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IMO NEWS & EVENTS

Day of the Seafarer - 25 June 2024 - spotlights safety at sea

Celebrating seafarers worldwide on 25 June: International Day of the Seafarer.

On the International Day of the Seafarer, IMO Secretary-General Mr. Arsenio Dominguez pays tribute to the 2 million seafarers who keep global markets functioning and supply chains going.

In a video message to seafarers, Mr. Dominguez said: “Seafarers have been sorely tested in recent years – facing hostile acts from piracy or in conflict zones. I humbly acknowledge seafarers’ resilience and sacrifice in the name of work.”

Without seafarers there would be no shipping. And shipping is a lifeline for global trade.

United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. António Guterres marked the day, saying: “Seafarers are vital in ensuring a seamless flow of essential goods that eventually make it into markets, homes, and onto our tables... But their own lives have been put on the line in the face of grave threats. Let us together salute them for their essential work and support their safety.” More...

Statement on the attack on merchant vessel TUTOR

IMO Secretary-General appalled at latest attack in the Red Sea and demands maximum assistance for seafarers.

"Once again, I am appalled at the fact that seafarers going about their work continue to be targeted and injured. I am truly saddened to learn that one crew member is currently unaccounted for on merchant vessel TUTOR, following an attack on the ship in the Red Sea.

My thoughts and those of IMO, are with the family of the crew member.

I strongly condemn any type of attack against international shipping, regardless of its motivation or cause.

I demand all governments and relevant organizations to provide maximum assistance to seafarers affected, and to spare no effort in finding a resolution to this crisis.

This situation cannot go on. Everybody is going to feel the negative effect if international shipping is not able to trade as normal. But our commitment is, above all, safeguarding the safety of all seafarers.”

SMART-C online training empowers women in maritime

Tailored online training delivered by IMO’s SMART-C Women Project is helping women in the Asia-Pacific region elevate their maritime careers and close the gender gap in the sector.

The first training session under the project took place from 17 to 21 June, with 25 maritime professionals joining from five Asian countries. The session will continue from 1 to 5 July.

This training is designed to strengthen women’s competency and influence within the maritime community, ultimately contributing to a more inclusive and equitable industry. More...
MEETING SUMMARIES AND SCHEDULE

Previous Meetings

Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation, Communication and Search and Rescue (NCSR 11)
4-13 June 2024

Technical Cooperation Committee (TC 74) 24-28 June 2024

Forthcoming Meetings

IMO Council (C 132) 8-12 July 2024

Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III 10) 22-26 July 2024
At World Health Assembly, countries agree on efforts to boost pandemic preparedness. *UN News.* 2 June 2024. Available from: [https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/06/1150546](https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/06/1150546). Countries on Saturday agreed to a set of key actions to better guide and coordinate international efforts in preventing, detecting, and responding to public health risks, while also committing to finalize negotiations on a global pandemic agreement within a year at the latest.

There is an exit off ‘the highway to climate hell’, Guterres insists. *UN News.* 5 June 2024. Available from: [https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/06/1150661](https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/06/1150661). “It’s climate crunch time” when it comes to tackling rising carbon emissions, the UN Secretary-General said on Wednesday, stressing that while the need for global action is unprecedented, so too are the opportunities for prosperity and sustainable development.


CASUALTIES

Insights into *Dali* insurance payouts, possible criminal charges. Elizabeth Worthington. *WMAR Baltimore (US).* 4 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.wmar2news.com/keybridgecollapse/insights-into-dali-insurance-payouts-possible-criminal-charges](https://www.wmar2news.com/keybridgecollapse/insights-into-dali-insurance-payouts-possible-criminal-charges) It’s been consistently the number one question we’ve heard since the clean-up began, and talk of replacing the Key Bridge heated up: who is paying for all this?

Coast Guard, partner agencies respond to container ship incident in Charleston. *United States Coast Guard.* 5 June 2024. Available from: [https://tinyurl.com/3ses29m8](https://tinyurl.com/3ses29m8) The Coast Guard and numerous state and local agencies responded to an incident, Wednesday, involving a container ship on the Cooper River in Charleston.


Korean captain killed, 2 Indonesian sailors missing as fishing boat capsizes off southwestern coast. Jung Min-ho. *Korea Times (South Korea).* 13 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/nation/2024/06/113_376530.html](https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/nation/2024/06/113_376530.html) A fishing boat carrying nine people capsized in waters off Korea’s southwestern coast early Thursday, leaving its Korean captain dead and two Indonesian sailors missing.

Seafarer killed in Houthi attack on Greek Evalend bulker as salvage continues.
Harry Papachristou. TradeWinds. 13 June 2024. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/seafarer-killed-in-houthi-attack-on-greek-evalend-bulker-as-salvage-continues/2-1-1660641 It is the second commercial vessel to suffer a fatality as a result of the Yemeni rebels' campaign against shipping in the Red Sea.


M/V Tutor Sinks After Houthi Attack in Red Sea. Mike Schuler. gCaptain. 18 June 2024. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/m-v-tutor-sinks-after-houthi-attack-in-red-sea/ The M/V Tutor appears to have sunk after it was struck in the stern last week by an unmanned surface vessel in the Red Sea.

Ukrainian ship abandoned after Houthi strike is afloat and receiving help. Harry Papachristou. TradeWinds. 20 June 2024. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/ukrainian-ship-abandoned-after-houthi-strike-is-afloat-and-receiving-help/2-1-1664393 Despite initial reports that it was sinking, a Ukrainian-owned ship that was evacuated and burning after a Houthi attack in the Gulf of Aden last week remains afloat.

Interislander ferry Aratere successfully refloated after running aground near Picton.
Ben Leahy. New Zealand Herald. 22 June 2024. Available from: https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/kiwirail-and-interislander-bosses-to-front-media-after-vessel-runs-aground-in-south-island/ZTI5DATV6VBYHD6664YZTKRDDM/ Interislander executive general manager Duncan Roy said around 9pm tonight the Aratere was successfully refloated by KiwiRail, supported by a team of global experts and in collaboration with Maritime NZ, Port Marlborough New Zealand, and the Marlborough District Council Harbormaster.


Suspected Houthi attack targets a ship in the Gulf of Aden, while Iraqi-claimed attack targets Eilat. John Gambrell. Associated Press. 26 June 2024. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/yemen-houthi-rebels-attacks-israel-hamas-war-93db9eb116510da1c108d110d0db42f8 A suspected missile attack by Yemen’s Houthi rebels early Wednesday targeted a ship in the Gulf of Aden, while a separate drone attack claimed by Iraqi militants allied with the rebels targeted the southern Israeli port city of Eilat, authorities said.


ENVIRONMENT

Connecting the blue economy to the Arctic and Antarctic oceans. Josh Hasdell. KPMG International. 30 May 2024. Available from: https://kpmg.com/xx/en/home/insights/2024/05/connecting-the-blue-economy-to-the-arctic-and-antarctic-oceans.html I recently had the privilege of visiting the Antarctic when I joined an expedition group with other curious folks from all over the world alongside a team of glaciologists and marine biologists.


Break free from pollution, climate chaos and ‘biodiversity decimation’, UN chief urges. UN News. 4 June 2024. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/06/1150631 The UN Secretary-General has called for safeguarding Earth’s vital ecosystems from rampant pollution, worsening climate impacts and “biodiversity decimation”.


Global temperature is likely to exceed 1.5°C above pre-industrial level temporarily in next 5 years. World Meteorological Organization (WMO). 5 June 2024. Available from: https://wmo.int/media/news/global-temperature-likely-exceed-15degc-above-pre-industrial-level-temporarily-next-5-years There is an 80 percent likelihood that the annual average global temperature will temporarily exceed 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels for at least one of the next five years, according to a new report from the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).


Interview: UN ocean envoy says inspired by China’s ecological civilization. Wang Jiangang. Xinhuanet (China). 8 June 2024. Available from: https://english.news.cn/20240608/258fa8044be94325bcd71366dca0a76e/c.html “I have been very inspired by (Chinese) President Xi Jinping’s call for an ‘ecological civilization’ and the need for unity between humans and nature,” said United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for the Ocean Peter Thomson.

