over the shipping and insurance sectors.

Another ship in the Red Sea has been attacked by a suspected Yemen Houthi rebel drone. Jon Gambrell. Associated Press. 6 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://apnews.com/article/yemen-houthi-rebels-ship-attack-iran-us-</u> <u>e1c74b063a59fa4417d47feb5ab369cc</u> Two ships traveling in Middle East waters were targeted by Yemen Houthi rebel ballistic missile fire early Tuesday, authorities said, in the latest assaults in the Iranian-backed fighters' campaign of targeting vessels over Israel's war on Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

Houthis Fire Missiles at Two Ships in the Red Sea, One Sustains Minor Damage. *Asharq Al-Awsat.* 6 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://english.aawsat.com/arab-world/4836316-houthis-fire-missiles-two-ships-red-sea-one-sustains-minor-damage</u> Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis fired missiles at two vessels in the Red Sea, they said on Tuesday, causing minor damage to a cargo ship that was sailing off the coast of Yemen's Hodeidah.

Report Details "Confused and Chaotic" Rescue for North Sea Car Carrier Fire. *Maritime Executive.* 7 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://maritime-executive.com/article/report-details-confused-and-chaotic-rescue-for-north-sea-car-carrier-fire</u> A new report looking at the rescue operation to remove the crew from the burning car carrier *Fremantle Highway* off the Dutch coast is highly critical of the efforts according to a Dutch newspaper.

Fatigue blamed as two seafarers killed by huge waves on Greek reefer. Gary Dixon.

TradeWinds. 9 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/fatigue-blamed-as-two-seafarers-killed-by-huge-waves-on-greek-reefer/2-1-1596400</u> A tired bosun made a tragic error in leading his team back out on to the deck of a Greek reefer in dangerous weather off South Africa, an accident report has revealed.



Cargo ship runs aground for second time at same port. Jonny Manning and John Bowness.

BBC News. 11 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cpdek4rkzv8o</u> *The Zapadnyy* ran aground on sand as it made its way to Silloth, in Cumbria, from Bremen, in Germany, according to online ship tracking information.

Yemen's Houthis strike cargo ship bound for Iran, causing minor damage. Nayera Abdallah and Jonathan Saul. *Reuters.* 12 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.reuters.com/world/ambrey-says-bulker-was-targeted-by-missiles-bab-al-mandab-2024-02-12/ Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis fired two missiles on Monday at an Iran-bound cargo ship in the Red Sea, causing minor damage to the vessel but no injuries, U.S. military officials said.

Second Star Bulk ship attacked in a week as Houthis resume terror campaign.

Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds*. 12 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/bulkers/second-star-bulk-ship-attacked-in-a-week-as-houthis-resume-terror-campaign/2-1-1596923</u> Yemen's Houthi rebels resumed their attacks against commercial shipping on Monday, ending a week-long lull in hostilities.

Yemen's Houthis take responsibility for attack on Greek-owned bulk carrier. Yomna Mohamed and Jana Choukeir. *Reuters.* 15 February 2024. Available from:

<u>https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/explosion-reported-near-vessel-east-yemens-aden-ukmto-2024-02-15/</u> Yemen's Houthis claimed responsibility for a missile attack on Barbados-flagged bulk carrier *Lycavitos* in the Gulf of Aden on Thursday, the Iran-aligned militants said in a statement.

Houthi rocket attack targets British bulker amid warning of sustained missile strikes.

Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 15 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/houthi-rocket-attack-targets-british-bulker-amid-warning-ofsustained-missile-strikes/2-1-1599358 The Houthi regime in Yemen has vowed to continue targeting shipping in the Red Sea after the latest rocket attack on Thursday against a British-operated bulker.

Houthis carry out new missile attack against tanker in the Red Sea. Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds.* 17 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/houthis-carry-out-new-missile-attack-against-tanker-inthe-red-sea/2-1-1600005 A "large number of... naval missiles" was fired against the 100,000-dwt LR2 product tanker *Pollux* (built 2003), the Houthis' military spokesman said in a statement.

Yemen's Houthis fire missiles at British oil tanker bound for India. Al Jazeera.

17 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.aljazeera.com/amp/news/2024/2/17/yemens-houthis-fire-missiles-at-british-oil-tanker-bound-for-india</u> Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthi group has claimed a new missile attack on Western interests amid Israel's war on Gaza, this time on a British oil tanker that the United States identified as a Panamanian-flagged vessel carrying crude oil bound for India.

Mega container ships — what if they threaten to sink? How can this be prevented?

Deutsche Welle (Germany). 17 February 2024. Available from:

<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_64vlqTUhl&ab_channel=DWNews</u> What happens if mega container ships threaten to sink - such as the *MV Golden Ray*, the *MSC Zoe* and the *MV Modern Express*.



Yemen's Houthis say ship attacked in Gulf of Aden may sink. Jonathan Saul and Ahmed Tolba. *Reuters.* 19 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.reuters.com/world/yemens-houthis-say-ship-attacked-gulf-aden-may-sink-2024-02-19/</u> Yemen's Houthi militants said on Monday they had attacked the *Rubymar* cargo vessel in the Gulf of Aden which was at risk of sinking, raising the stakes in their campaign to disrupt global shipping in solidarity with Palestinians in the Gaza war.

Houthi rebels' attack severely damages a Belize-flagged ship in key strait leading to the Red Sea. Jon Gambrell. Associated Press. 20 February 2024. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/yemen-houthi-rebels-attack-israel-hamas-war-gaza-67cf1acc17f4e17d04075a99688e4da8 A missile attack by Yemen's Houthi rebels that damaged a Belize-flagged ship traveling through the Bab el-Mandeb Strait that connects the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden has forced the crew to abandon the vessel, authorities said Monday.

Greek ship attacked in Red Sea by Houthis arrives in Aden with cargo. Jonathan Saul, Mohamed Ghobari and Renee Maltezou. *Reuters.* 21 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.reuters.com/world/greek-ship-attacked-red-sea-by-houthis-arrives-aden-with-cargo-</u> <u>2024-02-20/</u> The Greek-flagged bulk cargo vessel *Sea Champion* arrived in the southern Yemeni port of Aden on Tuesday after being attacked in the Red Sea in what appeared to have been a mistaken missile strike by Houthi militia, shipping and military sources said.

Abandoned bulker struck by Houthis still afloat off Yemen, say sources. Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds.* 21 February 2024. Available from:

<u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/bulkers/abandoned-bulker-struck-by-houthis-still-afloat-off-yemen-say-sources/2-1-1601319</u> A general cargo vessel abandoned by its crew after a Houthi missile strike late on Sunday is still afloat, despite a statement by the Yemeni militant group that it has sunk.

Ship abandoned in Red Sea faces unknown fate, sources say. Jonathan Saul. *Reuters.* 21 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.reuters.com/world/ship-abandoned-red-sea-faces-unknown-fate-sources-2024-02-21/</u> A cargo ship abandoned four days ago in the Gulf of Aden after it was hit by missiles fired by Yemen's Houthis is still floating despite taking in water, and could be towed to nearby Djibouti, industry sources said on Wednesday.

Red Sea: New images show British ship *Rubymar* has not sunk. *BBC News.* 21 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-68363692</u> A British-registered ship attacked in the Red Sea has been damaged but has not sunk, BBC Verify has discovered.

Houthi Attacks on International Shipping. *US Department of State.* 21 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.state.gov/houthi-attacks-on-international-shipping/</u> The United States condemns the reckless and indiscriminate attacks on civilian cargo ships by the Houthis.

US warns of environmental disaster from cargo ship hit by Huthi rebels. *France 24.* 22 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20240222-abandoned-red-sea-ship-remains-afloat-to-be-towed-to-djibouti-operator</u> *Rubymar*, a Belize-flagged, British-registered and Lebanese-operated cargo ship carrying combustible fertilizer, was damaged in a Sunday missile strike claimed by the Iran-backed Huthi rebels.



Houthi rebel attack sets cargo ship ablaze, forces Israel to intercept another attack

near Eilat. Jon Gambrell. *Associated Press.* 22 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://apnews.com/article/israel-yemen-houthi-hamas-war-gaza-strip-</u> <u>216c0bde5f79ed857f1f5ef7f157a66b</u> Yemen's Houthi rebels launched attacks Thursday on both Israel and a ship traveling through the Gulf of Aden, setting the vessel ablaze and again demonstrating their ability to launch assaults despite facing U.S.-led airstrikes targeting their forces.

Chinese Cargo Ship Hits Bridge Collapsing Roadway and Killing Five People. *Maritime Executive.* 22 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://maritime-executive.com/article/chinese-cargo-ship-hits-bridge-collapsing-roadway-and-killing-five-people</u> Chinese authorities are reporting that a small cargo ship traveling on the Hingqili near the industrial southern city of Guangzhou hit a bridge crossing the waterway causing a section of the roadway to collapse.

The Stellar Daisy - some progress on real responsibility. Michael Grey. Seatrade Maritime News. 23 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/opinions-analysis/stellar-daisy-some-progress-real-responsibility</u> Who is responsible when a major casualty occurs and should top executives take the rap when the company is found negligent?

UK ship sinking in Red Sea after Houthi attack drifts north - as US Navy offer help. Adam Parker. *Sky News.* 27 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://news.sky.com/story/uk-ship-sinking-in-red-sea-after-houthi-attack-drifts-north-as-us-navy-offer-help-13082231</u> The *Rubymar's* owner says there is a small fuel leakage which they are attempting to fix before trying to tow it to a nearby port.

Abandoned at sea, Houthi-damaged ship awaits towing to Saudi Arabia amid oil slick concerns. Ruxandra lordache. *CNBC (US).* 28 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.cnbc.com/2024/02/28/houthi-damaged-ship-awaits-towing-to-saudi-arabia-amid-oil-slick-concerns.html</u> A vessel impaired in a mid-February Houthi attack offshore Yemen remains abandoned at sea awaiting towing to safe harbor amid growing concerns of an oil spill.

Houthi attacks jeopardise recovery of stricken Red Sea cargo ship. Robert Tollast.

The National (UAE). 28 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.thenationalnews.com/mena/palestine-israel/2024/02/28/houthi-attacks-jeopardiserecovery-of-stricken-red-sea-cargo-ship/ Continued attacks on shipping by Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi militia could jeopardise recovery of the partially sunk cargo ship *MV Rubymar*, which was abandoned after being struck by missiles last week.

ENVIRONMENT

Atoll nations, predicted to sink, have kept pace with sea-level rise. *Pacific Islands News Association (PINA).* 30 January 2024. Available from: <u>https://pina.com.fj/2024/01/30/atoll-nations-predicted-to-sink-have-kept-pace-with-sea-level-rise/</u> For an attention-grabbing speech to the 2022 UN climate conference, a Tuvalu cabinet minister stood on one of atoll nation's smallest islands and predicted it could be the first to be submerged by rising seas.

Is the world 1.3°C or 1.5°C warmer? Historical ship logs hold answers. Paul Voosen. *Science.* 31 January 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.science.org/content/article/world-1-3%C2%B0c-or-1-5%C2%B0c-warmer-historical-ship-logs-hold-answers</u> Last month's announcement that 2023 was the hottest year in history was no surprise.



Peace, Prosperity And Ocean Conservation Of The Indian Ocean Region. *Indian Ocean Strategic Research Centre (IOSRC).* 1 February 2024. Available from:

https://iosrc.org/2024/02/01/peace-prosperity-and-ocean-conservation-of-the-indian-ocean-region/ The Indian Ocean is of incomparable worth due to its diversity of rich culture and incomparable resources.

Bellona meets with Arctic Council officials on black carbon and alternative energy in the polar region. *Bellona Foundation.* 5 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://tinyurl.com/44fnpwny</u> As new environmental priorities fill the agenda of the Arctic Council under Norway's leadership, Bellona met last week with its chair, Morten Høgland, to discuss battling climate change in the earth's most vulnerable and rapidly heating region.

Global temperatures breached critical 1.5°C warming threshold for first time over 12 month period. Rebecca Ann Hughes. *Euronews*. 8 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.euronews.com/green/2024/02/08/2024-begins-with-worlds-hottest-january-on-record-euscientists-confirm</u> The global average temperature in January 2024 was 1.6°C above pre-industrial levels for the month, meaning the planet has breached the 1.5°C benchmark for the past 12 months.

If we can't untangle this mess, Norway's blue industry will never be green. Sølvi Normannsen. *Norwegian SciTech News.* 13 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://norwegianscitechnews.com/2024/02/if-we-cant-untangle-this-mess-norways-blue-industry-will-never-be-green/</u> For the first time, researchers have investigated how ropes and fishing lines are handled by the Norwegian commercial fishing industry.

How ocean observations power the fight against climate change. *Economist Impact.* 14 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://impact.economist.com/ocean/biodiversity-ecosystems-and-resources/how-ocean-observations-power-the-fight-against-climate-change</u> In the ongoing battle against climate change, the ocean's significance is unparalleled.

Kenya to host EU conference on blue economy. Maryann Muganda. *The Standard (Kenya).* 15 February 2024. Available from:

<u>https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/business/business/article/2001490093/kenya-to-host-eu-conference-on-blue-economy</u> "The idea is to bring investment in the blue sector and the government has already done a lot of work to provide positive regulatory frame work".

Science says Tuvalu will drown within decades; the reality is worse. Niuone Eliuta. *Pacific Islands News Association (PINA).* 15 February 2024. Available from: https://pina.com.fj/2024/02/15/science-says-tuvalu-will-drown-within-decades-the-reality-is-worse/ Tuvalu, a picturesque island nation nestled in the vast expanse of the Pacific Ocean, is currently

grappling with a relentless onslaught of storm surges and towering waves, wreaking havoc on coastal communities.

Another endangered whale was found dead off East Coast. This one died after colliding with a ship. Patrick Whittle. Associated Press. 17 February 2024. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/endangered-right-whale-death-georgiaf3335ddb0326bf3e9880a8962c83efce Federal authorities said the second critically endangered North Atlantic right whale found dead in the last month showed injuries consistent with a collision with a ship.



Environmental groups sue to force government to finalize ship speed rules that protect rare whales. Patrick Whittle. *Associated Press.* 14 February 2024. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/right-whale-protection-ships-fishing-

<u>73c862746306a15263f67a3ab7f9255d</u> A coalition of environmental groups has sued the federal government to try to force the finalization of ship speed rules that the groups say are critically important to save a vanishing species of whale.

Climate change could push bowhead whales to cross paths with shipping traffic.

Rebecca Dzombak. *Phys.org.* 21 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://phys.org/news/2024-02-climate-bowhead-whales-paths-shipping.html</u> The population of bowhead whales that migrates between the Bering and Beaufort Seas each year is a conservation success story, with today's population nearing—if not exceeding—pre-commercial whaling numbers.

To keep whales safe, Coast Guard launches boat alert system in Seattle. Manuel Valdes. *Associated Press.* 22 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://apnews.com/article/orcas-humpbacks-ferries-seattle-ca034b8cb584f9aca7200a83a51cd0a2</u> Photographer Matt McDonald had lived on Puget Sound for years, but had never seen a whale, so he was elated when he spotted a giant marine mammal just off Seattle's waterfront one evening.

GPHA rolls out initiative to tackle climate change. *Business Ghana.* 26 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.businessghana.com/site/news/news/302835/General</u> The Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority (GPHA) has embarked on an initiative to create a sustainable environment and effective waste management.

Sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6). United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). 26 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.unep.org/environmentassembly/unea6</u> The sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6) is taking place from 26 February to 1 March 2024 at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

Japan's Discharge of ALPS Treated Water in Line with International Safety Standards, New IAEA Task Force Report Confirms. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). 30 January 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/pressreleases/japans-dischargeof-alps-treated-water-in-line-with-international-safety-standards-new-iaea-task-force-report-confirms</u> The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Task Force conducting a safety review of Japan's discharge of treated water into the sea at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (FDNPS) today issued its first full report since the water discharge began last year.

Brazil investigates alleged oil spill from tanker in 2023. Lisandra Paraguassu. *Reuters.* 1 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/climate-energy/brazil-investigates-alleged-oil-spill-tanker-2023-2024-02-01/</u> Brazil is looking for information on an alleged September 2023 tanker oil spill off its northern coast, after non-governmental organization Arayara Institute on Thursday said satellite images showed an apparent 170-square-kilometer (66-square-mile) spill.

Oil spill off Brazil sparks hunt for Panama-flag tanker. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 5 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/oil-spill-off-brazil-sparks-hunt-for-panama-flag-tanker/2-1-1593538</u> Brazil is seeking further information over an alleged oil spill from a tanker off its northern coast in September.



The beginning of the end for plastics pollution? Sulan Chen, Mirja Neumann and

Murat Okumah. *United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)*. 6 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.undp.org/blog/beginning-end-plastics-pollution</u>. This is a monumental year for multilateralism to prevail in the fight against plastic pollution, as the United Nations has committed to deliver a legally binding agreement by the end of 2024.

More oil spilled from Orlen's terminal than first reported, some reached Latvia's waters.

Lithuanian National Radio and Television. 8 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.lrt.lt/en/news-in-english/19/2191116/more-oil-spilled-from-orlen-s-terminal-than-first-reported-some-reached-latvia-s-waters</u> The amount of oil released into the Baltic Sea from the Būtingė crude terminal on Wednesday was larger than reported by Orlen Lietuva and some of it has reached Latvian territorial waters, the Environmental Protection Department (AAD) said on Thursday as cleanup efforts continued.

Oil spill in Lithuania reaches Latvian waters. *LSM.lv (Latvian Public Broadcasting).* 8 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://eng.lsm.lv/article/society/environment/08.02.2024-oil-spill-in-lithuania-reaches-latvian-waters.a542201/</u> A crude oil spill occurred at the Lithuanian Būtingė oil terminal in the Baltic Sea, by the oil refinery Orlen Lietuva, at around 8 AM on Wednesday February 7 with about 1,400 - 1,800 liters of oil leaking into the sea.

Mysterious Capsized Cargo Ship Causes Oil Spill Emergency in Tobago. *Maritime Executive.* 9 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://maritime-executive.com/article/mysterious-capsized-cargo-ship-causes-oil-spill-emergency-in-tobago</u> Officials on the Caribbean island of Tobago are scrambling to clean up a growing oil spill while they also investigate the mysterious capsized vessel that is causing the growing environmental disaster.

PM weighing foreign help if oil spill worsens. Elizabeth Gonzales. *Guardian (Trinidad & Tobago).* 11 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.guardian.co.tt/news/pm-weighing-foreign-help-if-oil-spill-worsens-6.2.1923219.50bcf5d956</u> Prime Minister Dr Keith Rowley says while the Tobago oil spill isn't completely under control, it remains manageable and the situation should improve with additional resources.

IMA assesses areas affected by oil spill in Tobago. *Loop News (Trinidad and Tobago).* 12 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://tt.loopnews.com/content/ima-assesses-areas-affected-oil-spill-tobago</u> The Institute of Marine Affairs has conducted initial ecological assessments of mangroves, beaches and other areas affected by the February 7 oil spill caused by an unmanned vessel which capsized nearshore Cove Bay on the Atlantic side of Tobago.

Government to the rescue: PM promises to spare no expense to help Tobago after oil spill. Corey Connelly. *Newsday (Trinidad and Tobago).* 11 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://newsday.co.tt/2024/02/11/government-to-the-rescue-pm-promises-to-spare-no-expense-to-help-tobago-after-oil-spill/</u> Describing the oil spill in Tobago as "a national emergency," the Prime Minister says the government will spare no expense to help rehabilitate the island, which is heavily dependent on tourism.

TEMA says progress being made in Tobago oil spill clean-up. Loop News (Trinidad and Tobago). 13 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://tt.loopnews.com/content/tema-says-progress-being-made-tobago-oil-spill-clean</u> The Tobago Emergency Management Agency said it's making progress with clean-up activities following an oil spill affected parts of the island's coastline.



