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**NAVIGATING  
THE FUTURE:  
SAFETY FIRST!**

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## IMO NEWS & EVENTS

### PREVIEW: Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 82), 30 September - 4 October 2024

The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC), 82nd session, meets in-person at IMO Headquarters in London (with hybrid participation) from 30 September to 4 October, 2024.

MEPC 82 will discuss a range of environmental matters, including proposed mid-term measures for the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from ships, enhancing energy efficiency of shipping, tackling marine litter, ballast water management and underwater noise reduction.

The MEPC meeting is preceded by the 17th meeting of the Intersessional Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (ISWG-GHG 17), from 23 to 27 September 2024. [More...](#)

### 2024 World Maritime Day anchors focus on maritime safety

#### Global maritime community marks 50 years of international ship safety treaty.

World Maritime Day on 26 September will highlight the importance of safety at sea in an era of significant transformations and new risks.

Fifty years since the adoption of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea ([SOLAS](#)) - the world's most important treaty for the safety of merchant ships – the maritime community is at a crossroads, facing rapid advances in technology, global security challenges and the shift to green energy.

This year's theme for [World Maritime Day](#), "Navigating the future: Safety first!" recognizes that safety remains paramount in such a changing environment, whether it pertains to seafarers handling new green fuels, safeguarding passengers in the latest cruise ships, regulating AI-managed autonomous ships or ensuring cybersecurity in a digital world. [More...](#)

### Make your voice heard: IMO-WISTA Women in Maritime Survey opens

#### Governments and industry urged to participate in global study to promote gender diversity in maritime.

The second [Women in Maritime Survey](#) has been launched to gather important baseline data about women's participation in the maritime and ocean fields.

IMO Secretary-General, Mr. Arsenio Dominguez issued a worldwide call to governments, companies, organizations and academic institutions to take part, saying:

"Join me in championing diversity and fostering a barrier free workplace for all by completing the survey, which will allow for a more targeted use of resources and ensure that we are well placed to navigate the challenges that the future brings." [More...](#)

**[MEETING SUMMARIES AND SCHEDULE](#)** **[Preliminary programme of meetings for 2025](#)** 📅

**Previous 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

**Forthcoming Meetings**

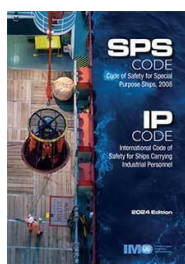
Consultative Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Convention 1972) and Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Protocol 1996) (LC 46/LP 19) 28 October – 1 November 2024

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### SPS Code and IP Code, 2024 Edition

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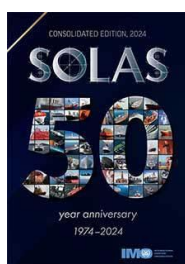
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English) 978-92-801-2573-3 (French) 978-92-801-3216-8 (Spanish)

This publication includes the *Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships, 2008* (2008 SPS Code), the new *International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel* (IP Code), and SOLAS chapter XV on safety measures for ships carrying industrial personnel.

The 2008 SPS Code sets safety standards for special purpose ships carrying 'special personnel' such as scientists and technicians involved in specific onboard activities. The IP Code, which came into force on **1 July 2024**, extends these safety principles to ships transporting 'industrial personnel'. This new code addresses the safety requirements for the offshore and energy sectors, ensuring safer transport and transfer of personnel involved in offshore industrial activities.



### SOLAS Consolidated Edition, 2024 Edition

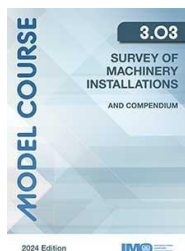
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ISBN: 978-92-801-1793-6 (English)

Of all the international conventions dealing with maritime safety, the most important is the *International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea*, better known as SOLAS, which covers a wide range of measures designed to improve the safety of shipping.

The Convention is also one of the oldest of its kind: the first version was adopted in 1914 following the sinking of the **Titanic** with the loss of more than 1,500 lives. Since then, there have been four more versions of SOLAS. The present version was adopted in 1974 and entered into force in 1980. This publication commemorates the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, a prominent international instrument for maritime safety.

This edition of the publication presents a consolidated text of the Convention, its Protocol of 1988 and all amendments that have entered into force on or before **1 July 2024**. Additionally, this edition includes the **unified interpretations of SOLAS regulations** approved by the Maritime Safety Committee.



**Model Course: Survey of machinery installations, 2024 Edition**

Digital format: KTB303E  
ISBN: 978-92-801-1782-0

This course equips maritime professionals with the skills to survey and assess machinery installations, ensuring compliance with international standards. Flexible in design, the course can be tailored to the trainees' knowledge levels and training needs. Validated by the IMO Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and

Equipment, this course is a vital resource for standardizing machinery installation surveys, enhancing safety and competence across the global maritime industry.

The course covers the requirements of initial, annual, intermediate, and periodical and renewal surveys, as specified in SOLAS. It does not cover preliminary design or plan approvals, nor does it cover the survey or inspection of chemical tankers, gas carriers, special purpose ships or mobile offshore units.

## UNITED NATIONS

**UN climate chief calls for “exponential changes” to boost investment in Africa.** *Climate Home News*. 5 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.climatechangenews.com/2024/09/05/un-climate-chief-calls-for-exponential-changes-to-boost-investment-in-africa/> Action on clean energy and adaptation can be the single greatest opportunity to lift up African people and economies, Simon Stiell says.

**WTO Public Forum 2024: UN Trade and Development will drive discussions on more inclusive and sustainable trade.** *UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)*. 6 September 2024. Available from: <https://unctad.org/news/wto-public-forum-2024-un-trade-and-development-will-drive-discussions-more-inclusive-and> The organization will lead sessions on disability-inclusive trade, a new plastics economy and circular textile industries, while also contributing to discussions on digitalization, AI-driven supply chains, critical minerals, and trade and climate change.

**Call for ‘solutions across the board’ as 79<sup>th</sup> General Assembly opens.** *UN News*. 10 September 2024. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/09/1154151> Mr. Yang underscored the need for equitable economic growth driven by innovation and green economies, ensuring that “the benefits of economic development are accessible to all nations, large and small.”

**Unchecked AI threatens democracy, warns UN chief.** *UN News*. 15 September 2024. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/09/1154316> These risks are particularly critical this year, as over 50 countries – representing half the world’s population – hold elections.

**What’s going on with the world (and the future) at the UN?** Eileen Travers. *UN News*. 16 September 2024. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/09/1154351> As the week unfolds from 22 to 30 September, here’s what you need to know: Summit of the Future: What if the world keeps its promises?

**What to expect at the United Nations general debate.** *UN News*. 18 September 2024. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/09/1154501> It’s the busiest and probably most high-profile week at UN Headquarters in New York, where leaders from across the world come together to discuss global issues or highlight their country-specific priorities.

**‘Irrefutable’ need for global regulation of AI: UN experts.** *UN News*. 19 September 2024. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/09/1154541> “The very nature of the technology itself – transboundary in structure and application – necessitates a global approach,” the final report from the UN Secretary-General appointed panel concludes.

**World leaders adopt pivotal UN Pact for the Future.** *UN News*. 22 September 2024. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/09/1154581> 🗳️ Negotiations went down to the wire, with clear fault lines emerging ahead of the adoption of the Pact for the Future.