Pacific Ocean Commissioner calls for global ocean literacy on World Ocean Day. Pacific Islands News Association (PINA). 10 June 2024. Available from: https://pina.com.fj/2024/06/10/pacific-ocean-commissioner-calls-for-global-ocean-literacy-on-world-ocean-day On a significant event of World Ocean Day on 08 June, the Pacific Ocean Commissioner, Dr Filimon Manoni joined voices worldwide to honour the ocean’s vitality and underscore its crucial role in the lives of Pacific peoples and the global community.
Pacific Indigenous leaders have a new plan to protect whales. Treat them as people.
For Māori conservationist Mere Takoko, “losing one whale is like losing an ancestor.”


ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

Panama Canal Completes Clean-Up from MSC Boxship Oil Spill. Maritime Executive. 29 May 2024. Available from: https://maritime-executive.com/article/panama-canal-completes-clean-up-from-msc-boxship-oil-spill The Panama Canal Authority was working to complete the clean-up of one of the locks at the southern end of the waterway near Balboa after an oil spill.


Big brands disproportionately responsible for plastic pollution on small islands, finds study. Phys.org. 3 June 2024. Available from: https://phys.org/news/2024-06-big-brands-disproportionately-responsible-plastic.html A new study has found that 72% of items washing up on the shores of small remote, protected islands, are manufactured by major brands Danone and Coca-Cola Company, causing untold pollution to the area.

Two shipping firms charged with discharging 100L of oil each into Singapore waters, polluting sea. Lydia Lam. Channel News Asia. 4 June 2024. Available from: https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/shipping-oil-tanker-discharge-sea-pollution-4385106 Two shipping companies were charged in court on Tuesday (Jun 6) over their oil tankers discharging about 100L of oil each into Singapore waters.

Cleanup Underway After Oil Spill Impacts Antwerp’s Container Terminal. Maritime Executive. 7 June 2024. Available from: https://maritime-executive.com/article/cleanup-underway-after-oil-spill-impacts-antwerp-s-container-terminal Port officials in Antwerp are saying that they expect it will take several days to fully complete a remediation effort after an oil spill that is encompassing the port’s Deurganck Dock, container operations, and Kieldrecht lock.

How did a sudden reduction in shipping pollution inadvertently stoke global warming? Hayley Smith. Los Angeles Times. 9 June 2024. Available from: https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2024-06-09/reduction-in-shipping-pollution-has-increased-global-warming A major shift in global shipping regulations intended to improve air quality may have temporarily — and inadvertently — set off a geoengineering reaction that is warming the planet, new research has found.
Owners of oil spill vessels remain elusive. *Trinidad Express.* 12 June 2024. Available from: https://trinidadexpress.com/business/local/owners-of-oil-spill-vessels-remain-elusive/article_c430b08e-2858-11ef-acfc-33ca5233fa39.html Despite “great efforts”, all searches have failed to locate the tug *Solo Creed*, which seemed to have “fled the scene” after its involvement in the oil spill in Tobago.


Second, major oil spill from barge off Tobago. *Newsday (Trinidad and Tobago).* 13 June 2024. Available from: https://newsday.co.tt/2024/06/13/second-major-oil-spill-from-barge-off-tobago/ The Office of the Chief Secretary (OCS) of the Tobago House of Assembly (THA) has said a large amount of fuel has been discovered drifting away from the capsized Gulfstream barge off the Cove Eco-Industrial Park, Tobago.

Joint Media Statement: Joint Oil Spill Clean-up Operations Ongoing. *Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA).* 15 June 2024. Available from: https://www.mpa.gov.sg/media-centre/details/joint-media-statement--joint-oil-spill-clean-up-operations-ongoing The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) had notified agencies including the National Environment Agency (NEA), National Parks Board (NParks), and Sentosa Development Corporation, of an oil spill at the Pasir Panjang Terminal as a result of a vessel allision.

Oil spill reaches Sentosa, East Coast Park and other areas; some beaches closed for clean-up. *Channel News Asia.* 15 June 2024. Available from: https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/oil-spill-slick-sentosa-beaches-east-coast-park-labrador-park-4412481 Oil has washed up along the coast of several beaches in Singapore, including those on Sentosa island and in East Coast Park, a day after a dredger hit a bunker vessel at Pasir Panjang Terminal.

Sentosa deploys about 100 workers to beef up beach cleaning efforts after oil spill. *Channel News Asia.* 17 June 2024. Available from: https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/sentosa-oil-spill-beaches-palawan-siloso-tanjong-cleanup-4415536 The Sentosa Development Corporation told CNA it started to cordon off affected parts of Palawan Beach on Friday night, hours after it was notified about the oil spill.


Oil spill incident: Singapore expands clean-up effort to more areas, including eastern end of island. *Straits Times.* 18 June 2024. Available from: https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/environment/oil-spill-incident-singapore-expands-clean-up-effort-to-more-areas-including-eastern-end-of-island The authorities here are expanding clean-up efforts to more areas following a major oil spill on June 14, with some oil leaking from a damaged cargo tank at Pasir Panjang Terminal having spread to the waters off Changi on June 17.
Booms, busters and dispersants: Here’s how an oil spill is cleaned up in S’pore waters. Esther Loi. Straits Times. 18 June 2024. Available from: https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/transport/st-explains-how-is-singapore-responding-to-the-recent-oil-spill-incident 📹. Efforts to clean up the oil spill are still under way, after the authorities expanded containment efforts to more areas on June 17.


Oil spill clean-up: Singapore to seek compensation from owner of stationary ship that was hit by another vessel. Channel News Asia. 20 June 2024. Available from: https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/oil-spill-compensation-owner-marine-honour-bunker-vessel-4423686 📹. Singapore will seek compensation for the costs incurred from the recent oil spill from the owners of Marine Honour, the stationary vessel that discharged the oil after it was hit by another ship.

S’pore oil spill: Poor weather delayed laying of booms around damaged ship, says contractor. Therese Soh. Straits Times. 22 June 2024. Available from: https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/s-pore-oil-spill-poor-weather-delayed-laying-of-booms-around-damaged-ship-says-contractor 📹. Working in a thunderstorm at night, an oil spill recovery contractor required more than triple the time it would normally take to lay containment booms around a damaged vessel that was leaking oil into the sea.

Cleaning of oil spill in Pengerang waters to complete on Saturday. Bernama (Malaysia). 23 June 2024. Available from: https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=2310429 📹. Cleaning work of the oil spill in the waters of Pengerang, Johor, which started yesterday morning is scheduled to be completed on Saturday, said Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad.

Have booms at anchorage, more frequent drills to mitigate oil spills, other incidents: Ship captains. Esther Loi. Straits Times. 24 June 2024. Available from: https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/transport/have-booms-at-anchorage-more-frequent-drills-to-mitigate-oil-spills-other-incidents-ship-captains 📹. In the wake of the recent maritime incident here that released 400 tonnes of oil into the sea, some ship captains suggested measures that port authorities and ship crews can take to mitigate the impact of such incidents.


**HEALTH & SAFETY**


IMO Secretary-General Arsenio Dominguez interview with Helen Kelly from Nautilus International. *Nautilus International.* 19 June 2024. Available from: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Ne97d3K7bY. Ahead of Day of the Seafarer 2024 Helen Kelly sat down with IMO secretary general Arsenio Dominguez to discuss the importance of a just and equitable transition to a decarbonised maritime industry.

‘Inadvertent geoengineering’: Researchers say low-sulfur shipping rules made climate change worse. Sam Meredith. *CNBC (US).* 19 June 2024. Available from: https://www.cnbc.com/2024/06/19/geoengineering-study-shipping-regulation-made-climate-change-worse.html. A sweeping regulatory change in 2020 to slash air pollution from the world’s ships could have played a role in boosting global average temperatures, according to the findings of a controversial study.


**LAW & POLICY**


Today, at the H2O conference in Halifax, the Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, announced the publication of the Blue Economy Regulatory Roadmap.


If average global temperature rises are to be limited to 1.5 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels (in line with the 2015 Paris Agreement), climate finance globally will need to increase to about $9 trillion a year globally by 2030, up from just under $1.3 trillion in 2021-22.

**UMAS evolves to better serve the shipping sector's decarbonisation needs.** *University College London (UCL)*. 3 June 2024. Available from: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/bartlett/energy/news/2024/jun/umas-evolves-better-serve-shipping-sectors-decarbonisation-needs

UMAS, formerly a close collaboration between the UCL Energy Institute shipping research group and UMAS International Ltd, is to take on a new configuration in order to better serve the shipping sector’s needs, as it moves into an era of rapid technological change and development related to decarbonisation.


A recent decision from the world’s highest ocean court, in a case brought by small island states threatened by rising sea levels caused by global heating, marks a major breakthrough.


