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IMO NEWS & EVENTS

IMO Council steps up action on transparency and access to information

The IMO Council has decided to live-stream its plenary meetings and make its documents accessible to the public, in a bid to boost transparency in the Organization.

Meeting in London from 8 to 12 July for its 132nd session, the Council took a series of decisions to modernize its approach and operations.

These include:

- Live-streaming plenary sessions of Council
- Releasing Council documents and summaries of decisions to the public
- Permanently establishing hybrid capabilities to enable for virtual and in-person participation in meetings
- Enhancing multilingualism through a Strategic Framework for Multilingualism

Bravery Awards for tanker and tugboat crews

Two nominations to receive IMO 2024 Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea.

The 2024 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea is to go to two sets of nominees: the Captain and crew of the oil tanker Marlin Luanda, for containing a fire after the ship was struck by an anti-ship missile; and the Captain and crew of the tugboat Pemex Maya, for their rescue of six shipwrecked persons from four different vessels, during a hurricane.

Two individuals will receive certificates of commendation for their acts of bravery and 15 letters of commendation will be sent to their recipients.

Captain Ian Finley to receive IMO International Maritime Prize

Captain Ian Finley selected as the recipient of the prestigious International Maritime Prize for 2023.

Captain Ian Finley, Permanent Representative of the Cook Islands to IMO, has been selected as the recipient of the prestigious International Maritime Prize for 2023. The decision was made by the IMO Council at its 132nd session (8 to 12 July 2024).

Captain Finley was nominated for the award by the Government of the Cook Islands. As a delegate to IMO, representing Panama and latterly the Cook Islands, he has been an active participant in the development of virtually all safety, environmental and legal legislation adopted by the Organization since 1995.
MEETING SUMMARIES AND SCHEDULE

Programme of Meetings for 2024

Previous Meetings

IMO Council (C 132) 8-12 July 2024

Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III 10) 22-26 July 2024

Forthcoming Meetings

Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC 10) 16-20 September 2024

Intersessional Working Group on the Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (ISWG-GHG 17) 23-27 September 2024

Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 82) 30 September – 4 October 2024
NEW IMO PUBLICATIONS

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**Procedures for port State control 2023, 2024 Edition**
Digital format: KF650F (French) KF650S (Spanish)
ISBN: 978-92-801-2569-6 (French) 978-92-801-3212-0 (Spanish)

Port State control inspections contribute to ensuring that global maritime standards are being implemented consistently on all ships. This publication provides guidance for port State control officers on the conduct of inspections to support harmonization in the way inspections are carried out worldwide.

This edition includes amendments to Guidelines for the detention of ships (appendix 2) and Guidelines for port State control under MARPOL Annex VI (appendix 18), and new Guidelines for inspection of anti-fouling systems on ships (appendix 19).

**Model Course: SAR Administration (IAMSAR Manual Volume I), 2024 Edition**
Digital format:
ISBN:

This model course is intended to provide an introduction to the administration and management of a maritime search and rescue (SAR) service to assist States in meeting their own SAR needs, and the obligations they accepted under the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue, 1979 and its amendments together with the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, and its amendments.

It covers the global SAR system concept, establishment and improvement of national and regional SAR systems and co-operation with neighbouring states to provide effective and economical SAR services as described in the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue Manual, Volume I, Organization and Management.
UN urges international solidarity as Hurricane Beryl devastates Caribbean islands. 

Time running short as 2030 deadline looms for UN blueprint for a fairer future. 
UN News. 5 July 2024. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/07/1151731 The 2024 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) will follow on from last September’s SDG Summit, described by UN Secretary-General at the time as a “moment of unity” to turn the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into reality.

UN deputy chief demands bold policies, innovative solutions for SDGs. Vibhu Mishra. 
UN News. 8 July 2024. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/07/1151861 Addressing the opening of the 2024 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), Amina Mohammed called for transformative actions and bold policies to address pressing global challenges such as poverty, food insecurity and climate change.

UN forum on sustainable development concludes with renewed commitment, call for urgent action. Vibhu Mishra. 
UN News. 18 July 2024. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/07/1152276 The High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development concluded on Wednesday, with nations reiterating the need for renewed impetus and accelerated actions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the 2030 deadline.

The heat is on: We must rise to the challenge of rising temperatures, urges UN chief. 
Vibhu Mishra. UN News. 25 July 2024. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/07/1152496 The appeal comes against the backdrop of record temperatures and deadly heatwaves – from the United States to Africa’s Sahel and Europe to the Middle East – that have killed several hundred people this summer.

Oil tanker sinks, hundreds of thousands affected as ‘super typhoon’ batters Philippines. 

Deadly Atlantic shipwreck shows victims’ desperation, says UN refugee agency. 
Daniel Johnson. UN News. 26 July 2024. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/07/1152536 News of another deadly shipwreck tragedy off the coast of Mauritania is a clear indication of the desperation people on the move continue to face as they attempt to escape strife, the UN refugee agency, UNHCR, said on Friday.
**CASUALTIES**


Oil tanker damaged as armed guards blow up remote-controlled boat used in Houthi attack. Harry Papachristou. TradeWinds. 15 July 2024. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/oil-tanker-damaged-as-armed-guards-blow-up-remote-controlled-boat-used-in-houthi-attack/2-1-1677745 Houthi forces used unmanned craft to attack two vessels in the Red Sea on Monday that are controlled by Greek and Monaco-based interests.


Gaps of calmer weather a welcome respite for salvage of grounded vessel on South Africa’s west coast: SAMSA. South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA). 16 July 2024. Available from: https://blog.samsa.org.za/2024/07/16/gaps-of-calmer-weather-a-welcome-respite-for-salvage-of-grounded-vessel-on-south-africas-west-coast-samsa/ Pockets of calmer weather off South Africa’s west coast have injected much needed impetus to salvage work of the grounded Panama-flagged general cargo ship, the MV Ultra Galaxy, now lying on its side, beached, on a remote location of the Atlantic Ocean, northwest of Cape Town; the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) reported on Tuesday.

Malta-flagged ultra large container vessel sails off Algoa Bay as hunt for lost containers continues on South Africa’s east coast: SAMSA. South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA). 18 July 2024. Available from: https://blog.samsa.org.za/2024/07/18/malta-flagged-ultra-large-container-vessel-sails-off-algoa-bay-as-hunt-for-lost-containers-continues-on-south-africas-east-coast-samsa/ Efforts to locate more than three dozen goods containers that fell off at sea from one of the world’s biggest cargo containerships in the world currently, the CMA CGM Benjamin Franklin, while sailing on the Indian Ocean alongside South Africa a week ago, continue in Gqeberha, Eastern Cape; according to the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA).

Oil tankers on fire after colliding close to Singapore, crew rescued. Jeslyn Lerh, Florence Tan and Jonathan Saul. Reuters. 19 July 2024. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/singapore-sends-rescue-teams-help-crew-oil-tankers-fire-2024-07-19/ Two large oil tankers were on fire on Friday after colliding near Singapore, the world’s biggest refuelling port, with two crew members airlifted to hospital and others rescued from life rafts, authorities and one of the tanker owners said.


Singapore-flagged Container Vessel Struck by Unidentified Projectiles in the Gulf of Aden. Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA). 19 July 2024. Available from: https://www.mpa.gov.sg/media-centre/details/sg-flagged-container-vessel-struck-by-unidentified-projectiles-in-the-gulf-of-aden On 19 July, at about 10.30 am (Singapore Time), the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) was informed by the vessel manager of Singapore- flagged container vessel LOBIVIA that the vessel had been struck by unidentified projectiles while transiting the Gulf of Aden.

One Crewmember Dies in Fire Aboard Maersk Ship. Maritime Executive. 20 July 2024. Available from: https://maritime-executive.com/article/video-fire-reignites-on-maersk-containership-off-india The Indian Coast Guard reports its assets are continuing to assist the vessel which is stopped approximately 6.5 nautical miles south of Karwar, India in the Arabian Sea and approximately 100 nautical miles north of Goa.

12 hours on, Indian Coast Guard ships battle fire onboard Maersk Frankfurt vessel in Arabian Sea. Times of India. 20 July 2024. Available from: https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/12-hours-on-indian-coast-guard-ships-battle-fire-onboard-maersk-frankfurt-vessel-in-arabian-sea/articleshow/111885070.cms The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) on Saturday is still responding to a fire incident onboard the merchant vessel Maersk Frankfurt, positioned 17 miles from Karwar, Karnataka.

Container vessel Maersk Frankfurt still on fire: 1 crew member dead. Times of India. 21 July 2024. Available from: https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/goa/container-vessel-maersk-frankfurt-still-on-fire-1-crew-member-dead/articleshow/111892009.cms One crew member died on the container vessel Maersk Frankfurt, which continues to emanate smoke and small fires about 17 miles from Karwar, said the Indian Coast Guard.

At least 6 people are dead and 7 are missing after a fishing vessel sinks in the South Atlantic. Isabel Debre. Associated Press. 24 July 2024. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/boat-sink-weather-south-atlantic-argentina-britain-spain-galicia-falkland-islands-652aa8ba181f98c1c6309608afe54e51 A fishing boat carrying 27 people sank nearly 200 miles (320 kilometers) off the Falkland Islands, leaving at least six people dead and seven missing, British and Spanish officials said Tuesday.

Battling extreme weather, Indian Coast Guard continues efforts to douse fire onboard merchant ship. Asian News International (ANI). 24 July 2024. Available from: https://www.aninews.in/news/national/general/news/battling-extreme-weather-indian-coast-guard-continues-efforts-to-douse-fire-onboard-merchant-ship20240724184940/ In a continued effort to ensure the safety of MV Maersk Frankfurt and her crew as well as to prevent marine pollution, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has maintained sustained operations for the sixth consecutive day despite challenging weather conditions.