**Island nations unite at UN: ‘Empty pledges’ will not save future generations.** *UN News*. 25 September 2024. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/09/1154911> Separated by oceans, the leaders were united in their call on the international community to prioritize urgent action and financial support to combat the climate crisis, emphasizing that their nations are in crosshairs of the emergency and already bearing its impacts.

**Stop global warming to turn the tide on sea level rise: UN Assembly President.** *UN News.* 25 September 2024. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/09/1154881>

The situation is critical, said UN General Assembly President Philémon Yang, who convened the high-level meeting which included a plenary session and panel discussions, with more than 100 speakers participating.

**What happened Thursday at UNGA: Gaza crisis tops discussions; Africa pushes for Security Council reform; leaders act against 'superbugs'.** *UN News.* 26 September 2024. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/09/1155011> He called for political and financial support for the UN humanitarian aid agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, and other aid organizations, and laid out a detailed 'day after' plan for when the war ends.



## CASUALTIES

**SS *Andrea Doria*: a tragic success story.** Tony Francombe Bec. *Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST)*. 28 August 2024. Available from:

<https://www.imarest.org/resource/mp-ss-andrea-doria-a-tragic-success-story.html> A look back to July 1956, when a luxury ocean liner collided with passenger ship *Stockholm* in US waters, but a *Titanic*-scale disaster was averted.

**Saudi tanker, another oil ship attacked off rebel-held Yemen coast.** *France 24*.

2 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.france24.com/en/middle-east/20240902-suspected-attacks-by-yemen-s-houthi-rebels-target-two-red-sea-ships-near-stricken-oil-tanker> Two oil tankers, the Saudi-flagged *Amjad* and Panama-flagged *Blue Lagoon I*, were attacked on Monday in the Red Sea off Yemen, two sources familiar with the matter said.

**Houthis attack two crude oil tankers.** *US Central Command*. 2 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.centcom.mil/MEDIA/PRESS-RELEASES/Press-Release-View/Article/3892026/houthis-attack-two-crude-oil-tankers/> On the morning of Sep. 2, the Iranian-backed Houthis attacked two crude oil tankers, the Panama flagged/owned, Greek operated *MV BLUE LAGOON I* and the Saudi flagged, owned, and operated *MV AMJAD*, with two ballistic missiles and a one-way attack uncrewed aerial system, hitting both vessels.

**Search on for containers lost overboard off South Africa's Indian Ocean: SAMSA.**

*South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)*. 3 September 2024. Available from: <https://blog.samsa.org.za/2024/09/03/search-on-for-containers-lost-overboard-off-south-africas-indian-ocean-samsa/> A search for cargo containers lost overboard off a number of vessels along South Africa's Indian Ocean corridor over the last month continues, while two of the vessels most recently affected – the *MV CMA CMG Belem*, currently in the port of Ngqurha, and the *MSC Antonio*, now safely berthed in Cape Town – continue with their onboard cargo loads adjustments.

**Coast Guard chopper crashes off Porbandar coast, two killed.** Gopal B Kateshiya. *New Indian Express*. 4 September 2024. Available from:

<https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/ahmedabad/3-indian-coast-guard-personnel-missing-after-helicopter-makes-hard-landing-during-rescue-mission-9547454/> A pilot and an air crew member have died, while search is on for another pilot after a helicopter of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) crashed into the sea off the Porbandar coast while they were on a mission to address a medical emergency on board a tanker late on Monday.

**US drone footage shows tanker burning in Red Sea after Yemen rebel attack.** *Associated Press*. 7 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-aS5V9lInk> The U.S. military has released new drone footage showing the Greek-flagged oil tanker *Sounion* burning in the Red Sea following an attack by Yemen's Houthi rebels.

**Ship in danger of sinking after collision in Middle East Gulf as crew abandon vessel.**

Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds*. 9 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/ship-in-danger-of-sinking-after-collision-in-middle-east-gulf-as-crew-abandon-vessel/2-1-1706422> A Turkish-managed multipurpose vessel is listing in the Middle East Gulf after colliding with a larger handysize vessel, Turkish authorities reported.

**Oil tanker ablaze off Yemen threatens environmental disaster.** *France 24*. 10 September 2024.

Available from: <https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20240910-oil-tanker-ablaze-off-yemen-threatens-environmental-disaster> The Greek-flagged *Sounion*, struck on August 21 by Yemen's Houthi rebels, was still on fire as recently as Saturday, maritime monitors said.

**Low Danube reveals sunken World War Two ships in Serbia, Hungary.** Krisztina Fenyo and Fedja Grulovic. *Reuters*. 11 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/low-danube-reveals-sunken-world-war-two-ships-serbia-hungary-2024-09-10/> The wrecks of explosives-laden Nazi ships sunk in the River Danube during World War Two have emerged near Serbia's river port town of Prahovo, after a drought in July and August that saw the river's water level drop.

**Grain ship hit by Russian missile, Ukraine president Zelensky claims.** Harry Papachristou and Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 12 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/grain-ship-hit-by-russian-missile-ukraine-president-zelensky-claims/2-1-1708837> A Russian missile hit a ship carrying wheat in the Black Sea late on Wednesday, Ukrainian authorities said.

**Ukraine says Russia hit grain vessel near NATO member Romania.** Pavel Polityuk, Yuliia Dysa and Tom Balmforth. *Reuters*. 12 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/russian-missile-hits-civilian-ship-with-ukrainian-grain-black-sea-zelenskiy-says-2024-09-12/> Ukraine accused Russia on Thursday of using strategic bombers to strike a civilian grain vessel in a missile attack in Black Sea waters near NATO member Romania, escalating tensions between Moscow and the military alliance.

**The *Titan*'s former lead engineer says he felt pressured to get the submersible ready.**

Patrick Whittle. *Associated Press*. 16 September 2024. Available from:

<https://apnews.com/article/titan-submersible-implosion-hearing-2ae3c044e50a69647bd42cfe96c7f98> The lead engineer for an experimental submersible that imploded en route to the wreck of the *Titanic* testified Monday that he felt pressured to get the vessel ready to dive and refused to pilot it for a journey several years earlier.

**USCG holds a press conference prior to the Marine Board of Investigation *Titan* Submersible hearing.** *United States Coast Guard*. 15 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oTQ7wBSIFJs&t=300s> The press conference will provide an overview of the investigation process and the upcoming hearing procedures concerning the loss of the *Titan* submersible.

**Tour Vessel Sinks Off Greenland, Spilling Fuel.** *Maritime Executive*. 23 September 2024.

Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/tour-vessel-sinks-off-greenland-spilling-fuel> Authorities in Greenland are working to respond to a sinking and spill near the island community of Nanortalik in the territory's far southwest.

**Black Sea risk unchanged despite back-to-back incidents.** Bridget Diakun. *Lloyd's List*.

23 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1150735/Black-Sea-risk-unchanged-despite-back-to-back-incidents> The threat to merchant ships trading out of Ukraine remains unchanged despite two incidents within two weeks where vessels were struck during Russian attacks.

**Grounding of general cargo vessel *Baltic Arrow*.** *UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch*.

24 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/maib-reports/grounding-of-general-cargo-vessel-baltic-arrow> At 0848, 25 June 2024, St Kitts and Nevis registered general cargo vessel *Baltic Arrow* ran aground near New Dyke Farm on the River Nene while enroute to Wisbech England.