Japan reaffirms commitment to safety in Fukushima Treated Water discharge into Pacific Ocean. Sanjeshni Kumar. *Pacific Islands News Association (PINA)*. 13 February 2024. Available from: https://pina.com.fj/2024/02/13/japan-reaffirms-commitment-to-safety-in-fukushima-treated-water-discharge-into-pacific-ocean/ The government of Japan reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring the safety of releasing treated water from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant into the Pacific Ocean.

TT Coast Guard Confirms Two Vessels Involved In Oil Spill Incident Off Tobago.

TTT Live Online (Trinidad and Tobago). 13 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cohz04oMV28</u> The Ministry of National Security is collaborating with other local and regional agencies, including Caricom IMPACS, the Guyana Coast Guard, the Maritime Services Division, and IR Consilium, through Consultant Dr. Ian Ralby to identify the vessels and their owners.

Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard confirms two vessels involved in oil spill incident 14.02.2024. Government of Trinidad and Tobago. 14 February 2024. Available from: https://nationalsecurity.gov.tt/mediarelease/media-release-trinidad-and-tobago-coast-guard-confirmstwo-vessels-involved-in-oil-spill-incident-14-02-2024/ The Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard (TTCG) has confirmed that at least two vessels were involved in the oil spill incident that has been engaging the attention of multiple agencies in Trinidad and Tobago.

DOJ indicts ship owners, maritime officers over Mindoro oil spill. Benjamin Pulta. *Philippine News Agency (PNA).* 14 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1218858</u> The Department of Justice (DOJ) on Wednesday ordered the filing of criminal charges against the owners of the *M/T Princess Empress* and several others for their part in the oil spill that hit Oriental Mindoro and Batangas provinces last year.

More needed to contain spreading oil leak in Tobago. Gary Aboud. *Trinidad Express.* 15 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://trinidadexpress.com/opinion/letters/more-needed-to-contain-spreading-oil-leak-in-tobago/article_e5341ce6-cb9a-11ee-9a4f-5f0ac8d26f56.html</u> According to the Tobago Emergency Management Agency (TEMA), booms have been successfully deployed in the vicinity of the leaking Gulfstream vessel, but isn't more oil still leaking from the vessel?

Tobago spill enters Grenada's marine space. Kalain Hosein. *Guardian (Trinidad & Tobago).* 15 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://guardian.co.tt/news/tobago-spill-enters-grenadas-marine-space-6.2.1926836.f49699d2c8</u> Grenada has contacted the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency and other partners, as possible oil from the Tobago oil spill has entered their marine area of responsibility.

Grenada contacts Trinidad about potential impact of Tobago oil spill. *Loop News Caribbean.* 15 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://caribbean.loopnews.com/content/grenada-contacts-trinidad-about-potential-impact-tobago-oil-spill</u> Grenada said it has contacted the Trinidadian Government to ascertain how an oil spill in Tobago will affect the Spice Isle.

Tobago Oil Spill Spreads Across Southeastern Caribbean Sea. *Environment News Service.* 16 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://ens-newswire.com/tobago-oil-spill-spreads-across-southeastern-caribbean-sea/</u> At least two vessels were involved in an incident that is spilling gobs of black crude oil across a widening area of the Caribbean Sea off the coast of South America.



Image: Sentinel-1 captures Tobago oil spill. *Phys.org.* 16 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://phys.org/news/2024-02-image-sentinel-captures-tobago-oil.html</u> Before and after satellite images from the Copernicus Sentinel-1 mission show the scale of the oil spill that occurred off the shores of Trinidad and Tobago's coastline earlier this week.

Grenada continues to monitor Tobago oil spill. *Loop News Caribbean.* 17 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://caribbean.loopnews.com/content/grenada-continues-monitor-tobago-oil-spill</u> The National Disaster Management Agency (NaDMA) says it continues to carefully monitor the ongoing oil spill which occurred off the coast of Tobago.

Oil spill impact could be profound, long term. *Guardian (Trinidad & Tobago).* 17 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://guardian.co.tt/business/oil-spill-impact-could-be-profound-long-term-6.2.1928343.30d6f7977d</u> The long-term economic impact of the oil spill in Tobago could be profound, as it could lead to the deepening of the island's dependence on Trinidad, depending on the extent of the contamination of the island's ecosystem, Tobago economist, Dr Vanus James said on Friday.

Tobago oil spill: Ministry engages oil spill removal specialists. *Loop News (Trinidad and Tobago).* 20 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://tt.loopnews.com/content/tobago-oil-spill-ministry-engages-oil-spill-removal-specialists</u> As oil recovery efforts continue off the southern coast of Cove, Tobago, the Energy Ministry has engaged the services of licensed oil spill removal organisations T&T Salvage LLC and QT Environmental Inc.

Whales 'cannot out-sing' human noise pollution. *France 24.* 22 February 2024. Available from: https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20240221-whales-cannot-out-sing-human-noise-pollution Baleen whales have evolved a special voice box to help them to sing underwater—but this could also make them uniquely vulnerable to being drowned out by human noise pollution, according to new research published Wednesday.

Preliminary IMA Fingerprinting reports indicate 'Intermediate Fuel Oil'. *Government of Trinidad and Tobago.* 23 February 2024. Available from: https://www.energy.gov.tt/preliminary-ima-fingerprinting-reports-indicate-intermediate-fuel-oil/ The Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries (MEEI) would like to advise that preliminary fingerprinting reports submitted to the MEEI from the Institute of Marine Affairs (IMA), have indicated that the hydrocarbon discharge affecting the south east coast of Tobago is an 'intermediate fuel oil.'

Abandoned pipelines could release poisons into North Sea, scientists warn. Rachel Salvidge and Leana Hosea. *The Guardian*. 24 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2024/feb/24/abandoned-oil-gas-pipelines-poison-pollution-risk-north-sea-scientists</u> Decaying oil and gas pipelines left to fall apart in the North Sea could release large volumes of poisons such as mercury, radioactive lead and polonium-210, notorious for its part in the poisoning of Russian defector Alexander Litvinenko, scientists are warning.

An attack on a cargo ship in the Red Sea has caused a miles-long oil slick. Things could get worse. *Euronews*. 24 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.euronews.com/2024/02/24/an-attack-on-a-cargo-ship-in-the-red-sea-has-caused-a-miles-long-oil-slick-things-could-ge</u> The US military has in recent weeks launched waves of strikes on Houthi-held areas inside Yemen in response to the Houthis' attacks on shipping routes in the Red Sea.



'Environmental disaster': Yemeni govt demands help to secure Houthi-hit ship.

Saeed Al-Batati. *Arab News (Saudi Arabia).* 24 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://arab.news/4vquq</u> Yemen's internationally recognized government has requested international assistance to control an oil spill and potential chemical leak in the Red Sea caused by a Houthi strike on a cargo ship.

The Big Bill of the Oil Spill in the Verde Island Passage: Extrapolating Lost Livelihood and Passive Use Values. Center for Energy, Ecology, and Development (Philippines). 24 February 2024. Available from: https://ceedphilippines.com/report-the-big-bill-of-the-oil-spill-in-the-verde-island-passage/ The sinking of an oil tanker off the waters of Naujan, Oriental Mindoro caused an oil spill reaching the coasts of municipalities and provinces around the resource-rich Verde Island Passage. Report

'Lessons must be learned from Tobago Spill'. Joshua Seemungal. *Guardian (Trinidad & Tobago)*. 26 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://guardian.co.tt/news/lessons-must-be-learned-from-tobago-spill-6.2.1934642.1802c09824</u> Local environmental scientists say while the country failed to learn lessons from the 2013 Petrotrin oil disaster, it must seize the opportunity to learn from Tobago's February 7 oil spill or next time the consequences could be far more severe.

Tobago oil spill reaches Bonaire, threatening mangrove and coral ecosystems. Marianna Parraga and Tibisay Romero. *Reuters.* 27 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.reuters.com/business/environment/oil-spotted-bonaires-east-coast-could-come-tobago-local-media-2024-02-26/</u> The Caribbean island of Bonaire said that oil from a spill near neighbouring Tobago had reached its shores, posing a "serious threat to both humans and nature", and that emergency services had been mobilized.

Aruba issues alert after oil spill reached neighbouring Bonaire. Tibisay Romero and Curtis Williams. *Reuters.* 27 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/aruba-issues-alert-after-oil-spill-reached-neighboringbonaire-2024-02-27/</u> The Caribbean island of Aruba issued an alert on Tuesday after an oil spill that was first spotted near Tobago spread to neighbouring Bonaire, threatening its mangrove forests and national parks.

Oil spill from capsized barge near Tobago soils beaches hundreds of miles away. Dánica Coto. *Associated Press.* 28 February 2024. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/bonaire-oil-spill-tobago-trinidad-9b9a5b76a8da777b27ab8b6ef10faf86 An offshore oil spill that prompted Trinidad and Tobago to declare a national emergency earlier this month involves hundreds of thousands of gallons of fuel, some of which has reached the shores of the Dutch Caribbean island of Bonaire hundreds of miles away, authorities said.



HEALTH & SAFETY

Combatting Sexual Assault in the Coast Guard: A Decade of Reflection. Denise Krepp. Maritime Executive. 4 February 2024. Available from: https://maritimeexecutive.com/editorials/combatting-sexual-assault-in-the-coast-guard-a-decade-of-reflection Ten years ago I wrote an essay in Maritime Executive about my testimony before a Congressionally mandated panel examining sexual assault in the military and in the Coast Guard.

Seafarers' Union Releases Report on Harassment in Canadian Marine Sector. Seafarers' International Union of Canada. 5 February 2024. Available from: https://seafarers.ca/seafarersunion-releases-report-on-harassment-in-canadian-marine-sector/ The Seafarers' International Union of Canada (SIU) have published a report on workplace harassment and bullying within the Canadian marine sector, which indicates that 46% of seafarers have experienced harassment or bullying at some point in their career as a seafarer. Harassment at Sea SIU Canada Membership Survey 🔁

TUC calls for seafarers to be protected in Red Sea crisis. Nautilus International.

12 February 2024. Available from: https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/tuc-calls-forseafarers-to-be-protected-in-red-sea-crisis/ The UK Trades Union Congress (TUC) has called for maritime employers to ensure the safety and welfare of seafarers is respected during the current crisis in the Red Sea.

In a first, UK maritime pilots get a safe haven - dedicated wellness support. Sailors' Society. 13 February 2024. Available from: https://www.sailors-society.org/news/in-a-first-uk-maritime-pilotsget-a-safe-haven-dedicated-wellness-support A ground-breaking partnership between Sailors' Society and the United Kingdom Maritime Pilots' Association (UKMPA) will see a first for all UK maritime pilots - access to their own dedicated mental health and wellbeing support.

Protecting the welfare of the seafarer. David Hughes. Business Times (Singapore). 20 February 2024. Available from: https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/companiesmarkets/transport-logistics/protecting-welfare-seafarer The focus of this week's column was going to be on seafarer welfare, which was the subject of a conference I attended last week.

Global shipowners body sets out industry principles to combat harassment and bullying. International Chamber of Shipping (ICS). 21 February 2024. Available from: https://www.icsshipping.org/press-release/22514/ The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) launches 'Industry principles for establishing effective measures to combat and eliminate harassment and bullying in the maritime sector. Industry Principles for Establishing Effective Measures to Combat and Eliminate Harassment and Bullying in the Maritime Sector Guidance 12

New guidelines on medical examination of fishers adopted by the International Labour Organization and International Maritime Organization. International Labour Organization (ILO). 22 February 2024. Available from: https://www.ilo.org/global/about-theilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_913172/ A new set of guidelines, adopted at a joint meeting of the ILO and the IMO, will improve the medical examination process of fishers.

Sailing through a warzone: Fears for seafarers mount as Red Sea crisis takes its toll. Eric Priante Martin and Gary Dixon. TradeWinds. 22 February 2024. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/sailing-through-a-warzone-fears-for-seafarers-mountas-red-sea-crisis-takes-its-toll/2-1-1600083 When one seafarer experienced his ship coming under fire in the Red Sea, it was as if he had found himself thrust from one warzone to another.



ISWAN's helplines report quarterly highs for mental health challenges. International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN). 26 February 2024. Available from: https://www.seafarerswelfare.org/news/2024/iswans-helplines-report-quarterly-highs-for-mentalhealth-challenges The final quarter of 2023 saw steep increases in the number of contacts relating to mental health concerns across the range of helplines operated by the International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN). ISWAN Insights: Spotlight on Q4 2023

IMO, ILO tackle bullying, sexual assault in maritime sector. Raffy Ayeng. Daily

Tribune (Philippines). 28 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://tribune.net.ph/2024/02/28/imo-ilo-tackle-bullying-sexual-assault-in-maritime-sector</u> The International Maritime Organization has announced that it is developing training requirements to combat bullying and harassment, including sexual assault, in the maritime sector.

IMO

New IMO Chief Discusses Bunker Industry's Readiness to Supply Low-Carbon Fuels. *Ship & Bunker.* 1 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/457436-new-imo-chief-discusses-bunker-industrys-readiness-to-supply-low-carbon-fuels</u> The new Secretary General of the IMO discussed the need for the bunker industry to accelerate its shift into supplying low-carbon fuels in his inaugural media briefing on Thursday.

Arsenio Dominguez wants to make IMO more open after years of criticism. Nidaa Bakhsh. *ShippingWatch*. 5 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article16818993.ece</u> Arsenio Dominguez is clear about his ambitions for the IMO, the UN body that regulates the shipping industry.

BTS [Behind the Scenes] at the IMO - Maritime Innovation in Miniature. *Lloyd's Register Foundation.* 5 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://youtu.be/WPNcGTSICWI</u> The IMO is a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for developing and adopting measures to improve the safety and security of international shipping and to prevent pollution from ships.

IMO's 'Fresh Agenda' Echoes the Call of Geneva Declaration on Human Rights at Sea. Human Rights at Sea (HRAS). 5 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/news/imos-fresh-agenda-echoes-call-geneva-declaration-humanrights-sea Our charity applauds this commitment and stands firmly with the Geneva Declaration on Human Rights at Sea (GDHRAS), ready to collaborate and turn these words into actionable steps towards a more ethical and sustainable maritime future.

IMO's Arsenio Dominguez is comfortable talking the talk. David Hughes. *Business Times (Singapore).* 6 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/opinion-features/imos-arsenio-dominguez-comfortable-talking-talk</u> There was a time when any press event at the London headquarters of the IMO would pull in the same, now rather dwindling, band of shipping journalists – including yours truly.

IMO's new secretary-general sets out his stall [Grey Power]. Michael Grey. *Baird Maritime.* 8 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.bairdmaritime.com/ship-world/dry-cargo-world/column-imos-new-secretary-general-sets-out-his-stall-grey-power/</u> The IMO changes its Secretary General but rarely, so it is interesting to see the first thoughts of Arsenio Dominguez, who inherited this important role from Kitack Lim at the turn of the year.





IMO inches closer to carbon pricing consensus for shipping, says leader. Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds.* 9 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/imo-inches-closer-to-carbon-pricing-consensus-for-shipping-says-leader/2-1-1596117</u> Fending off scepticism from European regulators, new IMO secretary general Arsenio Dominguez expressed optimism in his organisation's capacity to forge consensus on a global carbon pricing mechanism for shipping.

The new Human Element Checklist - the Human Element Industry Group speaks at the IMO. *Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST).* 9 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.imarest.org/resource/the-human-element-checklist-the-human-element-industry-group-speaks-at-the-imo.html</u> The IMarEST is proud to share that the Human Element Industry Group (HEIG) recently conducted an important lunchtime presentation at the IMO during HTW 10.

International Maritime Organization chief stresses need for dialogue to resolve Red Sea crisis. Agence France-Presse (AFP). 11 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79WHJ1HkDn4</u> Secretary General of the IMO Arsenio Dominguez stresses the need for dialogue between all parties to deescalate the situation in the Red Sea.

IMO Secretary-General Visits WMU. *World Maritime University (WMU).* 13 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.wmu.se/news/imo-sg-visits-wmu</u> On 12 February, Mr Arsenio Dominguez, Secretary-General of the IMO and WMU Chancellor was welcomed by Professor Max Mejia, WMU President, on his first official visit to the University since assuming the role of Secretary-General at the beginning of this year.

Pacific and Caribbean states propose groundbreaking global shipping emissions levy. Caleb Fotheringham. *Radio New Zealand*. 14 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/509177/</u> Eight Pacific and Caribbean small island developing states are calling for a US\$150 levy on each tonne of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions produced by the shipping industry.

What the IMO needs to do to meet its newest targets? *Transport & Environment*. 15 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.transportenvironment.org/discover/what-the-imo-needs-to-do-to-meet-its-newest-targets/</u> T&E assesses how much energy efficiency needs to be improved and how much green fuel uptake should happen by 2030, 2040 and 2050 for the IMO to meet its climate targets. <u>Briefing</u>

Global shipping carbon price proposals to be discussed at IMO. *Radio New Zealand.* 15 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/509268/global-shipping-carbon-price-proposals-to-be-discussed-at-imo</u> The United Nation's global shipping regulator is set to discuss fresh proposals for the world's first global carbon levy in any sector, including submission from the Pacific, next month.

Half of Azerbaijan's vessels meet criteria of International Maritime Organization.

Lada Yevgrashina. *Trend News Agency (Azerbaijan).* 15 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://en.trend.az/business/transport/3862553.html</u> The Azerbaijan State Maritime and Port Agency OJSC, which has been in operation since 2021, has issued information about the registered boats in the State Ship Registry and Bareboat-Charter Registry of Azerbaijan, Trend reports, referring to the Ministry of Digital Development and Transport.



Resilience and Cooperation: Keys to the industry According to Arsenio Domínguez, IMO Secretary General. *MundoMaritimo*. 21 February 2024. Available from:

<u>https://www.mundomaritimo.net/noticias/resilience-and-cooperation-keys-to-the-industry-according-to-arsenio-dominguez-imo-secretary-general</u> In an exclusive interview with MundoMarítimo, Arsenio Domínguez, Secretary General of the IMO, discusses the current outlook for the maritime industry in the context of the Red Sea crisis.

Tackling sea-based sources of plastic pollution at the International Maritime Organisation.

Amy Youngman. *Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA).* 21 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://eia-international.org/blog/tackling-sea-based-sources-of-plastic-pollution-at-the-international-maritime-organisation/</u> EIA is currently participating in a meeting of the IMO which is seeking to push ahead with actions to tackle two major sources of marine plastic pollution.

Rerouted Red Sea ships face rising threat of piracy, warns IMO chief. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds.* 22 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/rerouted-red-sea-ships-face-rising-threat-of-piracywarns-imo-chief/2-1-1602187 Shipping should be on high alert for a potential rise in piracy on vessels forced to divert from the Red Sea due to Houthi missile attacks, the IMO secretary warned.

PPR 11: Progress Made, But IMO Fails to Act on Black Carbon Emissions, Despite Credible and Direct Pathway. *Clean Arctic Alliance*. 23 February 2024. Available from: https://cleanarctic.org/2024/02/23/ppr-11-progress-made-but-imo-fails-to-act-on-black-carbonemissions-despite-credible-and-direct-pathway/ As a meeting of the IMO Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR 11) closed today in London, the Clean Arctic Alliance called on the IMO to urgently adopt a mandatory regulation requiring ships to move to distillate fuels while operating in and near to the Arctic, and for the maritime sector to follow a 2021 IMO resolution above 60 degrees north.

Applying the Law of the Sea to Protect International Shipping. Arsenio Dominguez. *UN Chronicle.* 28 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.un.org/en/un-chronicle/applying-law-sea-protect-international-shipping</u> In recent decades, global shipping—carrier of 80 per cent of world trade—has faced numerous threats that challenge the long-established right to freedom of navigation for all merchant ships.