In Response to Media Queries on Hafnia Nile. Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA). 24 July 2024. Available from: https://www.mpa.gov.sg/media-centre/details/in-response-to-media-queries-on-hafnia-nile In response to media queries, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) confirms that, following the collision which took place within Singapore’s Maritime Search and Rescue Region on 19 July 2024, Hafnia is in discussion with MPA on a safe location to transfer Hafnia Nile’s naphtha cargo, and towage plans for repairs to be approved by MPA.

Oil spill threatens Philippines capital after tanker capsizes. Straits Times. 25 July 2024. Available from: https://www.straitstimes.com/world/one-crew-missing-oil-spill-after-tanker-capsizes-off-philippines A marine tanker carrying industrial fuel sank in rough seas off the Philippines on July 25, causing the death of a crew member and an oil spill that could spread to waters off the capital Manila, officials said.


PBBM asks DENR to assess oil spill off Bataan, ready mitigation steps. Marita Moaje and Darryl John Esquerra. Philippine News Agency (PNA). 25 July 2024. Available from: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1229773 President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Thursday ordered the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and other concerned agencies to assess the environmental impact of an oil spill from a massive oil tanker that capsized off the coast of Bataan.

Body of crew member recovered as tanker and general cargoship capsize in Typhoon Gaemi. Lloyd's List. 25 July 2024. Available from: https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1150015/UPDATED-Body-of-crew-member-recovered-as-tanker-and-general-cargoship-capsize-in-Typhoon-Gaemi Philippines-flagged product tanker Terra Nova (IMO: 9092666) capsized in rough seas off the Philippines on Thursday, with one crew member dead and a rush to deal with the 1.4 tonnes of fuel oil it was carrying.
Crew ‘held each other and jumped’ as typhoon sank ship. Joy Chiang and Kelly Ng. BBC News. 26 July 2024. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cd1x79718vgo As their ship started sinking rapidly into the sea, nine crew members onboard a cargo ship in Taiwan realised they did not have enough time to reach their life raft.


Maersk Frankfurt owner declares General Average, as fire-fighting continues. Angelo Mathais. The Loadstar. 25 July 2024. Available from: https://theloadstar.com/maersk-frankfurt-owner-declares-general-average-as-fire-fighting-continues/ Shippers with cargo on the Maersk Frankfurt, which has suffered fires on board for six days, have been, or will be, served General Average (GA) notices by vessel owner Tokei Kaiun, according to the latest Maersk update.

Why concealing shipping accident details is becoming more difficult. Charlie Bartlett. Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST). 25 July 2024. Available from: https://www.imarest.org/resource/mp-why-concealing-shipping-accident-details-is-becoming-more-difficult.html Lloyd’s List Intelligence (LLI) is focused on collecting and processing data from shipping incidents, which can be used for valuable insights and stopping shipowners staying silent.

Oil tanker in collision near Pedra Branca did not flee, but had drifted away: Malaysian authorities. Rashvinjeet S Bedi. Channel News Asia. 30 July 2024. Available from: https://www.channelnewsasia.com/asia/ship-tanker-collision-ceres-hafnia-nile-flee-drifted-4513651 The oil tanker Ceres I, which collided about 55km northeast of Pedra Branca with the Singapore-flagged Hafnia Nile on Jul 19, did not flee the scene but had drifted away, Malaysian authorities claimed on Tuesday (Jul 30).


ENVIRONMENT

Whale detection program expanded in Canadian waters to protect North Atlantic right whales and help mariners. University of New Brunswick (Canada). 27 June 2024. Available from: https://blogs.unb.ca/newsroom/2024/06/na-right-whales.php North Atlantic right whales are amongst the most endangered whale species on the planet, with their population hovering around a mere 350 individuals.


Earth’s hottest June on record. UN News. 8 July 2024. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/07/1151841 “These latest figures from the Copernicus Climate Change Service unfortunately highlight that we will be exceeding the 1.5 degrees Celsius level on a temporary basis with increasing frequency, on a monthly basis,” said the World Meteorological Organization Secretary-General Celeste Saulo.

Limiting ship speed is necessary to prevent extinction of great whales in the North-Western Mediterranean. OceanCare. 8 July 2024. Available from: https://www.oceancare.org/en/stories_and_news/new-data-confirms-limiting-ship-speed-is-necessary-to-prevent-extinction-of-great-whales-in-the-north-western-mediterranean/ Keeping vessel speeds below 10 knots is the only effective way to avoid the risk of fatal collisions with endangered whales in areas such as the Particular Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) in the Northwestern Mediterranean Sea, where adjusting of ship routes is not a practically feasible option.


China sees marked improvement in marine environment. Government of China. 11 July 2024. Available from: https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202407/11/content_WS668fd3f5c6d0868f4e8e918c.html China has seen marked improvement in the quality of its marine environment and has been working hard on innovative new protection approaches, said a white paper issued on Thursday by China’s State Council Information Office.

Monday breaks the record for the hottest day ever on Earth. Sibi Arasu and Seth Borenstein. Associated Press. 24 July 2024. Available from: [https://apnews.com/article/hottest-day-ever-climate-change-weather-heat-extreme-global-warming-8e2b0b7fa0360ecb931ca333a832c694](https://apnews.com/article/hottest-day-ever-climate-change-weather-heat-extreme-global-warming-8e2b0b7fa0360ecb931ca333a832c694). Driven by oceans that won’t cool down, an unseasonably warm Antarctica and worsening climate change, Earth’s record hot streak dialled up this week, making Sunday, then Monday, the hottest days humans have measured, according to the European climate service.

**ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION**

Oil spill: Next clean-up phase targets hard-to-reach areas like rock bunds, oil deep in sand. Channel News Asia. 28 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYP_v2QN4VA&ab_channel=CNA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYP_v2QN4VA&ab_channel=CNA). Singapore’s oil spill clean-up is now entering its second phase, with a bit more deep cleaning.

ST Explains: Why stationary vessel will have to shoulder all claims for recent S’pore oil spill. Esther Loi. Straits Times. 30 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/transport/st-explains-why-does-stationary-vessel-have-to-shoulder-claims-for-recent-oil-spill](https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/transport/st-explains-why-does-stationary-vessel-have-to-shoulder-claims-for-recent-oil-spill). A bunker vessel which spilled oil when it was hit by a dredging boat on June 14 will have to bear the costs arising from the spill, despite it being stationary when it was hit.


Oil skimmers deployed on morning after spill due to difficulty locating oil patches. Kok Yufeng. Straits Times. 3 July 2024. Available from: [https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/politics/oil-skimmers-deployed-on-morning-after-spill-due-to-difficulty-locating-oil-patches-at-sea-chee-hong-tat](https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/politics/oil-skimmers-deployed-on-morning-after-spill-due-to-difficulty-locating-oil-patches-at-sea-chee-hong-tat). Transport Minister Chee Hong Tat said it was challenging to first confirm the location of the large oil patches, despite the MPA using a “multi-pronged approach” that included drones, satellite imagery and sightings from ships at sea and personnel on land.

Ammonia toxicity concerns in focus for shipping as Singapore cleans up oil spill. Hui Min Lee. S&P Global. 3 July 2024. Available from: https://tinyurl.com/4xrct8ab Ammonia toxicity concerns are in focus after an oil spill incident in June at Singapore’s Pasir Panjang Terminal, as the shipping industry doubles down on cleaner fuels for maritime decarbonation with keen interest in risk management and preparedness to deal with future bunker spills.


Another oil spill reported in Tobago. Elizabeth Gonzales. Guardian (Trinidad & Tobago). 4 July 2024. Available from: https://www.guardian.co.tt/news/another-oil-spill-reported-in-tobago The spill, which was not identified out at sea, instead washed ashore and found its way behind the ANR International Airport during the passage of Hurricane Beryl.


Climate goals of cruise industry ‘not acceptable: German NGO. Daily Finland. 11 July 2024. Available from: https://www.dailyfinland.fi/europe/38508/Climate-goals-of-cruise-industry-not-acceptable-German-NGO The German Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union (NABU) has criticized the climate targets set by several cruise companies, which fall short of the German government’s goal of reaching climate neutrality by 2045, reported dpa.

NABU Cruise Ranking 2024. NABU (Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union). 10 July 2024. Available from: https://en.nabu.de/topics/traffic/cruise-ranking-2024.html The cruise industry still has a long way to go before the environment and climate no longer suffer as a result.

CMA CGM Benjamin Franklin Incident CMA CGM Group. 11 July 2024. Available from: https://www.cma-cgm.com/news/4788/cma-cgm-benjamin-franklin-incident On Tuesday 9th July 2024, while proceeding on her westbound voyage from Asia to Europe, the CMA CGM BENJAMIN FRANKLIN faced unexpectedly strong adverse weather conditions off South African coasts and suffered loss at sea of 44 containers.


Volunteers will be deployed to remove tar balls from some beaches affected by oil spill: Grace Fu. Elise Wong. Straits Times. 17 July 2024. Available from: https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/environment/volunteers-needed-to-remove-tar-balls-from-some-beaches-affected-by-oil-spill-grace-fu Volunteers will be deployed in the “coming days” to help with the removal of tar balls from some beaches, said Minister for Sustainability and the Environment Grace Fu in a Facebook post on July 16.


Estuaries and coastlines capture most plastic before it gets out to sea, providing a chance to stop ocean pollution. Melissa Bowen, Gaoyang Li, Giovanni Coco and Zheng Chen. Phys.org. 23 July 2024. Available from: https://phys.org/news/2024-07-estuaries-coastlines-capture-plastic-sea.html Most people have heard of the “great garbage patch,” a region of the North Pacific between Hawaii and California, where plastic is accumulating.


PCG deploys 3 vessels to augment oil spill response ops. *Philippine News Agency (PNA)*. 25 July 2024. Available from: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1229868. Three 44-meter multi-role response vessels (MRRVs) have been deployed to augment the ongoing oil spill response operations in Bataan.

How a capsized tanker has caused a devastating oil spill in the Philippines. *Deutsche Welle (Germany)*. 25 July 2024. Available from: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZKV6Fpt3Mdq. Authorities are racing to contain an oil spill that’s inundating Manila, the capital of the Philippines.