**Ali Ka accident: exhaustion once again to blame.** Charlie Bartlett. *Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST)*. 26 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.imarest.org/resource/mp-ali-ka-accident-exhaustion-once-again-to-blame.html> Even though fatigue can drain even the most highly trained and competent personnel to the point where mistakes become inevitable, the maritime industry still tends to treat it as a personal problem.

**Estonia ferry tragedy remembered on 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of sinking.** *Nautilus International*.

30 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/estonia-ferry-tragedy-remembered-on-30th-anniversary-of-sinking/> On 28 September 2024, the UK maritime community marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragic sinking of the ferry *Estonia* in the Baltic Sea – one of the deadliest peacetime shipping disasters of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, with the loss of 852 lives.

**Month-long fires on Greek tanker attacked by Houthis in Red Sea finally put out.**

Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 30 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/month-long-fires-on-greek-tanker-attacked-by-houthis-in-red-sea-finally-put-out/2-1-1717485> Some fires on a laden oil tanker hit repeatedly by Houthi rebels have been put out more than a month after the original attacks.

## ENVIRONMENT

**Africa faces disproportionate burden from climate change and adaptation costs.**

*World Meteorological Organization (WMO)*. 2 September 2024. Available from:

<https://wmo.int/media/news/africa-faces-disproportionate-burden-from-climate-change-and-adaptation-costs> Africa bears an increasingly heavy burden from climate change and disproportionately high costs for essential climate adaptation, according to a new report from the WMO. [State of the Climate in Africa 2023 Report](#)

**Geopolitical tensions are fanning the flames of global warming.** Liu Ningrong. *China Daily*.

5 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.chinadailyhk.com/hk/article/592371> It is becoming increasingly evident that 2024 will likely be marked as the hottest year on record. Like many other regions across the globe, Hong Kong has been grappling with unprecedented temperatures.

**New Study Reveals Urgent Need for “Blue Justice” in the Emerging Blue Economy.**

*University of Portsmouth (UK)*. 6 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.port.ac.uk/news-events-and-blogs/news/new-study-reveals-urgent-need-for-blue-justice-in-the-emerging-blue-economy>

A new study has highlighted a critical issue within the rapidly developing Blue Economy; the need for “Blue Justice”- a new concept that originated from this study.

**Environment takes center stage as global summits loom.** *Phys.org*. 16 September 2024.

Available from: <https://phys.org/news/2024-09-environment-center-stage-global-summits.html>

Global warming. Disappearing plant and animal species. Fertile land turning to desert. Plastic in the oceans, on land, and the air we breathe.

**Opportunities Arise for Nations to Improve Ocean Health.** Elizabeth Wilson. *Pew Charitable*

*Trusts*. 18 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/articles/2024/09/18/opportunities-arise-for-nations-to-improve-ocean-health>

The ocean is the lifeblood of our planet, regulating climate, feeding billions of people and animals and teeming with biodiversity.

**North Atlantic right whale entangled in Gulf of St. Lawrence.** Sean Mott. *CTV News (Canada)*. 19 September 2024. Available from: <https://atlantic.ctvnews.ca/more/north-atlantic-right-whale-entangled-in-gulf-of-st-lawrence-1.7044477> 📰 A female North Atlantic right whale is entangled in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

**Climate week talks to include critical minerals and seabed mining debate.** *Pacific Islands News Association (PINA)*. 19 September 2024. Available from: <https://pina.com.fj/2024/09/19/climate-week-talks-to-include-critical-minerals-and-seabed-mining-debate/> When activists, policymakers and representatives from across the globe gather next week in New York to participate in climate week, one pressing issue on the agenda that is less frequently discussed and known will be the environmental impact of seabed mining.

**Indonesia's return to sea sand exports sparks environmental concerns.** Aditya Eko Sigit Wicaksono. *Antara News (Indonesia)*. 21 September 2024. Available from: <https://en.antaranews.com/amp/news/326731/indonesias-return-to-sea-sand-exports-sparks-environmental-concerns> Indonesia, a maritime giant with over 17 thousand islands, has resumed its sea sand exports policy after a two-decade hiatus.

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

**Six months after first Houthi ship sinking, attacks slick Red Sea with oil.** Elizabeth Fitt. *Mongabay*. 2 September 2024. Available from: <https://news.mongabay.com/2024/09/six-months-after-first-houthi-ship-sinking-attacks-slick-red-sea-with-oil/> Exactly six months ago, the *Rubymar* bulk carrier became the first ship sunk in a series of attacks by the Houthis protesting Israel's actions in Gaza since October 2023.

**My Turn: Cruise ships are shifting air pollution into Juneau's marine waters.** Kathy Coghill. *Juneau Empire (US)*. 2 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.juneauempire.com/opinion/my-turn-cruise-ships-are-shifting-air-pollution-into-juneaus-marine-waters/> In Barcelona, locals used water guns against tourists to mark their frustrations with overcrowding and the environmental impacts associated with cruise ships.

**Quiet Sound's Voluntary Ship Slowdown Reduces Underwater Noise Reaching Killer Whales.** *US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)*. 4 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/feature-story/quiet-sounds-voluntary-ship-slowdown-reduces-underwater-noise-reaching-killer-whales> Last year, the slowdown reduced by half the underwater noise reaching the whales.

**Yemeni gov't warns of disastrous consequences as Houthis target oil tankers in Red Sea.** *Xinhuanet (China)*. 4 September 2024. Available from: <https://english.news.cn/20240904/a6f96e94465746719dfd08d35fc83b20/c.html> The Yemeni government on Tuesday condemned recent Houthi attacks on chemical and oil tankers in the Red Sea, describing them as "systematic terrorism" that threatens environmental, economic, and humanitarian stability in the region.

**Bunkering Overflow Causes Environmental Emergency at Gran Canaria.** *Maritime Executive*. 5 September 2024. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/index.php/article/bunkering-overflow-causes-environmental-emergency-at-gran-canaria> Spanish authorities are scrambling to contain an oil spill caused during a bunkering operation in the port at Gran Canaria.

**The biggest oil spill in US history: What we've learned since Deepwater Horizon.**

Jocelyn Timperley. *BBC Future*. 6 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20240905-have-we-improved-oil-spill-clean-ups-since-bp-deepwater-horizon>

Fourteen years after the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster, would we fare any better at cleaning up another huge oil spill? Jocelyn Timperley examines the latest science of ocean clean-ups.

**State of Emergency in Gran Canaria ends as oil spill cleanup progresses.**

*Canarian Weekly (Spain)*. 8 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.canarianweekly.com/posts/State-of-Emergency-in-Gran-Canaria-ends-as-oil-spill-cleanup-progresses>

The Canary Islands Government has announced that it will end the state of emergency for the oil spill off the coast of Gran Canaria tonight, Sunday, at 8:00pm.

**Algoa Bay weekend oil spill still under scrutiny: SAMSA.**

*South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)*. 11 September 2024. Available from:

<https://blog.samsa.org.za/2024/09/11/algoa-bay-weekend-oil-spill-still-under-scrutiny-samsa/>

In an update on Wednesday morning, in a statement SAMSA said: "The South African Incident Management Organisation (IMOrg) is responding to an oil spill detected in Algoa Bay on Saturday, 07 September 2024.