LAW & POLICY

T&E's Guide to EU Transport 2024. *Transport & Environment.* 31 January 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.transportenvironment.org/discover/tes-guide-to-eu-transport-2024/</u> As Europe approaches the 2024 EU elections for the 720 member European Parliament, the EU faces a stark choice. <u>Full Guidance</u>

John Podesta will take over for John Kerry as top international adviser on climate change. Colleen Long and Matthew Daly. *Associated Press*. 31 January 2024. Available from: <u>https://apnews.com/article/biden-podesta-climate-3da3fdd2b9d4fba542ff16f87eb4f10e</u> White House senior adviser John Podesta will add international climate policy to his job responsibilities, replacing special climate envoy John Kerry as the top U.S. official on international climate issues, the White House said Wednesday.



BBNJ Treaty and the ITLOS Advisory Jurisdiction. Oktawian Kuc. *EJIL:Talk! Blog of the European Journal of International Law.* 31 January 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.ejiltalk.org/bbnj-treaty-and-the-itlos-advisory-jurisdiction/</u> The Intergovernmental Conference on Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction, convened in New York, adopted the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction ("BBNJ Agreement" or "Agreement") by consensus on 19 June 2023.

Africa's oceans could pay dearly for the Red Sea Crisis. David Willima. *Institute for Security Studies (ISS).* 1 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://issafrica.org/iss-today/africas-oceans-could-pay-dearly-for-the-red-sea-crisis</u> Africa faces the most severe environmental damage from the conflict – countries must actively work on diplomatic solutions.

FMC Releases Schedule for Hearing on Threats to Shipping. US Federal Maritime Commission. 2 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.fmc.gov/fmc-releases-schedule-for-hearing-on-threats-to-shipping/</u> The Federal Maritime Commission will hear from individuals representing shipper, carrier, and port interests at its informal hearing examining impacts to shipping and supply chains from current conditions in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden regions.

Sacked P&O worker disappointed with government response. Pete Humphreys and Lauren Collins. *BBC News.* 4 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-68180744</u> John Lansdown, a former sous chef on the Dover to Calais route, said "meaningful change was yet to happen".

"The Oceans Treaty covers issues that connect us more than divide us". Siva Thambisetty and Helena Vieira. *London School of Economics.* 5 February 2024. Available from: https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/businessreview/2024/02/05/siva-thambisetty-the-oceans-treaty-covers-issues-that-connect-us-more-than-divide-us/ In this Q&A, Siva Thambisetty spoke with Helena Vieira (LSE Business Review) about next steps and the business implications of the treaty.

Tonga signs Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Agreement. *Matangi Tonga Online.* 5 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://matangitonga.to/2024/02/05/tonga-signs-biodiversity-beyond-national-jurisdiction-agreement</u> Tonga becomes the 85th country to sign the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Agreement to protect 2/3 of our ocean, or the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction.

Dutch parliament orders govt to establish maritime authority. Mariska Buitendijk. *SWZ Maritime (Netherlands).* 5 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://swzmaritime.nl/news/2024/02/05/dutch-parliament-orders-govt-to-establish-maritime-authority/</u> A motion of Dutch political party CDA has been adopted in the Dutch House of Representatives calling on the government to establish a maritime authority.

Two men charged after 139kg of cocaine allegedly found hidden inside luxury buses on international cargo ship. Josephine Lim. *ABC (Australia).* 5 February 2024. Available from: https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-02-05/cocaine-hidden-in-luxury-buses-on-board-cargo-ship/103426894 Two Victorian men will face court after 139 kilograms of cocaine were found hidden inside luxury buses in an international shipment that arrived in Adelaide, with border force officials saying cocaine shipments are being seized in the country at "unprecedented levels".



Trading bases: The Red Sea tinderbox and the maritime economy. Theodore Murphy. *European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR).* 5 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://ecfr.eu/article/trading-bases-the-red-sea-tinderbox-and-the-maritime-economy/</u> Houthi attacks on Red Sea shipping lanes expose how actors beyond the great powers can weaponize an interdependent global economy.

Pacific countries go back to the drawing board ahead of next round of plastics treaty negotiations. *Pacific Islands News Association (PINA).* 6 February 2024. Available from: https://pina.com.fj/2024/02/06/pacific-countries-go-back-to-the-drawing-board-ahead-of-next-round-of-plastics-treaty-negotiations/ Fourteen Pacific countries advocating for the priorities of their communities at the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, are gathering in Auckland from 12-15 February 2024.

Commission presents recommendation for 2040 emissions reduction target to set the path to climate neutrality in 2050. *European Commission.* 6 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_588</u> The Commission has today published a detailed impact assessment on possible pathways to reach the agreed goal of making the European Union climate neutral by 2050.

"Confused Seas": The Current State of Maritime Affairs. David Levy and Elai Rettig. Bar-Ilan University (Israel). Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies. 6 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://besacenter.org/confused-seas-the-current-state-of-maritime-affairs/</u> Tor "those who go down to the sea in ships, who do work in mighty waters," Nathan Bowditch's American Practical Navigator is required reading.

Trade leaders urge governments around the world to join Red Sea military effort. Lori Ann LaRocco. *CNBC (US)*. 8 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.cnbc.com/2024/02/08/trade-leaders-urge-governments-around-world-to-join-red-sea-defense.html</u> Trade associations representing sectors across the global economy have joined an open letter urging more governments around the world to join Red Sea maritime security efforts.

Global Coalition Aligns Around Safeguarding Red Sea Commerce. American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA). 8 February 2024. Available from: https://www.aafaglobal.org/AAFA/AAFA_News/2024_Press_Releases/Global_Coalition_Safeguard_ Red_Sea_Commerce.aspx_The AAFA and the International Apparel Federation (IAF) have released a letter with more than 100 signatories drawn from associations representing all corners of the globe calling for a wider government cooperation to keep shipping lanes open and safe. Full Letter

Impact of Red Sea crisis on Africa – red flag or red herring? Menzi Ndhlovu, Daniel Van Dalen and Ronak Gopaldas. *Institute for Security Studies (ISS)*. 12 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://issafrica.org/iss-today/impact-of-red-sea-crisis-on-africa-red-flag-or-red-herring</u> Still reeling from the effects of COVID-19 and the Ukraine war, African countries face yet another geopolitical hurdle with the Red Sea crisis and its potentially significant economic ramifications.

Greek Troops Board Tanker, Arresting Captain on "Abduction" Charges. *Maritime Executive.* 12 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/video-greek-troops-board-tanker-arresting-captain-on-abduction-charges</u> A Special Missions Unit of the Greek military boarded a product tanker on Saturday arresting the vessel's captain and releasing three inspectors who reportedly were aboard the ship against their will.



Launch of the Pacific Regional One Maritime Framework development and funding announcement. European Union External Action Service (EEAS). 12 February 2024. Available from: https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/fiji/launch-pacific-regional-one-maritime-frameworkdevelopment-and-funding-announcement en On 12 February, the Pacific Community (SPC) and the European Union (EU) signed a funding agreement which will contribute to the development of a Pacific Regional One Maritime Framework.

IMF, World Bank warn Gaza war, Red Sea attacks imperil global economy. *France 24.* 12 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20240212-imf-world-bank-warn-gaza-war-red-sea-attacks-imperil-global-economy</u> The Israel-Hamas war raging since October has already hit the Middle East and North Africa region's economy, said the International Monetary Fund's managing director Kristalina Georgieva.

Marcos OKs 10-year Maritime Industry Development Plan 2028. Raymond Carl Dela Cruz and Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos. *Philippine News Agency (PNA)*. 13 February 2024. Available from: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1218735 President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has approved the 10-year Maritime Industry Development Plan 2028 (MIDP) as the country's whole-of-nation roadmap for the integrated development and strategic direction of the maritime industry.

Italy detains *Ocean Viking* for third time in three months. *Insurance Marine News.* 14 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://insurancemarinenews.com/insurance-marine-news/italy-detains-ocean-viking-for-third-time-in-three-months/</u> Migrant rescue ship *Ocean Viking* (IMO 8506854) was detained by Italian authorities on February 10th for the third time since November, leading its operator NGO SOS Méditerranée to launch an official protest.

Ocean Viking detained on false declarations of erratic Libyan patrol vessels violating maritime law. SOS Mediterranee. 10 February 2024. Available from: https://www.sosmediterranee.org/press-release-ocean-viking-detained-on-false-declarations-oferratic-libyan-patrol-vessels-violating-maritime-law/ On 9 February 2024, the Ocean Viking received a detention order from Italian authorities under the Piantedosi Law, following the rescues of 261 persons in International waters off the coast of Libya.

Red Sea: reinsurers cancel due to war risks; security firm checking vessels' 'historic links'. Jamey Bergman. *Riviera Maritime.* 15 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/news-content-hub/red-sea-reinsurers-cancel-due-to-war-risks-security-firm-checking-vessels-historic-links-79641</u> Maritime insurer Steamship Mutual has published a notice to its membership in a pair of so-called circulars that its reinsurers have cancelled cover for war risks relating to vessels transiting the Red Sea region.

Australia and UNDP Partner with Bangladesh Govt to Strengthen NGO Affairs Bureau to accelerate SDGs. *Daily Sun (Bangladesh)*. 15 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.daily-sun.com/post/735091</u> In a collaborative effort to enhance the development initiatives in Bangladesh for achieving SDGs, the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have joined hands with the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) for the "Institutional Strengthening for Promoting Accountability and Transparency-ISPAT" project.



The EU's New Red Sea Naval Mission: Implications and Challenges. Selin Uysal. *Washington Institute for Near East Policy.* 16 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/eus-new-red-sea-naval-mission-implications-and-challenges</u> The operation is a sign of Europe's willingness to take action against the current instability, though significant work is needed to coordinate with existing initiatives and convince regional officials of the mission's usefulness.

Security and freedom of navigation in the Red Sea: Council launches EUNAVFOR ASPIDES. *European Council.* 19 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/02/19/security-and-freedom-ofnavigation-in-the-red-sea-council-launches-new-eu-defensive-operation/ The objective of this defensive maritime security operation is to restore and safeguard freedom of navigation in the Red Sea and the Gulf.

We told you so: Repeated warnings Houthis would attack shipping ignored, says Yemen. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 19 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/we-told-you-so-repeated-warnings-houthis-would-attack-shipping-ignored-says-yemen/2-1-1600564</u> In a submission to the International Maritime Organization, the United Nations-backed administration, the rival of the Houthi regime, said that it did not receive "any serious response" after it warned of the dangers during the country's civil war.

EU launches mission Aspides to protect Red Sea vessels from Houthi attacks. Mared Gwyn Jones. *Euronews.* 19 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2024/02/19/eu-launches-mission-aspides-to-protect-red-sea-vessels-from-houthi-attacks</u> Mission 'Aspides' - Greek for shield - will aim to preserve freedom of navigation in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, a region plagued with instability since October when Houthi rebels began targeting vessels navigating the waterway with a barrage of drone and rocket attacks.

Red Sea: European shipowners welcome launch of Operation ASPIDES. European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA). 19 February 2024. Available from: https://www.ecsa.eu/index.php/news/red-sea-european-shipowners-welcome-launch-operation-aspides Following growing attacks on commercial shipping, the EU Council has officially launched today the EU's defensive maritime security operation in the Red Sea.

More than 350 join forces in Athens to forge a sustainable blue economy future for the Mediterranean. Union for the Mediterranean (UfM). 19 February 2024. Available from: https://ufmsecretariat.org/more-than-250-join-forces-in-athens-to-forge-a-sustainable-blue-economy-future-for-the-mediterranean/ The 2nd UfM Stakeholder Conference on Sustainable Blue Economy took place on February 19 and 20 in the Greek capital, with over 350 participants evaluating the progress made within the framework of the 10 Sustainable Blue Economy priority areas adopted in 2021 and discussing next steps.

Shipping associations welcome EU Red Sea operation Aspides. Gary Howard. Seatrade Maritime News. 20 February 2024. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/containers/shipping-associations-welcome-eu-red-sea-operation-aspides The Council of the EU announced that the defensive operation will have an initial one year duration and a mandate to protect commercial vessels against attacks at sea by providing situational awareness and accompanying ships in the region.



The Future of Arctic Council Innovation: Charting A Course for Working-Level Cooperation. Jennifer Spence and Hannah Chenok. *Harvard University. Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs.* 20 February 2024. Available from:

<u>https://www.belfercenter.org/publication/future-arctic-council-innovation-charting-course-working-level-cooperation</u> On February 14, 2024, the Russian Federation announced that it would suspend its annual payments to the Arctic Council "until the resumption of real work in this format with the participation of all member countries."

Senate maritime committee approves archipelagic sealanes bill. *Philippine Star.* 21 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2024/02/21/2334916/</u> Sen. Francis Tolentino formed a technical working group (TWG) to fine tune the consolidated bills designating archipelagic sea lanes (ASLs) in the Philippines.

Extraordinary G7 Transport Ministerial welcomes EU maritime operation to safeguard Red Sea maritime security. European Commission. 21 February 2024. Available from: https://transport.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/extraordinary-g7-transport-ministerial-welcomeseu-maritime-operation-safeguard-red-sea-maritime-2024-02-21 en Today, the G7 Transport Ministers expressed strong condemnation of the attacks carried out by the Houthis against commercial vessels and navy ships in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

NCA and Border Force make record breaking 5.7 tonne cocaine seizure. UK National Crime Agency (NCA). 23 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/nca-and-border-force-make-record-breaking-5-7tonne-cocaine-seizure The National Crime Agency and Border Force have made what is believed to be the biggest ever seizure of class A drugs in the UK.

NIMASA inaugurates anti - corruption unit. Abolanle Oluwatola. *Ships & Ports.* 23 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://shipsandports.com.ng/nimasa-inaugurates-anti-corruption-unit/</u> The Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) on Thursday inaugurated its Anti-corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU).

Red Sea: Germany's Bundestag approves naval mission. *Deutsche Welle (Germany).* 23 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.dw.com/en/red-sea-germanys-bundestag-approves-naval-mission/a-68356649</u> German lawmakers approved a mandate for military participation in the EU Red Sea naval mission Aspides, aimed at providing safe passage for merchant vessels currently subject to attack from Iran-backed Houthi rebels.

US blacklists Russia's state-owned tanker carrier Sovcomflot. Liv Almer. *ShippingWatch.* 26 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article16879763.ece</u> The US Treasury Department has added Russia's largest state-owned shipping company and fleet operator, Sovcomflot, to its sanctions list, according to a statement.

U.S. Treasury Designates Russian State-Owned Sovcomflot, Russia's Largest Shipping Company. US Department of the Treasury. 23 February 2024. Available from: https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy2121 Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is taking action to responsibly reduce Russia's revenue from oil sales by targeting Joint Stock Company Sovcomflot (Sovcomflot), Russia's state-owned shipping company and fleet operator.





Hong Kong budget 'to offer incentives to turn city into green maritime hub'. Olga Wong. *South China Morning Post.* 27 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://tinyurl.com/y4mb232w</u> Hong Kong's finance chief will tap into the US trillion-dollar clean energy market in Wednesday's budget by setting up a regional green fuel bunkering centre, with financial incentives and infrastructure being offered to vessel owners and the maritime industry to make them more environmentally friendly, the Post has learned.

Zelenskyy says Black Sea grain corridor in doubt without US aid. *Channel News Asia.* 27 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.channelnewsasia.com/world/black-sea-grain-corridor-doubt-us-aid-zelenskyy-4151986</u> Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Monday (Feb 26) that without new US military aid his country would be unable to defend a Black Sea shipping corridor that has allowed Kyiv to export millions of tons of grain to global markets.

Tariq Saleh calls for empowering the Yemeni gov't to enforce its control over the country's seashores. Yemen News Agency (SABA). 27 February 2024. Available from: https://www.sabanew.net/story/en/107464 Member of the Presidential Leadership Council (PLC) Brigadier General Tariq Saleh called for supporting the internationally recognized Yemeni government's capacities in order to effectively exercise its sovereignty over the Yemeni seashores.

Financial sanctions guidance for maritime shipping. *UK Government.* 28 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-guidance-for-maritime-shipping/financial-sanctions-guidance-for-maritime-shipping</u>. This guidance is produced by the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI), part of HM Treasury, the authority for the implementation of financial sanctions in the UK.

MARINE TECHNOLOGY

New e-fuels project to make international shipping climate neutral. *Verkis.* 30 January 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.verkis.com/about-us/news/new-e-fuels-project-to-make-international-shipping-climate-neutral</u> Ocean freight transport requires large amounts of fuel, mainly made up of fossil fuels today.

Industry-first cradle-to-grave analysis emphasises critical role of alternative fuels in emissions reduction. *Lloyd's Register.* 1 February 2024. Available from: https://www.lr.org/en/about-us/press-room/press-listing/press-release/industry-first-cradle-to-graveanalysis-emphasises-critical-role-of-alternative-fuels-in-emissions-reduction/ Alternative fuels, green steel and renewable energy are fundamental to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction during the life cycle of a vessel, reveals a study carried out by an LR, Knutsen, HDKSOE and HHI Joint Development Project (JDP).

Ammonia attracts the shipping industry, but researchers warn of its risks. *Chalmers University* of *Technology (Sweden)*. 5 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.chalmers.se/en/current/news/ammonia-attracts-the-shipping-industry--but-researchers-warn-of-its-risks,c3921155/</u> Switching to ammonia as a marine fuel, with the goal of decarbonisation, can instead create entirely new problems.



EU to prioritise maritime access to renewable fuels in revised climate strategy. Enes Tunagur. *Lloyd's List.* 6 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1148187/</u> The European Commission has recommended a 90% greenhouse gas reduction target for 2040 from a 1990 baseline, as part of its upcoming climate strategy revision that will also aim to prioritise low-carbon fuel access to maritime and aviation sectors.

EU Policy. Carbon capture key to reaching net-zero, but climate chief urges caution.

Robert Hodgson. *Euronews.* 7 February 2024. Available from:

<u>https://www.euronews.com/green/2024/02/07/carbon-capture-key-to-reaching-net-zero-but-climate-chief-urges-caution</u> A warning from the climate commission Wopke Hoekstra that carbon capture is no magical cure for global heating comes as new policies show the EU is banking on a huge and rapid deployment of the 'unproven' technology to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by mid-century.

New CSS-Strategy: Denmark can become European CO2-hub. *Danish Shipping.* 7 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://danishshipping.dk/en/all-press-releases/2024/new-ccs-strategy-denmark-can-become-european-co2-hub/</u> With its new CCS-strategy, the European Commission has outlined a common direction for the capture, utilization, and storage of CO2 in the EU.

The lack of pace in the green transition worries Wärtsilä's maritime chief. Mette Grube Condrup. *ShippingWatch.* 12 February 2024. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article16839053.ece The number of new orders and net sales skyrocketed due in part to the sale of technology and efficiency improvements that help reduce ship emissions, but the company is still concerned about the green transition.

Seeing the Ship as a System Changes Everything. Eero Lehtovaara. *MarineLink*. 13 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.marinelink.com/news/opinion-seeing-ship-a-system-changes-511508</u> Shipping must engage with the decarbonization realities that lie ahead by changing the way it crafts maritime legislation to reflect its place in the interconnected, interdependent world economy, says Eero Lehtovaara, ABB Marine & Ports.

Green shipping fuels made in South Africa – World Bank. Rico Salgmann, Maximilian Weidenhammer and Dominik Englert. *Cape Business News (South Africa).* 13 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.cbn.co.za/industry-news/renewable-energy-solar-power/green-shipping-fuels-made-in-south-africa-world-bank/</u> South Africa has the potential to become a leading producer of green hydrogen.