Can the new advisory opinion interpreting the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) move us beyond the lethargy of unmet climate change policy needs?


A magistrate in Colombo, Sri Lanka issued an order banning the master of a tanker that spilled a small amount of oil into the harbor to remain in the country for 30 days.


Kenya and the Republic of Korea today signed two key Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) to bolster their cooperation in Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs.


Namibia advances Blue Economy initiatives. Niël Terblanché. Windhoek Observer (Namibia). 7 June 2024. Available from: https://www.observer24.com.na/namibia-advances-blue-economy-initiatives/ President Nangolo Mbumba has called for unity in safeguarding the ocean and addressing climate change as Namibia joined the global community in celebrating World Ocean Day.


Costa Rica Declares Peace with the Ocean in Groundbreaking Initiative. Tico Times (Costa Rica). 9 June 2024. Available from: https://ticotimes.net/2024/06/09/costa-rica-declares-peace-with-the-ocean-in-groundbreaking-initiative The forum on ocean protection “Immersed in Change,” held in Costa Rica as a prelude to a crucial UN meeting in France in 2025, will culminate this Saturday with a “declaration of peace for the ocean,” organizers reported.

Norway Fines Shipowner $750,000 for Illegal Export of Ships for Scrap. Maritime Executive. 10 June 2024. Available from: https://maritime-executive.com/article/norway-fines-shipowner-750-000-for-illegal-export-of-ships-for-scrap Four years after raiding the offices of the shipping company then known as Teekay Offshore, Norwegian regulators today imposed an approximately $750,000 fine for illegally exporting two ships to India for scrapping.


From Farm to Ship to Fork: The Role of Maritime Insurance in Facilitating Global Food Trade. *Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)*. 10 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.css.org/analysis/farm-ship-fork-role-maritime-insurance-facilitating-global-food-trade](https://www.css.org/analysis/farm-ship-fork-role-maritime-insurance-facilitating-global-food-trade) Developments in agriculture and transportation over the last century have shifted global diets from traditional to staple crops, largely concentrating the source of populations’ nutritional and caloric needs to a limited number of producing countries.


High-level Event Declares “Peace for the Ocean”. *International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)*. 12 June 2024. Available from: [https://sdg.iisd.org/news/high-level-event-declares-peace-for-the-ocean/](https://sdg.iisd.org/news/high-level-event-declares-peace-for-the-ocean/) A high-level stakeholder meeting brought together Heads of State and Government, ministers, ocean experts, and leaders from international organizations and civil society to maintain momentum on ocean action and serve as a preparatory meeting for the Third UN Ocean Conference (UNOC-3), to be held in Nice, France, in June 2025.

Bonn makes only lukewarm progress to tackle a red-hot climate crisis. Partha Hefaz Shaikh. Climate Home News. 12 June 2024. Available from: https://www.climatechangenews.com/2024/06/12/bonn-makes-only-lukewarm-progress-to-tackle-a-red-hot-climate-crisis/ Thousands of country representatives have spent the last two weeks in Germany at the UN Bonn Climate Conference, marking the mid-year point to the biggest climate summit of the year: COP29.


Philippines seeks UN confirmation of its vast continental seabed in the disputed South China Sea. Jim Gomez. Associated Press. 15 June 2024. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/phillipines-south-china-sea-continental-shelf-97da6db185774234bedba63c21e944d2 The Philippines has asked a United Nations body to formally recognize the extent of its undersea continental seabed in the South China Sea, where it would have the exclusive right to exploit resources, the Department of Foreign Affairs said Saturday, in a move that rejects China’s vast territorial claims to the region.


Who pays for an alternative fuel spill? Gary Howard. Seatrade Maritime News. 17 June 2024. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/finance-insurance/who-pays-alternative-fuel-spill Renewable and zero-carbon fuels are the end goal for many shipping companies working to reduce their carbon emissions to net zero by 2050, with ships on the water and on order capable of running on a range of alternatives to heavy fuels and distillates.

Fighting the New Sea Monsters: The Importance of Whistleblowing in Deep Sea Mining. Kate Reeves. National Law Review. 17 June 2024. Available from: https://natlawreview.com/article/fighting-new-sea-monsters-importance-whistleblowing-deep-sea-mining Although the mineral deposits in the high seas are designated under international law as the “common heritage of mankind,” the deep-sea mining industry has already turned into a goldrush, where a select number of governments and companies in the Global North exert de facto control.


**Korea to host global ocean conference next year.** *Korea Times (South Korea).* 18 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/nation/2024/06/281_376884.html](https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/nation/2024/06/281_376884.html) Korea’s oceans ministry said Tuesday it will host an international maritime conference in the southeastern port city of Busan next year to discuss pollution, climate change and sustainable fisheries.


**State urged to scale up investments in blue economy.** Chris Mahandara. *Kenya News Agency (KNA).* 19 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.kenyанews.go.ke/state-urged-to-scale-up-investments-in-blue-economy](https://www.kenyанews.go.ke/state-urged-to-scale-up-investments-in-blue-economy) The government has been urged to scale up investments in the blue economy sector to spur economic growth and boost the country’s revenue base.


**The High Seas Treaty: What does it mean for the Arctic?** *WWF.* 19 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.arcticwfw.org/newsroom/features/the-high-seas-treaty-what-does-it-mean-for-the-arctic/](https://www.arcticwfw.org/newsroom/features/the-high-seas-treaty-what-does-it-mean-for-the-arctic/) For a long time, the Arctic had been referred to as a region of genuine and stable cooperation, free from the influence of global political divides. Report 📋

**Global survey reveals ‘truly astonishing’ consensus for stronger climate action.** *UN News.* 20 June 2024. Available from: [https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/06/1151271](https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/06/1151271) The overwhelming majority of people around the world want an end to geopolitical differences when it comes to fighting climate change, the results of a landmark public opinion poll conducted by the UN Development Programme (UNDP) has shown.
Another cargo ship seized on suspicion of violating UN sanctions on N. Korea. *Korea Times* (South Korea). 20 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/nation/2024/06/103_377056.html](https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/nation/2024/06/103_377056.html) South Korea seized a 2,900-ton cargo ship near the Korea Strait on Thursday on suspicion of violating U.N. Security Council sanctions against North Korea, sources said.


**Key takeaways from the Bonn climate conference.** Fiona Harvey. *The Guardian*. 21 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.theguardian.com/environment/article/2024/jun/21/bonn-climate-conference-key-takeaways](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/article/2024/jun/21/bonn-climate-conference-key-takeaways) With less than five months to go to the vital Cop29 UN climate summit in Azerbaijan in November, nations gathered in Bonn last week to begin negotiations on one of the last chances for a “course correction” to move away from fossil fuels and avoid the worst ravages of the climate crisis.

**State to intensify research to exploit marine and aquatic resources.** Chris Mahandara. *Kenya News Agency (KNA)*. 21 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.kenyanews.go.ke/state-to-intensify-research-to-exploit-marine-and-aquatic-resources/](https://www.kenyanews.go.ke/state-to-intensify-research-to-exploit-marine-and-aquatic-resources/) Through the initiative spearheaded by the Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI), the government targets to come up with scientific data and information to guide in the sustainable exploitation of the resources.


Imposing Sanctions on Entities and Vessels Trading in Iranian Petroleum or Petrochemical Products. US Department of State. 27 June 2024. Available from: https://www.state.gov/imposing-sanctions-on-entities-and-vessels-trading-in-iranian-petroleum-or-petrochemical-products/ Over the past month, Iran has announced steps to further expand its nuclear program in ways that have no credible peaceful purpose. Fact Sheet

UK Chamber of Shipping calls for more trade-friendly policies. Nidaa Bakhsh. ShippingWatch. 27 June 2024. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article17225516.ece The UK Chamber of Shipping is calling on the next government to focus on policies that will help the industry shine given its importance to the nation’s economic health.

**MARINE TECHNOLOGY**

Can ships run on biofuel? Exxon Mobil Corporation. 30 May 2024. Available from: https://corporate.exxonmobil.com/locations/eu-regional-news/can-ships-run-on-biofuel Lowering emissions from shipping, a sector that accounts for around 3% of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and carries 90% of all goods that are transported around the world, is an important part of reducing global emissions.