**Mop up underway of containers and pharmaceutical bottles found on the South African eastern coastline: SAMSA.**

*South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)*. 12 September 2024.

Available from: <https://blog.samsa.org.za/2024/09/12/mop-up-underway-of-containers-and-pharmaceutical-bottles-found-on-the-south-african-eastern-coastline-samsa/>

The confirmation comes as reports flow from several areas along South Africa's Sunshine Coast of medicinal products being cited and collected en masse over the past week or so, this after several cargo vessels traversing this part of the Indian Ocean, reportedly lost collectively close on 200 containers in about eight weeks since July 2024.

**World Bank Approves \$6.39 Million Grant to Reduce Pollution in the Black Sea.**

*World Bank*. 12 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2024/09/12/world-bank-approves-6-39-million-grant-to-reduce-pollution-in-the-black-sea>

Today, the World Bank approved a \$6.39 million grant from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for the Blueing the Black Sea (BBSEA) GEF Regional Project.

**Can the world stop a massive oil spill in the middle of a war zone?**

Joshua Keating. *Vox*. 13 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.vox.com/climate/371734/sounion-houthis-red-sea-tanker-oil-spill>

Since it was attacked by Houthi rebels in Yemen three weeks ago, a tanker carrying roughly 1 million barrels of crude oil has been immobilized and on fire in the Red Sea.

**The plastic pellet pollution problem.**

Emma Forbes-Gearey. *Splash 247.com*. 18 September 2024.

Available from: <https://splash247.com/the-plastic-pellet-pollution-problem/> To give you an idea of the scale of the plastic pollution problem, plastic production surged from 5m tonnes in the 1960s to 460m by 2019; the Environmental Investigation Agency has warned that by 2050, there could be more plastic than fish in our oceans; the Fidra Project has estimated that 445,970 tonnes of nurdles, the equivalent to 29bn plastic bottles, escape from stages in the plastics supply chain into the environment every year.

**Oil slick stretches from Manoel Island to Tigné after yacht yard spill.** James Cummings. *Times of Malta*. 18 September 2024. Available from: <https://timesofmalta.com/article/giant-oil-slick-stretches-manoel-island-tigne-yacht-yard-spill.1098226> Transport Malta has launched an investigation into the cause of an oil slick which covered large swathes of the sea at Marsamxett harbour.

**Commercial fishing vessels major sources of marine plastic pollution.** Ester Mbathera. *Windhoek Observer (Namibia)*. 19 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.observer24.com.na/commercial-fishing-vessels-major-sources-of-marine-plastic-pollution/> A recent study by marine experts has revealed that commercial fishing vessels are a major source of marine plastic pollution along the Namibian coast.

**Scientists say we have enough evidence to agree global action on microplastics.** Alan Williams. *University of Plymouth (UK)*. 19 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/news/scientists-say-we-have-enough-evidence-to-agree-global-action-on-microplastics> Science has provided more than sufficient evidence to inform a collective and global approach to tackle the continued spread of plastic pollution, according to a new report.

**SAMSA ramps up efforts to collect debris from containers lost overboard vessels on the Indian Ocean.** *South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)*. 22 September 2024. Available from: <https://blog.samsa.org.za/2024/09/22/samsa-ramps-up-efforts-to-collect-debris-from-containers-lost-overboard-vessels-on-the-indian-ocean/> SAMSA, in a statement on Friday afternoon said: “The South African Maritime Safety Authority is currently in the process of coordinating the cleanup and recovery of shipping containers, flotsam, associated pollutants, and products washing ashore along the South-East coastline of South Africa between the Wild Coast and Mossel Bay.”

## HEALTH & SAFETY

**Singapore introduces Mpox maritime health declaration.** Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 6 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/ports-logistics/singapore-introduces-mpox-maritime-health-declaration> Vessels arriving in Singapore port that have called Mpox affected countries in the last 21 days now have to submit a mandatory maritime declaration of health.

**New healthcare pilot project for women at sea counters subtle hurdles.** *Nautilus International*. 6 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/new-healthcare-pilot-project-for-women-at-sea-counters-subtle-hurdles/> UK-based maritime charity the Seafarers' Hospital Society (SHS) has launched a pilot project to provide free feminine hygiene products to women crew on vessels calling into ports.

**“Deaths in enclosed spaces on ships must be stopped,” UK’s MPC declares.** *Hellenic Shipping News*. 10 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/deaths-in-enclosed-spaces-on-ships-must-be-stopped-uks-mpc-declares/> Appalled that deaths in enclosed spaces continue to be all too frequent occurrences in the shipping industry, The Maritime Professional Council of the UK supports calls for fundamental changes to ship operation and design.

**Global supply chains at risk without seafarer reforms: New report urges action to protect workforce well-being.** *Global Maritime Forum*. 10 September 2024. Available from:

<https://globalmaritimeforum.org/news/global-supply-chains-at-risk-without-seafarer-reforms-new-report-urges/> The shipping industry must take steps to improve working conditions across seven key areas and urgently improve seafarer well-being, make life at sea safe and inclusive, and future-proof against the changing needs of the maritime labour market to attract future generations of seafarers. [Improving Seafarer Well-being: Preliminary findings from the Diversity@Sea pilot project](#) 📄

**Ground-breaking ITF partnership with Indonesian government protects seafarers' wellbeing.**

*ITF Seafarers*. 11 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/ground-breaking-itf-partnership-indonesian-government-protects-seafarers-wellbeing> Indonesia's future seafarers' will be better equipped to deal with the psychological stresses and strains of maritime work after a landmark agreement between Indonesia and the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF).

**Seafarer mental health exclusion criteria needs revision as shipowners play it safe.**

Rob Willmington. *Lloyd's List*. 12 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1150601/Seafarer-mental-health-exclusion-criteria-needs-revision-as-shipowners-play-it-safe> Compounded by pandemic lockdowns, there has been a significant rise in seafarers failing pre-employment medical examinations due to mental health reasons.

**WHO approves first mpox vaccine to boost access in Africa.** *UN News*. 13 September 2024.

Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/09/1154281> The MVA-BN vaccine from the Danish pharmaceutical company Bavarian Nordic was prequalified by the WHO on Friday and has already been approved in Europe and the United States, for use by adults.

**Support not stigma for seafarers with mental health issues.** Samantha Andrews. *Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST)*. 17 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.imarest.org/resource/mp-support-not-stigma-for-seafarers-with-mental-health-issues.html> We speak with Lizi Woodland, Chair of IMarEST's Seafarer Mental Health and Wellbeing Special Interest Group (SIG) and Business Development Manager of the Guild of Benevolence, about some of the supportive actions being take.

## IMO

**IMO's data on ship emissions will be of little use before 2026.** Idha Toft Valeur. *ShippingWatch*.

3 September 2024. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article17406226.ece> It is too early to draw conclusions from the IMO's CII data on ship emissions, says the Mærsk Mc-Kinney Moller Centre for Zero Carbon Shipping.

**'I came here to break the mould,' says IMO chief Arsenio Dominguez.** Lucy Hine. *TradeWinds*.

4 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/people/i-came-here-to-break-the-mould-says-imo-chief-arsenio-dominguez/2-1-1703540> Arsenio Dominguez did not take up his new role heading the International Maritime Organization to be a "stereotypical secretary general".