EU climate policy is dangerously reliant on untested carbon-capture technology. *Nature.* 13 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-024-00391-3</u> Last week, the European Commission published its long-awaited recommendations for climate targets for 2040.

Windward Maritime AI[™] Partners with INTERPOL to Help Combat Global Maritime Crime. Windward Ltd. 21 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://windward.ai/news/windward-maritime-ai-partners-with-interpol-to-help-combat-global-maritime-crime/</u> Windward (LSE: WNWD), the leading Maritime AI[™] company, has announced a partnership with INTERPOL, The International Criminal Police Organization, to assist in their mission of facilitating a secure maritime environment.



FuelEU Maritime: The simple formula turbocharging investment in shipping. Christopher Wiernicki. *TradeWinds.* 27 February 2024. Available from:

<u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/fueleu-maritime-the-simple-formula-turbocharging-investment-in-shipping/2-1-1603235</u> Today, we are fluent in the new language of shipping and the term CO2 per tonne-mile.

Germany's vice chancellor wants to store carbon from 'hard to abate' industries under the sea. *Euronews*. 27 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.euronews.com/green/2024/02/27/germanys-vice-chancellor-wants-to-store-carbon-fromhard-to-abate-industries-under-the-sea Germany is planning to allow carbon to be stored underground at offshore sites, the country's vice chancellor announced yesterday.

World's largest ocean-based carbon dioxide removal plant to be built in Singapore. Emil Chan. *Channel News Asia.* 27 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.channelnewsasia.com/sustainability/world-largest-ocean-based-carbon-dioxide-removal-plant-built-singapore-4152536</u> Over the next 18 months, the world's largest ocean-based carbon dioxide removal plant will be built in Singapore, following a successful pilot of the technology, project backers announced on Tuesday (Feb 27).

MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING

Ghana presses on with its Sustainable Ocean Plan with a training on Marine Spatial Planning. *GhanaWeb.* 31 January 2024. Available from:

https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Ghana-presses-on-with-its-Sustainable-Ocean-Plan-with-a-training-on-Marine-Spatial-Planning-1914312 The SDGs Advisory Unit in the Office of the President, in partnership with CSIR-Water Research Institute, and supported by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO) and the UNESCO Office in Accra, organised a two-day national training on Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) for key state and non-state actors in the ocean space.

Call for joint efforts to reduce harmful emissions at sea. *Pakistan Observer.* 1 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://pakobserver.net/call-for-joint-efforts-to-reduce-harmful-emissions-at-sea/</u> The National Institute of Maritime Affairs (NIMA) organized a seminar on the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Obligations of Reducing Harmful Emissions at Sea and Pakistan's Response and Challenges' on Wednesday.

Dedicated training ships aim to tackle seafarer shortage. Amy McLellan. *Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST).* 1 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.imarest.org/resource/dedicated-training-ships-aims-to-tackle-seafarer-shortage.html</u> To address the seafarer shortage issue, the US Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD) has ordered five new purpose-built modern training vessels, known as National Security Multi-Mission Vessel (NSMVs), for the country's state maritime academies.

RMU signs MoU with DMI to improve maritime education, training in Africa. *GhanaWeb.* 5 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/RMU-signs-MoU-with-DMI-to-improvemaritime-education-training-in-Africa-1915045 The Regional Maritime University (RMU) on Friday, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Dar Es Salaam Maritime Institute (DMI), Tanzania as part of measures to deepen collaborative efforts towards improving upon the standards of maritime education and training on the continent.



Maritime Masterclass with Captain Alexandra Hagerty, Founder of Captains without Borders.

Marcus Hand. Seatrade Maritime News. 8 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/ship-operations/maritime-masterclass-captain-alexandra-hagerty-founder-captains-without-borders</u> Dive into the captivating journey of Captain Alexandra Hagerty, the latest ambassador of the Seatrade Maritime Club, as she shares her voyage from sailing instructor to Master of the hospital ship *Africa Mercy*.

ClassNK launches E-Learning courses on Shipping and Shipbuilding Industry. *ClassNK*. 13 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.classnk.com/hp/en/hp_news.aspx?id=10922&type=press_release&layout=1</u>

ClassNK has introduced E-Learning courses offered through its training and education service, "ClassNK Academy".

African countries praise PM Hasina for IMO scholarships. *Bangladesh Post.* 15 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://bangladeshpost.net/posts/african-countries-praise-pm-hasina-for-imo-scholarships-131748</u> Ambassadors, High Commissioners, and Permanent Representatives of more than 40 African countries, members of the IMO praised Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for offering 10 marine cadetship scholarships from Bangladesh for African LDCs and SIDS at IMO.

Use of navigation systems and good seamanship are crucial. *Dutch Safety Board.* 15 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://onderzoeksraad.nl/en/use-of-navigation-systems-and-good-seamanship-are-crucial/</u> This is the conclusion of the Dutch Safety Board after investigating a collision between the seagoing vessels *Helge* and the *Wild Cosmos* on September 9, 2022 near Denmark. <u>Investigation Page</u>

Maritime Decarbonization Executive Training Delivered in South Africa. *World Maritime University (WMU).* 21 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.wmu.se/news/maritime-</u> <u>decarbonization-south-africa</u> From 5-8 February in Cape Town, the World Maritime University (WMU) led an Executive Professional Development Training Course on Maritime Energy Management and Decarbonization coordinated by the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) and the National Department of Transport.

IMO Expert Lectures on London Protocol & London Convention. *World Maritime University (WMU).* 22 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.wmu.se/news/imo-expert-london-</u> <u>convention</u> As part of the Law of the Sea and Protection of the Marine Environment Course, on 9 February WMU students in the Maritime Law & Policy specialization had the opportunity to interact with Mr Andrew Birchenough, Technical Officer, Office for London Convention/Protocol & Ocean Affairs, Marine Environment Division of the IMO.

In Focus: The human element in maritime training and safety. Marcus Hand. Seatrade Maritime News. 22 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/crewing/focus-human-element-maritime-training-and-safety</u> Talking with Seatrade Maritime News Correspondent Paul Bartlett, John shares perspectives on the rapid technological advancements impacting the maritime sector, from sustainable propulsion options to the digitalisation of operations.

Jamaica hosts oil spill contingency planning workshop. *The Gleaner (Jamaica).* 27 February 2024. Available from: https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/shipping/20240227/jamaica-hosts-oil-spill-contingency-planning-workshop "States such as Jamaica which depend on international shipping for our foreign trade, are particularly very vulnerable to marine pollution from ships and other marine vessels" said Rear Admiral (ret'd) Peter Brady, director general of the Maritime Authority of Jamaica (MAJ), in his opening remarks to stakeholders in attendance at a three-day national workshop on Oil Spill Contingency Planning, from February 19-21.



Sharing user experience for better design. *Nautical Institute.* 28 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.nautinst.org/resources-page/free-article-sharing-user-experience-for-better-design.html</u> A survey conducted by The Nautical Institute in collaboration with the OCEAN Project suggests that the industry is approaching training in Human Centred Design from the wrong angle.

MARITIME SAFETY

Celebrating 200 years of Plimsoll's impact on maritime safety. *Lloyd's Register Foundation.* 8 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.lrfoundation.org.uk/en/news/celebrating-200-years-of-plimsolls-impact-on-maritime-safety/</u> Saturday, February 10th marks two hundred years since the birth of Samuel Plimsoll, a maritime safety campaigner who fought for the introduction of the Plimsoll Line, which continues to save lives today.

Study on safe bunkering with biofuels. *European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA).* 8 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.emsa.europa.eu/newsroom/latest-news/item/5121-study-on-safe-bunkering-with-biofuels.html</u> As the maritime industry moves towards greater sustainability, biofuels have emerged as a possible option for decarbonising the deep-sea sector of the global fleet. <u>Study</u>

Plimsoll at 200: why it still matters to maritime safety. Nicolette Jones. *Lloyd's List.* 9 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1148126/</u> Samuel Plimsoll was born 200 years ago tomorrow, in the port of Bristol, on February 10, 1824.

Maritime safety: Council and Parliament strike a deal for more efficient accident investigations in maritime transport. *Council of the European Union.* 13 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://tinyurl.com/4wtj7dmd</u> To ensure safer maritime journeys in Europe, the Council presidency and European Parliament's negotiators reached a provisional agreement to revise the 2009 directive on the investigation of accidents in the maritime transport sector.

Government committed to bolstering maritime safety. Chari Suche and Mauta Marya. *Kenya News Agency (KNA).* 13 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.kenyanews.go.ke/government-committed-to-bolstering-maritime-safety/</u> The Government has announced its plans to carry out a major inspection of vessels in the Indian Ocean and inland waters on 24 meters and below vessels, for the next 12 months, starting April.

High waves, high claims: New study on container losses. *Gard.* 15 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.gard.no/web/articles?documentId=36713383</u> In a comprehensive new study, we delve into the impact of weather on container stack collapses.

Maritime safety: Council and Parliament strike a deal to ensure cleaner shipping in the EU. *Council of the European Union.* 15 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/02/15/maritime-safety-council-andparliament-strike-a-deal-to-ensure-cleaner-shipping-in-the-eu/ To ensure safer and cleaner shipping in the EU, the Council presidency and European Parliament's negotiators reached a provisional agreement on a revised directive on ship-source pollution, as part of the 'maritime safety' legislative package.



On the USS Eisenhower, 4 months of combat at sea facing Houthi missiles and a new sea threat. Bernat Armangue and Tara Copp. Associated Press. 15 February 2024. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/houthis-red-sea-eisenhower-carrier-yemenad3a711299759de23627f6daa17f45d6 Sailors aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower and its accompanying warships have spent four months straight at sea defending against ballistic missiles and flying attack drones fired by Iranian-backed Houthis, and are now more regularly also defending against a new threat — fast unmanned vessels that are fired at them through the water.

RMI: Manufacturers need to certify that pilot ladders comply with SOLAS requirements. Safety4Sea. 26 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://safety4sea.com/rmi-manufacturers-need-to-certify-that-pilot-ladders-comply-solas-requirements/</u> The Republic of the Marshall Islands Maritime Administrator has been notified of a marine casualty which occurred aboard an RMI-registered ship and issued marine notice to highlight lessons learned for correct pilot ladder and embarkation ladder markings.

Many Different Vessels but One Goal – Passenger Safety. Tom Ewing. *MarineLink.* 26 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.marinelink.com/news/different-vessels-one-goal-passenger-511796</u> Because there are so many different kinds of passenger vessels, the critical topic of passenger safety can sometimes appear as a set of niche topics, each one just distantly connected to another.

Maritime safety: Council and Parliament strike deals to support clean and modern shipping in the EU. Council of the European Union. 27 February 2024. Available from: https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/02/27/maritime-safety-council-andparliament-strike-deals-to-support-clean-and-modern-shipping-in-the-eu/ To support clean and modern shipping in the EU, the Council presidency and European Parliament's negotiators reached provisional agreements on two pieces of legislation of the 'maritime safety' legislative package, namely those amending the 2009 directives on compliance with flag state requirements and on port state control.

Prioritizing Safety, Security on Nigerian Waters. *This Day (Nigeria).* 27 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2024/02/27/priotising-safety-security-on-nigerian-waters</u> The United States Coast Guard USCG, has offered Nigeria a three-year plan to work with the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) for the removal of the Condition of Entry (CoE), placed on American-bound vessels from Nigeria.

Frontline takes a swipe at owners putting crews at risk with Red Sea transits. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds.* 29 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/frontline-takes-a-swipe-at-owners-putting-crews-at-risk-with-red-sea-transits/2-1-1605493</u> Oslo-listed Frontline has criticised tanker owners still running ships through the dangerous Red Sea region.



MARITIME SECURITY

Djibouti steps up coast guard patrols amidst the Red sea crisis. *Africanews.* 2 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.africanews.com/2024/02/06/djibouti-steps-up-coast-guard-patrols-amidst-the-red-sea-crisis/</u> The narrow Bab al-Mandab strait is all that separates Djibouti from Yemen, from where the Houthi fighters have launched a series of attacks on Israeli-linked ships since November.

UPDATED: BIMCO and others publish security guidelines for Southern Red Sea and Gulf of Aden. *BIMCO*. 5 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.bimco.org/insights-and-information/safety-security-environment/20231219-updated-security-transit-guidance-southern-red-sea-and-gulf-of-aden</u> Industry associations have revised the security guidance applicable to navigating in the Southern Red Sea and Gulf of Aden. <u>Full Guidance</u>

Shipping Bosses Warn Maritime Security in the Red Sea Getting Worse Not Better. Alex Longley and Sanne Wass. *Bloomberg.* 8 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/shipping-bosses-warn-maritime-security-in-the-red-sea-getting-worse-not-better-1.2032502</u> Major shipping companies are warning that the security situation in the Red Sea is continuing to deteriorate, despite efforts by the west to limit attacks by Yemen's Houthi rebels.

Kenyans to brace for repercussions of militant activities at the Red Sea. Chinedu Okafor. *Business Insider Africa.* 8 February 2024. Available from:

<u>https://africa.businessinsider.com/local/markets/kenyans-to-brace-for-repercussions-of-militant-activities-at-the-red-sea/yfz3el5</u> The effect of pirate attacks on the Red Sea from Yemen-based militants, Houthi, has found its way into the Kenyan economy.

IUU Fishing: A Maritime Security Threat Requiring Unique Solutions. Kate Nixon Anania. *Homeland Security Today.* 8 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/maritime-security/iuu-fishing-a-maritime-security-threat-requiring-unique-solutions/</u> Illegal, unregulated, and unreported (IUU) fishing is a major risk to maritime security. IUU fishing has been linked to overfishing, coastal destabilization, piracy, food insecurity, environmental degradation, labor violations, drug smuggling, and transnational criminal organizations.

Enhancing Maritime Security in Somalia: The Role of IORIS in Facilitating Interagency Coordination and Information Sharing. *European Union External Action Service (EEAS).* 14 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eucap-som/enhancing-maritimesecurity-somalia-role-ioris-facilitating-interagency-coordination-and-information_en</u> EUCAP and CRIMARIO II have together organised trainings on the information sharing platform IORIS for officers of the Somali maritime security agencies and ministries in Mogadishu and Bossaso.

Houthi Lethal Underwater Drones Adds New Threat to Red Sea. H I Sutton. US Naval Institute News. 19 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://news.usni.org/2024/02/19/houthi-lethal-</u> <u>underwater-drones-adds-new-threat-to-red-sea</u> Merchant ships and warships in the Red Sea have been under frequent attacks from anti-ship cruise missiles, anti-ship ballistic missiles, explosive surface drones, and aerial drones.

U.S. Coast Guard conduct joint patrol with Kiribati partners under Operation Blue Pacific. *United States Coast Guard.* 23 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.news.uscg.mil/Press-</u><u>Releases/Article/3686135/us-coast-guard-conduct-joint-patrol-with-kiribati-partners-under-operation-blue/</u> In a significant advancement of regional maritime cooperation, the USCGC *Oliver Henry* (WPC 1140) crew successfully concluded a pivotal leg of its current expeditionary patrol in the Kiribati exclusive economic zone (EEZ) from Feb. 11 to 16, 2024.



Maritime security boost | US Coast Guard's inaugural visit strengthens regional co-operation. Talebula Kate. *Fiji Times.* 23 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.fijitimes.com.fi/maritime-security-boost-us-coast-guards-inaugural-visit-strengthens-regional-co-operation/</u> The US Coast Guard Cutter *Harriet Lane* this week made its inaugural visit to the country, as part of the Shiprider Agreement Fiji has been a part of since 2018.

Greece takes the helm in an EU naval mission in the Red Sea. Derek Gatopoulos. *Associated Press.* 26 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://apnews.com/article/greece-yemen-houthis-eu-attacks-gaza-bd362fc36f15d0a94b524b01824e57f2</u> Greece Monday formally agreed to participate in and lead a European Union maritime security operation in the Red Sea to protect commercial shipping from attacks by Houthi militants in Yemen.

MIGRANTS

Drones to monitor small boat crossings in English Channel. Gillian Duncan. *The National (UAE).* 31 January 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/uk-news/2024/01/31/drone-network-to-monitor-small-boat-crossings-in-english-channel/</u> UK Home Secretary James Cleverly met French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin in Paris on Tuesday, with the pair promising to build closer ties to tackle crossings in the Channel.

Greek authorities rescue 84 migrants in two separate incidents, arresting 4 alleged traffickers. Demetris Nellas. *Associated Press.* 11 February 2024. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/crete-rhodes-migrants-boats-libya-turkey-traffickers-93ec754408a3f474a9f006b471ac0e58 Greek authorities found 84 migrants arriving by sea and arrested four individuals, accusing them of being the traffickers that transported them, the coast guard said Sunday.

Returning sea migrants to Libya is illegal, Italy's top court says. Alvise Armellini. *Reuters.* 18 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/returning-sea-migrants-libya-is-illegal-italys-top-court-says-2024-02-18/</u> Italy's top appeals court has established that sending sea migrants back to Libya is unlawful, a ruling hailed by charities and human rights groups.

France stops 140 migrants from crossing English Channel. *InfoMigrants.* 19 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/55290/france-stops-140-migrants-from-crossing-english-channel</u> In northern France, officials confirmed on February 18 that rescue boats patrolling the region had saved nearly 140 people trying to cross the English Channel over the weekend.

One dead and two missing after Channel crossing rescue. Hugh Schofield and Lou Newton. *BBC News.* 28 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-68429901</u> According to French maritime authorities, the boat had 50 migrants on board when it got into difficulty off the French coast on Wednesday.



NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS

American Seafarers Need Secure Comms for Red Sea's High-Risk Zone. *Maritime Executive*. 30 January 2024. Available from: <u>https://maritime-executive.com/article/siu-american-seafarers-need-secure-comms-for-red-sea-s-high-risk-zone</u> On Tuesday, the head of the largest U.S. unlicensed seafarer union said that U.S.-flag ships are using unsecured radio and phone communications to keep in touch with the U.S. Navy vessels protecting them in the Red Sea.

Arctic Shipping Update: 37% Increase in Ships in the Arctic over 10 Years. *Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME)*. 31 January 2024. Available from: <u>https://pame.is/news/504-arctic-shipping-update-37-increase-in-ships-in-the-arctic-over-10-years</u> The number of unique ships entering the Arctic Polar Code area from 2013 to 2023 increased by 37%, around 500 ships.

Red Sea supply chain inflation may be peaking already, new trade data suggests. Lori Ann LaRocco. *CNBC (US).* 31 January 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.cnbc.com/2024/01/31/red-sea-freight-rate-inflation-may-be-peaking-already.html</u> The sharp, sudden spike in supply chain inflation caused by the Red Sea crisis and ongoing attacks on shipping vessels by Houthi rebels may have peaked on key global trade routes, based on analysis of the latest data from Xeneta, a leading ocean and air freight benchmarking platform.

Red Sea tanker traffic falls after Houthi missile strike on *Marlin Luanda*. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 31 January 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/red-sea-tanker-traffic-falls-after-houthi-missile-strike-on-marlin-luanda/2-1-1591418</u> Crude tanker voyages through the Red Sea have plummeted after the Houthi missile strike on Friday that set fire to a Trafigura-operated ship, according to data from Clarksons.

CENTCOM Update to Events in the Red Sea. *US Central Command.* 1 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.centcom.mil/MEDIA/PRESS-RELEASES/Press-Release-</u><u>View/Article/3663708/centcom-update-to-events-in-the-red-sea/</u> On Feb. 1, at approximately 5:00 a.m. (Sanaa time), U.S. Central Command forces engaged and shot down one UAV over the Gulf of Aden.