Two-thirds of European green shipping fuel projects at risk - analysis. Transport & Environment. 3 June 2024. Available from: https://www.transportenvironment.org/articles/two-thirds-of-european-green-shipping-fuel-projects-at-risk-analysis 4% of European shipping could run on e-fuels by 2030, according to mapping done by T&E. But just a third of these projects are guaranteed as fuel suppliers fear a lack of demand

E-Fuels observatory for shipping. Transport & Environment. 3 June 2024. Available from: https://www.transportenvironment.org/articles/e-fuels-observatory-for-shipping An overview of clean fuels projects and their supply potential to meet the needs of the European maritime industry. Briefing

Stena Line’s use of AI drives the development of sustainable shipping. Stena Line. 3 June 2024. Available from: https://news.cision.com/stena-line/r/stena-line-s-use-of-ai-drives-the-development-of-sustainable-shipping.c3991091 Stena Line, one of Europe’s leading ferry companies, can now report a significant reduction in their fuel consumption thanks to their strategic use of AI.

Retrofits shift into sharp focus as owners get to grips with future fuels. Lucy Hine. Trade Winds. 4 June 2024. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/gas/retrofits-shift-into-sharp-focus-as-owners-get-to-grips-with-future-fuels/2-1-1651986 Shipowners have many questions for engine designers these days and technology providers like mine must be able to answer, says WinGD chief executive Dominik Schneiter.
HD Hyundai to develop AI technology for ships. Kan Hyeong-woo. Korea Herald (South Korea). 4 June 2024. Available from: https://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20240604050616&ACE_SEARCH=1 HD Hyundai has partnered with global leaders in the maritime classification and registration sectors to develop a new structure for ships by removing blind spots on vessels, the Korean shipbuilding conglomerate said Tuesday.

Onboard carbon capture technically feasible but commercial uptake relies on industry collaboration and regulatory acceptance, says DNV. India Bourke. DNV. 4 June 2024. Available from: https://www.dnv.com/news/onboard-carbon-capture-technically-feasible-but-commercial-uptake-relied-on-industry-collaboration-and-regulatory-acceptance-says-dnv/ Onboard carbon capture (OCC) is attracting interest within the shipping industry, providing shipowners with the opportunity to continue operating on conventional fuels while reducing emissions. Report.


Ammonia can offer up to 61% cut in shipping carbon emissions, study says. Lucy Hine. Tradewinds. 10 June 2024. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/gas/ammonia-can-offer-up-to-61-cut-in-shipping-carbon-emissions-study-says/2-1-1658234 Using ammonia as a marine fuel can slash greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by up to 61%, according to an independent study commissioned by the Society for Gas as a Marine Fuel (SGMF).


Report: Shipping companies should join forces on biofuel procurement. Mette Grube Condrup. ShippingWatch. 11 June 2024. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article17186467.ece There is great potential in getting the infrastructure in place to make it attractive for shipping companies to invest, according to a new study.


Shipping industry looks for consensus on sustainable fuels ahead of net-zero goals. Christopher Reynolds. CTV News (Canada). 13 June 2024. Available from: https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/shipping-industry-looks-for-consensus-on-sustainable-fuels-ahead-of-net-zero-goals-1.6926028 Global shippers convened in Montreal on Thursday to sort out which sustainable fuels their vessels should use - a key question given that boats built today will still be running in 2050.

Can AI enable more sustainable shipping? Dry Cargo International. 13 June 2024. Available from: https://www.drycargomag.com/can-ai-enable-more-sustainable-shipping The Chief Sustainability Officer at Norway’s NAVTOR is addressing the fact that we’re currently “way behind the curve” when it comes to shipping’s stated objective of halving GHG emissions by 2030.


The ship tech needed to get green shipping corridors up and running is ready to go. American Journal of Transportation (AJOT). 27 June 2024. Available from: https://www.ajot.com/news/the-ship-tech-needed-to-get-green-shipping-corridors-up-and-running-is-ready-to-go Recognizing the need for climate action, the IMO adapted a new strategy in 2023 to incorporate a net-zero emissions goal for all vessels by or around 2050.

MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING


Current Awareness Bulletin


Life After Sea. International Chamber of Shipping (ICS). June 2024. Available from: https://www.ics-shipping.org/life-after-sea/ The aim of this video is to showcase to people what a diverse and interesting career maritime has to offer. It highlights the longevity of a career in maritime, from seafarer to coming ashore, emphasising how vital being at sea can be when coming ashore to other job opportunities within the sector.


Cargo Integrity Group highlights cargoes that can compromise supply chain safety. ICHCA International. 6 June 2024. Available from: https://ichca.com/cargo-integrity-group-highlights-cargoes-that-can-compromise-supply-chain-safety They urge everyone handling these goods to follow all applicable regulations, the CTU Code and industry best practices. Full Press Release 📰


MARITIME SAFETY


Safety dangers from sanctioned tanker fleet growing, ship manager V. Group says. Jonathan Saul. *Reuters.* 6 June 2024. Available from: [https://tinyurl.com/yfszh4nr](https://tinyurl.com/yfszh4nr) Safety dangers are growing from ageing and unregulated vessels, leading ship management firm V. Group told Reuters, adding it had stopped providing services to 30 tankers last year after they were sold to companies that did not pass compliance checks.


Safety should trump geopolitics as shadow fleet oil spill risk looms. Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds.* 11 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/safety-should-trump-geopolitics-as-shadow-fleet-oil-spill-risk-looms/2-1-1658613](https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/safety-should-trump-geopolitics-as-shadow-fleet-oil-spill-risk-looms/2-1-1658613) There are few trends more concerning in shipping today than the risk posed by the growth of what is known as the shadow fleet or dark fleet.
New major grant to improve safety across the maritime industry. Lloyd’s Register Foundation. 12 June 2024. Available from: https://www.lrfoundation.org.uk/en/news/new-grant-to-improve-safety-across-the-maritime-industry/ Lloyd’s Register Foundation has awarded £1,000,000 in funding to the IMO International Maritime Law Institute to support its work in the adoption and effective implementation of maritime legislation to address emerging maritime safety challenges.


MARITIME SECURITY

International Meeting to Discuss the Latest Maritime Threats. EU NAVFOR Operation ATALANTA. 3 June 2024. Available from: https://eunavfor.eu/news/international-meeting-discuss-latest-maritime-threats The fifteenth Industry Strategic Meeting, which focuses on the Maritime Security Dialogue, is organised by the European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) Operation ATALANTA and is co-chaired by EUNAVFOR ASPIDES and the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) with Operation AGENDOR as special guest.


**Houthis Strike M/V Verbena in Gulf of Aden.**


**Cabinda to Cape Town: how crime-proof are Africa’s Atlantic shores?** Carina Bruwer. *Institute for Security Studies (ISS).* 17 June 2024. Available from: https://issafrica.org/iss-today/cabinda-to-cape-town-how-crime-proof-are-africa-s-atlantic-shores With all eyes on pirates and politics in the Gulf of Guinea and the Indian Ocean, who is keeping an eye on Africa’s South Atlantic?


**Tinubu pushes for international cooperation on maritime security for blue economy.** Evelyn Usman. *Vanguard (Nigeria).* 19 June 2024. Available from: https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/06/tinubu-pushes-for-international-cooperation-on-maritime-security-for-blue-economy/ President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has emphasized the importance of international cooperation on maritime security to unlock the vast potential of Africa’s blue economy.

**Houthis Sinking of Merchant Ships in the Red Sea.** *US Department of State.* 20 June 2024. Available from: https://www.state.gov/houthi-sinking-of-merchant-ships-in-the-red-sea/ The United States condemns the latest reckless and indiscriminate attacks on civilian ships by the Houthis. This includes the deliberate attacks on the M/V TUTOR, which sunk earlier this week, and the M/V VERBENA, which is abandoned and adrift in the Red Sea, posing a navigational hazard to other maritime traffic.

**The shipping industry is sounding the alarm as another vessel sinks in the Red Sea.** Hanna Ziady. *CNN.* 20 June 2024. Available from: https://edition.cnn.com/2024/06/20/business/red-sea-vessel-sunk-shipping-warning/index.html At least three seafarers have been killed in the attacks so far. The latest sinking is likely to have led to another death, according to a statement Wednesday from more than a dozen shipping associations, including the International Chamber of Shipping and the World Shipping Council.
NATO’s Operation Sea Guardian (OSG) flagship *HRV Dubrovnik* supported by ALS *Butrinti* conducted focused maritime patrols in the Adriatic and Central Mediterranean Seas.