**Green Seas: A one-on-one with IMO secretary general Arsenio Dominguez.** Eric Priante

Martin. *TradeWinds*. 4 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/green-seas-a-one-on-one-with-imo-secretary-general-arsenio-dominguez/2-1-1704310> 📄 International Maritime Organization secretary general Arsenio Dominguez has confronted key sustainability challenges since taking the helm of the UN shipping regulator at the start of the year.

**IMO under pressure to finalise greenhouse gas rules.** Craig Eason. *TradeWinds*. 9 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/imo-under-pressure-to-finalise-greenhouse-gas-rules/2-1-1706345> Member states face tough meetings schedule if regulator is to hit its targets.

**Secretary-General Stresses Safe Navigation for Seafarers Anchoring Crucial Shipping Industry ‘Must Not Be Compromised’, Marking World Maritime Day.** *United Nations*. 9 September 2024. Available from: <https://press.un.org/en/2024/sgsm22355.doc.htm> Shipping is vital to keeping our economies and societies afloat. It is the lifeblood of global supply chains, stretching across oceans, connecting goods and communities.

**Tanker owners have their say at IMO.** Craig Jallal. *Rivera Maritime*. 10 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/tanker-owners-have-their-say-at-imo-82231> Ahead of MEPC 82 in September 2024, it is worth reviewing the papers concerning tanker regulations and safety concerns submitted so far to International Maritime Organization (IMO).

**UN maritime chief in Pakistan on first-ever visit as Islamabad hosts international conference.** *Arab News (Pakistan)*. 12 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.arabnews.pk/node/2571039/pakistan> The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization, Arsenio Antonio Dominguez Velasco, arrived in Islamabad today, Thursday, to attend the International Maritime Sustainability Exhibition and Conference (IMSEC), the foreign ministry said in a statement.

**Media Release: “INTERCARGO Proposals Call on IMO to Review Carbon Intensity Indicator at MEPC 82”.** *International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (INTERCARGO)*. 12 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.intercargo.org/media-release-intercargo-proposals-call-on-carbon-intensity-indicator-mepc-82/> The International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (INTERCARGO) has submitted proposals to the IMO calling for a review of the Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII) at the 82<sup>nd</sup> session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee being held between 30<sup>th</sup> September and 4<sup>th</sup> October at the IMO Headquarters in London.

**Secretary General assures IMO’s support for development of maritime sector in Pakistan.** *Associated Press of Pakistan*. 13 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.app.com.pk/domestic/secretary-general-assures-imos-support-for-development-of-maritime-sector-in-pakistan/> The Secretary General of the IMO, Arsenio Antonio Dominguez Velasco, stressing on compliance of UN conventions on Friday assured continued support of IMO to Pakistan through development projects and technical cooperation for capacity building and efficiency enhancement of the maritime sector in the country.

**Maritime celebrates 50 years of the SOLAS Convention.** *International Maritime Rescue Federation*. 17 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.international-maritime-rescue.org/news/maritime-celebrates-50-years-of-the-solas-convention> This year is a celebration of many notable anniversaries.

**IMO states ‘ready to deliver’ on climate, Oftedal says.** Declan Bush. *Lloyd’s List*. 17 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.lloydlist.com/LL1150679/IMO-states-ready-to-deliver-on-climate-Oftedal-says> The MAN steering shipping’s green transition through the IMO is optimistic states can agree global emissions rules on time, despite the challenges.



**IMO MEPC Meeting Must Bring Regulation Clarity to Drive Green Fuel Production: IBIA.**

Jack Jordan. *Ship & Bunker*. 18 September 2024. Available from:

<https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/906620-imo-mepec-meeting-must-bring-regulation-clarity-to-drive-green-fuel-production-ibia>

Industry body IBIA is hoping to see the upcoming meeting of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee bring new clarity on GHG regulations to add momentum to the shipping industry's energy transition.

**The Need for a Threefold Approach to Deliver the IMO's Decarbonisation Strategy.**

*Seas at Risk*. 18 September 2024. Available from: <https://seas-at-risk.org/general-news/the-need-for-a-threefold-approach-to-deliver-the-imos-decarbonisation-strategy/>

In the summer of 2023, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) set ambitious targets for the decarbonisation of the shipping industry: a 30% reduction in emissions by 2030, 80% by 2040, and reaching zero-emission by 2050.

**Top negotiators believe in partial victory at coming IMO climate talks.** Mette Grube Condrup.

*ShippingWatch*. 19 September 2024. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article17462928.ece>

Member states will soon gather for the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) gathering to resume negotiations on the measures needed to bring the global fleet's climate impact to net zero by 2050.

**Cost and effect: UN body reveals impact of shipping's green ambitions.** Craig Eason.

*TradeWinds*. 20 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/cost-and-effect-un-body-reveals-impact-of-shipping-s-green-ambitions/2-1-1710364>

Fleet operating costs could rise by up to 80% following the IMO's adoption of new rules to reduce shipping's greenhouse gas emissions.

**Five camps dominate crucial phase of IMO climate talks.** Mette Grube Condrup. *ShippingWatch*.

20 September 2024. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article17466050.ece>

The political winds currently blowing in the International Maritime Organization's climate committee are split into five directions.

**Governments expected to close in on a global carbon price at UN talks next week.** *Hellenic*

*Shipping News*. 21 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/governments-expected-to-close-in-on-a-global-carbon-price-at-un-talks-next-week/>

The IMO is expected to advance negotiations on what could be the world's first universal carbon price (e.g. a levy) on a global polluter.

**Pacific nations gear up for a fight over shipping emissions at critical UN meeting.**

*Islands Business (Fiji)*. 23 September 2024. Available from: <https://islandsbusiness.com/news-break/pacific-nations-gear-up-for-a-fight-over-shipping-emissions-at-critical-un-meeting/>

Pacific nations are preparing for a pivotal week of negotiations in London on how to cut planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions in the global shipping industry.

**IMO and onboard carbon capture, storage and sequestration.** Craig Jallal. *Riviera Maritime*.

23 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/imos-co2-decarbonisation-journey-82333>

As the maritime industry works towards decarbonisation, IMO is driving the advancement of regulatory frameworks and supporting the adoption of innovative technologies, such as onboard carbon capture and storage (OCCS) and CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration.

**The Maritime Industry Urged to Adopt Wind Technology to Meet IMO Decarbonisation Targets; a Levy on Polluting Shipping Fuels Will Accelerate Adoption.** *Seas at Risk.*

23 September 2024. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/48raxbht> As global leaders convene this week in London to discuss tools to deliver a decarbonisation strategy for global shipping, vulnerable countries and marine NGO Seas At Risk are pushing for the introduction of a strong carbon levy on heavily polluting vessels.

**6PAC+ Delegation in London for Critical IMO Climate Discussions.** *Micronesian Center for Sustainable Transport (MCST).* 23 September 2024. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/4yr9z7x7>

The 6PAC+ alliance, comprised of Pacific and Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS) representatives from Belize, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Palau, Republic of Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu have arrived in London in preparation for the Intersessional Working Group on Greenhouse Gases (ISWG-GHG 17) meeting and the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 82) meeting.

**All eyes on IMO: Maritime industry calls on global regulator to bridge existing fuel price gap.**

Naida Hakirevic Prevljak. *Offshore Energy.* 24 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.offshore-energy.biz/all-eyes-on-imo-maritime-industry-calls-on-global-regulator-to-bridge-existing-fuel-price-gap/>

The private sector said it is ready to work with governments towards innovative policies and financial mechanisms that level the playing field between fossil and zero and near-zero GHG marine fuels.