PCG braces for Bataan oil spill reaching Manila Bay. Marita Moaje. *Philippine News Agency (PNA)*. 26 July 2024. Available from: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1229868. The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) on Friday said it is preparing for the worst case scenario that the oil spill off the coast of Limay, Bataan would reach Manila Bay.

Fire on *MV Maersk Frankfurt* poses no threat to coastal Karnataka. *Deccan Herald (India)*. 28 July 2024. Available from: https://www.deccanherald.com/india/karnataka/fire-on-mv-maersk-frankfurt-poses-no-threat-to-coastal-karnataka-3125669. Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has clarified that there is no risk to the marine life and coastal areas of Karnataka from the fire onboard *MV Maersk Frankfurt*, a Panamanian flag cargo carrier.

DENR activates measures to help contain Bataan oil spill. Christopher Lloyd Caliwan and Ferdinand Patino. *Philippine News Agency (PNA)*. 29 July 2024. Available from: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1229982. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) on Monday said it has activated programs to assist other agencies in containing the oil spill from the sunken *M/T Terra Nova* off the coast of Limay, Bataan.

Philippine coast guard says oil leaking from sunken tanker. *ABS-CBN (Philippines)*. 27 July 2024. Available from: https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/2024/7/27/philippine-coast-guard-says-oil-leaking-from-sunken-tanker-1429. Some of the 1.4 million liters of industrial fuel oil inside a sunken Philippine tanker has started to leak into Manila Bay, the coast guard said Saturday, as they raced to avoid an environmental catastrophe.

Oil spill clean-up underway on South Africa’s west coast after the weekend break-up of grounded Panama flagged cargo vessel, *MV Ultra Galaxy*. South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA). 30 July 2024. Available from: [https://tinyurl.com/4ru5fhr5](https://tinyurl.com/4ru5fhr5) Coastal clean-up operations are ramping up on South Africa’s west coast after an oil-spool caused by the break-up of a grounded Panama-registered general cargo vessel, the *MV Ultra Galaxy* due to battering by massive waves associated with a cold front that enveloped the western and northern Cape regions this past weekend, the SAMSA reported on Monday.

PCG sees ‘minimal’ oil sheen in shores surrounding sunken tanker. Raymond Carl Dela Cruz. *Philippine News Agency* (PNA). 30 July 2024. Available from: [https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1230103](https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1230103) The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) has found very minimal to unnoticeable oil sheen in the shorelines of Manila, Bulacan, Pampanga, Bataan, and Cavite following the sinking of an oil tanker on Thursday.

HEALTH & SAFETY


‘Worryingly high number’: Gard raises alarm on seafarer suicide rate. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 5 July 2024. Available from: [https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insurance/-worryingly-high-number-gard-raises-alarm-on-seafarer-suicide-rate/2-1-1673208](https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insurance/-worryingly-high-number-gard-raises-alarm-on-seafarer-suicide-rate/2-1-1673208) More than one in 10 deaths on commercial ships covered by Gard have been attributed to suicide, with many of them preventable, according to new data published by the market-leading Norwegian insurer.


Hafnia advances Maritime Culture Lab crew welfare and diversity programme.


**IMO**

Integration of economic and technical maritime transport sector challenges into International Maritime Organization (IMO) regulations. Morgane Querel. *OceaNext 2024 Conference*. June 2024. Available from:  https://hal.science/hal-04631830  The IMO is competent for regulating shipping. Additionally, under the Kyoto Protocol, IMO has been specifically mandated to combat greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions generated by this sector.


Exclusive: IMO carbon levy at $150-$300 would result in least GDP impact on global economy.
Enes Tunagur. Lloyd’s List. 17 July 2024. Available from: https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1149935/Exclusive-IMO-carbon-levy-at-$150-$300-would-result-in-least-GDP-impact-on-global-economy A carbon levy of $150-$300 per tonne on shipping would result in the lowest impact on global economic growth in 2050 if the revenues were disbursed only to states that were most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, according to an analysis of potential policies for the International Maritime Organization.

IMO promises more transparency – but votes are still secret. Niklas Krigslund. ShippingWatch. 18 July 2024. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article17289568.ece The IMO is again trying to counter critics who accuse the organization of a perceived lack of transparency.

The ITLOS Advisory Opinion and the Normative Future of IMO GHG Reduction Measures.


Port delays could cut CII by two ratings, new report shows. Enes Tunagur. Lloyd’s List. 30 July 2024. Available from: https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1150066/Port-delays-could-cut-CII-by-two-ratings-new-report-shows Port delays could cut vessel ratings on the IMO’s Carbon Intensity Indicator by two ratings, showing the impact of factors beyond shipping companies’ control on the emission reduction measure, according to data from shipmanager Contships.

LAW & POLICY


Global Trade Update (July 2024). UN Trade and Development. July 2024. Available from: https://unctad.org/publication/global-trade-update-july-2024 Global trade trends turned positive in the first quarter of 2024, with the value of trade in goods increasing by around 1% quarter-over-quarter and services by about 1.5%.

This Issue Paper examines the international law concerning the deliberate disposal into the Sea of plastic wastes generated on land; plastic waste generated aboard ships; lost, abandoned, or otherwise discarded fishing gear (ALDFG); and the maritime transport of plastics (e.g. pellets) and spillages.


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Seychelles and IOC countries partner with EU for Safe Seas Africa programme. Seychelles News Agency. 5 July 2024. Available from: http://www.seychellesnewsagency.com/articles/category/4/articles/20836/Seychelles-and-IOC-countries-partner-with-EU-for-Safe-Seas-Africa-programme The European Union and the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) have signed an agreement that will see the implementation of the Safe Seas Africa (SSA) programme to enforce maritime security in Africa.
An Alaska tourist spot will vote whether to ban cruise ships on Saturdays to give locals a break. Becky Bohrer. Associated Press. 7 July 2024. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/juneau-cruise-ships-initiative-saturdays-9c58368283dc9e156408d9ebda9e90f87#. A measure that would ban cruise ships with 250 or more passengers from docking in Juneau on Saturdays qualified for the Oct. 1 municipal ballot, setting the stage for a debate about how much tourism is too much in a city that is experiencing first-hand the impacts of climate change.


Amsterdam implements strict limits on sea cruises for sustainable future. Safety4Sea. 9 July 2024. Available from: https://safety4sea.com/amsterdam-implements-strict-limits-on-sea-cruises-for-sustainable-future/ The city of Amsterdam will limit the number of sea cruises that moor at the Passengers Terminal Amsterdam (PTA) from 190 to a maximum of one hundred per year from 2026 onwards.

‘All threats to the sea come from humans’: how lawyers are gearing up to fight for the oceans. Karen McVeigh. The Guardian. 10 July 2024. Available from: https://www.theguardian.com/environment/article/2024/jul/10/threats-sea-humans-lawyers-fight-oceans-lawsuits-climate A rising number of lawsuits in courts around the world are holding governments and corporations to account for their treatment of the seas and those who rely on them.

Mike Kane is appointed new maritime minister. UK Chamber of Shipping. 10 July 2024. Available from: https://www.ukchamberofshipping.com/news/mike-kane-appointed-new-maritime-minister The Chamber congratulates Mike Kane on his appointment as the new Maritime Minister and looks forward to collaborating with him on pressing matters for the UK shipping industry.


Maritime Knowledge Centre (MKC)
UK, EU States to Target Russian Oil Fleet With More Checks. Alberto Nardelli, Alex Wickham and Alaric Nightingale. Bloomberg. 15 July 2024. Available from: https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/investing/2024/07/15/uk-eu-states-to-target-russian-oil-fleet-with-more-checks/ The UK plans to launch a “call to action” this week with a group of European nations to target the so-called shadow fleet of oil tankers that Russia uses to skirt international sanctions, according to people familiar with the matter and documents seen by Bloomberg.

UN body that regulates the deep sea tackles proposed mining code amid growing concerns. Dâñica Coto. Associated Press. 15 July 2024. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/isa-deep-sea-mining-jamaica-metals-a0af52ca0887b82c9aed5cc8c9c8e677 Tense deliberations over how and if to allow deep sea mining unfolded Monday in Jamaica as at least one company threatened to apply for permission before rules and regulations are in place.


Treasuey Maintains Pressure on Houthi Illicit Shipping and Finance Schemes. US Department of the Treasury. 18 July 2024. Available from: https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy2469 Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is designating and identifying as blocked property a dozen persons and vessels, respectively, that have played a critical role in financing the Houthis’ destabilising regional activities as part of the network of Sa’id al-Jamal.

Tobago receives $50M for oil spill expenses. Loop News (Trinidad and Tobago). 18 July 2024. Available from: https://tt.loopnews.com/content/tobago-receives-50m-oil-spill-expenses The Tobago House of Assembly (THA) Office of the Chief Secretary said it has received $50 million to be allocated toward those adversely affected by the February 7, 2024 oil spill.


Tackling Russia’s ‘shadow fleet’. Robin Mills. The National (UAE). 22 July 2024. Available from: https://www.thenationalnews.com/business/energy/2024/07/22/tackling-russias-shadow-fleet/ Moscow has spent an estimated $7bn to buy old tankers that would usually have been scrapped, with a combined carrying capacity of 1.7 million barrels per day.
The UK condemns Houthi attacks against Israel and their wider destabilising activity in the Red Sea: UK statement at the UN Security Council. UK Government. 22 July 2024.
The UK is deeply alarmed by the Houthi attack on Tel Aviv which saw an Israeli civilian killed in his home and 10 other civilians wounded.


The Caribbean stands tall in the global fight for Blue Justice. Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM). 23 July 2024. Available from: https://www.crfm.int/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=821:the-caribbean-stands-tall-in-the-global-fight-for-blue-justice&Itemid=508 The Caribbean has a strong and impactful presence in the Blue Justice Community—an international alliance which has its genesis in an intersectoral, cross-boundary movement to fight the scourges of illegal, unreported or unregulated (or IUU) fishing and transnational organized crime in the fishing industry.