Maritime Security Committee is back again. *Fiji Times.* 24 June 2024. Available from: https://www.fijitimes.com.fj/maritime-security-committee-is-back-again/ The Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration has re-established the Maritime Security Committee as it seeks to look at traditional and non-traditional threats in the maritime space and how to address those from a legislative point of view.


**Migrants**


Some 260 people were aboard the vessel that had departed from Bossaso, in northeast Somalia, in the early hours of Sunday, bound for Yemen, about 330 kilometres (about 205 miles) away.


A former Greek coastguard officer has described as “clearly illegal” the actions of colleagues who abandoned nine migrants at sea in one of 15 alleged pushbacks from Greek islands or territorial waters that reportedly killed dozens of people.

**Navigation & Communications**


Ships captains, responsible for the safety of crew and cargo, face daily challenges navigating increasingly congested sea lanes in the North Sea.


Nearly six months into the Houthis’ relentless campaign to protest Israel’s war in Gaza, the economic fallout is widening.


Despite being out of sight and therefore often out of mind, the maritime elements of the network carry ‘over 80 per cent of the world merchandise trade by volume’. The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the importance of maritime trade and exposed some of the weaknesses of the system.


South Korea has raised North Korea’s repeated jamming of GPS navigation signals with three related international agencies and requested due measures be taken in response to the illegal acts by Pyongyang, the foreign ministry said Tuesday.


Sales of bunker fuel in Singapore, the world’s largest bunkering fuel port, have increased to all-time highs, indicating increased global consumption as cargo ships, tankers, and other marine vessels take longer routes to avoid the Red Sea.


Main channel to Port of Baltimore will soon reopen. Key Bridge salvage crews explain final steps. Alexus Davila, Adam Thompson and Cristina Mendez. *CBS News* (US). 9 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.cbsnews.com/baltimore/news/main-channel-port-of-baltimore-reopen-key-bridge-collapse](https://www.cbsnews.com/baltimore/news/main-channel-port-of-baltimore-reopen-key-bridge-collapse) Salvage crews are making their final efforts to clear the Key Bridge collapse debris and fully reopen the main shipping channel to the Port of Baltimore within the next couple of days.


Red Sea disruptions increase oil flows around Cape of Good Hope. *US Energy Information Administration* (EIA). 11 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=62263](https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=62263) The amount of crude oil and oil products flowing around the Cape of Good Hope, located at the southern tip of Africa, increased nearly 50% in the first five months of 2024 compared with the 2023 average as commercial vessels avoided chokepoints in the Middle East.
NYK-operated Cetus Leader, a pure car carrier, received the Japan Meteorological Agency’s Director-General Award on June 6 at NYK’s Tokyo head office for the contribution the ship has made to meteorological business development by observing marine weather conditions and transmitting observation results over an extended period of time.


U.N. aviation agency voices grave concern over N. Korea’s GPS signal jamming. Kim Seung-yeon. Yonhap News Agency (South Korea). 24 June 2024. Available from: https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20240624008100315 The U.N. aviation agency has adopted a decision raising serious concerns over North Korea’s recent jamming of GPS navigation signals, specifying the North by its name for the first time, Seoul’s foreign ministry said Monday.

Boater Fined $34,000 for Going the Wrong Way Up Dover Strait Traffic Lane. Maritime Executive. 25 June 2024. Available from: https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/boater-fined-34-000-for-going-the-wrong-way-up-dover-strait-traffic-lane A recreational fisherman has been fined $34,000 for multiple breaches of the rules of the Dover Strait Traffic Separation Scheme, which caused considerable disruption in one of the busiest shipping lanes in the world.

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PORTS & HARBOURS

Raising the standard of seafarer port services. Seatrade Maritime News. 30 May 2024. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/ports/raising-standard-seafarer-port-services Ports play an important role in enabling seafarers to make the most of their limited opportunities to get ashore.


The electrical connection of the ships means ‘a five-fold increase the installed power in the ports’. Port Authority of Valencia (PAV). 5 June 2024. Available from: https://www.valenciaport.com/en/the-electrical-connection-of-the-ships-means-a-five-fold-increase-the-installed-power-in-the-ports/ Manuel Arana, Director of Planning and Development of Puertos del Estado, has described the challenges facing the Spanish ports in the coming years to decarbonise their activity, amongst which the electrification of the enclosures stands out, an objective which means a five-fold increase in the power currently installed.

**Biggest U.S. ports union suspends labor talks, with East Coast, Gulf Coast strike risk rising.** Lori Ann LaRocco and Eric Rosenbaum. *CNBC (US).* 10 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.cnbc.com/2024/06/10/talks-to-avoid-east-coast-gulf-coast-ports-labor-strike-breakdown.html](https://www.cnbc.com/2024/06/10/talks-to-avoid-east-coast-gulf-coast-ports-labor-strike-breakdown.html) Critical talks between the union and management for East Coast and Gulf Coast ports have broken down over allegations made by the International Longshoremen’s Association that Maersk is using automation to displace workers.

**Political will and an economist’s eye: How the Panama Canal is prepping for the next water crisis.** Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds.* 11 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tw/political-will-and-an-economist-s-eye-how-the-panama-canal-is-prepping-for-the-next-water-crisis/2-1-1656271](https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tw/political-will-and-an-economist-s-eye-how-the-panama-canal-is-prepping-for-the-next-water-crisis/2-1-1656271) The Panama Canal’s rainfall woes are gradually moving into the rearview mirror, but as its top official looks to the future, he is preparing for the next crisis.


**Port of Seattle Accelerates Shore Power Requirement for Cruise Vessels.** *Cruise Industry News.* 11 June 2024. Available from: [https://cruiseindustrynews.com/cruise-news/2024/06/port-of-seattle-accelerates-shore-power-requirement-for-cruise-vessels/](https://cruiseindustrynews.com/cruise-news/2024/06/port-of-seattle-accelerates-shore-power-requirement-for-cruise-vessels/) The Port of Seattle became the first port in the nation to independently require that 100% of all cruise vessels homeported in Seattle be shore power capable and utilize shore power, according to a press release.

**Tangier Med the African port complying with EU emissions regs.** Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News.* 12 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.seatrademaritime.com/ports/tangier-med-african-port-complying-eu-emissions-regs](https://www.seatrademaritime.com/ports/tangier-med-african-port-complying-eu-emissions-regs) Tangier Med terminal in Morocco offers excellent access to the European market but this has also led to it being treated like it is a port in Europe when it comes to new EU environmental regulations.

**Singapore Port Container Logjam Worsens as Ships Avoid Red Sea.** Yongchang Chin. *Bloomberg.* 13 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/singapore-port-container-logjam-worsens-as-ships-avoid-red-sea-1_2084575](https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/singapore-port-container-logjam-worsens-as-ships-avoid-red-sea-1_2084575) Singapore’s port, already one of the busiest in the world, is facing a sustained period of congestion as vessel diversions to avoid the Red Sea push more container ships to the Asian maritime hub.

Shore power for tankers has a significant potential to reduce in-port emissions. Port of Rotterdam. 18 June 2024. Available from: https://www.portofrotterdam.com/en/news-and-press-releases/shore-power-tankers-has-significant-potential-reduce-port-emissions As part of a CEF Study project co-funded by the European Union, Port of Rotterdam, in collaboration with the municipality of Rotterdam and various partners in the port of Rotterdam, is conducting four feasibility studies for shore power.


Ports join hands in building sustainable shipping corridor. Rena Li. China Daily. 26 June 2024. Available from: https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202406/26/WS667b7484a31095c51c50ae7f.html Two large COSCO cargo ships filled with containers were anchored at the bustling Port of Long Beach, south of downtown Los Angeles, standing out prominently on the vast ocean and highlighting the scale and significance of international trade.

Panama Canal Celebrates Eighth Expansion Anniversary with New Draft and Daily Transits Increases. Panama Canal Authority. 27 June 2024. Available from: https://pancanal.com/en/celebrates-eighth-expansion-anniversary/ The Panama Canal celebrated the eighth anniversary of its expansion program today by announcing an increase to its draft and daily transits, all while continuing to manage the impact of climate variability and the challenge of securing water for the future.

REGULATIONS


Climate goal could leave a third of fossil fuel carriers idle by 2030. Liv Almer. ShippingWatch. 7 June 2024. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article17174215.ece Up to 30% of fossil fuel-powered ships could be idle by 2030 if the world meets the targets set in the Paris Agreement, according to a new study from University College London and the Kühne Foundation in Switzerland.