**Minister of Transport discusses with the International Maritime Organization returning Iraq to the white list.** *Iraqi News Agency.* 25 September 2024. Available from:

<https://tinyurl.com/5f6es9cm> Minister of Transport Razzaq Muhaibis Al-Saadawi discussed, today, with the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Arsenio Dominguez in London, the procedures for returning Iraq to the white list of the IMO.

**IMO unlikely to make levy decision at MEPC82.** Enes Tunagur. *Lloyd's List.* 26 September 2024.


Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1150784/IMO-unlikely-to-make-levy-decision-at-MEPC82>

The International Maritime Organization is unlikely to decide on adopting a levy or another economic measure at next week's Marine Environment Protection Committee meeting, effectively leaving a decision on the mid-term greenhouse gas strategy until April 2025.

**Shaping the future of safe Arctic shipping: An interview with IMO Consultant Michael Kingston.** *Arctic Council.* 26 September 2024. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/6sej5uce>

Between 2013-2023, the number of unique ships entering the Arctic Polar Code area increased by 37%, according to the Arctic Council's Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment Working Group (PAME).

**In conversation with IMO secretary general Arsenio Dominguez ahead of MEPC 82.**

Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News.* 27 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulations/in-conversation-with-imo-sec-gen-arsenio-dominguez-ahead-of-mepc-82> 

Ahead of the IMO's MEPC 82 on 30 Sept – 4 Oct, the Seatrade Maritime Podcast caught up with Secretary-General Arsenio Dominguez.

**No news is good news? Not when a deadline to reach IMO climate consensus looms.**

Craig Eason. *TradeWinds.* 27 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/no-news-is-good-news-not-when-a-deadline-to-reach-imo-climate-consensus-looms/2-1-1716829>

A week of climate talks at the IMO has ended without a breakthrough on an economic regulation aimed at reducing carbon emissions.

**International Maritime Organization Inches Closer to Shipping Decarbonization Measures.**

*Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)*. 27 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.edf.org/media/international-maritime-organization-inches-closer-shipping-decarbonization-measures> The IMO today concluded the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of its Intersessional Working Group on Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Ships.

**IMO Negotiations Continue: Crucial to Maintain Momentum.** *Danish Shipping*.

27 September 2024. Available from: <https://danishshipping.dk/en/latest-news/2024/imo-negotiations-continue-crucial-to-maintain-momentum/>

On Monday, the next meeting of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) begins in London, where the IMO's 176 member countries are working to implement the major climate agreement from 2023.


**Crucial IMO meeting on shipping's green transformation begins today.** Mette Grube Condrup.

*ShippingWatch*. 30 September 2024. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article17491998.ece> Monday, the member states of the UN's International Maritime Organization are gathering for a major meeting of the MEPC 82 climate committee at its headquarters in London to continue negotiations on issues of historic significance for the industry.

**International maritime sector must set sail for a just and clean transition.** Bastien

Bonnet-Cantalloube. *Carbon Market Watch*. 30 September 2024. Available from:

<https://carbonmarketwatch.org/2024/09/30/international-maritime-sector-must-set-sail-for-a-just-and-clean-transition/> Carbon Market Watch's latest publication assesses and scores the various proposals to decarbonise the shipping sector, ahead of crucial IMO discussions in London. [Shipping Forecasts: Scoring the decarbonisation proposals under the International Maritime Organisation's market-based measures \(MBM\) shipping strategies](#) [Policy Brief](#) 

**Caribbean States join together to call for fuel levy.** *Ship Management International*.

30 September 2024. Available from: <https://shipmanagementinternational.com/caribbean-states-join-together-to-call-for-fuel-levy/>

Caribbean states have joined forces to ensure the views of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) are taken into account during high-level maritime decarbonisation discussions this week.

**MEPC82: Economic Measures in Debate but IMO Remains Confident.** Julian Macqueen.

*Ship & Bunker*. 30 September 2024. Available from:

<https://shipandbunker.com/news/emea/236524-mepc82-economic-measures-in-debate-but-imo-remains-confident> The shipping industry is unlikely to get the certainty it wants on the detail of the economic measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from shipping that are being discussed at International Maritime Organization headquarters in London this week.

**Global South climate advocates stress urgency for a strong carbon levy on maritime shipping.** *Pacific Environment*. 30 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.pacificenvironment.org/press-releases/global-south-climate-advocates-stress-urgency-for-a-strong-carbon-levy-on-maritime-shipping/> Young climate activists from countries disproportionately impacted by climate change will join Pacific Environment in London to advocate for zero-emission maritime shipping, including a global levy, at the United Nations IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee meeting September 30 to October 4.

## LAW & POLICY

**The Caribbean island nation at the forefront of the climate litigation push.** *United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)*. 28 August 2024. Available from: <https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/video/caribbean-island-nation-forefront-climate-litigation-push> 🇵🇸. Countries most affected by climate change—as well as citizens and non-profit groups—are increasingly turning to courts to compel governments and fossil fuel producers to address the climate crisis.

**Secure continent's maritime domain – Henry Quartey.** Raissa Sambou. *Ghanaian Times*. 4 September 2024. Available from: <https://ghanaiantimes.com.gh/secure-continents-maritime-domain-henry-quartey/>. The Minister for the Interior has called on African governments to deliberately invest in strengthening state agencies responsible for maritime delimitation.

**US Justice Dept says it will inspect ship in Key Bridge collapse, signalling potential lawsuit.** Diana Novak Jones. *Reuters*. 4 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/legal/government/us-justice-dept-says-it-will-inspect-ship-key-bridge-collapse-signaling-2024-09-04/>. The U.S. government signalled in a court filing on Wednesday for the first time that it may file a claim against the owner of the ship that caused the March collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore.

**Forum Urges Pacific Islands to Participate in ICJ Advisory Proceedings.** *International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)*. 4 September 2024. Available from: <https://sdg.iisd.org/news/forum-urges-pacific-islands-to-participate-in-icj-advisory-proceedings/>. Pacific island leaders have issued a communiqué reaffirming the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent as the region's collective commitment to a resilient Pacific.

**Maldives signs the BBNJ Agreement.** *Government of Maldives*. 4 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.foreign.gov.mv/index.php/en/media-center/news/maldives-signs-the-bbnj-agreement>. The Maldives signed the BBNJ Agreement today as its 92<sup>nd</sup> signatory.

**The ocean 'belongs to all of us': Interview with Palau President Whipps.** Elizabeth Claire Alberts. *Mongabay*. 5 September 2024. Available from: <https://news.mongabay.com/2024/09/the-ocean-belongs-to-all-of-us-interview-with-palau-president-whipps/>. Surangel S. Whipps Jr., president of the tiny Pacific island nation of Palau, wants more countries to join him in calling for a moratorium on deep-sea mining.

**Kenyan fresh produce exporters urge end to Red Sea tensions amid rising costs.** *Capital FM (Kenya)*. 7 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/business/2024/09/kenyan-fresh-produce-exporters-urge-end-to-red-sea-tensions-amid-rising-costs/>. The exporters said that the Red Sea tensions have exacerbated geopolitical and logistical challenges, negatively impacting the fresh produce sector.