The upcoming G20 summit in Brazil must focus on what has so far remained neglected – women's experience of ocean challenges.

Deep-sea metals may be source of oxygen for life on ocean floor. Susanne Rust. Los Angeles Times. 27 July 2024. Available from: https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2024-07-27/deep-sea-metals-may-provide-oxygen-for-life-on-ocean-floor Researchers say the polymetallic nodules that mining companies hope to harvest from the deep-ocean seafloor may be a source of oxygen for the animals, plants and bacteria that live there.

Aid ship to leave Hull for hurricane-hit Caribbean. Kevin Shoesmith. BBC News. 28 July 2024. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cz9denl9mp The tropical storm battered several islands including Jamaica, St Vincent and Grenada with heavy rain and winds up to 130mph (215km/h) earlier this month.

Blinken and envoys from Japan, Australia and India work to improve maritime safety in Asia-Pacific. Mari Yamaguchi. Associated Press. 29 July 2024. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/quad-japan-us-australia-india-foreign-ministers-2f08a35a2a22ece15686be7698cf758 Top diplomats from Japan, the U.S., Australia and India meeting Monday in Tokyo compiled a set of measures to reinforce maritime safety and cybersecurity and to support other Asia-Pacific countries in improving their defenses during growing tensions in the regional seas.


FACT SHEET: White House Announces New Private Sector Investments in American Maritime Industries Due to Biden-Harris Administration Efforts. The White House. 29 July 2024. Available from: https://tinyurl.com/49na7fsk The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to supporting the entire American shipbuilding supply chain and enhancing the security of the global maritime environment through collaboration with our allies and partners.

**MARINE TECHNOLOGY**


**Transport specialists believe sustainable fuels years away.** Nick Savvides. Seatrade Maritime News. 28 June 2024. Available from: [https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/sustainability-green-technology/transport-specialists-believe-sustainable-fuels-years-away](https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/sustainability-green-technology/transport-specialists-believe-sustainable-fuels-years-away) A survey of Reed Smith clients revealed that transport professionals believe 100% sustainable fuels are more than 15 years away and that fossil LNG is the most likely transitional fuel over the next three to five years.


**DNV and project partners conclude no technical barriers to low pressure CO2 ship transport chain.** DNV. 5 July 2024. Available from: [https://www.dnv.com/news/dnv-and-partners-conclude-ceto-jip-on-low-pressure-solutions-for-co2-ship-transport](https://www.dnv.com/news/dnv-and-partners-conclude-ceto-jip-on-low-pressure-solutions-for-co2-ship-transport) The project partners, which included Equinor, Gassco, Shell, TotalEnergies and DNV, have found that there are no technological showstoppers to a low-pressure CO2 ship transport chain.

**Seaspan’s Bing Chen: Only One Green Fuel Will Ultimately Prevail!** Chen Yang. Xinde Marine News (China). 8 July 2024. Available from: [https://www.xindemarinenews.com/m/view.php?aid=55263](https://www.xindemarinenews.com/m/view.php?aid=55263) Bing Chen believes that while the shipping industry is currently exploring multiple new energy options, ultimately, it will be “all roads leading to one destination.”


The Government of Canada invests in marine industry’s transition to green ship technology. *Government of Canada.* 16 July 2024. Available from: [https://tinyurl.com/3x56nkz5](https://tinyurl.com/3x56nkz5) Transport Canada is taking action to address the environmental impacts of marine shipping through its green shipping corridors program.


Plan to store carbon under the English Channel. Curtis Lancaster. BBC News. 18 July 2024. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ce4q19jgexvo Exxon Mobil is seeking approval for the Solent CO2 Pipeline Project, which would see a pipe running from its Fawley oil refinery near Southampton to a CO2 storage site under the English Channel.


Carbon Accounting for Sustainable Biofuels. International Energy Agency (IEA). July 2024. Available from: https://www.iea.org/reports/carbon-accounting-for-sustainable-biofuels The development of sustainable biofuels is at a pivotal juncture. They are recognised for their important role in decarbonising the transport sector – particularly for their potential to help reduce aviation and shipping emissions, and for their complementarity with EVs and energy efficiency measures in road transport. Carbon Accounting for Sustainable Biofuels


‘Windfall’ technology to power cargo ships. Robert C. Jones Jr. University of Miami. 26 July 2024. Available from: https://news.miami.edu/stories/2024/07/windfall-technology-to-power-cargo-ships.html. With their massive sails stretched over towering masts, merchant ships that plied the world’s oceans hundreds of years ago helped launch the era of commercial shipping, delivering goods of all kinds to different ports of call.

Which ‘Green’ Fuel Type Will Ship Operators Adopt? Time Will Tell. Robert J. Bowman. SupplyChainBrain. 29 July 2024. Available from: https://www.supplychainbrain.com/articles/40092-which-green-fuel-type-will-ship-operators-adopt-time-will-tell. There’s a slow-speed race going on to determine which “green” alternative marine fuel will prevail in the years ahead — and it’s far from clear at this point who the winner will be.


UK-based carbon capture startup bound for growth. Richard Halfhide. Royal Institution of Naval Architects (RINA). 29 July 2024. Available from: https://rina.org.uk/publications/the-naval-architect/uk-based-carbon-capture-startup-bound-for-growth. There is growing acceptance that onboard carbon capture (OCC) is likely to form a component in shipping’s mandate to achieve net-zero GHG emissions by 2050, many of the technologies being explored also have significant energy requirements that could increase fuel consumption by as much as 45%, according to a 2022 study by the Maersk McKinney Moller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping.

MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING


Maritime Security in the Age of Climate Change ~ the need for a New Paradigm for Education and Training. Peter Ricketts. Sasakawa Peace Foundation. 5 July 2024. Available from: https://www.spf.org/opri/en/newsletter/574_3.html Maritime security has become more complex due to the influence of regional conflicts, and climate change is increasing maritime security risks in various ways, creating a need for new specialized knowledge.


FG urges youths to explore opportunities in blue economy. Sulaimon Salau. Guardian (Nigeria). 13 July 2024. Available from: https://guardian.ng/fg-urges-youths-to-explore-opportunities-in-blue-economy/ Nigerian youths have been urged to take advantage of the potential in the maritime sector so as to contribute immensely to the diversification initiatives of the renewed hope agenda of the Federal Government.


Bahamian woman at the helm of world’s second largest cruise ship. Eyewitness News (The Bahamas). 23 July 2024. Available from: https://ewnews.com/bahamian-woman-at-the-helm-of-worlds-second-largest-cruise-ship The arrival of the Utopia of the Seas, marked the entrance of the second largest cruise ship to dock at the Nassau Cruise Port. The First Officer of Navigation on board the vessel is Ivana Seymour, a Bahamian woman, who called the opportunity nothing short of a milestone in her career.


**MARITIME SAFETY**


Worse Than Pirates: Russian Shadow Fleet Brings Disaster. Elisabeth Braw. *Center for European Policy Analysis.* 22 July 2024. Available from: [https://cepa.org/article/worse-than-pirates-russian-shadow-fleet-brings-disaster/](https://cepa.org/article/worse-than-pirates-russian-shadow-fleet-brings-disaster/) It was bound to happen, and now the inevitable has come to pass: a Russian shadow vessel has collided with a legally operating tanker, causing both to catch fire.
How do we respond to an ammonia release at sea? *Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation (GCMD).* 23 July 2024. Available from: [https://www.gcformd.org/how-do-we-respond-to-an-ammonia-release-at-sea/](https://www.gcformd.org/how-do-we-respond-to-an-ammonia-release-at-sea/). Given ammonia’s toxicity, it is important to have a well-defined emergency response plan (ERP) to minimise the impact of accidental ammonia release and safeguard life, property, and the environment.


**Maritime Security**


**It’s time to take our maritime security seriously.** Jannatul Naym Pieal. *Business Standard (Bangladesh).* 1 July 2024. Available from: [https://www.tbsnews.net/features/panorama/its-time-take-our-maritime-security-seriously-888671](https://www.tbsnews.net/features/panorama/its-time-take-our-maritime-security-seriously-888671). At around 3.45 am on 3 March this year, when a gas tanker named *Era Star* anchored at Hiron Point Pilot Station in Mongla, eight to 10 perpetrators, armed with long knives, boarded the ship.

**Why Can’t the U.S. Navy and Its Allies Stop the Houthis?** Keith Johnson and Jack Detsch. *Foreign Policy.* 1 July 2024. Available from: [https://foreignpolicy.com/2024/07/01/houthi-red-sea-shipping-attacks-maritime-security-defense/](https://foreignpolicy.com/2024/07/01/houthi-red-sea-shipping-attacks-maritime-security-defense/). More than six months after the Houthi insurgent group in Yemen started seriously disrupting maritime traffic in the Red Sea, global shipping has had to come to terms with a new normal where delays, derangements, and higher costs are only getting worse.

Houthi tactics take a dangerous new turn. Nick Savvides. Seatrade Maritime News. 3 July 2024. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/casualty/houthi-tactics-take-dangerous-new-turn Attacks on merchant shipping in the Red Sea by the Houthis are growing in number, range, and sophistication, despite continued destruction of their assets by coalition forces.


ReCAAP ISC Holds Dialogue with Shipping Industry to Discuss Ways to Enhance Incident Reporting in Areas of Concern. Hellenic Shipping News. 6 July 2024. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/recaap-isc-holds-dialogue-with-shipping-industry-to-discuss-ways-to-enhance-incident-reporting-in-areas-of-concern/ The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ISC) today held a dialogue with the shipping industry to share the latest situation of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia, as well as efforts by the littoral States to address armed robbery against ships in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS).

Houthis claim attacks on Maersk and MSC container ships. Eric Priante Martin. TradeWinds. 9 July 2024. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/houthis-claim-attacks-on-maersk-and-msc-container-ships/2-1-1675098 Houthi militants said they targeted three vessels in the fleets of major names in the container shipping sector, though only one of the purported attacks could be verified.