Greek shipowners take on the regulators. Nick Savvides. Seatrade Maritime News. 10 June 2024. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/opinions-analysis/greek-shipowners-take-regulators Actions, they say speak louder than words. And if shipping industry events such as Posidonia are to have any useful meaning in terms of our understanding of the direction that an industry is moving, then it is important to take stock after the event.


**SALVAGE**


Ten weeks after the collapse of Baltimore’s Francis Scott Key Bridge, salvage crews successfully removed the final large steel truss segment blocking the 700-foot-wide Fort McHenry Federal Channel on June 3-4.

**D-Day shipwrecks were a WW2 time capsule – now they are home to rich ocean-floor life.** India Bourke. *BBC Future.* 5 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20240604-d-day-shipwrecks-become-a-home-to-rich-ocean-floor-life](https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20240604-d-day-shipwrecks-become-a-home-to-rich-ocean-floor-life). Among the 80-year-old sunken D-Day wrecks that line the coasts of Britain and France, wildlife is thriving on the wreckage of war.

**SEAFARERS**


**Seafarer free after 12 years.** *International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF).* 30 May 2024. Available from: [https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/seafarer-free-after-12-years](https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/seafarer-free-after-12-years). Twelve years ago, Abdul Nasser Saleh took a job as an engineer on board the *Al Maha* vessel. He then spent a shocking 4,000 days stuck on board.

**Seven seafarers dead after explosion rocks Greek-managed bulker.** Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds.* 31 May 2024. Available from: [https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/seven-seafarers-dead-after-explosion-rocks-greek-managed-bulker/2-1-1653439](https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/seven-seafarers-dead-after-explosion-rocks-greek-managed-bulker/2-1-1653439). An official for the country’s health ministry said the bodies of several crew members were recovered from the 91,400-dwt *Toro Rosso* (built 1997), and two others died in hospital in Casablanca, according to Moroccan news website SNRTnews.


**MLC 65% effective says SRI.** *Seafarers’ Rights International (SRI).* June 2024. Available from: [https://seafarersrights.org/mlc-65-effective-says-sri/](https://seafarersrights.org/mlc-65-effective-says-sri/). New research from SRI, the international pan-industry body researching maritime and seafarers’ law, concludes that the Maritime Labour Convention is not being strictly and evenly enforced on a global basis.

**Assessing the global effectiveness of the implementation and enforcement of the MLC.** *Seafarers’ Rights International (SRI).* June 2024. Available from: [https://seafarersrights-mlc-report.org/](https://seafarersrights-mlc-report.org/). The adoption of the MLC by the 94th (Maritime) Session of the ILC, Geneva in February 2006 was variously described as: “an extraordinary accomplishment”, “a truly historic event”, “epoch-making”, and “without precedent in the history of the International Labour Conference (ILC)”. 
ILO, NUSS provide hope for Sri Lankan female seafarers. Leon Berenger. *Sunday Observer (Sri Lanka)*. 2 June 2024. Available from: https://www.sundayobserver.lk/2024/06/02/news-features/24355/ilo-nuss-provide-hope-for-sri-lankan-female-seafarers/ A group of 26 girls living in rural parts of the country and from impoverished homes gathered at the premises of a local maritime trade union with much excitement and hope and they were on the verge of embarking on a new journey and if successful in their individual efforts they could reap rich benefits at the end.


Maritime charities help ensure better working lives at sea for seafarers and fishers. *Stella Maris*. 12 June 2024. Available from: https://stellamaris.org.uk/maritime-charities-help-ensure-better-working-lives-at-sea-for-seafarers-and-fishers/ Hundreds of thousands of seafarers and fishers in the UK and other parts of the world have benefited from practical, pastoral and spiritual support provided by global ship visiting network Stella Maris over the past 10 years, thanks to over £1 million in grant funding provided by The Seafarers’ Charity over that period.


Seafarers bear brunt of ‘rising aggression’ from the Houthis. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 14 June 2024. Available from: https://splash247.com/seafarers-bear-brunt-of-rising-aggression-from-the-houthis/ It’s been a brutal week for the mental welfare of seafarers bound for the Middle East and their families back home, starting with hopes for a ceasefire in Gaza, before swiftly descending into an explosive, bloody chaos with one death and a severe injury as the Houthis ramped up more sophisticated attacks.
The 21 Filipino seafarers aboard the Houthi-hit MV Tutor are scheduled to arrive in the Port of Manama, Bahrain Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Bahrain time (10:30 p.m., Philippine time) via a US Navy ship, the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) announced.

They left Bahrain, where they were ferried by a rescue United States Navy Ship, on Sunday. Labor Attache Hector Cruz of the Migrant Workers Office (MWO) - Al Khobar accompanied the sailors.

Further damning findings on seafarer fatigue. Nautilus International. 17 June 2024. Available from: https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/telegraph/further-damning-findings-on-seafarer-fatigue/ A new report from World Maritime University, funded by the ITF Seafarers’ Trust, has once again demonstrated the terrible working hours and fatigue that seafarers are subjected to by their employers.


‘Galaxy Leader’ Crew Held Hostage for 200 Days by Houthi Militants. Mike Schuler. gCaptain. 18 June 2024. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/galaxy-leader-crew-held-hostage-for-200-days-by-houthi-militants/ The manager of the seized car carrier Galaxy Leader is renewing its plea for the release of 25 crew members held hostage by Houthi militants on board the vessel.

Attorneys for Baltimore seek to keep crew members from bridge collapse ship from returning home. Lea Skene. Associated Press. 19 June 2024. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/baltimore-bridge-collapse-dali-crew-fa7a8c1783f780a64da52378461403c8 Attorneys are asking a federal judge to prevent crew members on the cargo ship Dali from returning to their home countries amid ongoing investigations into the circumstances leading up to the deadly collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in March.


New Houthi tactics put seafarers on edge. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 20 June 2024. Available from: https://splash247.com/new-houthi-tactics-put-seafarers-on-edge/ In the video issued by the Houthis, the Tutor’s stern is attacked by one small vessel, and then the middle of the ship suffers another large explosion from a separate projectile.

Attorneys try to block Dali crew from leaving country. CBS News (US). 20 June 2024. Available from: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUBx7AcVj0s&ab_channel=WJZ For more than 12 weeks, crew members remain on the Dali, even after its removal from the disaster site.

Twelve weeks after the Dali cargo ship lost power and crashed into a famed Baltimore bridge, the mammoth vessel will soon leave for repairs – with only a handful of crew on board.


The Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology Celebrates World Seafarers Day, ... Government of Oman. 24 June 2024. Available from: https://www.mtcit.gov.om/ITAPortal/MediaCenter/NewsDetail.aspx?NID=131294 This annual celebration is a recognition by the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology of Oman’s active maritime history and the vital role of seafarers in this sector.

The Secretary-General: Message on Day of the Seafarer. United Nations. 24 June 2024. Available from: http://unis.unvienna.org/unis/pressrels/2024/unissgs1415.html The Day of the Seafarer is a time to celebrate and recognize the two million people around the world who operate the ships that carry more than 80% of the volume of world trade.


All-Filipino crew of MV Transworld ‘safe’ after latest Houthi attack. Marita Moaje. Philippine News Agency (PNA). 24 June 2024. Available from: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1227586 Department of Migrant Workers Secretary Hans Leo Cacdac on Monday said all 27 Filipino crew of Liberian-flagged, Greek-owned and operated cargo carrier MV Transworld Navigator are safe after their vessel was attacked by Houthi rebels on Sunday while navigating the Red Sea.

‘I was told I would not last at sea,’ says second officer and YouTube star. Craig Eason. TradeWinds. 25 June 2024. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/people/-i-was-told-i-would-not-last-at-sea-says-second-officer-and-youtube-star/2-1-1610686 Shawniel De Sagun has spent 10 years as a seafarer, experiencing life on the bridge of commercial vessels, just as accustomed to wearing a boiler suit as a white shirt with epaulettes.

“Day of the Seafarer 2024 – Safety First and Foremost”. International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (INTERCARGO). 25 June 2024. Available from: https://www.intercargo.org/media-release-day-of-the-seafarer-2024-safety-first/ Today, on this very important annual occasion, the Day of the Seafarer, INTERCARGO would like to express its heartfelt appreciation of seafarers, the truly unsung heroes of the sea, and their families worldwide.