Red Sea attacks increase shipping times and freight rates. US Energy Information Administration (EIA). 1 February 2024. Available from:

<u>https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=61363</u> After Yemen-based Houthi militia attacks on commercial ships transiting the Red Sea started in November 2023, some vessels began opting to avoid the Bab el-Mandeb chokepoint - a narrow strait that borders the Yemeni coast and is the southern entrance to the Red Sea.

Red Sea disruptions could be avoided in future by Arctic shipping, which may trouble ecosystems. Kemal Akbayirli and Gokcay Balci. *Arctic Today.* 1 February 2024. Available from: https://www.arctictoday.com/red-sea-disruptions-could-be-avoided-in-future-by-arctic-shipping-which-may-trouble-ecosystems/ Planned port expansion, which got a \$250 million allocation through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, would extend and rearrange the causeway on the right and the breakwater on the left to create a much larger protected area that could accommodate deeper-draft vessels traveling in and out of the Arctic.

Red Sea conflict impacting shipping lanes, costs rising. *Phnom Penh Post (Cambodia).* 1 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.phnompenhpost.com/national/red-sea-conflict-impacting-shipping-lanes-costs-rising</u> A senior official from the Cambodia Logistics Association has warned that conflict in the Red Sea has doubled the costs of shipping goods to the US, Canada, and Europe.



Concerns over Cape re-routes and West African piracy. Nick Savvides. *Seatrade Maritime News.* 2 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/piracy/concerns-over-cape-re-routes-and-west-african-piracy</u> Industry concerns have been raised that pirates in West Africa, who have seen shipping trade shifting from the Al-Mandeb strait to around the Cape, could also refocus their operations into the Gulf of Guinea.

Red Sea attacks. Simon Scarr, Adolfo Arranz, Jonathan Saul, Han Huang and Jitesh Chowdhury. *Reuters.* 2 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.reuters.com/graphics/ISRAEL-</u> <u>PALESTINIANS/SHIPPING-ARMS/lgvdnngeyvo/</u> Iranian-backed Houthi militants, who control swathes of Yemen, have used an array of sophisticated weapons - including ballistic missiles and "kamikaze" drones - in their attacks on international shipping in the Red Sea in support of Palestinian militant group Hamas in its war with Israel in the Gaza Strip.

USCENTCOM Red Sea Operational Update. *US Central Command.* 2 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://twitter.com/CENTCOM/status/1753772895241969967?s=20</u> On Feb. 2, at approximately 10:30 a.m. (Sanaa time), USS Carney (DDG 64) engaged and shot down one unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) over the Gulf of Aden.

Report: CMA CGM Suspends Red Sea Transits After Ship Was Twice Targeted. *Maritime Executive.* 2 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://maritime-executive.com/article/report-cma-cgm-suspends-red-transits-after-ship-was-twice-targeted</u> It is being widely reported that CMA CGM Group reversed course and has again decided to suspend transits in the Red Sea.

Chinese Navy Escorting Commercial Cargo Ships in Red Sea. John Xie. *Voice of America.* 2 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.voanews.com/a/chinese-navy-escorting-commercial-cargos-in-red-sea/7469317.html</u> China's navy has started escorting Chinese cargo ships through the Red Sea, according to a shipping company and Chinese state media reports.

U.S., U.K. Launch Strikes Against Houthi Targets in Yemen to Protect Red Sea Shipping. Jim Garamone. US Department of Defense. 4 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3665898/</u> U.S. and British forces launched a series of proportionate strikes on Houthi targets in Yemen in response to continuing attacks on shipping in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

How have Red Sea attacks by Yemen's Houthi fighters affected companies? *Al Jazeera.* 4 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/2/4/how-have-red-sea-attacks-by-yemens-houthi-fighters-affected-companies</u> Attacks on vessels by Yemen's Houthi rebels in the Red Sea have disrupted international trade on the shortest shipping route between Europe and Asia.

'Like going to the moon': The world's most terrifying ocean crossing. Julia Buckley. *CNN.* 5 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://edition.cnn.com/travel/article/drake-passage-rough-sea-scn/index.html</u> Once the preserve of explorers and sea dogs, the Drake is today a daunting challenge for an ever-increasing number of travellers to Antarctica – and not just because it takes up to 48 hours to cross it.

Taking the long way around. *S&P Commodity Insights.* 5 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.spglobal.com/commodityinsights/PlattsContent/_assets/_files/en/specialreports/shipping/</u> <u>ships-divert-from-panama-canal.html</u> Seaway disruptions are converging along routes headed through key chokepoints such as the Panama and Suez Canal, as intensifying effects of climate change and war risks in the Red Sea have tightened shipping logistics globally.



Chinese Ships Get Cheaper Insurance to Navigate Red Sea. Alex Longley and Áine Quinn. *Bloomberg.* 6 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/chinese-ships-get-cheaper-insurance-to-navigate-red-sea-1.2031493</u> Chinese-owned merchant ships are getting hefty discounts on their insurance when sailing through the Red Sea, another sign of how Houthi attacks in the area are punishing the commercial interests of vessels with ties to the west.

Cruise voyages from the UAE cancelled as Red Sea tensions ramp up. Katy Gillett. *The National (UAE).* 7 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.thenationalnews.com/travel/2024/02/07/cruises-red-sea-uae-cancelled/</u> Major global cruise companies are rerouting or even cancelling voyages through the Red Sea as tensions rise between Yemen's Houthi militants and British and US forces.

Indonesian Ship Sails in the Red Sea, Aid for Gaza Lands in Egypt. *AsiaToday.id (Indonesia).* 8 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://asiatoday.id/read/indonesian-ship-sails-in-the-red-sea-aid-for-gaza-lands-in-egypt</u> The Indonesian Ministry of Defense stated that the *KRI Dr Radjiman Wedyodiningrat-992 (KRI RJW-992)*, which was carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza, Palestine from Indonesia, was sailing in the waters of the Gulf of Aden and would soon enter the Red Sea.

Keeping the lights on for lighthouses. Zola Hargreaves. *BBC News.* 9 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c6pxl87nxk3o</u> They have guided ships in the sea and kept sailors safe for centuries.

360° View of Policies Needed to Secure Shipping Chokepoints. *Wilson Centre.* 13 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.wilsoncenter.org/article/360deg-view-policies-needed-secure-shipping-chokepoints</u> The U.S. has long taken for granted the security and effectiveness of shipping lanes.

Houthi Rebels Declare Success in Blocking Israel-Bound Traffic. *Maritime Executive*. 13 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://maritime-executive.com/article/houthi-rebels-declare-success-in-blocking-israel-bound-traffic</u> Yemen's Houthi rebels believe that they are achieving results in their campaign of attacks on shipping in the Red Sea.

Ukraine drone strike ratchets up risks for shipping in Black Sea. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds.* 14 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/ukraine-drone-strike-ratchets-up-risks-for-shipping-in-black-sea/2-1-1598376</u> Merchant ships face increased risks of damage from drifting sea drones after Ukraine stepped up its attacks against Russian naval vessels.

Cruise ships diverted from Red Sea following Houthi attacks. Paul Clifton. *BBC News.* 14 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hampshire-68294622</u> Carnival Corporation has rerouted 12 of its ships away from the region.

Weekly Tradecast 83. Precarious passage: Red sea ship attacks strain supply chain. *United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).* 15 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://unctadonline.podbean.com/e/83-precarious-passage-red-sea-disruptions-compound-pressure-on-supply-chains-and-shipping/</u> This episode looks at the impact on shipping, supply chains and trade from insecurity in the Red Sea with Jan Hoffman, head of UNCTAD's trade logistics branch.



These are the world's most vital waterways for global trade. Spencer Feingold and Andrea Willige. *World Economic Forum.* 15 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2024/02/worlds-busiest-ocean-shipping-routes-trade/</u> In recent years, numerous incidents have disrupted the world's most important trade waterways, impacting supply chains across industries and economies.

Yemeni fishermen bleed money in Red Sea 'death trap'. *New Arab.* 15 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.newarab.com/features/yemeni-fishermen-bleed-money-red-sea-death-trap</u> Hamdi Ghalib, 32, has been a fisherman for over a decade in Yemen's Al-Hodeidah province, which overlooks the Red Sea.

Russia Eases Icebreaker Escort Rules to Promote Year-Round Arctic Shipping. Malte Humpert. *gCaptain.* 16 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://gcaptain.com/russia-eases-icebreaker-escort-rules-to-promote-year-round-arctic-shipping/</u> In an effort to pave the way for year-round transport of liquefied natural gas (LNG) on the Northern Sea Route, the Russian government eased the requirements for icebreaker escorts.

Feb. 16 Summary of Red Sea Activities. *US Central Command.* 17 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.centcom.mil/MEDIA/PRESS-RELEASES/Press-Release-View/Article/3680273/feb-16-</u> <u>summary-of-red-sea-activities/</u> Feb. 16, to 1 a.m., Feb 17, four anti-ship ballistic missiles launched from Houthi-controlled areas of Yemen into the Red Sea.

Sri Lanka busts oil spill using satellite surveillance for first time. Yohan Perera. *Daily Mirror (Sri Lanka).* 17 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/Sri-Lanka-busts-oil-spill-using-satellite-surveillance-for-first-time/108-277225</u> Following the initiative with the French government to detect oil spills in Sri Lankan waters using satellite surveillance, Sri Lanka has detected the first such incident and fined Rs. 15 million to the responsible company, the Marine Environment Protection Authority (MEPA) said.

Houthis Target Ship Linked to Humanitarian Aid. US Central Command. 20 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.centcom.mil/MEDIA/PRESS-RELEASES/Press-Release-</u><u>View/Article/3682030/</u> On February 19, between 12:30 p.m. and 1:50 p.m. (Sanaa time), Iranian-backed Houthi terrorists fired two anti-ship ballistic missiles at *M/V Sea Champion*, a Greek-flagged, U.S.-owned bulk carrier bound for the port of Aden in Yemen.

Falls in Red Sea ship traffic stabilize as Suez transits hit fresh low. Bridget Diakun and Michelle Wiese Bockmann. *Lloyd's List.* 21 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1148324/</u> Red Sea disruptions and diversions appear to have stabilized with commercial shipping traffic through the narrow Bab el Mandeb chokepoint registering a week-on-week rise of 7%.

Feb. 22 Red Sea Update. *US Central Command.* 22 February 2024. Available from: https://www.centcom.mil/MEDIA/PRESS-RELEASES/Press-Release-View/Article/3683983/feb-22red-sea-update/ Between 4:30 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. (Sanaa time), on Feb 22, U.S. aircraft and a coalition warship shot down six Iranian-backed Houthi one-way attack (OWA) unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) in the Red Sea.



Houthis to step up Red Sea strikes, use 'submarine weapons', leader says. Jonathan Saul and Nayera Abdallah. *Reuters*. 22 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/vessel-attacked-by-missiles-southeast-yemens-aden-ukmto-says-2024-02-22/</u> Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis claimed responsibility for an attack on a UK-owned cargo ship and a drone assault on an American destroyer on Thursday, and they targeted Israel's port and resort city of Eilat with ballistic missiles and drones.

Mapping the Red Sea attacks Hanna Duggal and Mohammed Haddad. *AI Jazeera*. 22 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://interactive.aljazeera.com/aje/2024/mapping-red-sea-shipping-attacks/</u> On November 19, Iran-backed Houthi forces began attacking shipping vessels affiliated with Israel passing through the Red Sea.

Yemen's Houthis target fuel tanker Torm Thor in Gulf of Aden. Enas Alashray. *Reuters.* 25 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/yemens-houthis-target-fuel-tanker-torm-thor-gulf-aden-2024-02-24/</u> Yemen's Houthis targeted *MV Torm Thor,* a U.S.-flagged, owned, and operated oil tanker, in the Gulf of Aden, the Iran-aligned group's military spokesman Yahya Sarea said on Sunday, as the militants continue to attack shipping lanes in solidarity with Palestinians in Gaza.

Destroyer INS Kolkata assists MV Islander in Gulf of Aden. Kalyan Ray. *Deccan Herald (India).* 25 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.deccanherald.com/india/destroyer-ins-kolkata-assists-mv-islander-in-gulf-of-aden-2908965</u> Indian Navy destroyer INS Kolkata has provided critical assistance to a merchant vessel after it caught fire following a suspected drone or missile attack in the Gulf of Aden, the latest in a series of such support missions in the region.

Attack on US-flagged Torm tanker foiled by allied warship. Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds*. 26 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/attack-on-us-flagged-torm-tanker-foiled-by-allied-warship/2-1-1603321</u> About seven hours before US and UK fighter jets rained fire on 18 Houthi targets on Saturday, the Yemen rebel group targeted a product carrier tanker serving US interests.

31 right whales seen off Mass. coastline, causing slow zones in shipping lanes. Ross Cristantiello. *Boston.com.* 26 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.boston.com/news/local-news/2024/02/26/31-right-whales-seen-off-mass-coastlinecausing-slow-zones-in-shipping-lanes/ Large groups of North Atlantic right whales were recently spotted in shipping lanes near Nantucket, prompting officials to ask mariners to decrease their speeds there.

Up to Four Subsea Cables Have Been Damaged Off Yemen. *Maritime Executive.* 26 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://maritime-executive.com/index.php/article/up-to-four-subsea-cables-have-been-damaged-in-the-red-sea</u> Just weeks after a warning about potential Houthi threats to subsea cables in the Red Sea, at least one fibre-optic line has been severed at a position off the coast of Yemen, and damage has been reported (but not confirmed) on three more.

New Maritime Trade Route To Connect Morocco, Libya, Tunisia, and Spain. Jihane Rahhou. Morocco World News. 26 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.moroccoworldnews.com/2024/02/361034/new-maritime-trade-route-to-connect-morocco-libya-tunisia-and-spain</u> Trade between Morocco, Libya, Tunisia, and Spain is set to receive a boost from a new maritime trade route that is slated to open in March.





Greenpeace's Arctic Sunrise ship arrives in the Galápagos for research expedition.

Greenpeace International. 27 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.greenpeace.org/international/press-release/65533/greenpeace-arctic-sunrise-shipgalapagos-research-expedition/ The Greenpeace ship *Arctic Sunrise* has embarked on a six-week expedition around the Galápagos Islands to showcase the amazing benefits of strong marine protection for one of the world's most celebrated natural treasures and its iconic local species, and to support the urgent ratification of last year's historic UN Ocean Treaty.

Sudan: IRC faces an over 40% increase in aid shipping costs amid Red Sea disruption. International Rescue Committee. 28 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.rescue.org/uk/press-release/sudan-irc-faces-over-40-increase-aid-shipping-costs-amid-red-sea-disruption</u> Due to escalating security concerns and attacks on commercial vessels in the Red Sea, our carrier has made the difficult decision to suspend operations to Port Sudan through

IRC Suspends Red Sea Route for Sudan Aid Amid Rising Cost, Risks. Mohammed Yusuf. *Voice of America.* 28 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.voanews.com/a/irc-suspends-red-sea-route-for-sudan-aid-amid-rising-cost-risks/7506761.html</u> Getting humanitarian supplies to millions of Sudanese affected by the country's more than 10 months of conflict is getting expensive and risky because of attacks on Red Sea shipping by Houthi rebels based in Yemen.

Red Sea ripples: Navigating the tides of trade in turbulent waters. Ryan Harmon. *Logistics Middle East.* 28 February 2024. Available from:

<u>https://www.logisticsmiddleeast.com/transport/maritime/red-sea-ripples-navigating-the-tides-of-trade-in-turbulent-waters</u> The maritime trade lanes of the Red Sea, historically a bustling route of global commerce, are currently navigating through challenging times.

PIRACY

the Red Sea route.

Houthi militant attacks in the Red Sea raise fears of Somali piracy resurgence. Samuel Oyewole and Oye Ekiti. *The Conversation*. 31 January 2024. Available from: <u>https://theconversation.com/houthi-militant-attacks-in-the-red-sea-raise-fears-of-somali-piracy-resurgence-221665</u> Renewed attacks on ships by suspected Somali pirates since November 2023 have fuelled fear of a new threat of piracy off the east coast of Africa.

Piracy situation in northeast of Seychelles' EEZ is unstable, according to maritime authorities. Rita Joubert-Lawen. *Seychelles News Agency.* 1 February 2024. Available from: <u>http://www.seychellesnewsagency.com/articles/category/3/articles/20016/Piracy+situation+in+northe</u> <u>ast+of+Seychelles+EEZ+is+unstable%2C+according+to+maritime+authorities</u> The piracy situation in the northeast of the Seychelles' Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) is a bit unstable and local authorities are urging the fishing community to stay closer to the main island of Mahe.

Hijacking of vessels by pirates. *Government of India.* 2 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2001844</u> Seven incidents of hijacking of vessels on high seas by pirates have been reported during the last three years.





As Navies Focus on Red Sea Houthis, There Are Worrying Signs Somali Pirates Are Making a Comeback. Alex Longley. *Bloomberg*. 3 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/as-navies-focus-on-red-sea-houthis-there-are-worrying-signs-somalipirates-are-making-a-comeback-1.2030249 With western navies focused on trying to quell Houthi militants' attacks on merchant shipping in the Red Sea, Somali pirates are quietly showing signs of making a comeback.

Unilateral efforts to combat illegal fishing may spur piracy in certain regions. Anup Phayal. *Phys.org.* 5 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://phys.org/news/2024-02-unilateral-efforts-combat-illegal-fishing.html</u> Certain policies and policing measures taken by countries to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing drive local actors to engage in piracy, new research has found.

Somali pirates are back on the attack at a level not seen in years, adding to global shipping threats. Lori Ann LaRocco. *CNBC (US)*. 6 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.cnbc.com/2024/02/06/somali-pirates-are-back-on-the-attack-at-a-level-not-seen-in-years.html</u> Somali pirates are back on the attack, with piracy around the Horn of Africa rising sharply in recent months and adding to concerns for shipping vessels, government forces and private security already locked in a battle in the Red Sea with Houthi rebels.

Fears that pirates are returning to seas off Somalia. *France 24.* 14 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20240214</u> The successful capture of the foreign vessel was the first by Somali pirates since 2017, and follows a spike in armed seaborne attacks around the Horn of Africa not seen in years.

IFC Annual Report 2023: 58 incidents of theft, robbery and piracy at sea in Singapore Strait. *Manifold Times (Singapore)*. 20 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/ifc-annual-report-2023-58-incidents-of-theft-robbery-and-piracy-at-sea-in-singapore-strait/</u> IFC recorded 58 incidents of TRAPS in the Singapore Strait, which remains the main area of concern but it noted there was a notable 47% decrease in incidents in the second half of 2023.

With drop in illegal fishing comes rise in piracy, study in Indonesia finds. Basten Gokkon. *Mongabay.* 22 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://news.mongabay.com/2024/02/indonesia-illegal-fishing-maritime-piracy-study/</u> The Indonesian government's efforts to tackle illegal fishing in its vast waters have had the unintended consequence of driving an increase in maritime piracy, according to a new study.



PORT STATE CONTROL

Foreign flagged ships detained in the UK during January 2024 under Paris MOU. *UK Maritime & Coastguard Agency.* 13 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-flagged-ships-detained-in-the-uk-during-january-2024under-paris-mou The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) announced today that seven foreign flagged ship remained under detention in UK ports at the end of January after failing Paris MOU Port State Control (PSC) inspection.

Mauritius stops Norwegian Cruise Line ship from docking, cites health risk. Villen Anganan. *Reuters.* 25 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.reuters.com/world/mauritius-stops-norwegian-cruise-ship-docking-cites-health-risk-2024-02-25/</u> Mauritius stopped a ship belonging to Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings from docking at its ports due to what it said was a health risk and took samples from about 15 passengers who were in isolation on board, its port authority said on Sunday.