A suspected attack by Yemen’s Houthi rebels targets a ship transiting the Bab el-Mandeb Strait. Michael Wakin. Associated Press. 11 July 2024. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/yemen-houthi-ship-attacks-israel-hamas-war-5af6563fb10e853637ba04eb7cedaa6e © A suspected attack by Yemen’s Houthi rebels targeted a Liberian-flagged tanker in the narrow Bab el-Mandeb Strait on Wednesday, as authorities acknowledged the rebels launched their longest-range attack yet on a U.S.-flagged vessel near the Arabian Sea.


Greek frigate defends commercial ship from drone attack in the Red Sea.


Two attacks by Yemen’s Houthi rebels strike ships in the Red Sea.

Michael Wakin. Associated Press. 16 July 2024. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/yemen-houthi-ship-attacks-23ab17a7641d1f0b73ce35f2c8aa35c1 Two attacks by Yemen’s Houthi rebels targeted ships in the Red Sea on Monday as a new U.S. aircraft carrier approached the region to provide security for the key international trade route that has been under assault since the Israel-Hamas war erupted nine months ago.

Port of Los Angeles hit by 60 million monthly cyber attacks In 2023.


United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). 18 July 2024. Available from: https://www.unpd.org/pacific/press-releases/enhancing-maritime-security-fiji-comprehensive-strategy-whole-pacific CVM-CMS (Community Policing-Vanu-Multi-agencies Crime Prevention and Maritime Security) was launched by the Prime Minister Hon, Sitiveni Rabuka at the opening of the Bose ni Yasana ko Kadavu on 2 July.in which he emphasized a whole of Fiji approach to preventing criminal and security activities arising on land or at sea and integrated efforts by government departments and other agencies in taking the lead.

Iran’s Revolutionary Guards intercepted UAE-managed tanker, IRGC says.


Dryad Global. 22 July 2024. Available from: https://channel16.dryadglobal.com/the-isps-code-and-modern-maritime-security-1 Historically, maritime security guidelines and best practise have evolved in response to incidents or issues that have resulted in a clear gap in the provision of the procedural core function, security.

IRGC Seizes Oil Tanker Smuggling Fuel in Persian Gulf. Tasnim News Agency (Iran).


Fortifying Cyber Security and Safety in the Cruise Industry.

Cruise Industry News. 23 July 2024. Available from: https://cruiseindustrynews.com/cruise-news/2024/07/fortifying-cyber-security-and-safety-in-the-cruise-industry/ “We make sure we are doing everything we can to ensure that the company does not have a bad day from a cyberattack perspective,” said Devon Bryan, chief information security officer at Carnival Corporation.
Australia to take command of Red Sea task force as trade route threats in Middle East persist. Andrew Greene. *ABC (Australia).* 23 July 2024. Available from: https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-07-24/australia-to-take-command-of-middle-east-red-sea-taskforce/104131862 Months after declining a United States request to deploy a warship to the Middle East, the Royal Australian Navy is preparing to assume command of an international maritime task force dedicated to protecting shipping lanes around the Red Sea.


**MIGRANTS**


Four migrants die in English Channel crossing attempt. Thomas Mackintosh and Hugh Schofield. *BBC News.* 12 July 2024. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cn08685l2q8o Four migrants have died after a boat capsized during an attempt to cross the English Channel, according to the French coastguard.


NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS


China launches safety broadcasts for Arctic shipping routes. *Xinhuanet (China)*. 1 July 2024. Available from: [https://english.news.cn/20240701/e1c029329c824442b177bd9db9df8554/c.html](https://english.news.cn/20240701/e1c029329c824442b177bd9db9df8554/c.html) China on Monday began radio broadcasts of maritime safety information for Arctic shipping routes, including sea ice monitoring and weather forecast information, according to the Maritime Safety Administration’s Northern Navigation Service Center.


Environmental groups decry attempt to delay shipping rules intended to save whales. Patrick Whittle. *Associated Press*. 2 July 2024. Available from: [https://apnews.com/article/dead-whales-shipping-ca57acdbbf9168763cbcad4e632df52](https://apnews.com/article/dead-whales-shipping-ca57acdbbf9168763cbcad4e632df52) A Georgia congressman has proposed a years long delay in changes to federal rules meant to protect vanishing whales, prompting a rebuke from environmental groups who say the animals need protection now.


Why we need to increase ocean data sharing. Samantha Andrews. *Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST)*. 5 July 2024. Available from: [https://www.imarest.org/resource/why-we-need-to-increase-ocean-data-sharing.html](https://www.imarest.org/resource/why-we-need-to-increase-ocean-data-sharing.html) The oceans produce half of the oxygen we breathe, provide food and livelihoods for over three billion people, and capture roughly 30% of the CO2 we produce.


Oil tanker held by Iran for over a year heads reaches international waters, tracking data shows. Nasser Karimi and Jon Gambrell. *Associated Press.* 11 July 2024. Available from: [https://apnews.com/article/iran-us-butterfly-children-lawsuit-mideast-tensions-dd5f39e2af24df831a2d00d0ec327e48](https://apnews.com/article/iran-us-butterfly-children-lawsuit-mideast-tensions-dd5f39e2af24df831a2d00d0ec327e48) An oil tanker held by Iran for over a year after being seized amid tensions between Tehran and the United States reached international waters on Thursday, tracking data showed.

Melting sea ice was supposed to help Arctic shipping, but new research says otherwise. Bridget Stringer-Holden. *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC).* 11 July 2024. Available from: [https://www.cbc.ca/news/science/melting-arctic-sea-ice-shipping-1.7260569](https://www.cbc.ca/news/science/melting-arctic-sea-ice-shipping-1.7260569) New research suggests that rapidly melting sea ice in the Canadian Arctic is making shipping routes less accessible, contrary to previous research that suggested it would create new, shorter routes that could become cheaper alternatives to traditional routes that connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.
The International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO) proudly celebrates today the 45th anniversary of the IMSO Convention coming into force. International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO). 16 July 2024. Available from: https://tinyurl.com/3vbr88jk. From its inception on 16 July 1979 the International Maritime Satellite Organization (or INMARSAT as IMSO was originally known until 15 April 1999) has been at the forefront of global maritime safety, communications, and environmental monitoring and has made a significant contribution to the safety and efficiency of maritime operations worldwide.


Red Sea attacks are reshaping chemical supply chains. Rebecca Trager. Chemistry World. 18 July 2024. Available from: https://www.chemistryworld.com/news/red-sea-attacks-are-reshaping-chemical-supply-chains/4019832.article Disruptions to Red Sea cargo shipping, caused by ongoing attacks by Houthis in Yemen continue to significantly affect the chemicals industry, especially in Europe and Asia, according to Al Greenwood, a chemicals expert and deputy editor for the energy and chemicals consulting firm ICIS.


Mt Ceres 1 Undetectable After Leaving Collision Site - MMEA. Bernama (Malaysia). 20 July 2024. Available from: https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=2320104 The vessel, MT Ceres 1, which was involved in a collision with MT Hafnia Nile 25 nautical miles northeast of Tanjung Balau yesterday, could not be detected after leaving the scene and shutting down its automatic identification system (AIS).

Tanker Vessel Mt Ceres 1 Located at Pulau Tioman. Bernama (Malaysia). 21 July 2024. Available from: https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=2320287 Tanker vessel MT Ceres 1, which fled the scene after colliding with the MT Hafnia Nile here yesterday has been found at 28 nautical miles north east of Pulau Tioman early this morning.
Iran’s tankers double down on concealment efforts post-sanctions. Tomer Raanan and Bridget Diakun. Lloyd’s List. 22 July 2024. Available from: https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1149973/Irans-tankers-double-down-on-concealment-efforts-post-sanctions Analysis of satellite and AIS data shows these ships still play a role in Iran’s oil sector, but experts insist the financial restrictions are nonetheless degrading Iran’s capabilities.


MSC Reaffirms Pledges to Avoid Arctic Shipping Route. gCaptain. 25 July 2024. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/msc-reaffirms-pledges-to-avoid-arctic-shipping-route/ Swiss shipping giant MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company is reaffirming its commitment to refrain from sending its ships through the Arctic, as discussions intensify around alternative trade routes to the Suez Canal in light of recent Houthi attacks.


PIRACY


No room for complacency: maritime piracy incidents fall but crew safety remains at risk

Somali Piracy Revives Sharply After Years of Quiet. Eleanor Thornber. Bloomberg. 11 July 2024. Available from: https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/investing/2024/07/11/somali-piracy-revives-sharply-after-years-of-quiet/ There were eight acts of piracy and hijackings in the first half of this year near the east African country, the International Maritime Bureau, a Kuala Lumpur- and London-based monitoring organization, said in a report.


PORT STATE CONTROL


PORTS & HARBOURS

Mexico Struggles to Cut Emissions from its Ports. Emilio Godoy. *Inter Press Service (IPS).* 1 July 2024. Available from: [https://www.ipsnews.net/2024/07/mexico-struggles-cut-emissions-ports/](https://www.ipsnews.net/2024/07/mexico-struggles-cut-emissions-ports/) The port of Pichilingue, in northwestern Mexico, faces challenges in decarbonising its activities, as do other maritime infrastructures in the country, while its polluting emissions are increasing.


South Korea and U.S. to Establish First Trans-Pacific Green Shipping Route by 2027. Jung Suk-yee. *Business Korea (South Korea).* 3 July 2024. Available from: [https://www.businesskorea.co.kr/news/articleView.html?idxno=220408](https://www.businesskorea.co.kr/news/articleView.html?idxno=220408) At the 27th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP27) in 2022, South Korea took a significant step towards combating climate change by designating the container ship route between Busan and Ulsan ports and the U.S. ports of Seattle and Tacoma as a ‘preliminary green shipping route’.


€33 million investment onshore power supply project inaugurated at Grand Harbour.