Georgian PM praises sailors for “elevating” country’s regional maritime status on int’l Day of the Seafarer. Agenda.ge (Georgia). 25 June 2024. Available from: https://agenda.ge/en/news/2024/39663#gsc.tab=0 Georgian Prime Minister Irakli Kobakhidze on Tuesday praised sailors from the country for their role in establishing it as a “leading maritime nation” in the Black Sea region, in comments for the international Day of the Seafarer.


Pinoy seafarers no longer allowed on ships attacked in Red Sea. Marita Moaje. Philippine News Agency (PNA). 25 June 2024. Available from: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1227677 The Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) on Tuesday said it will no longer allow boarding of Filipino seafarers on ships that were attacked by Houthi rebels in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

Fine sentiments are no defence to Houthi missiles. Lloyd’s List. 25 June 2024. Available from: https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1149664/Fine-sentiments-are-no-defence-to-Houthi-missiles If the Day of the Seafarer is going move beyond sloganeering, the 2m crew keeping world trade afloat will need to see the rhetoric matched by actions.
SEARCH & RESCUE


Video: Italian Forces Rescue 85 Passengers and Crew as Ferry Risks Sinking. *Maritime Executive*. 12 June 2024. Available from: https://maritime-executive.com/article/video-italian-forces-rescue-85-passengers-and-crew-as-ferry-risks-sinking. All available resources including the Italian Coast Guard, multiple units of the police, and fire brigade were called out at midday on Wednesday, June 12 after a newly built ferry declared an emergency reporting it was at immediate risk of sinking in the eastern portion of the Gulf of Trieste.

MEDITERRANEAN: New Calls for Safe and Legal Pathways after NGO Retrieves 12 Bodies from Sea - Search and Rescue NGO Wins Court Case Against Italian Authorities ... European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE). 14 June 2024. Available from: https://tinyurl.com/mr3jr7bn. On 7 June, the search and rescue (SAR) NGO Médecins Sans Frontières Sea (MSF Sea) retrieved the bodies of 11 migrants from the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Libya.


64 people missing and many rescued from 2 shipwrecks off Italy. At least 11 have died. *Associated Press*. 18 June 2024. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/italy-calabria-migrants-shipwreck-missing-dead-frontex-901e21b09c9b136bbd7a418ce3bb2019. Sixty-four people were missing in the Mediterranean Sea and several were rescued after their ship wrecked off Italy's southern coast Monday, United Nations' agencies said in a statement.


A cruise ship rescues 68 migrants and finds 5 bodies in a boat adrift in the Atlantic Ocean. *Teresa Medrano. Associated Press*. 20 June 2024. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/spain-migrants-rescued-cruise-ship-atlantic-984d95e7e6479925b9d02be0fe2be. A cruise ship rescued 68 migrants and found five bodies in a traditional fishing boat that was drifting off the Canary Islands in the Atlantic Ocean, Spain's maritime rescue agency said Thursday.
Italian coast guard recovers 14 more bodies of shipwreck victims off Calabria, dozens still missing. *Associated Press.* 22 June 2024. Available from: [https://apnews.com/article/migration-italy-calabria-shipwreck-deaths-1fe392c9d0d8151048e391d1891921b](https://apnews.com/article/migration-italy-calabria-shipwreck-deaths-1fe392c9d0d8151048e391d1891921b) The Italian coast guard has recovered 14 more bodies from last week’s shipwreck in the Ionian Sea off the southern Italian coastline, bringing to 34 the number of known victims from the sinking.

**SHIP RECYCLING**

**Political Climate Takes a Toll on Ship Recycling.** Nikos Roussanoglou. *Hellenic Shipping News.* 12 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/political-climate-takes-a-toll-on-ship-recycling/](https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/political-climate-takes-a-toll-on-ship-recycling/) The ship recycling market was in a downturn over the past few days, as a result of the recent elections in India, while a further slowdown is expected in the coming days, because of the Eid holidays.

**SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR**


**How Vessel Design Is Transforming Seafaring Experiences.** Trinne Hoffman. *Maersk.* 10 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OHLbdPPrk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OHLbdPPrk) With a growing emphasis on creating an inclusive working environment on board, we recognized the critical role vessel design plays for seafarers spending months at sea.

Mitsubishi Shipbuilding Receives Orders for Japan’s First Methanol-Fuelled RORO Cargo Ships. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. 18 June 2024. Available from: https://www.mhi.com/news/240618.html Mitsubishi Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., a part of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI) Group, has received orders from Toyofuji Shipping Co., Ltd. for Japan’s first methanol-fuelled roll-on/roll-off (RORO) cargo ships.


**SHIPPING**

Net zero and UK shipping – Report Summary. UK Parliament Environmental Audit Committee. 29 May 2024. Available from: https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5804/cmselect/cmenvaud/509/summary.html In December 2023 we reported on the progress the Government was making on policy to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from UK aviation to meet interim and overall net zero targets set by Ministers. Full Report


“At INTERCARGO meetings in Tokyo, safety and decarbonisation were key issues for members”. International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (INTERCARGO). 31 May 2024. Available from: https://www.intercargo.org/media-release-intercargo-meetings-in-tokyo/ INTERCARGO met in Tokyo last week for its Semi-Annual Meetings, and high on the agenda were quality, sustainability, GHG emissions’ reduction, and particularly the CII rating system.


The interview with ABS’ John McDonald. John Faracas. All About Shipping. 2 June 2024. Available from: https://allaboutshipping.co.uk/2024/06/02/the-interview-with-abs-john-mcdonald/ On the eve of Posidonia 2024, in an exclusive interview with AllAboutShipping’s John Faracas, John McDonald, President and Chief Operating Officer of the American Bureau of Shipping, responds to the challenges and opportunities the shipping industry faces from the Classification Society point of view on new technologies, such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, autonomous systems, sustainability and environmental impact, cybersecurity, the future of Maritime technology evolving in the next decade and many more.
Shops rush for Christmas stock as shipping costs surge. Deborah Weitzmann. *BBC News.* 2 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cqee78djzmr0](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cqee78djzmr0) European retailers are rushing to place their Christmas orders early as soaring shipping costs and trade route disruption threaten holiday deliveries, experts say.

**Russian Oil Finds a New Place to Switch in the Mediterranean Sea.** Sherry Su. *Bloomberg.* 3 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/russian-oil-finds-a-new-place-to-switch-in-the-mediterranean-sea-1.2080315](https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/russian-oil-finds-a-new-place-to-switch-in-the-mediterranean-sea-1.2080315) Under pressure from Greece’s navy, traders of Russian oil have found a new place to switch cargoes of crude in the Mediterranean sea, a sign of how hard it will be to clamp down on an activity that has alarmed regulators and European governments alike.

**Tankers are getting older — and could get a lot older in the years ahead.** Greg Miller. *Lloyd’s List.* 3 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1149351/Tankers-are-getting-older--and-could-get-a-lot-older-in-the-years-ahead](https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1149351/Tankers-are-getting-older--and-could-get-a-lot-older-in-the-years-ahead) The goal of decarbonisation is that the tanker fleet age should fall and ships should become more fuel-efficient and emit less greenhouse gases.

**ESI – the shipping industry standard evolves.** *Seatrade Maritime News.* 3 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/ports/esi-shipping-industry-standard-evolves](https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/ports/esi-shipping-industry-standard-evolves) As the shipping industry gears up to decarbonise, industry professionals will have noticed a number of sophisticated new sustainability solutions and energy transition guidelines, solutions and pathfinding reports appearing every month – publicised via conferences, trade shows and social media posts, videos and articles.


**Swirling Global Uncertainties Make It a Great Time to Be a Greek Shipowner.** Alex Longley and Áine Quinn. *Bloomberg.* 3 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/swirling-global-uncertainties-make-it-a-great-time-to-be-a-greek-shipowner-1.2080220](https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/swirling-global-uncertainties-make-it-a-great-time-to-be-a-greek-shipowner-1.2080220) Sandwiched between the world’s great global powers in a time of deepening global tensions, Greek shipowners are still finding a way to thrive.


**As shipping supply chains are interrupted by wars, how is Southeast Asia faring?** John F. Bradford. *Jakarta Post.* 5 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.thejakartapost.com/opinion/2024/06/05/as-shipping-supply-chains-are-interrupted-by-wars-how-is-southeast-asia-faring.html](https://www.thejakartapost.com/opinion/2024/06/05/as-shipping-supply-chains-are-interrupted-by-wars-how-is-southeast-asia-faring.html) Disruptions to shipping supply chains are being felt globally due to the conflict in Gaza and related attacks on ships by Houthi militias, as well as Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, but they are not the only tension points stressing global sea lanes.
War, the dark fleet and energy geopolitics all part of the debate at Posidonia. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 5 June 2024. Available from: https://splash247.com/war-the-dark-fleet-and-energy-geopolitics-all-part-of-the-debate-at-posidonia/ Harry Conway, chair of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the IMO, told delegates everyone should be concerned by dark fleet activity because of the safety of vessels and crew, as well as the protection of the marine environment.