**World's Top Carbon Emitters Cite Progress in New Climate Talks.** Jennifer A. Dlouhy. *Bloomberg*. 8 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/investing/commodities/2024/09/08/worlds-top-carbon-emitters-cite-progress-in-new-climate-talks/>. US and Chinese negotiators discussed shared goals of stemming deforestation and paring potent planet-warming pollution during three days of talks in Beijing.

**Greece to tax cruise ship arrivals to protect popular islands from overtourism.** *Reuters.*

9 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/greece-tax-cruise-ship-arrivals-protect-popular-islands-overtourism-2024-09-08/> Greece plans to impose a 20-euro levy on cruise ship visitors to the islands of Santorini and Mykonos during the peak summer season, in a bid to avert overtourism, Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis said on Sunday.

**LiMA renews Liberia/China Maritime Transport Agreement.** *New Dawn (Liberia).*

9 September 2024. Available from: <https://thenewdawnliberia.com/lima-renews-liberia-china-maritime-transport-agreement/> The Liberian Maritime Authority, the world's largest Open Registry, has announced the renewal of its historic partnership in a maritime agreement with the People's Republic of China.

**Red Sea crisis won't end until Gaza war does, veteran diplomat warns.** Declan Bush.

*Lloyd's List.* 10 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1150565/Red-Sea-crisis-wont-end-until-Gaza-war-does-veteran-diplomat-warns> The leader of the UN mission to salvage the *FSO Safer* a year ago has given a grim appraisal of the Houthi threat to shipping.

**Nautilus general secretary elected TUC president.** *Nautilus International.* 11 September 2024.

Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/nautilus-gs-elected-as-new-tuc-president/> Mark Dickinson, general secretary of Nautilus International, has been elected as the new president of the TUC at the union body's annual conference in Brighton.

**The Houthis must stop their attacks on ships in the Red Sea: UK statement at the UN Security Council.** *UK Government.* 12 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/the-houthis-must-stop-their-attacks-on-ships-in-the-red-sea-uk-statement-at-the-un-security-council> I'm grateful to the Special Envoy Grundberg and Acting USG Msuya for their briefings.

**NIMASA, BoI Exploring Collaboration to Grow Maritime Sector Capacity.** *This Day (Nigeria).*

15 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2024/09/16/nimasa-boi-exploring-collaboration-to-grow-maritime-sector-capacity/> As part of efforts to enhance capacity in the Nigerian maritime sector, the Management of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) and the Bank of Industry (BOI), have initiated discussions on potential strategies for capacity building in the sector.


**Two-day international maritime conference concludes in Karachi.** Muhammad Ibrahim.

*Arab News (Pakistan).* 15 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.arabnews.pk/node/2571444/pakistan> A two-day International Maritime Sustainability Exhibition and Conference (IMSEC) that sought to foster Islamabad's global and regional partnerships and facilitate investments concluded in Pakistan's southern port city of Karachi on Saturday, the country's maritime affairs ministry said.

**COP29 leaders unveil climate funding and energy storage goals.** Gloria Dickie. *Reuters.*

17 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/business/environment/cop29-leaders-unveil-climate-funding-energy-storage-goals-2024-09-17/> Less than two months ahead of the COP29 United Nations Climate Summit, the Azerbaijani leadership laid out its plans on Tuesday for what it hoped to achieve, as countries continue to wrestle with how to raise ambitions for a new financing target.

**Pacific Island nations propose ecocide be adopted as international crime.** Shreya Dasgupta. *Mongabay*. 17 September 2024. Available from: <https://news.mongabay.com/short-article/pacific-island-nations-propose-ecocide-be-adopted-as-international-crime/> Three Pacific island countries have formally requested the International Criminal Court to recognize “ecocide,” or mass environmental destruction, as an international crime alongside genocide and war crimes.

**Justice Department Files Lawsuit Against Owner and Operator of the Vessel that Destroyed the Francis Scott Key Bridge.** *US Department of Justice*. 18 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-files-lawsuit-against-owner-and-operator-vessel-destroyed-francis-scott> The Justice Department filed a civil claim today in the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland against Grace Ocean Private Limited and Synergy Marine Private Limited, the Singaporean corporations that owned and operated the container ship that destroyed the Francis Scott Key Bridge. [Complaint](#) 

**Don't Forget About the Red Sea.** Burak Şakir Şeker. *Cairo Review of Global Affairs*. 18 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.thecaireview.com/essays/dont-forget-about-the-red-sea/> The ongoing Israeli war on Gaza has escalated into a multifaceted conflict involving not only Israel and the Palestinian group Hamas but also key regional actors such as Iran, Lebanon's Hezbollah, and Yemen's Houthi rebels.

**Japan briefs international community on release of treated water.** *Japan Times*. 18 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2024/09/18/japan/science-health/fukushima-water-release/> Japan on Tuesday provided the international community an update on the decommissioning work at its meltdown-stricken Fukushima No. 1 nuclear power plant, which was crippled by the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami.

**UNDP supports Guinea-Bissau in developing the Blue Economy Strategy to Promote Sustainable and Inclusive Growth.** *United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)*. 19 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.undp.org/guinea-bissau/news/undp-supports-guinea-bissau-developing-blue-economy-strategy-promote-sustainable-and-inclusive-growth> The Government of Guinea-Bissau through the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Regional Integration with the support of the UNDP launched the National Blue Economy Strategy.

**One year on, High Seas treaty in the shallows.** Satyajit Sarna. *Hindustan Times (India)*. 20 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/ht-insight/international-affairs/one-year-on-high-seas-treaty-in-the-shallows-101726816064509.html> Exactly one year ago today, the United Nation's High Seas treaty was signed into existence, and hailed as the future of the conservation of the oceans.

**Africa must help steer the High Seas Treaty out of dire straits.** David Willima. *Institute for Security Studies (ISS)*. 20 September 2024. Available from: <https://issafrica.org/iss-today/africa-must-help-steer-the-high-seas-treaty-out-of-dire-straits> The High Seas Treaty adopted in June 2023 is a landmark achievement for ocean governance, not least because it was finalised at a time of deepening global divisions.

**FBI agents have boarded vessel managed by company whose other cargo ship collapsed Baltimore bridge.** Jonathan Mattise and Lea Skene. *Associated Press*. 21 September 2024. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/fbi-ship-search-baltimore-bridge-collapse-b2e21ee5896c991e0b0427d0365ce866> Federal agents on Saturday boarded a vessel managed by the same company as a cargo ship that caused the deadly Baltimore bridge collapse, the FBI confirmed.

**China and Japan agree on long-term international monitoring of Fukushima nuclear-contaminated water discharge.**

*Global Times (China)*. 21 September 2024.

Available from: <https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202409/1320085.shtml> China and Japan reached a four-point agreement on the discharge of Fukushima nuclear-contaminated water, in which both sides agreed on Japan establishing a long-term international monitoring arrangement and allowing stakeholders including China to conduct independent sampling and monitoring.

**It Is Time to Save The Deep Sea.**

Surangel S. Whipps Jr and Helen Clark. *Inter Press Service (IPS)*. 23 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.ipsnews.net/2024/09/time-save-deep-sea/> This week's United Nations General Assembly marks nearly 20 years since the body first resolved to restrict bottom trawling on the world's seamounts, submarine mountains that rise thousands of feet above the sea floor and comprise some of the most biologically rich marine ecosystems on the planet.