Average wait time at Singapore port cut to two days at most: PSA. Tay Peck Gek. *Business Times* (Singapore). 11 July 2024. Available from: https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/companies-markets/transport-logistics/average-wait-time-singapore-port-cut-two-days-most-psa Port congestion in Singapore has eased, with the average wait time this week reduced to two days or under as a result of a ramp-up in handling capacity, said operator PSA Singapore on Wednesday (Jul 10).

Reports of bad bunker in circulation at key European ports. Mette Grube Condrup and Dag Holmstad. *ShippingWatch*. 11 July 2024. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article17271716.ece Ships calling at the ports of Amsterdam-Rotterdam-Antwerp (ARA) have received highly contaminated bunker oil with excessive concentrations of aluminium and silicon.


Move to create zero-emission route with St Malo. Jack Silver. *BBC News*. 13 July 2024. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/crg4e754zq4o Jersey has agreed to create a zero-emission maritime route with St Malo in Brittany, the island’s government said.

Problems with bad bunker are growing in major European ports. Dag Holmstad. *ShippingWatch*. 15 July 2024. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article17279188.ece The number of cases where several fuel suppliers have sold contaminated bunker oil to ships in major European ports is growing.

Climate targets inspire confidence. *Port of Hamburg*. 16 July 2024. Available from: https://www.hafen-hamburg.de/en/press/news/climate-targets-inspire-confidence/ The IMO has set the strategic goal of achieving climate neutrality in shipping by 2050. Important interim targets include a 30 to 40 per cent reduction in greenhouse gases by 2030 and a 70 to 80 per cent reduction by 2040.

Electrified Ports Will Have A Competitive Advantage In The Coming Decades. Michael Barnard. CleanTechnica. 22 July 2024. Available from: https://cleantechnica.com/2024/07/22/electrified-ports-will-have-a-competitive-advantage-in-the-coming-decades/ Freight logistics are going to be transforming over the coming years, and electrification is the primary wedge.


REGULATIONS

Interferry Calls for CII Fleet-Balancing Mechanism. MarineLink. 30 June 2024. Available from: https://www.marinelink.com/news/interferry-calls-cii-fleetbalancing-514856?cid=20 Interferry Director of Regulatory Affairs Johan Roos has announced that the organization has drafted an alternative compliance mechanism to the CII that will be submitted to MEPC 82, to be held September 30 - October 4.

Heavy fuel oil ban comes into effect in the Arctic, with a big exemption. Samuel Wat. Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC). 1 July 2024. Available from: https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/heavy-fuel-oil-ban-arctic-july-1-1.7250470 Ships from several ship operators in the region will be exempt for another 5 years.


Arctic ‘dirty fuel’ ban for ships comes into force. Matt McGrath. BBC News. 1 July 2024. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cpv3dk4ydr30 A ban on the dirtiest and most climate-damaging fuel for ships has come into effect in Arctic waters.
Amendments To MARPOL – Annex Vi – Mediterranean So X ECA, 2024 (Resolution MEPC.361(79)). Hellenic Shipping News. 1 July 2024. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/amendments-to-marpol-annex-vi-mediterranean-so-x-eca-2024-resolution-mepc-36179/ The Mediterranean Sea is particularly susceptible to pollution due to its semi-enclosed nature, limited water exchange and high population density along its coasts.


IMO’s ‘ban’ on dirty fuel in Arctic waters met with industry scorn. Alex Blair. ShipTechnology. 2 July 2024. Available from: https://www.ship-technology.com/features/imos-ban-on-dirty-fuel-in-arctic-waters-met-with-industry-scorn/ Shipping firms and environmental bodies say the IMO’s new restrictions on heavy fuel oil in the Arctic are riddled with loopholes.

Regional sulphur emission limits at a glance. Kristin Urdahl. Gard. 2 July 2024. Available from: https://www.gard.no/articles/regional-sulphur-emission-limits-at-a-glance/ Although the shipping sector is now heavily focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, IMO is also working to improve air quality by increasing the number of MARPOL designated sulphur emission control areas.


Sweden follows Denmark and bans discharge of scrubber water. Mette Grube Condrup. ShippingWatch. 8 July 2024. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article17263131.ece In one year it will be forbidden to discharge scrubber water in Swedish waters, according to the local media Sjöfartens Tidningen.
A missing piece of the net-zero puzzle: Gaps in regulatory frameworks addressing the risks posed by alternative fuels. Global Maritime Forum. 10 July 2024. Available from: https://globalmaritimeforum.org/insight/a-missing-piece-of-the-net-zero-puzzle/  To combat the maritime sector’s 3% contribution to global emissions, the IMO’s greenhouse gas emissions strategy aims for net-zero emissions by 2050, requiring 5% to 10% of shipping energy to come from alternative fuels by 2030.

North Sea operators warned to step up decommissioning. BBC News. 16 July 2024. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cxr20270x50o  The North Sea Transition Authority (NSTA), external wants companies to clean up their oil and gas legacy and said it was “getting tough” on operators not meeting their regulatory obligations.

Regulator clamping down on well decommissioning delays. North Sea Transition Authority (NSTA). 16 July 2024. Available from: https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/news-publications/regulator-clamping-down-on-well-decommissioning-delays/ North Sea operators must take action on well decommissioning to support the UK’s supply chain, clean up their oil and gas legacy and stop costs spiralling, the industry regulator has warned.


**SALVAGE**

Grounded general cargo vessel broken apart by waves on South Africa’s west coast, national oil spill contingency plan activated: SAMSA. South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA). 28 July 2024. Available from: https://blog.samsa.org.za/2024/07/28/grounded-general-cargo-vessel-broken-apart-by-waves-on-south-africas-west-national-oil-spill-contingency-plan-activated-samsa/ Salvage work on the grounded Panama-flagged general cargo vessel, MV Ultra Galaxy, beached on its side in a remote area of South Africa’s west coast since early July, has taken another turn after the vessel broke apart due to yet another spell of a stormy wintry weather at the weekend, leading to an oil spillage, SAMSA reported on Sunday.

SEAFARERS

The bridge and boardroom divide on Day of the Seafarer. Gary Howard. Seatrade Maritime News. 26 June 2024. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/opinions-analysis/bridge-and-boardroom-divide-day-seafarer The IMO, international regulator for shipping and organiser of the annual UN observance Day of the Seafarer, shared its message to mark the day on LinkedIn and attracted the usual mix of enthusiastic agreement and opportunistic self promotion.


Embedding Human Element Considerations Into IACS Work Will Underpin Safe Decarbonisation And Digitalisation. International Association of Classification Societies (IACS). 1 July 2024. Available from: https://iacs.org.uk/news/embedding-human-element-considerations-into-iacs-work-will-underpin-safe-decarbonisation-and-digitalisation The requirement for increased awareness and focus on how a ship’s crew can safely operate increasingly sophisticated vessels (the human element (HE)) has led IACS to develop internal guidelines to address this need in a structured and consistent manner.


All M/V Transworld Navigator seafarers back in PH. Marita Moaje. Philippine News Agency (PNA). 3 July 2024. Available from: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1228169 All 27 Filipino seafarers of the Liberian-flagged and Greek-owned and operated cargo carrier that was attacked by Yemen’s Houthi rebels last week are now back and safe.


Rising fraud as more seafarers pay brokers for jobs. Government of Myanmar. 7 July 2024. Available from: https://www.moi.gov.mm/doi:eng/news/14664 Since more seafarers are finding jobs by paying illegal brokerage fees, there have been more scam cases in the industry, Captain Soe Min Aung, president of the Myanmar Seafarers Federation (MSF), told The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).


Nigerian seafarers: Celebrated globally, neglected at home. Guardian (Nigeria). 10 July 2024. Available from: https://www.guardian.ng/nigerian-seafarers-celebrated-globally-neglected-at-home/ Amid the global celebration of seafarers and accolades for their resilience and valuable contributions to sustaining global trade and driving world economic growth, there are concerns over the plight of Nigerian seafarers, who face neglect and hardship despite their pivotal role in the nation’s maritime operations, ADAKU ONYENUCHEYA writes.


Cargo ship captain arrested for smuggling Ukrainian grain from Crimea. Bojan Lepic. Splash 247.com. 11 July 2024. Available from: https://splash247.com/cargo-ship-captain-arrested-for-smuggling-ukrainian-grain-from-crimea/ According to the Security Service, the unnamed vessel was sailing under the flag of a Central African country and the crew was ordered by Russia to export Ukrainian grain from the occupied Crimea Peninsula.


Crew of capsized oil tanker off Oman still missing, maritime centre says. Gareth van Zyl. Reuters. 16 July 2024. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/oman-authorities-name-capsized-oil-tanker-off-industrial-port-prestige-falcon-2024-07-16/ The 16-strong crew of a Comoros-flagged oil tanker that capsized off Oman are still missing, the country’s maritime security centre said on Tuesday, a day after the sinking was reported.


Update on Rescue of Crew in Distress. Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA). 19 July 2024. Available from: https://www.mpa.gov.sg/media-centre/details/update-on-rescue-of-crew-in-distress There were a total of 22 crew on onboard Hafnia Nile and 40 crew onboard Ceres I. All the crew are accounted for.


**SEARCH & RESCUE**

IMRF Centenary Slide Carousel. *International Maritime Rescue Federation (IMRF)*. 1 July 2024. Available from: [https://www.international-maritime-rescue.org/imrf-centenary-slide-carousel](https://www.international-maritime-rescue.org/imrf-centenary-slide-carousel) The International Maritime Rescue Federation (IMRF), the world’s leading non-governmental organisation for the development and improvement of maritime search and rescue (SAR) capacity and operational effectiveness, celebrates its 100th anniversary since its founding in July 1924.


Nine seafarers found alive from capsized tanker as Indian Navy scrambles to save more crew members. Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds.* 17 July 2024. Available from: [https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/nine-seafarers-found-alive-from-capsized-tanker-as-indian-navy-scrambles-to-save-more-crew-members/2-1-1679329](https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/nine-seafarers-found-alive-from-capsized-tanker-as-indian-navy-scrambles-to-save-more-crew-members/2-1-1679329) The Indian Navy has rescued nine of the seafarers who went missing from a small tanker that capsized off the coast of Oman, but another of the mariners has been found dead.