US cruise ship finally allowed to dock in Mauritius after tests show no cholera aboard. Gerald Imray. Associated Press. 26 February 2024. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/mauritius-cruise-ship-norwegian-dawn-

<u>79341477cc1c82d0884055e044f35679</u> The Mauritius government cleared the *Norwegian Dawn*, which is owned and run by the Miami-based Norwegian Cruise Line company, to dock at the harbor in the capital, Port Louis, after health officials found no traces of cholera in tests conducted on the ship's water.

PORTS & HARBOURS

EMEA Ports' Freight Volumes Redistributed Following Red Sea Attacks. *Fitch Ratings.* 1 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.fitchratings.com/research/infrastructure-project-finance/emea-ports-freight-volumes-redistributed-following-red-sea-attacks-01-02-2024</u> Reduced shipping via the Red Sea and re-routing around Africa following attacks on commercial ships has led to volumes being redistributed from ports in the affected area to terminals in the UAE and Africa, Fitch Ratings says.

Capacity gaps slow competitiveness of South Africa's ports [Business Africa]. Ronald Lwere Kato. *Africanews.* 1 February 2024. Available from: https://www.africanews.com/2024/02/01/capacity-gaps-slow-competitiveness-of-south-africas-ports-

business-africa/ As container ships re-route their voyages away from the Red Sea, a windfall was anticipated for South Africa's ports.

MUA lands new four year deal with Dubai Ports delivering fair pay, safety and work-life balance. *Maritime Union of Australia.* 2 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.mua.org.au/news/mua-lands-new-four-year-deal-dubai-ports-delivering-fair-pay-safetyand-work-life-balance The agreement, which replaces an earlier agreement that expired in September 2023, is for a four-year term and delivers fair pay, safety and fatigue management measures, and provides job security and a fair work-life balance for Australian wharfies.

The Port of Barcelona is making progress towards introducing cleaner fuels for ships.

American Journal of Transportation (AJOT). 2 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.ajot.com/news/the-port-of-barcelona-is-making-progress-towards-introducing-cleaner-fuels-for-ships</u> The 618 port calls of LNG-powered ships during 2023 made it possible to reduce NOX emissions by 10% out of the total port calls.



Egypt's Suez Canal revenue nearly halves in January amid Houthi attacks. Deena Kamel. *The National (UAE).* 4 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.thenationalnews.com/business/2024/02/04/egypts-suez-canal-revenue-nearly-halves-injanuary-amid-houthi-attacks/ Revenue from Egypt's Suez Canal dropped by nearly half in January, as Houthi rebels' attacks on commercial vessels force major shipping companies to divert away from the key global trade artery.

Ulsan port completes first ship-to-ship methanol bunkering for a large container ship.

Marcus Hand. Seatrade Maritime News. 5 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/bunkering/ulsan-port-completes-first-ship-methanol-bunkering-large-container-ship</u> Maersk's first 16,200 teu methanol-fuelled newbuilding successfully completed a ship-to-ship bunkering on green methanol in the South Korean port after leaving HD Hyundai Heavy Industries shipyard in Ulsan where it was constructed.

Somaliland-Ethiopia port deal: international opposition flags complex Red Sea politics. Jutta Bakonyi. *The Conversation.* 7 February 2024. Available from:

https://theconversation.com/somaliland-ethiopia-port-deal-international-opposition-flags-complex-redsea-politics-221131 The memorandum of understanding between Ethiopia and Somaliland announced on 1 January 2024 set off diplomatic rows in the Horn of Africa – and beyond.

Green shipping corridor partnership agreement signed between Ports of Stockholm, Port of Turku and Viking Line. *Ports of Stockholm.* 7 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.portsofstockholm.com/about-us/news/2024/green-shipping-corridor-partnership-agreement-signed-between-ports-of-stockholm-port-of-turku-and-viking-line/</u> Ports of Stockholm, Port of Turku and Viking Line have formally entered into partnership to create a green shipping corridor between Turku and Stockholm, which will be fossil fuel-free by 2035 at the latest.

California's Biggest Ports Are Deploying Air Pollution Capture for Ships. Michelle Ma. *Bloomberg.* 9 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/california-s-biggest-ports-are-deploying-air-pollution-capture-for-ships-1.2033003</u> At first glance, the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach look like any others in the world.

Ship docks to unload livestock after weeks-long voyage. Aaron Bunch. *Australian Associated Press.* 12 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.aap.com.au/news/ship-docks-to-unload-livestock-after-weeks-long-voyage/</u> After five-and-a-half weeks on board a livestock ship turned back from the Middle East, thousands of sheep and cattle have begun to be unloaded following the vessel's return to port.

Nigeria to automate as Oyetola receives port community system report. Amaka Anagor-Ewuzie. *Business Day (Nigeria).* 13 February 2024. Available from:

<u>https://businessday.ng/news/article/nigeria-to-automate-as-oyetola-receives-port-community-system-report/</u> Adegboyega Oyetola, minister of marine and blue economy, on Tuesday, formally received the report for the implementation of the Port Community System (PCS) in Nigeria in a move to enhance the ease of doing business in the nation's ports.

Green shipping corridors between Korea, U.S. and Japan can reduce emissions equivalent to 9 million cars, study reveals. *Hellenic Shipping News.* 14 February 2024. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/green-shipping-corridors-between-korea-u-s-and-japan-can-reduce-emissions-equivalent-to-9-million-cars-study-reveals/ Implementing the green corridor initiative between key ports in South Korea, the United States and Japan is critical to accelerating the global shipping decarbonization, according to a new report from Solutions for Our Climate.





Achieving Net Zero in International Shipping through Korea-US-Japan Green Shipping Corridor. Solutions for Our Climate (SFOC). 13 February 2024. Available from: https://forourclimate.org/en/sub/data/report-achieving-net-zero-in-shipping-through-kr-us-jp-greenshipping-corridor The green shipping corridor initiative is a global effort to align the shipping industry with the 1.5°C trajectory. <u>Report</u>

World's largest automated terminal: PSA Tuas Port pioneering automation transformation with event-driven architecture. Ho Vee Leung. *Seatrade Maritime News.* 14 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/ports/worlds-largest-automated-terminal-psa-</u> <u>tuas-port-pioneering-automation-transformation-event</u> PSA Tuas Port is on the path to becoming the world's largest automated container terminal, boasting an annual handling capacity of 65 million teu once it reaches full operational capacity in the 2040's.

Navigating Change: A Timeline of Recent & Future Progress at the Panama Canal. Panama Canal Authority. 14 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://pancanal.com/en/navigating-change-a-timeline-of-recent-future-progress-at-the-panama-canal/</u> It's no secret that the accelerating implications of climate change have had economic, social and environmental impacts worldwide, including waterways such as the Panama Canal, the Rhine River, the Amazon and the Mississippi.

H.E. Admiral Ossama Rabiee meets with the CEO of MSC Group to discuss developments in the situation in the Red Sea region. *Suez Canal Authority (SCA).* 14 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.suezcanal.gov.eg/English/MediaCenter/News/Pages/Sca_14-2-2024.aspx</u> The meeting tackled developments in the situation in the Red Sea and Bab Al-Mandab region, and reviewed the navigation policies of MSC in the Suez Canal.

Piraeus Port shows resilience to the Red Sea crisis. *Port News.* 19 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://en.portnews.ru/news/359847/</u> The container terminal of the port of Piraeus seems resilient despite the fact that the Red Sea crisis and Houthi rebels' attacks on merchant ships have forced most ships to circumnavigate Africa rather than transit through its canal Suez, according to Naftemporiki.

FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Announces Initiative to Bolster Cybersecurity of U.S. Ports. *The White House.* 21 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/02/21/fact-sheet-biden-harrisadministration-announces-initiative-to-bolster-cybersecurity-of-u-s-ports/ Today, the Biden-Harris Administration will issue an Executive Order to bolster the security of the nation's ports, alongside a series of additional actions that will strengthen maritime cybersecurity, fortify our supply chains and strengthen the United States industrial base.

Biden Seeks to Bolster Port Cybersecurity With Executive Order. Justin Sink. *Bloomberg.* 21 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/biden-seeks-to-bolster-port-cybersecurity-with-executive-order-1.2037251</u> President Joe Biden will sign an executive order designed to implement new cybersecurity requirements for the nation's port owners and operators amid growing concerns that hackers could roil crucial supply chains.

Suez Canal shipping volumes drop 55% in a week as Red Sea crisis continues. Deena Kamel. *The National (UAE).* 23 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.thenationalnews.com/business/economy/2024/02/23/suez-canal-shipping-volumes-drop-55-in-a-week-as-red-sea-crisis-continues/ Shipping volumes through the Suez Canal more than halved last week, while volumes on the alternative route around the Cape of Good Hope surged, as attacks by Houthi rebels on commercial vessels force major operators to divert away from the key global trade artery.





Spain's ports see goods traffic rise as Red Sea crisis continues. Corina Pons. *Reuters.* 26 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.reuters.com/markets/spains-ports-see-goods-traffic-rise-red-sea-crisis-continues-2024-02-26/</u> The volume of goods moving through Spain's top ports rose by as much as 25% in January as attacks on shipping in the Red Sea caused companies to divert Europe-bound vessels around southern Africa instead.

Spain's ports see goods traffic rise as Red Sea crisis continues. Corina Pons. *Reuters.* 26 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.reuters.com/markets/spains-ports-see-goods-traffic-rise-red-sea-crisis-continues-2024-02-26/</u> The volume of goods moving through Spain's top ports rose by as much as 25% in January as attacks on shipping in the Red Sea caused companies to divert Europe-bound vessels around southern Africa instead.

Turkish ports poised to emerge as key players amid Red Sea crisis. *Daily Sabah (Türkiye).* 26 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.dailysabah.com/business/transportation/turkish-ports-poised-to-emerge-as-key-players-amid-red-sea-crisis</u> Amid the higher costs and logistical delays that adversities in the Red Sea inflicted globally, the strategic position and importance that Türkiye and its ports hold on sea trade routes could increase further, according to an industry representative Monday.

Port of Tanjung Pelepas completes first LNG bunkering operation. *The Star (Malaysia).* 27 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.thestar.com.my/business/business-news/2024/02/27/port-of-tanjung-pelepas-completes-first-Ing-bunkering-operation</u> Port of Tanjung Pelepas Sdn Bhd (PTP), a joint venture between MMC Group and APM Terminals, announced another significant milestone with the successful completion of its first liquefied natural gas (LNG) bunkering operation.

LNG Shipping Chokepoints: The Impact of Red Sea and Panama Canal Disruption.

Jack Sharples. *Oxford Energy*. 27 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.oxfordenergy.org/publications/Ing-shipping-chokepoints-the-impact-of-red-sea-and-panama-canal-disruption/</u> With droughts restricting shipping via the Panama Canal since mid-2023, the attacks on vessels in the Red Sea have caused a complete cession in LNG shipping between Europe and Asia via the Suez Canal.

Red Sea Unrest Revives Djibouti Ports. Abdulhadi Habtor. *Asharq Al-Awsat.* 27 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://english.aawsat.com/business/4880296-red-sea-unrest-revives-djibouti-ports</u> The unrest in the Bab al-Mandab region, the Red Sea, and the Gulf of Aden has contributed to the recovery of container handling operations in Djiboutian ports in recent months, according to Djiboutian officials.





REGULATIONS

European ethanol producers raise legal challenge to EU maritime legislation. *ePURE: European renewable ethanol association.* 31 January 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.epure.org/press-release/european-ethanol-producers-raise-legal-challenge-to-eu-maritime-legislation/</u> European renewable ethanol producers have launched a legal challenge to the EU's FuelEU Maritime Regulation on the grounds that it fails to properly recognise the proven benefits of sustainable crop-based biofuels and has therefore violated several key EU legislative procedures.

Senate passes port law in bid to meet international standards. *Barbados Today.* 1 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://barbadostoday.bb/2024/02/01/senate-passes-port-law-in-bid-to-meet-international-standards/</u> The Senate has approved a law to tighten the Bridgetown Port's compliance with several outstanding international port regulations.

Singapore Tightens Bunker Fuel Quality Standards After Contamination Incident.

Mike Schuler. *gCaptain.* 8 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://gcaptain.com/singapore-tightens-bunker-fuel-quality-standards-after-contamination-incident/</u> Singapore has announced stringent new regulations for bunker fuel quality as it seeks to safeguard its reputation as a world-leading maritime hub. This move comes in response to a significant bunker fuel contamination incident that took place in 2022.

Finland's policies on procedures for the promulgation of the mandatory instruments of the IMO and for ensuring the compliance of the maritime administration. *Government of Finland.* 9 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://julkaisut.valtioneuvosto.fi/handle/10024/165437</u> The Ministry of Transport and Communications appointed a national preparation and coordination group for auditing in accordance with the IMO auditing framework (IMSAS) for 2024, which prepared this publication. <u>Policies and Procedures</u>

Greens urge Brussels to add Cll to ship risk assessments. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds.* 12 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/greens-urge-brussels-to-add-cii-to-ship-risk-assessments/2-1-1596526</u> Environmental groups are raising the pressure on the European Union to include a key carbon efficiency measure in new rules on ship inspections.

Delivering net-zero shipping by 2050: Introducing the Green Balance Mechanism.

World Shipping Council. 15 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.worldshipping.org/news/ux4y5j4dfjnpjn36ls5r52gfsl33uy</u> The global shipping regulator, the UN International Maritime Organisation, has set a target of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 for the industry, and now needs to develop climate regulations by 2025 that make it possible to reach that target.

How the extended EU Emissions Trading System will impact maritime transport and ports. *Hellenic Shipping News.* 20 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/how-the-extended-eu-emissions-trading-system-will-impactmaritime-transport-and-ports/ From 1 January this year, global shipping is now a part of the European Union's Emissions Trading System (EU ETS), one of the Union's main tools to curb greenhouse gas emissions.



Did you know that a lack of Arctic shipping regulation has detrimental environmental effects? A. Stella Ebbersmeyer. *European Geosciences Union (EGU).* 20 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://blogs.egu.eu/divisions/cr/2024/02/20/lack-of-arctic-shipping-regulation/</u> Increased maritime transport in the Arctic, facilitated by the reduction in sea ice cover, is causing tremendous harm to an already vulnerable part of the world.

CII – Does it Matter? *Hellenic Shipping News.* 21 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/cii-does-it-matter/</u> Ian Short examines whether there will be any impact caused by low CII ratings and takes a look at the Bimco CII Clause for Voyage charter Parties published in October 2023.

FMC Publishes Final Rule on Detention and Demurrage Billing Practices. *Federal Maritime Commission (FMC).* 23 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.fmc.gov/fmc-publishes-final-rule-on-detention-and-demurrage-billing-practices/</u> A Final Rule issued today by the Federal Maritime Commission establishes new requirements for how common carriers and marine terminal operators (MTOs) must bill for demurrage and detention charges, providing clarity on who can be billed, within what timeframe, and the process for disputing bills.

FMC tightens rules on charging container late fees. John Gallagher. *FreightWaves.* 23 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.freightwaves.com/news/fmc-tightens-rules-on-charging-container-late-fees</u> The Federal Maritime Commission has imposed new billing standards on ocean carriers and terminal operators in an effort to crack down on abusive container late fees.

SALVAGE

T&T Salvage team heading to wrecked barge in Tobago. Stephon Nicholas. *Newsday (Trinidad and Tobago).* 21 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://newsday.co.tt/2024/02/21/tt-salvage-team-heading-to-wrecked-barge-in-tobago/</u> T&T Salvage experts are on their way to Tobago to begin phase one of their response to the oil spill.

Costs mount as UN's *FSO Safer* operation remains on hold in Yemen. Richard Meade. *Lloyd's List.* 26 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1148375/</u> The successful removal of 1.1m barrels of oil from the decaying wreck of the 48-year-old tanker *FSO Safer*, caught in the middle of Yemen's civil war, prevented the worst-case scenario: A catastrophic spill four times greater than the 1989 *Exxon Valdez* spill.

SEAFARERS

New index names companies that abuse seafarers' rights. *ITF Seafarers.* 31 January 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/new-index-names-companies-abuse-seafarers-rights</u> The International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) has launched a new online index to tackle the exploitation and abuse of workers at sea. <u>Seafarers' Breach of Rights Index</u>

Delivering on seafarers' rights: 2023 Progress Report. *Institute for Human Rights and Business.* 31 January 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.ihrb.org/focus-areas/oceans/shipping/delivering-on-seafarers-rights-2023-progress-report</u> The Sustainable Shipping Initiative and the Institute for Human Rights and Business' annual progress report for Delivering on Seafarers' Rights outlines issues and changes faced by seafarers since the launch of the initiative in October 2021. <u>Report</u> 1





CMA CGM crews seek dialogue on Red Sea transit policy. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com.* 1 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://splash247.com/cma-cgm-crews-seek-dialogue-on-red-sea-transit-policy/#</u> Crew working for the global liner company which has stuck the most steadfastly to Red Sea transits are remonstrating with top management.

Minister Chambers Signs a MoU with Ukraine for Mutual Recognition of Seafarers Certificates. *Government of Ireland.* 1 February 2024. Available from: https://tinyurl.com/497xn9rd

Minister Jack Chambers T.D., on behalf of Ireland today concluded and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ukraine for the mutual recognition of seafarer's qualifications.

War dangers leave industry struggling to recruit 'innocent victim' seafarers. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds.* 1 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/war-dangers-leave-industry-struggling-to-recruit-innocent-victim-seafarers/2-1-1592246</u> Shipping faces an uphill task to attract seafarers as attacks in the Red Sea highlight the vulnerability of frontline workers in global trade, the head of the IMO said on Thursday.

Seafarer happiness dips again in response to high-risk transit war worries.

Nautilus International. 1 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/seafarer-happiness-dips-again-in-response-to-high-risk-transit-war-worries/</u> Worries about the security situation in the Red Sea and the knock-on effects of longer trips and uncertainty have all contributed to a year of building unhappiness for seafarers according to the latest Seafarer Happiness Index.

Kidnapped Bulgarian sailors in Yemen are alive and well, they are kept on land.

Bulgarian National Radio. 2 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://bnr.bg/en/post/101943579/</u> The Bulgarian sailors kidnapped by Yemen's Houthis are not on board the *"Galaxy Leader"* anymore.

Indonesia and Spain sign agreement to protect migrant fishing workers. Basten Gokkon. *Mongabay*. 5 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://news.mongabay.com/2024/02/indonesia-spain-fishing-agreement-migrant-workers-protection/</u> Indonesia and Spain have signed an agreement on accrediting Indonesian migrant deckhands, as part of efforts to beef up protection against modern slavery aboard fishing vessels.

Indonesia, Spain discuss certification for fishing vessel crews. Antara News (Indonesia). 6 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://en.antaranews.com/news/305235/indonesia-spain-discuss-certification-for-fishing-vessel-crews</u> The governments of Indonesia and the Kingdom of Spain discussed the implementation of the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) for Fishing Vessel Crew Certification.

Could this seafarer's case upend the US prosecution of oil dumping by ships? Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds*. 8 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/law/could-this-seafarer-s-case-upend-the-us-prosecution-of-oil-dumping-by-ships-/2-1-1592432</u> In a prison nestled between flower fields and a US Space Force base in Southern California, seafarer Denys Korotkiy waits out his sentence, but not without a fight.

Merchant Navy seafarers' views needed on whether ammonia can safely be used as a marine fuel. *Nautilus International.* 14 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://tinyurl.com/4u6pz39r</u> Merchant Navy seafarers' views on ammonia's safety – and its relevance to the decarbonisation of shipping – are being sought by Mærsk Mc-Kinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping.



IBF Warlike Operations Area Committee: Increased support for IBF covered seafarers.

ITF Seafarers. 16 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/ibf-warlike-operations-area-committee-increased-support-ibf-covered-seafarers</u> The International Bargaining Forum (IBF) social partners are increasingly concerned about the actions taken by Houthi forces that are threatening the safety of transiting seafarers and vessels.