Green transition threatens billions in lost profits and value for fossil fuel ships, study finds. Eric Priante Martin. TradeWinds. 5 June 2024. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/green-transition-threatens-billions-in-lost-profits-and-value-for-fossil-fuel-ships-study-finds/2-1-1655454 Owners of ships that carry fossil fuels could face hundreds of billions of dollars in lost profits and value declines if the global economy is aligned with the decarbonisation goals of the Paris Agreement.

Finland Wants EU Oil-Spill Vessel to Counter Shadow Fleet Risks. Leo Laikola. Bloomberg. 5 June 2024. Available from: https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/finland-wants-eu-oil-spill-vessel-to-counter-shadow-fleet-risks-1.2081431 Finland called for the European Union to procure a vessel to be on standby for oil spills in the northern parts of the Baltic Sea, as Russian crude transports are posing a growing threat in the region.


Shipping’s entry into carbon quota system is plagued by teething problems. Mette Grube Condrup. ShippingWatch. 6 June 2024. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article17168033.ece Language barriers and slow approvals of trading accounts are some of the problems that result from EU member states being unprepared and slow to translate the EU’s climate quota requirements into national legislation.


International law crucial for robust shipping sector, says Hadjimanolis in Athens. Kyriacos Nicolaou. *Cyprus Mail*. 7 June 2024. Available from: [https://tinyurl.com/jee37w5m](https://tinyurl.com/jee37w5m)

Deputy Minister of Shipping Marina Hadjimanolis on Thursday, during her visit to Athens, highlighted the importance of cooperation, compliance, and the implementation of international law to strengthen a resilient maritime industry.


Today, the Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is sanctioning ten individuals, entities, and vessels, including tanker captains, in multiple jurisdictions that have engaged in the illicit transport of oil and other commodities, including for the network of Houthi financial facilitator Sa’id al-Jamal.


HMM and IKEA Supply Chain Operations, have signed an agreement to use HMM’s ‘Green Sailing Service’, a low-carbon ocean transport solution that will enable both companies to lower their environmental impact and contribute to the decarbonisation of ocean transportation.


This white paper presents the findings and recommendations from a First Movers Coalition workshop held in South Africa in March 2024, which focused on decarbonizing the country’s shipping and trucking sectors and developing its potential to produce green hydrogen. Report


Georgia Tech researchers are developing sustainable ocean shipping solutions to meet global emissions targets through eco-friendly fuels, optimized supply chains, and life-cycle assessments.


The shipping industry must take urgent action to meet ambitious new climate targets set by the IMO, according to a new report from the Sea Cargo Charter (SCC), a global transparency initiative developed by the Global Maritime Forum. Annual Disclosure Report 2024
DIA report details effects of Houthi attacks on commercial shipping. US Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA). 13 June 2024. Available from: https://www.dia.mil/News-Features/Articles/Article-View/Article/3805451/ The Defense Intelligence Agency has released a new report detailing how Houthi maritime attacks have affected international trade supported by an expansion of military capabilities with help from Iran. Report

Container shipping costs on EU-Korea route continue to rise amid Red Sea crisis. Korea Times (South Korea). 17 June 2024. Available from: https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/biz/2024/06/602_376754.html Container shipping costs from Europe to Korea rose for the fourth consecutive month in May amid ongoing tensions surrounding the Red Sea, the customs agency said Monday.

Industry leaders call on governments to recognise impact of increasing protectionism globally at leading Summit in Montreal. International Chamber of Shipping (ICS). 17 June 2024. Available from: https://tinyurl.com/nhhmm878 The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) and the Chamber of Marine Commerce, Canada (CMC) convened industry leaders in Montreal on Thursday 13 June to discuss the challenges and risks to global trade at the flagship Shaping the Future of Shipping Summit.


Shanghai commits to zero emission shipping with global collaboration. Yang Jian. Shanghai Daily. 18 June 2024. Available from: https://www.shine.cn/news/metro/2406182271/ Shanghai has committed to advancing zero-emission shipping and enhancing global cooperation, city officials told a key international seminar on Tuesday.


Maersk is working with rivals to introduce carbon tax on fossil fuels. Dag Holmstad. ShippingWatch. 19 June 2024. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article17209765.ece 15 major shipping companies are currently working hard to produce a number of examples of how the price difference between cheap, black fuels and expensive, green alternatives can be bridged.


**Danish shipping companies retain special tax relief.** Adis Ajdin. *Splash 247.com.* 20 June 2024. Available from: [https://splash247.com/danish-shipping-companies-retain-special-tax-relief/](https://splash247.com/danish-shipping-companies-retain-special-tax-relief/) Earlier this year, an expert group led by businessman Christian Frigast proposed to scrap the DIS scheme, claiming it could save over a billion DKK but that it would also result in significantly fewer Danish seafarers and less ships flying the Danish flag.


**EU ban on LNG transshipments tipped to create fresh transfer hotspots.** Lucy Hine. *TradeWinds.* 21 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.tradewindsnews.com/gas/eu-ban-on-lng-transshipments-tipped-to-create-fresh-transfer-hotspots/2-1-1665227](https://www.tradewindsnews.com/gas/eu-ban-on-lng-transshipments-tipped-to-create-fresh-transfer-hotspots/2-1-1665227) An agreed ban on the transshipment of Russian LNG in European terminals for re-export is likely to boost cargo re-loads in alternative locations, an industry analyst has warned.

**Overseas shipping problems remain largely under consumers’ radar.** Lori Ann LaRocco. *FreightWaves.* 21 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.freightwaves.com/news/overseas-shipping-problems-remain-large-under-consumers-radar](https://www.freightwaves.com/news/overseas-shipping-problems-remain-large-under-consumers-radar) Seafarers have been taken hostage, some have lost their lives in vessel attacks, and ships have sunk to the bottom of the ocean.


**Tanker chiefs worry about running out of conventional ships.** Sofie Højlund. *ShippingWatch.* 26 June 2024. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article17230497.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article17230497.ece) The demand for fossil fuels is rising, which means there is a shortage of ships to handle the cargo - and that’s one of the biggest challenges facing the world’s tanker companies right now, according to four CEOs.
Can the shipping industry chart a course that delivers for the planet? Angeli Mehta. Reuters. 26 June 2024. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/decarbonizing-industries/can-shipping-industry-chart-course-that-delivers-planet-2024-06-26/ Shipping is the most carbon-efficient means of moving cargo, but it still has a big impact on the planet, accounting for almost 3% of global greenhouse gas emissions.

UN Security Council demands Iran-backed Yemen rebels halt their attacks on ships in Mideast waters. Edith M. Lederer. Associated Press. 27 June 2024. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/un-resolution-yemen-houthi-attacks-red-sea-b1311059a554fddd450b5293c28e65a5 The U.N. Security Council on Thursday approved a resolution demanding Yemen’s Houthi rebels halt all attacks on ships and urged that the disruption to maritime security in a critical Middle East waterway be urgently addressed.

Maritime decarbonisation is slowing down, says DNV boss. Here’s how we know. Craig Eason. TradeWinds. 28 June 2024. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/technology/maritime-decarbonisation-is-slowing-down-says-dnv-boss-here-s-how-we-know/2-1-1667563 DNV head of maritime Knut Orbeck-Nilssen says the decarbonisation of shipping is slowing, leading to a growing gap between policymakers’ expectations and what the industry can deliver.

**RESEARCH**


Savage J, Chamberlain A, et al. *Big brands impact small islands: Sources of plastic pollution in a remote and protected archipelago.* Marine Pollution Bulletin. 22 May 2024. Available from: https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0025326X24004533?via%3Dihub Remote islands are disproportionately affected by plastic pollution, often originating from elsewhere, so it is important to understand its origins, to stop debris entering the ocean at their source.


Stockbruegger J and Bueger C. *From mitigation to adaptation: Problematizing climate change in the maritime transport industry.* WIREs Climate Change. 18 June 2024. Available from: https://wires.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/wcc.894 The literature on climate change in the maritime transport industry has grown rapidly in the last few years.
About the cover

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