Fire onboard two tankers: Two crewmen airlifted to hospital, remaining crew accounted for. *Channel News Asia.* 19 July 2024. Available from: [https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/fire-search-and-rescue-underway-pedra-branca-helicopter-despatched-tankers-4490331](https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/fire-search-and-rescue-underway-pedra-branca-helicopter-despatched-tankers-4490331) All crew members on board the two tankers that caught fire “within Singapore’s maritime search and rescue region” have been accounted for following search and rescue operations.


SAR OP Involving Tankers *Mt Hafnia Nile, Mt Ceres 1* Ends, All Crew Safe. *Bernama* (Malaysia). 22 July 2024. Available from: [https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=2320746](https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=2320746) The Search and Rescue (SAR) operation pertaining to tankers *MT Hafnia Nile* and *MT Ceres 1*, which were involved in a collision on Friday in Malaysian waters, was concluded at 1 pm today, with both tankers towed to a safe area 20 nautical miles east of Tanjung Sedili here.

Rescue operation for capsized oil tanker off Oman deactivated, maritime center says. *Arab News* (Saudi Arabia). 23 July 2024. Available from: [https://www.arabnews.com/node/2555111/middle-east](https://www.arabnews.com/node/2555111/middle-east) Nine of the 16-member crew were found alive and one dead, the center reiterated, without giving further detail on the fate of the remaining six crew members.

Four sailors still missing from capsized freighter off Taiwan’s coast. *Straits Times.* 26 July 2024. Available from: [https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/east-asia/four-sailors-still-missing-from-capsized-freighter-off-taiwan-s-coast](https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/east-asia/four-sailors-still-missing-from-capsized-freighter-off-taiwan-s-coast) Four sailors from a cargo ship that sank off the coast of Taiwan during Typhoon Gaemi were still missing on July 26, the authorities said, after finding a fourth survivor as well as the body of the freighter’s captain.
SHIP RECYCLING


Startup wants to stop irresponsible ship recycling. Mette Grube Condrup. ShippingWatch. 26 July 2024. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article17307255.ece Renable wants to make the controversial scrapping of ships more transparent, sustainable, and valuable – and there is great potential in this.

SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR

Time for electric ferry. Daily Tribune (Philippines). 29 June 2024. Available from: https://tribune.net.ph/2024/06/29/time-for-electric-ferry In February, the Department of Science and Technology (DoST) introduced and demonstrated the first electric boat in the country, the Filipino-made Safe, Efficient and Sustainable Solar-Assisted Plug-In Electric Boat (SESSY E-Boat).


S. Korea to invest 2 tln won for smart, clean energy projects for ships. Kang Yoon-seung. Yonhap News Agency (South Korea). 2 July 2024. Available from: https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20240702003900320 South Korea’s industry ministry said Tuesday it plans to pursue investment projects worth 2 trillion won (US$1.44 billion) over the next 10 years with businesses to leverage smart and clean energy technologies in the shipbuilding industry.

41% of Tonnage Ordered in 1H24 Can Run on Alternative Fuels: Clarksons. Ship & Bunker. 2 July 2024. Available from: https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/587146-41-of-tonnage-ordered-in-1h24-can-run-on-alternative-fuels-clarksons More than a third of tonnage ordered in the first half of this year will be capable of running on alternative bunker fuels upon delivery, according to Clarksons Research.

The obvious idea that slashes shipping’s climate impact. Chris Baraniuk. BBC Future. 3 July 2024. Available from: https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20240702-climate-change-how-slowing-down-shipping-could-save-emissions A motto in much of the shipping industry is “sail fast, then wait” – which can be an expensive and wasteful way of travelling.


Global Newbuilding Orderbook Keeps Growing. Nikos Roussanoglou. Hellenic Shipping News. 9 July 2024. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/global-newbuilding-orderbook-keeps-growing/ In a recent weekly analysis, shipbroker Xclusiv said that “despite increasing prices, the orderbook for the four main vessel categories (bulk carriers, tankers, containers & gas carriers above 10,000 DWT) continues to grow, mainly driven by the strong cashflows of owners and the need for fleet renewal.

COSCO SHIPPING Specialized Carriers Launches Maiden Voyage of 7,500 CEU LNG Dual-Fuel RoRo Ships. COSCO Shipping Corporation Limited. 11 July 2024. Available from: https://en.coscoshipping.com/cpl/col6923/art/2024/art_be2fe32844534295af6aba24146bae11.html The newly launched vessel “LIAO HE KOU” is set to embark on its journey carrying over 5,000 commercial vehicles, while its sister ship, “MIN JIANG KOU”, will also transport more than 4,800 commercial vehicles following the completion of loading operations in Shanghai.


China’s shipbuilding surges as innovation, new quality productive forces fuel first-half boom. Feng Fan. Global Times (China). 16 July 2024. Available from: https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202407/1316147.shtml China’s shipbuilding industry made significant gains in the first half of 2024, with revenue and profits rising as the country secured almost 75 percent of new global orders, demonstrating the growing momentum of Chinese manufacturing.

Shipping lender is cautious when it comes to financing green vessels. Idha Toft Valeur. ShippingWatch. 18 July 2024. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article17288165.ece Financing green vessels are currently associated with too much risk and uncertainty for Maritime & Merchant Bank, says the chief executive of the Norwegian bank, Halvor Sveen, in an interview with ShippingWatch.

ONE snatches methanol crown, while Maersk does a u-turn on LNG. Charlie Bartlett. The Loadstar. 18 July 2024. Available from: https://theloadstar.com/one-snatches-methanol-crown-while-maersk-does-a-u-turn-on-lng/ Ocean Network Express (ONE) has taken over the methanol mantle with an order for 10 boxships – while Maersk Line u-turns on the new fuel in favour of LNG.

Capacity across big three shipbuilding nations leaps 20% in a year. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 25 July 2024. Available from: https://splash247.com/capacity-across-big-three-shipbuilding-nations-leaps-20-in-a-year/ In terms of newbuilding capacity, the latest estimate from broker Arrow puts shipbuilding capacity across the big three builder countries – China, South Korea and Japan – at 35.6m cgt per annum, a 20% increase year-on-year from 29.5m cgt a year ago, with the majority of this capacity expansion in China and South Korea.

Hanwha Ocean spurs innovation for greener shipbuilding. Park Se-ra. Korea Herald (South Korea). 29 July 2024. Available from: https://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20240729050256 As the maritime industry navigates towards a greener future, the demand for vessels meeting stringent carbon reduction regulations is increasing in line with the International Maritime Organization’s goal of carbon neutrality by 2050.
Specter of crippling strike looms over Korean shipyards. Park Jae-hyuk. Korea Times (South Korea). 31 July 2024. Available from: https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/tech/2024/07/129_379719.html Concerns are growing that a potential labor dispute may dampen a long-awaited boom in the shipbuilding industry, as unionized shipyard workers prepare to strike in August, according to industry officials, Wednesday.


**SHIPPING**

After Oil, Russia May Now Be Building a Shadow Fleet for Gas. Bloomberg. 27 June 2024. Available from: https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/after-oil-russia-may-now-be-building-a-shadow-fleet-for-gas-1.2090258 In the months that followed its invasion of Ukraine and punitive Western restrictions imposed in response, Russia amassed a shadow fleet to ferry its oil around the world.


Fuel for thought: Nuclear report. Lloyd’s Register. 3 July 2024. Available from: https://www.lr.org/en/knowledge/research-reports/fuel-for-thought-nuclear/ In the quest for sustainable and efficient maritime transport, the industry is turning its gaze to a power source that has been propelling naval vessels for over six decades: nuclear energy. Report


Oil tankers find new business after Houthi ship attacks. Alex Longley and Jack Wittels. ShippingWatch. 4 July 2024. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article17255123.ece As the latest example of how the Houthi attacks have altered the shipping industry, very large crude carriers (VLCCs) are now hauling so-called clean petroleum products such as diesel.

Cape fleet surpasses 2,000 ships for first time, doubling in size since 2010. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 5 July 2024. Available from: https://splash247.com/cape-fleet-surpasses-2000-ships-for-first-time-doubling-in-size-since-2010/ For the first time in history there are now more than 2,000 capesizes trading around the world, doubling in size over the past 14 years.


Hitachi Zosen Altered Fuel and Emissions Test Data on Engines Over 25 Years. Maritime Executive. 8 July 2024. Available from: https://maritime-executive.com/article/hitachi-zosen-altered-fuel-and-emissions-test-data-on-engines-over-25-years Japan’s Hitachi Zosen is issuing an apology to its worldwide customers reporting that it discovered the marine business unit was altering test and emissions data on engines during their shop tests to ensure they met customer requirements.

Lawyer highlights pitfalls of new sanctions against shadow fleet. Liv Almer. ShippingWatch. 8 July 2024. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article17263894.ece New, more restrictive sanctions against tankers carrying illegal Russian oil should be guided by environmental requirements, says lawyer.
Maritime stakeholders want reduction targets for methane emissions. Mette Grube Condrup. ShippingWatch. 9 July 2024. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article17266744.ece New research shows a need for the shipping industry to set universal standards to measure methane emissions from ships in order to promote efficient legislation.


MPA and NYK Forge Partnership to Advance Maritime Sustainability, Digitalisation and Manpower Development. Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA). 9 July 2024. Available from: https://www.mpa.gov.sg/media-centre/details/mpa-and-nyk-forge-partnership-to-advance-maritime-sustainability—digitalisation-and-manpower-development The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha (NYK) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to deepen their partnership and accelerate maritime decarbonisation, digitalisation, and manpower development efforts.