Seafarers can refuse to sail through Red Sea as Houthis step up attacks -industry.

Jonathan Saul. *Reuters.* 16 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/seafarers-can-refuse-sail-through-red-sea-houthis-step-up-attacks-industry-2024-02-16/</u> Seafarers have the right to refuse to sail on ships passing through the Red Sea in a new industry agreement as the situation escalates and further vessels are attacked by Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis, a labor union and industry groups said on Friday.

Abandoned at sea, part 1: Syrian crew stranded for two years at Libyan port. Mahmoud Naffakh and Derek Thomson. *France 24.* 16 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://observers.france24.com/en/middle-east/20240216-abandonnes-en-mer-1-2-un-equipage-syrien-bloque-depuis-deux-ans-dans-un-port-en-libye</u> When the *East Express*, a 97-metre general cargo ship flying the flag of Togo, docked in the Libyan port of Misrata on January 18, 2022, its crew thought they would offload their cargo of sugar and move on.

Seafarers can refuse to sail through Red Sea, but careful planning needed. Marcus Hand. Seatrade Maritime News. 19 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.seatrade-</u> maritime.com/crewing/seafarers-can-refuse-sail-through-red-sea-careful-planning-needed Seafarers covered by International Bargaining Forum (IBF) agreements can refuse to sail through the Southern Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, but it takes a high level of pre-planning according to ITF head Stephen Cotton.

The Red Sea crisis and the attacks on commercial vessels. *European Transport Workers' Federation.* 19 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.etf-europe.org/the-red-sea-crisis-and-the-attacks-on-commercial-vessels/</u> For months now, seafarers navigating in the red sea and the narrow Bab- el-Mandeb Strait that links Mediterranean Sea to Asia, have faced a growing threat of drone strikes, missile attacks and even hijackings.

Crew abandon UK-registered cargo ship after Houthi attack off Yemen. David Gritten and Joshua Cheetham. *BBC News.* 20 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-68337027</u> The *Rubymar* was in the Gulf of Aden near the Bab al-Mandab Strait when it was hit and the crew abandoned ship.

Iran releases 1 of 18 Filipinos aboard seized oil tanker, DFA says. Joyce Ann L. Rocamora. *Philippine News Agency (PNA).* 20 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1219199</u> One of the 18 Filipinos aboard the oil tanker *ST Nikolas* that was seized by Iranian authorities in January has been released, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) confirmed Tuesday.

ITF Seafarers' Trust: Shorter contracts, permanent employment will boost Seafaring appeal. Abdulgani Serang. *Safety4Sea*. 21 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://safety4sea.com/cm-itf-seafarers-trust-shorter-contracts-permanent-employment-will-boost-seafaring-appeal/</u> In an exclusive interview to SAFETY4SEA, Abdulgani Serang, Programme Development Manager at ITF Seafarers' Trust, emphasizes the need to move beyond mere "attitude paralysis" and take tangible actions towards enhancing crew welfare.



High seas to prison hell: Captain stuck behind bars after life-changing 'slip of the tongue'. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds.* 22 February 2024. Available from:

<u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/law/high-seas-to-prison-hell-captain-stuck-behind-bars-after-life-changing-slip-of-the-tongue-/2-1-1600704</u> Every morning starts for Captain Zhang Deyi at 6.30 am with a hunt for the blood-sucking insects that feast on his body as he tries to sleep on a concrete bed in his tiny prison cell.

National statistics: Seafarers in the UK Shipping Industry: 2023. UK Government.

22 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/seafarers-in-the-uk-shipping-industry-2023/seafarers-in-the-uk-shipping-industry-2023</u> This statistical release provides estimates for the number of UK nationals working as seafarers, including some demographic breakdowns.

Thousands of seafarers out of pocket amid 'alarming' rise of abandonments. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds.* 23 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/thousands-of-seafarers-out-of-pocket-amid-alarmingrise-of-abandonments/2-1-1602044 More than 400 cases of ship abandonments remain unresolved from the last two decades with thousands of seafarers left unpaid or stranded, according to the International Maritime Organization.

Filipino seafarers get protection under expanded HRA in Gulf of Aden. Marita Moaje.

Philippine News Agency (PNA). 23 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1219448</u> The Department of Migrant Workers has lauded the expansion of the scope of "high-risk areas" (HRAs) to the entire Gulf of Aden as it would provide better protection for seafarers, including Filipinos.

Navigating equality: Female seafarers' journeys to leadership positions. Ina Alleco R. Silverio. *Maritime Fairtrade.* 26 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://maritimefairtrade.org/navigating-equality-female-seafarers-journeys-to-leadership-positions/</u> In an industry long defined by its male-centric culture, the presence of women at the helm used to be considered an anomaly.

Marcos holds back, delays signing of Magna Carta for Seafarers into law. Dwight de Leon. *Rappler (Philippines).* 26 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.rappler.com/philippines/marcos-delays-signing-magna-carta-seafarers-under-review/ President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. was scheduled to sign into law a measure that codifies the rights of Filipino seafarers, but appeared to have backed out at the last minute.

UK Ratings' jobs down to 8%, new shipping industry stats show. *National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT).* 27 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.rmt.org.uk/news/uk-ratings-jobs-down-to-8-new-shipping-industry-stats-show/</u> Seafarers union RMT, today lambasted government inaction over challenging super exploitation in the shipping industry after new figures showed that only 11% of employees in the British shipping industry are UK residents.

Jobs worry over proposal to scrap Danish net salary scheme. *Nautilus International.* 27 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/jobs-worry-over-proposal-to-scrap-danish-net-salary-scheme/</u> Unions are warning that if the income tax arrangements under the Danish international shipping register, DIS, are abolished as a cost-cutting measure, it will lead to a loss of jobs as owners reflag abroad.



Saudi ship owner morally bankrupt; Bahrain maritime authorities look the other way.

International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF). 28 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/saudi-ship-owner-morally-bankrupt-bahrain-maritime-authorities-look-other-way</u> Seafarers are struggling to survive after being abandoned by a Saudi Arabian company across multiple vessels – registered in Bahrain.

The Mission to Seafarers announces new Secretary General. *Mission to Seafarers.* 28 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/news/the-mission-to-seafarers-announces-new-secretary-general</u> Peter Rouch has been appointed to the role by the Board of The Mission to Seafarers after a thorough search process. He will join the Mission on 1st July, enabling a period of handover between himself and Andrew.

SEARCH & RESCUE

'I was willing to risk it all, or die': a week onboard a rescue vessel in the Mediterranean Sea. Stefanie Glinski. *The Guardian.* 1 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2024/feb/01/i-was-willing-to-risk-it-all-or-die-a-week-onboard-a-rescue-vessel-in-the-mediterranean-sea</u> After hours searching the grey waters of the Mediterranean, a small dot appeared on the horizon: an unseaworthy wooden boat that had left the Libyan coast the day before.

NYK Vessel Rescues 37 People in Distress in the Mediterranean Sea. *NYK Line.* 7 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.nyk.com/english/news/2024/20240201_02.html</u> *Rhea Leader*, a pure car and truck carrier (PCTC) owned and operated by NYK, rescued 37 people in distress off the island of Crete in the Mediterranean Sea at around 14:26 (local time) on January 20.

Eight sailors rescued in Dubai after collision with cargo ship. *The National (UAE).* 11 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.thenationalnews.com/uae/2024/02/11/eight-fisherman-rescued-in-dubai-after-collision-with-cargo-ship/</u> Three sailors were injured and five others rescued after their fishing boat collided with a cargo ship in Dubai.

All 11 crew members rescued after cargo ship sinks off Jeju. Kim Hyun-soo. Yonhap News Agency (South Korea). 16 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20240216001900315?section=search</u> A cargo ship carrying 11 crew members sank off the southern island of Jeju, but all the people on board were safely rescued, the Coast Guard said Friday.

Ombudsman calls for changes to EU search and rescue rules and a public inquiry into deaths in Mediterranean. *European Ombudsman.* 27 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/en/press-release/en/182676</u> A European Ombudsman inquiry into Frontex's role in search and rescue operations has shown that the current rules leave the EU's Border and Coast Guard Agency unable fully to fulfil its fundamental rights obligations and too reliant on Member States to act when boats carrying migrants are in distress.



SHIP RECYCLING

Platform publishes list of ships dismantled worldwide in 2023. *NGO Shipbreaking Platform.* 1 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://shipbreakingplatform.org/platform-publishes-list-2023/</u> According to new data released today by the NGO Shipbreaking Platform, 446 ocean-going commercial ships and offshore units were scrapped in 2023.

Bangladesh Dumping ground for toxic ships. Zyma Islam. Daily Star (Bangladesh).

2 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.thedailystar.net/environment/pollution/news/bangladesh-dumping-ground-toxic-ships-3534146</u> Out of 446 ships scrapped worldwide, 170 ended up in Chattogram beaches, making Bangladesh the biggest dumping yard for end-of-life vessels in the world last year.

Scrapping ships in Bangladesh. *Deutsche Welle (Germany).* 3 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.dw.com/en/scrapping-ships-in-bangladesh/video-68163450</u> After reaching the end of their service lives, most large ships from around the world are broken up along the coasts of South Asia.

BIMCO calls on IMO to solve legal inconsistencies in ship recycling conventions. Mette Kronholm Fraende. *BIMCO*. 15 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.bimco.org/news/priority-news/20240215-submission-81-15-5</u> BIMCO, together with Bangladesh, India, Norway, Pakistan and the ICS, has submitted a paper ahead of the 81st Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) meeting on 18-22 March 2024.

Liner bosses discuss potential for nuclear. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com.* 16 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://splash247.com/liner-bosses-discuss-potential-for-nuclear/</u> The heads of two of the world's largest containerlines have discussed how they see the role of nuclear power in the years ahead.

Sustainable Ship Recycling In India – Social, Technological and Environmental Analysis. Ayushi Srivastava and Debesh Lahiri. *National Maritime Foundation (India).* 20 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://maritimeindia.org/sustainable-ship-recycling-in-india-social-technological-and-environmental-analysis/</u> This article is the second and concluding part of a two-part series on sustainable ship recycling which is the outcome of a project on "Sustainable Ship Recycling in India" being undertaken by a National Maritime Foundation team comprising Commodore Debesh Lahiri, Executive Director, Rhythma Kaul, Associate Fellow; and Ayushi Srivastava, Research Associate.

SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR

In Graphic Detail: Colossal Cruise Ships. Andrew Engelson. *Hakai Magazine*. 1 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://hakaimagazine.com/videos-visuals/in-graphic-detail-colossal-cruise-ships/</u> Last week, Royal Caribbean International launched the largest cruise ship in the world, the *lcon of the Seas*.

Clean Energy drive: Govt issues guidelines for use of Green Hydrogen in shipping and steel sectors. *Economic Times (India).* 3 February 2024. Available from: https://government.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/technology/clean-energy-drive-govt-issues-guidelines-for-use-of-green-hydrogen-in-shipping-and-steel-sectors/107374758 The pilot projects for deploying Green Hydrogen will be implemented through the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, and the Ministry of Steel and the implementing agencies nominated under this Scheme.



NYK Takes Delivery of Japan's First LNG-Fuelled Capesize Bulk Carrier. NYK Line.

7 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.nyk.com/english/news/2024/20240131_01.html</u> A naming ceremony was held on January 30 for an LNG-fuelled capesize bulk carrier that was ordered by NYK and will be deployed to transport iron ore and coal from Australia to Japan under a long-term consecutive voyage charter contract with JFE Steel Corporation (JFE).

LDA and Norsepower join forces in shipping large airbus aircraft components: future fleet of low-emission roros to use Norsepower rotor sails. Louis Dreyfus Armateurs Group. 8 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.lda.fr/en/lda-and-norspower-join-forces-in-shippinglarge-airbus-aircraft-components-future-fleet-of-low-emission-roros-to-use-norspower-rotor-sails/</u> In an historical wind propulsion deal, the French shipowner, Louis Dreyfus Armateurs and the Finnish mechanical sail company, Norsepower Oy Ltd, have announced that the Norsepower Rotor Sail[™] technology will be installed on the new low-emission RoRo fleet to be chartered to Airbus.

Delivery of the CMA CGM *MERMAID***: First ship in a series of 10 container ships with a unique design in the world for better energy performance.** *CMA CGM.* 16 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.cmacgm-group.com/en/news-media/delivery-cma-cgm-mermaid-first-ship-series-10-container-ships-unique-design-world</u> The CMA CGM Group, a global player in maritime, land, air, and logistics solutions, takes delivery of the CMA CGM *MERMAID*, the first ship in a series of 10 new 2,000 TEU container ships powered by Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), which will be progressively deployed in the Mediterranean and Northern Europe.

World's first hybrid wind and fuel powered chemical tanker sets sail from Rotterdam.

CBS News (US). 20 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.cbsnews.com/news/first-wind-assisted-chemical-tanker-ship-mt-chemical-challenger-sets-sail-rotterdam/</u> The world's first chemical tanker ship fitted with massive rigid aluminium "sails" has left Rotterdam, its owner hoping to plot a route to bringing down the shipping industry's huge carbon footprint.

OPINION: Are sail-assisted ships just a lot of hot air? Peter van Duyn. *Daily Cargo News (Australia).* 28 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.thedcn.com.au/region/international/opinion-are-sail-assisted-ships-just-a-lot-of-hot-air/ With the drive to minimise GHG emissions from ships there is renewed interest in the development of sail-assisted and sail-only ships.



SHIPPING

Nautilus podcast: floating embassies and how seafarers are impacted by flags of convenience. *Nautilus International.* 30 January 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/nautilus-podcast-floating-embassies-and-how-seafarers-are-impacted-by-flags-of-convenience</u> In Episode 4 of the second series from Nautilus International's podcast Off course: a sideways look at life at sea, we chat with Jacqueline Smith, the maritime coordinator for the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF), about flags of convenience (FOCs) and what they mean for the maritime industry.

Plan emerges to remove some livestock from ship stranded off Perth and export others back to Middle East. Cason Ho and Rebecca Trigger. *ABC (Australia)*. 31 January 2024. Available from: https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-01-31/mv-bahijah-live-sheep-export-vessel/103406578 Some of the animals on board the controversy-plagued live export ship *MV Bahijah* will be offloaded in Western Australia and the rest sent back to the Middle East, under a plan put forward by the export company.

Shipowners hail 'pragmatic' levy scheme for green fuel incentives. Paul Peachey and Craig Eason. *TradeWinds*. 1 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/shipowners-hail-pragmatic-levy-scheme-for-green-fuel-incentives/2-1-1591766</u> Shipowners have agreed to pay billions of dollars for their greenhouse gas emissions to fund a shift to more expensive cleaner fuels, under plans published on Thursday.

CMA CGM denies Houthi missile strike on containership *Koi. Lloyd's List.* 1 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1148128/</u> The Houthis claim to have hit another vessel commercially managed by Oceonix services, the 8,586 teu boxship *Koi.*

Fake flags, rogue registries and dark fleet spark calls for crackdown on ship oversight. Richard Meade and Michelle Wiese Bockmann. *Lloyd's List.* 1 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1148141/</u> Governments failing to provide meaningful oversight of ships flying their flag are about to come under pressure to clean up their act.

'Low number' of animals dead on board live export ship *MV Bahija*h, federal government yet to decide fate of remaining livestock. Daryna Zadvirna and Tabarak Al Jrood. *ABC (Australia).* 4 February 2024. Available from: https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-02-04/number-of-livestock-dead-on-live-export-ship-mv-bahijah/103420900 A number of sheep stranded on a live export ship off Western Australia's coast have died, as the federal government continues to grapple with the decision over the fate of thousands of remaining livestock onboard.

5 Live Science Podcast; ... the science of shipping *BBC Radio 5.* 4 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0h8qc33</u> The science of shipping – we go to sea on a ship of the future to hear how the industry is trying to cut it's carbon footprint. (Starts @ 26 min. approx.)

Freight Rates Begin to Settle as Shippers Adjust to Cape Diversions. Mike Wackett. *gCaptain.* 5 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://gcaptain.com/freight-rates-begin-to-settle-as-shippers-adjust-to-cape-diversions/</u> Asia-North Europe shippers have adapted their supply chains to the longer transit times around Africa, but now they need freight rates to settle at an acceptable level.



Carnival Corporation Announces Ambitious 2024 Greenhouse Gas Intensity Reduction Projections. Carnival Corporation & plc. 6 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.carnivalplc.com/news-releases/news-release-details/carnival-corporation-announces-ambitious-2024-greenhouse-gas</u> World's largest cruise company reaffirms progress toward achieving its 2030 goal four years early in 2026.

Japan's Mitsui OSK says old LNG carriers have big methane issue. Stephen Stapczynski and Aaron Clark. *American Journal of Transportation (AJOT)*. 6 February 2024. Available from: https://www.ajot.com/news/japanas-mitsui-osk-says-old-Ing-carriers-have-big-methane-issue Methane leaks from an older generation of ships powered by liquefied natural gas are limiting the climate benefit of the fuel, Mitsui OSK Lines Ltd. President Takeshi Hashimoto said in an interview in India on Tuesday.

Without shipping there will be no car industry in Europe, no Airbus'. Craig Eason. *TradeWinds.* 6 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/technology/-without-shipping-there-will-be-no-car-industry-in-europe-no-airbus-/2-1-1594047</u> Europe needs to give shipping a seat at the top table in the policy-making hub of Brussels if it wants to see the industry grow and sharpen its competitive edge globally.

Merchant Shippers Fear Another Tanker War Is Coming. Elizabeth Braw. *Foreign Policy.* 6 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://foreignpolicy.com/2024/02/06/merchant-shippers-fear-another-tanker-war-is-coming/</u> The Strait of Hormuz is getting ever more dangerous as Washington and Tehran square off.

Houthi attacks on Red Sea shipping: Charterparty implications. *Skuld.* 6 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.skuld.com/topics/legal/pi-and-defence/houthi-attacks-on-red-sea-shipping-charterparty-implications/</u> The shipping community is still coming to terms with the disruption following attacks by Houthi rebels on merchant vessels transiting the Red Sea, in particular when passing the Bab al-Mandab Strait, one of the most frequently used sea passages and a "chokepoint" for international trade.

EU 2040 climate target: European shipowners welcome commitment for priority access of shipping to low- and zero-emission fuels. *European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA).* 6 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.ecsa.eu/news/eu-2040-climate-target-european-shipowners-welcome-commitment-priority-access-shipping-low-and</u> The European Commission published today its proposal for a 2040 climate target laying out the pathway to make the EU climate neutral by 2050.

EU's proposed 2040 target welcomed by shipping and greens - with caveats. Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds.* 6 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/eu-s-proposed-2040-target-welcomed-by-shippingand-greens-with-caveats/2-1-1594807 Shipping and environmental groups welcomed recommendations by the European Commission on Tuesday to set a new 2040 emissions target aimed at reaching climate neutrality a decade later.

HMS Richmond takes over from *HMS Diamond* to protect shipping in the Red Sea. *Royal Navy.* 6 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://tinyurl.com/3c7en38z</u> As Houthi attacks against commercial vessels continue, Royal Navy warship *HMS Richmond* takes over from *HMS Diamond* to ensure freedom of navigation in the Red Sea.



Opinion: Worse working conditions on ships are everyone's problem to solve.

Johannah Christensen. *ShippingWatch*. 7 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://shippingwatch.com/people/article16821431.ece</u> There is no point in passing the blame back and forth, says the Global Maritime Forum after the recent debate about working conditions on ships.

Realising EU's 2040 climate goals for the maritime sector will need strengthened global commitments. *World Shipping Council.* 7 February 2024. Available from: https://www.worldshipping.org/news/53qvsf0tdlnnu9hxl7g8drulyhd9za EU 2040 climate targets point to the importance of providing renewable marine fuels for maritime sector decarbonisation. Committing the EU to production of zero-GHG fuel pathways is essential, not least because European Member States account for one-fifth of global shipping energy sales.

How the Red Sea crisis could impede shipping industry climate targets. Stuart Stone. *GreenBiz.* 7 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.greenbiz.com/article/how-red-sea-crisis-could-impede-shipping-industry-climate-targets</u> A recent analysis finds that the 4,000-mile-plus detour to avoid Red Sea attacks could dramatically increase the global shipping industry's carbon emissions.

Marine insurers continue to support trade in the Red Sea and Black Sea, says IUMI. International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI). 7 February 2024. Available from: https://iumi.com/news/press-releases/marine-insurers-continue-to-support-trade-in-the-red-sea-andblack-sea-says-iumi At its annual winter meeting in London, the International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI), confirmed that the global marine insurance market is continuing to support trade in the Red Sea and the Ukraine/Black Sea area.

Convergence of crises in Red Sea and Panama to hit supply chains. Nick Savvides. *Seatrade Maritime News.* 7 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/finance-insurance/convergence-crises-red-sea-and-panama-hit-supply-chains</u> There is a risk of congestion post Chinese New Year as crises in the Red Sea and Panama converge, but insurers played down a potential flashpoint in the Taiwan Strait.

Navigating shipping disruptions: signs of rougher seas ahead. Arnaud Vanolli. *Swiss Re.* 7 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.swissre.com/institute/research/sigma-research/Economic-Insights/shipping-disruptions.html</u> Attacks on ships in the Red Sea and drought in the Panama Canal area have more than quadrupled shipping prices since late 2023.

What are the impacts of the Red Sea shipping crisis? *J.P. Morgan.* 8 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.jpmorgan.com/insights/global-research/supply-chain/red-sea-shipping</u> The Red Sea shipping crisis is disrupting global supply chains and increasing freight costs.

Red Sea crisis shouldn't spur inflation but the spillover to tankers is risky. *ING Bank N.V.* 8 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://think.ing.com/articles/red-sea-crisis-shouldnt-spur-inflation-but-the-spill-over-to-tankers-is-risky</u> The Red Sea shipping crisis has dragged on for two months, and a full resumption of transits is not in sight.

Yemen aid groups say Red Sea crisis driving up costs. Hashem Osseiran. *Al-Monitor.* 8 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2024/02/yemen-aid-groups-say-red-sea-crisis-driving-costs</u> Aid groups working in Yemen are warning of rising shipping costs and delivery delays due to the Red Sea attacks by Huthi rebels which threaten to aggravate one of the world's worst humanitarian crises.



LR supported by Greek shipping leaders launches Maritime Emissions Reduction Centre in Athens. *Lloyd's Register*. 8 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.lr.org/en/about-us/press-room/press-listing/press-release/lr-supported-by-greek-shipping-leaders-launches-maritime-emissions-reduction-centre-in-athens/</u> The Lloyd's Register (LR) Maritime Decarbonisation Hub is collaborating with five leading shipowners as Founding Members in the establishment of a not-for-profit Athens-based global Maritime Emissions Reduction Centre (M-ERC) that will focus on optimising the efficiency of the existing fleet.

Decarbonising shipping - business models will have to change. Paul Bartlett. *Seatrade Maritime News.* 9 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/sustainability-green-technology/decarbonising-shipping-business-models-will-have-change</u> DNV Maritime CEO Knut Ørbeck-Nilssen did not mince his words as he set the scene at the opening of the DNV Maritime Energy Summit on 8 February.

Growth of Indian Maritime Sector. *Government of India.* 9 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2004338</u> Government has launched the Sagarmala Programme with the objective of fostering port-led development, reducing logistics costs, and accelerating economic growth.

Maersk becomes first to have climate targets validated by SBTi under the new Maritime Guidance. *Maersk.* 9 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.maersk.com/news/articles/2024/02/09/maersk-is-first-to-have-climate-targets-validatedby-sbti-under-new-maritime-guidance Maersk's greenhouse gas emissions targets have been validated by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) to be in line with the 1.5-degree pathway from the Paris Agreement.

NYK chief on shipping's future beyond its turbulent present. Edwin Lampert. *Riviera Maritime.* 12 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/nyk-chief-on-shippings-future-beyond-its-turbulent-present-79597</u> His outlook is perhaps best summarised by the idea we have a perfect global market operating in an imperfect world.

Freight costs have nearly tripled, Red Sea instability adding to woes of EU tax - Maritime Forum CEO. Isaac Saliba. *Independent (Malta).* 12 February 2024. Available from: https://www.independent.com.mt/articles/2024-02-12/local-news/Freight-costs-have-nearly-tripled-Maritime-Forum-CEO-6736258531 It is currently difficult to truly assess the exact impacts of the recently implemented EU shipping tax due to the unstable situation in the Red Sea, the CEO of the Malta Maritime Forum Kevin J. Borg told The Malta Independent.

Tankers: Red Sea Crisis Impact Not That Significant Yet. Nikos Roussanoglou. *Hellenic Shipping News.* 12 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/tankers-red-sea-crisis-impact-not-that-significant-yet/</u> The impact of the Red Sea crisis on tanker freight rates hasn't been that great, apart from a few key routes and ship types, but that could soon change.

Russia's shadow tanker fleet runs into trouble. Selwyn Parker. *Lowy Institute (Australia).* 13 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/russia-s-shadow-tanker-fleet-runs-trouble</u> Barring new evasive techniques by Kremlin technocrats, the rapid rise in Russia's shadow tanker fleet since the Ukraine war may be reversing as pressure is brought to bear on India and other countries that have discreetly helped Russia beat oil and gas shipping sanctions.



Braemar sees looming crisis in feeder sector. Mary Ann Evans. Container News.

13 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://container-news.com/braemar-sees-looming-crisis-in-feeder-sector/</u> Demand for feeders is rising mainly as a consequence of the Red Sea crisis which has had a knock-on effect on demolition, but ultimately the ageing feeder and regional fleet will need replacing.

Beyond the box: Ep. 8 - Red Sea and the domino effect of disruptions. Maersk.

13 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://open.spotify.com/episode/3OW4lqVzShWQtqkZXH9Whv?si=XqvUjLdSRN-</u> <u>0g&nd=1&dlsi=687f091c3c8c4e56</u> The threat of Houthi attacks on vessels in the Red Sea has led to most carriers prioritising the safety of their crews and bypassing this critical gateway for global trade.

Shipping giant Maersk says Red Sea vessel diversions could extend into second half of 2024. Lori Ann LaRocco. *CNBC (US)*. 14 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.cnbc.com/2024/02/14/shipping-giant-maersk-doesnt-expect-red-sea-transits-anytime-</u> <u>soon.html</u> Maersk suspended vessel transits of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden in January after attacks on its vessels by Houthi rebels.

The multifaceted impact of the Red Sea crisis. Rakin Rahman. *Port Technology International.* 14 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.porttechnology.org/news/the-multifaceted-impact-of-the-red-sea-crisis/</u> How has the Red Sea crisis affected global shipping, considering the compounded effects of the restrictions in the Suez Canal, along with the Chinese New Year?

Past and present parallels to Red Sea risks. Carly Fields. *Baltic Exchange*. 14 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.balticexchange.com/en/news-and-events/news/baltic-magazine/2024/past-and-present-parallels-to-red-sea-risks.html</u> The Red Sea, a vital artery for global trade, has long been fraught with dangers that pose significant risks to ships moving through its waters.

Insurers cancel coverage for charterers in the Red Sea. Liv Almer. *ShippingWatch.* 15 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article16850964.ece</u> Several insurance companies are now cancelling their fixed-premium insurance policies, where coverage has been extended to include war risks.

Opinion: Can wind propulsion weather the approaching perfect storm? Gavin Allwright. *Offshore Energy.* 15 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.offshore-energy.biz/opinion-can-wind-propulsion-weather-the-approaching-perfect-storm/</u> When taking time to reflect on the past year, I would argue that 2023 was the year in which our industry took the gloves off and got down to business when it came to decarbonization.

South Africa maritime sector decarbonisation roadmap on GHG Emissions Reduction is on the roll. South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA). 15 February 2024. Available from: https://blog.samsa.org.za/tag/mthunzi-madiya/ Development of South Africa Maritime Sector Decarbonisation Roadmap is now well on track following to an inaugural roundtable meeting of the sectors' key role players, led by the Department of Transport (DoT) and the South African Maritime Authority (SAMSA); in Newlands, Cape Town, a week ago.





Shipping industry calls for release of *Galaxy Leader* crew still held captive. *International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)*. 19 February 2024. Available from: https://www.ics-

shipping.org/statement/shipping-industry-calls-for-release-of-galaxy-leader-crew-still-held-captive/ Today – Monday 19th February 2024 – marks the three-month anniversary since the Houthis seized the *Galaxy Leader* and its 25 seafarers in the Red Sea.

Weekly data: Red Sea crisis could quadruple CO₂ emissions from ships. Polly Bindman. *Energy Monitor.* 19 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.energymonitor.ai/sectors/transport/weekly-data-red-sea-crisis-could-quadrupleco%e2%82%82-emissions-from-ships/ Iranian-backed Houthi rebels started attacking ships in the Red Sea in November in response to Israel's military assault on Gaza, forcing ships from around the world to divert their routes.

First Wind Sails Fitted to a Chemical Tanker Operated by Chemship. *Maritime Executive.* 19 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://maritime-executive.com/article/first-wind-sails-fitted-to-a-chemical-tanker-operated-by-chemship</u> Chemship, a Netherlands-based operator of liquid bulk carriers, reports it completed what it believes is the world's first installation of wind-assisted propulsion on a chemical tanker.

CMA CGM still transiting Bab el Mandeb. James Baker. *Lloyd's List.* 19 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://lloydslist.com/LL1148304/CMA-CGM-still-transiting-Bab-el-Mandeb</u> CMA CGM is still transiting the dangerous Bab el Mandeb passage despite the company saying it was no longer using Red Sea routing.

Mersey Maritime hosts first regional WISTA UK event celebrating diversity. *Ship Management International.* 20 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://shipmanagementinternational.com/mersey-maritime-hosts-first-regional-wista-uk-event-celebrating-diversity/</u> Mersey Maritime in collaboration with WISTA UK, successfully marked the first regional event for WISTA UK in 2024 with the conclusion of their 'Diversity in Maritime' networking evening held at *HMS Eaglet* in Liverpool last week.

Red Sea attacks: What trade experts are saying about the shipping disruptions. Spencer Feingold. *World Economic Forum.* 20 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2024/02/red-sea-attacks-trade-experts-houthi-shipping-yemen/</u> The Red Sea has long been a vital waterway for international trade.

Insurers find ways to reinstate charterer war risk cover for Red Sea. Nidaa Bakhsh. *ShippingWatch.* 20 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article16860303.ece</u> UK and Scandinavian insurers have said it is possible to buy back cover just days after advising cancellations.

Retailers prepare for protracted crisis in the Red Sea. Sebastian Schlüter Jacobsen. *ShippingWatch*. 21 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article16866423.ece</u> Ikea will increase its stockpiles to avoid shortages if container ships end up having to sail south of Africa throughout 2024.

The Red Sea shipping crisis: lessons for importers. *Reuters.* 21 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.reuters.com/legal/legalindustry/red-sea-shipping-crisis-lessons-importers-2024-02-21/</u> The Red Sea, which provides access to the southern entrance to the Suez Canal, is one of the most important and densely packed shipping channels in the world.

The allaboutshipping.co.uk 100 top Women for Shipping for 2023. Anny Zade.

All About Shipping. 21 February 2024. Available from:

https://allaboutshipping.co.uk/2024/02/21/the-allaboutshipping-co-uk-100-top-women-for-shippingfor-2023/ This is our mid-week breaking news, with AllAboutShipping's 100 Top Women List in the Shipping Industry for 2023, following respective voting; 1,007 women were voted this time from more or less all sectors of the Shipping Industry.

Cabinet approves gender equality award in shipping. Souzana Psara. Cyprus Mail.

22 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://cyprus-mail.com/2024/02/22/cabinet-approves-gender-equality-award-in-shipping/</u> The Cabinet this week approved the establishment of an annual award for gender equality in Cyprus' shipping sector, according to an announcement by the Deputy Ministry of Shipping.

Climate and conflict collide on the high seas: UN warns of soaring costs and delays. *UN News.* 22 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/02/1146862</u> In a new study, the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) estimated that over the past two months, the volume of trade through the Suez Canal has fallen by a whopping 42 per cent.

Navigating Troubled Waters: Impact to Global Trade of Disruption of Shipping Routes in the Red Sea, Black Sea and Panama Canal. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). 22 February 2024. Available from:

<u>https://unctad.org/publication/navigating-troubled-waters-impact-global-trade-disruption-shipping-routes-red-sea-black</u> For the first time, the world faces simultaneous disruptions in two major global maritime trade waterways, with far-reaching implications for inflation and food and energy security.

Why a greener maritime future is crucial for sustainable development. Gyorgyi Gurban. *Economist Impact.* 22 February 2024. Available from:

https://impact.economist.com/ocean/sustainable-ocean-economy/why-a-greener-maritime-future-iscrucial-for-sustainable-development For more than a century, the sector has mainly relied on fossil fuels to power the huge engines that drive ships loaded with iron ore, fuel, grains and consumer goods across the ocean.

Shipping insurance rates soar on Red Sea missile attacks. *Radio France Internationale (RFI).* 23 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.rfi.fr/en/international-news/20240223-shipping-insurance-rates-soar-on-red-sea-missile-attacks</u> The Huthis have carried out relentless attacks since November on shipping transiting the Red Sea, a maritime hub through which 12 percent of global trade usually passes.

How world shipping has transformed in the two years since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com.* 23 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://splash247.com/how-world-shipping-has-transformed-in-the-two-years-since-russias-full-scale-invasion-of-ukraine/</u> Saturday marks two years since the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, a war that has dramatically changed the global seaborne map, some argue irrevocably.





Asian shipowners face hefty emissions liabilities of €1bn for EU-bound voyages, according to OceanScore. *Hellenic Shipping News.* 23 February 2024. Available from:

<u>https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/asian-shipowners-face-hefty-emissions-liabilities-of-e1bn-for-eu-bound-voyages-according-to-oceanscore/</u> Asian shipowners with vessels sailing to and from Europe are likely to face estimated emissions liabilities of over €1 billion once the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) is fully implemented, with companies registered in China and Singapore bearing the highest burden, according to OceanScore.

Charting the course: How the shipping industry is adapting to tensions in the Red Sea. *World Economic Forum.* 23 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2024/02/red-sea-crisis-global-shipping-industry-adapting-maersk/</u> The Suez Canal and the Red Sea channel approximately 30% of the world's container traffic and facilitate the annual movement of over \$1 trillion.

Shortage of Oil Tankers at Hand as Red Sea Attacks Divert Trade. Sharon Cho and Alex Longley. *Bloomberg.* 24 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/shortage-of-oil-tankers-at-hand-as-red-sea-attacks-divert-trade-<u>1.2038845</u> Longstanding warnings from the oil tanker industry that too few of the ships are being built are coming back to haunt the market after Houthi attacks on commercial shipping caused widespread diversions in global petroleum trades.

Xeneta: 'Cause and effect'. Red Sea surcharges and the power of uncertainty. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 24 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/xeneta-cause-and-effect-red-sea-surcharges-and-the-power-of-uncertainty/</u> If an example were needed to sit underneath this dictionary definition, you could easily reference the introduction of surcharges in ocean freight shipping due to the ongoing situation in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

Impacts of Red Sea attacks could get worse for NZ trade. *TVNZ (New Zealand).* 24 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://youtu.be/eoHjtsclNik</u> As New Zealand's trade market prepares for its peak exporting period, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is warning the impact of Red Sea attacks could get worse on New Zealand's trade.

More than half of UK exporters affected by Houthi disruption, survey shows. Sarah Butler. *The Guardian.* 25 February 2024. Available from:

https://www.theguardian.com/business/2024/feb/25/more-than-half-of-uk-retailers-affected-by-houthidisruption-survey-shows More than half of UK retailers and exporters have been affected by the disruption to Red Sea trade from Houthi rebel attacks on cargo ships, research by a leading business lobby group suggests.

Marine insurance experts urge sector to work with shipowners in push towards maritime sustainability. *City, University of London. Bayes Business School.* 26 February 2024. Available from: https://www.bayes.city.ac.uk/news-and-events/news/2024/february/marine-insurance-experts-urge-sector-to-work-with-shipowners-in-push-towards-maritime-sustainability Marine insurance firms should help clients to develop decarbonisation strategies, a white paper from underwriting firm Atrium and Bayes Business School (formerly Cass), City, University of London suggests.

Emerging Risks In Marine Decarbonisation Time to set sail. Andrew Mackenzie. *Atrium Underwriters and City, University of London. Bayes Business School.* 26 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.atrium-uw.com/media/vz0nfiku/5647_27-atrium-marine-decarbonisation-whitepaper-v4a.pdf</u> Arrine decarbonisation presents a major challenge for insurers and their shipping clients.



World's fastest-growing ship register doubles in size in the space of one month.

Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com.* 27 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://splash247.com/worlds-fastest-growing-ship-register-doubles-in-size-in-the-space-of-one-month/</u> Gabon, a small Central African nation on the Atlantic coast, was last year's fastest-growing shipping registry, a growth trajectory that has been massively boosted in the opening weeks of 2024 with the reflagging of a swathe of the Sovcomflot fleet.

Maersk warns Red Sea disruptions could last into second half of year. Jacob Gronholt-Pedersen and Louise Breusch Rasmussen. *Reuters.* 27 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.reuters.com/business/maersk-says-red-sea-disruptions-could-last-into-second-half-</u> <u>2024-2024-02-27/</u> Maersk has warned of disruptions to container shipping via the Red Sea dragging into the second half of the year and of heavy congestion and delays for U.S.-bound goods.

Nepal faces inflation risk from Red Sea disruption. Krishana Prasain. *Kathmandu Post.* 27 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://kathmandupost.com/money/2024/02/27/nepal-faces-inflation-risk-from-red-sea-disruption</u> Escalating tensions in the Red Sea due to attacks by the Houthi rebels, according to reports, may hit South Asian economies, including Nepal.

The Liberian Registry Establishes Innovation & Energy Transition Team. *Maritime Executive.* 27 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://maritime-executive.com/corporate/the-liberian-registry-establishes-innovation-energy-transition-team</u> The Liberian Registry, the world's largest shipping registry, has furthered its commitment to the international shipping community by creating an Innovation & Energy Transition Team focused on reaching net-zero GHG emissions.

Ocean Alliance deal extended to 2032. Adis Ajdin. *Splash 247.com.* 28 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://splash247.com/ocean-alliance-deal-extended-to-2032/</u> Founded in 2017 under a 10-year deal, the liner grouping comprised of CMA CGM, Cosco Shipping, Evergreen and OOCL has agreed to continue their vessel-sharing agreement until the end of March 2032.

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Navigating Allegations of Smuggling: Vigilance and Mitigation Strategies. Efcharis Rocanas. *UK P&I Club.* 28 February 2024. Available from: <u>https://www.ukpandi.com/news-and-resources/articles/2024/navigating-allegations-of-smuggling-vigilance-and-mitigation-strategies/</u> It is not unusual when anchoring off ports in West Africa for ships to draw close attention from local craft, fishermen and others, looking to sell their produce in exchange for international currency and/or ship's equipment.



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https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/02646811.2024.2312769 Governments around the world are looking to ensure their transition to full low-carbon economies whilst tackling climate change by implementing offshore carbon capture and storage (CCS) - a method of permanently removing carbon dioxide (CO2) from the burning of fossil fuels and burying it deep below the seabed in suitable geological formations.



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