Dozens of Sanctioned Russian Oil Tankers Are Sitting Idle All Over the World. Eleanor Thumber and Julian Lee. Bloomberg. 10 July 2024. Available from: https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/business/international/2024/07/10/dozens-of-sanctioned-russian-oil-tankers-are-sitting-idle-all-over-the-world/ From the frigid waters of Russia’s Baltic Sea to the Pacific shores of Vladivostok, dozens of tankers that previously moved Moscow’s oil are now sitting empty and idle.

Shipping Market Outlook: Q3 2024 Forecast. VesselsValue. 11 July 2024. Available from: https://blog.vesselsvalue.com/shipping-market-outlook-q3-2024-forecast/ The Houthi attacks in the Bab Al Mandeb strait and the subsequent rerouting around the Capes has supported all the different shipping markets to varying degrees.


FMC Issues Request for Additional Information Regarding Gemini Agreement. US Federal Maritime Commission (FMC). 12 July 2024. Available from: https://www.fmc.gov/articles/fmc-issues-request-for-additional-information-regarding-gemini-agreement/ A global operational alliance between two of the world’s largest container shipping companies will not go into effect next week because more information is needed by the Federal Maritime Commission to determine the potential competitive impacts of the arrangement.

Combatting Shipping Emissions in the Arctic. *Wilson Centre*. 15 July 2024. Available from: [https://www.wilsoncenter.org/blog-post/no-34-combating-shipping-emissions-arctic](https://www.wilsoncenter.org/blog-post/no-34-combating-shipping-emissions-arctic). Shipping plays an important role in the Arctic, bringing resupply to communities (especially to coastal communities off the road system), enabling tourism, and potentially as a shorter route between Asia and Europe, but shipping also brings pollution to remote areas that would not be exposed to it any other way.


Podcast: Advancing women in maritime. Heather Ervin. *MARINE LOG*. 15 July 2024. Available from: [https://www.marinelog.com/podcasts-1/podcast-advancing-women-in-maritime/](https://www.marinelog.com/podcasts-1/podcast-advancing-women-in-maritime/). Today, we’ll be talking to Dorthe Karin Bendtsen, chief operating officer at KPI OceanConnect, on why maritime companies should focus on the S in ESG (or environmental, social, and governance) to fully secure access to capital and how that can be done through welcoming a more diverse workforce, including advancing women in maritime.


Analysis: Houthi claims of Mediterranean strikes seen as escalation in information war.
Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds*. 17 July 2024. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/analysis-houthi-claims-of-mediterranean-strikes-seen-as-escalation-in-information-war/2-1-1679307 The Houthis have made several claims that the Yemen-based militant group has targeted ships in the Mediterranean — but without evidence that a strike has taken place.


UK Piles More Sanctions on Fleet of Tankers Moving Russian Oil. Alex Longley and Julian Lee. *Bloomberg*. 18 July 2024. Available from: https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/investing/2024/07/18/uk-piles-more-sanctions-on-fleet-of-tankers-moving-russian-oil/ The UK placed sanctions on 11 more oil tankers that are helping Russia to export its supplies to customers, including some that are part of a shadow-fleet.

Guy Platten honoured with WISTA’s Man of the Year Award. *International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)*. 18 July 2024. Available from: https://www.ics-shipping.org/press-release/guy-platten-honoured-with-wistas-man-of-the-year-award The International Chamber of Shipping is pleased to announce that Guy Platten, Secretary General of ICS, has been awarded the prestigious Man of the Year Award by the Women’s International Shipping & Trading Association, UK (WISTA, UK).


Prime Minister to host President Zelenskyy at Downing Street as UK spearheads crack down on Russia’s ‘shadow fleet’. *UK Government*. 18 July 2024. Available from: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-to-host-president-zelensky-at-downing-street-as-uk-spearheads-crack-down-on-russia-s-shadow-fleet President Zelenskyy will be hosted by the Prime Minister at an extraordinary meeting of the Cabinet tomorrow morning, as the UK spearheads a major initiative to crack down on Russia’s ‘shadow fleet’.
Hong Kong embraces green shipping. Lam Sai-hung. news.gov.hk (Hong Kong). 20 July 2024. Available from: https://www.news.gov.hk/eng/2024/07/20240720/20240720_180552_745.html Climate change has become an inescapable issue that governments around the world must address and the Transport & Logistics Bureau is also sparing no effort in this regard.


Shipowner says crew in jail after Iran seizes tanker. Eric Priante Martin. TradeWinds. 22 July 2024. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/law/shipowner-says-crew-in-jail-after-iran-seizes-tanker/2-1-1681164 The owner of a small product tanker claims its crew of 12 have been jailed in Iran after the vessel was seized by a powerful branch of the country’s military.


Keeping up with changing needs of green ships. Atalia Chua. Maritime Fairtrade. 24 July 2024. Available from: https://maritimefairtrade.org/keeping-up-with-changing-needs-of-green-ships/ In an interview with Yasushi Seto, regional manager, Southeast Asia and Oceania, ClassNK, discussed the green forces driving decarbonization and the necessary precautions which need to evolve with the changing demands.

Container ship fleet expands by 11%, fastest growth in 15 years. Niels Rasmussen. BIMCO. 24 July 2024. Available from: https://www.bimco.org/news-and-trends/market-reports/shipping-number-of-the-week/20240724-snow Since the beginning of the year, the capacity of the container ship fleet has increased by 1.6m TEU.


‘Focus on women as leaders,’ says IMO secretary general Arsenio Dominguez. Holly Birkett. TradeWinds. 25 July 2024. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/weekly/-focus-on-women-as-leaders-says-imo-secretary-general-arsenio-dominguez/2-1-1681586 Arsenio Dominguez wants to take an active role in championing women during his tenure as secretary general of the International Maritime Organization.

US Department of Labor investigation leads major maritime cargo shipping operator to change reporting policy for employees. US Department of Labor. 25 July 2024. Available from: https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/osha/osha20240725-0 As part of a settlement with the U.S. Department of Labor, Maersk Line Limited - one of the world’s largest marine cargo services providers - will change its safety reporting policies and compensate a seaman the company terminated after they reported safety concerns to the U.S. Coast Guard without first notifying their employer. Settlement Agreement

Cook Islands flags more tanker tonnage than registries 30 times larger as it embraces ‘dark fleet’ niche. Michelle Wiese Bockmann. Lloyd’s List. 25 July 2024. Available from: https://www.lloydsslist.com/LL1150022/Cook-Islands-flags-more-tanker-tonnage-than-registries-30-times-larger-as-it-embraces-dark-fleet-niche The Cook Islands has surpassed Gabon to become the world’s fastest growing registry in 2024, as the Pacific island nation embraces the rapidly expanding business niche of flagging elderly, anonymously owned Russia-trading tankers amid tighter sanctions scrutiny from Western regulators.

‘Walking the walk’ for women in shipping better than ‘talking the talk’, says WISTA Int’l President. Elpi Petraki. Ship Management International. 29 July 2024. Available from: https://shipmanagementinternational.com/walking-the-walk-for-women-in-shipping-better-than-talking-the-talk-says-wista-international-president/ Ahead of the next WISTA International AGM and Conference in Limassol this autumn, the body’s President, Elpi Petraki, writes: There has been a lot of talk at international maritime conferences about diversity, equity and inclusion and there are more women in shipping than ever before, but the figures are still too low. So, what is not working?
Arsenio Dominguez, IMO Secretary-General responds to John Faraclas’ questionnaire on all current issues shipping is facing. All About Shipping. 29 July 2024. Available from: https://allaboutshipping.co.uk/2024/07/29/arsenio-dominguez-imo-secretary-general-responds-to-john-faraclas-questionnaire-on-all-current-issues-shipping-is-facing/ We are pleased that just after the heavy schedule of meetings at the IMO streamlining the Maritime World for the better, the Secretary-General found time to meticulously respond to all our questions; brief and to the point replies honouring safety at sea, the environment and seafaring during the current geopolitical mayhem.


Op-Ed: The missing link for decarbonizing maritime shipping. Dominic McKnight Hardy. MARINE LOG. 30 July 2024. Available from: https://www.marinelog.com/views/op-eds/op-ed-the-missing-link-for-decarbonizing-maritime-shipping/ When IMO member States unanimously adopted an updated Green House Gas (GHG) emission reduction strategy last year, the organization had already established its flagship GreenVoyage2050 program to help with implementation.


Escape and evasion: the damaging aspect of flags of convenience. Michael Grey. Baird Maritime. 31 July 2024. Available from: https://www.bairdmaritime.com/shipping/column-escape-and-evasion-the-damaging-aspect-of-flags-of-convenience-grey-power There is something of this in the increasingly opaque world of ship registration, where there has been a sudden spectacular growth in a number of what might be described as “ultra-convenient” flag states, among which are failed and corrupt states, improbable autocracies, micro-states and developing nations, with no particular history of, or interest in, maritime commerce.

Greener shipping, cleaner goods. Garima Satija. future net zero. 31 July 2024. Available from: https://www.futurenetzero.com/2024/07/31/greener-shipping-cleaner-goods/ In this week’s Net Hero Podcast, Sumit spoke to Roger Holm, Executive Vice President at marine solutions company, Wärtsilä on how they’re trying to clean up the world’s shipping lanes.


**RESEARCH**


Sanz-Trepiana L, Bost E, et al. *Aggression, psychological violence and sexual harassment in seafarers in France.* *International Maritime Health.* 28 June 2024. Available from: [https://journals.viamedica.pl/international_maritime_health/article/view/99382](https://journals.viamedica.pl/international_maritime_health/article/view/99382) In a working environment that is predominantly male, very tough physically, with a difficult working environment, occupational exposures and working, verbal and physical aggression can be more frequent than in other sectors.

Baumann J. *From global to human factors: Shipping emissions policy process in the IMO.* *Marine Policy.* 3 July 2024. Available from: [https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0308597X24002896](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0308597X24002896) The International Maritime Organization (IMO) is the UN agency responsible for regulating the maritime industries which includes shipping emissions, a complex problem that affects human health and is tied closely with climate issues.


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