**Russia and Ukraine face off over Kerch Strait.**

*Al Jazeera*. 23 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/9/23/russia-and-ukraine-face-off-over-kerch-strait> Ukraine has accused Russia of flouting maritime law by trying to put the Kerch Strait under its sole control.

**Governor Moore Joins Attorney General Brown to Announce Lawsuit Seeking Damages from the M/V DALI Following the Cargo Ship's Crash that Destroyed the Francis Scott Key Bridge.**

*State of Maryland Office of the Governor*. 24 September 2024. Available from:

<https://governor.maryland.gov/news/press/pages/governor-moore-joins-attorney-general-brown-to-announce-lawsuit-seeking-damages.aspx> Attorney General Anthony G. Brown, on behalf of the State of Maryland and all its agencies, including the Maryland Transportation Authority, the Maryland Port Administration, and the Maryland Department of the Environment, filed a lawsuit against the owners – Grace Ocean Private Limited –and managers – Synergy Marine Pte Ltd. – of the *M/V Dali* for causing the allision with the Francis Scott Key Bridge on March 26, 2024, that destroyed the iconic bridge and resulted in both immediate and long-lasting harm to Maryland and its residents.

[Full Complaint](#) 📄

**Sinking Tuvalu fights to keep maritime boundaries as sea levels rise.**

Kirsty Needham. *Reuters*. 24 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/investigations/sinking-tuvalu-fights-keep-maritime-boundaries-sea-levels-rise-2024-09-24/> Tuvalu and its 11,000 people, who live on nine atolls scattered across the Pacific, are running out of time.

**Global Treaty to Protect Ocean Biodiversity: Why cross-sector collaboration is key.**

Katherine M. Crosman. *World Economic Forum*. 24 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2024/09/this-global-treaty-could-protect-biodiversity-in-ocean-territory-beyond-national-jurisdiction/> 📄 Vast swathes of our ocean exist beyond the boundaries of any one country — and that area is home to huge amounts of biodiversity and even never-before encountered species.

**UAE to ensure supply chain is secured against disruption despite Red Sea concerns, says senior official.**

Waheed Abbas. *Khaleej Times (United Arab Emirates)*. 24 September 2024.

Available from: <https://www.khaleejtimes.com/uae/uae-to-ensure-supply-chain-is-secured-against-disruption-despite-red-sea-concerns-says-senior-offic> The UAE is working with its public and private sector partners to ensure the supply chain is secured against any disruption, especially in the Red Sea, a senior official said on Tuesday.

**Trillions needed by Pacific states to address Climate Crisis, says Ni-Van climate delegate.**

Agnes Tupou. *ABC (Australia)*. 24 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.abc.net.au/pacific/programs/pacificbeat/pacific-beat/104373952> A Vanuatu climate delegate, Ralph Regenvanu says trillions of dollars are needed to finance climate resilience in the Pacific.

**UAE joins High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy.** *Emirates News Agency (UAE)*.

26 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.wam.ae/en/article/144z2tj-uae-joins-high-level-panel-for-sustainable-ocean> The UAE has joined the High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy, a group of heads of state advocating for sustainable management of the ocean.

**India signs treaty to conserve marine biodiversity in high seas.** Vishwa Mohan. *Times of India*.

27 September 2024. Available from: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/india-signs-treaty-to-conserve-marine-biodiversity-in-high-seas/articleshow/113721164.cms> India on Thursday signed the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement — called the ‘High Seas Treaty’ — that will allow the country to enhance its strategic presence in areas beyond its Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and work for conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity.

**Bangladesh deposits instrument of ratification of BBNJ Agreement.** *Dhaka Tribune*.

27 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/foreign-affairs/359893/bangladesh-deposits-instrument-of-ratification-of> Foreign Affairs Adviser Md Touhid Hossain on Thursday deposited Bangladesh’s instrument of ratification for the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement) at a UNGA high-level treaty event.

**South Atlantic Whale Sanctuary Plan Blocked at International Meeting.** *MarineLink*.

27 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.marinelink.com/blogs/blog/south-atlantic-whale-sanctuary-plan-blocked-at-international-101866> The International Whaling Commission’s (IWC) meeting on Thursday rejected a proposal to create a sanctuary in the southern Atlantic Ocean for whales and cetacean species.

**From vulnerability to action: Asia-Pacific leaders urge global responsibility.** Vibhu Mishra.

*UN News*. 27 September 2024. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/09/1155081> Prime Ministers of Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Tuvalu and Tonga underlined the UN’s role as a platform for driving unified, decisive action to mitigate this threat.

**Shipping Companies Sentenced to \$2M Criminal Penalty for Concealing Oil Discharge.**

*US Department of Justice*. 27 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/shipping-companies-sentenced-2m-criminal-penalty-concealing-oil-discharge> Two corporations that operated the motor tanker *P/S Dream* — Prive Overseas Marine LLC and Prive Shipping Denizcilik Ticaret — were sentenced yesterday in federal court in New Orleans to pay a \$2 million criminal penalty and complete four years of probation.

**Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala: Re-globalisation, resilience, and shaping the future.** *International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)*.

27 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.ics-shipping.org/news-item/ngozi-okonjo-iweala-re-globalisation-resilience-and-shaping-the-future/> Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala GCON, the Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO), talks to ICS Leadership Insights about geopolitical impacts on trade, globalisation and building a more resilient supply chain for today’s modern world.



**Türkiye signs UN agreement to protect marine biodiversity.** *Hürriyet Daily News (Türkiye)*. 28 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkiye-signs-un-agreement-to-protect-marine-biodiversity-201002> During the U.N. General Assembly meetings in New York on Friday, Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan signed an agreement to safeguard and sustainably manage marine biodiversity in international waters.

**Draft of Iran's Maritime-oriented Development Plan compiled.** *Tehran Times (Iran)*. 30 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/504334/Draft-of-Iran-s-Maritime-oriented-Economic-Development-Plan-compiled> The 14<sup>th</sup> government is determined to formulate and implement additional and more comprehensive plans and programs in the field of sea-oriented development," IRNA quoted Aref as saying on Monday.


## MARINE TECHNOLOGY

**New tech will trap CO2 from cargo ships and store it in the ocean.** Jacopo Prisco. *CNN*. 6 August 2024. Available from: <https://edition.cnn.com/travel/calcareo-trap-co2-cargo-ships-spc/index.html> International shipping moves 80% of global trade and accounts for about 3% of the world's carbon emissions, but right now, it's not on course to meet its climate targets.

**Fuel for thought: Biofuel report.** *Lloyd's Register*. 28 August 2024. Available from: <https://www.lr.org/en/knowledge/research-reports/fuel-for-thought-biofuel-report/> We will explore the current status of biofuel as a clean fuel, including any safety considerations, drivers for adoption, production and supply chain, and technology readiness. [Biofuel: Expert insights into the future of alternative fuels](#) 

**Scaling up zero-emission shipping.** Carly Fields. *Baltic Exchange*. 28 August 2024. Available from: <https://www.balticexchange.com/en/news-and-events/news/baltic-magazine/2024/scaling-up-zero-emission-shipping.html> The International Maritime Organisation's (IMO) ambitious target of achieving net-zero emissions by or around 2050 has spurred significant interest in zero-emission fuels like green ammonia and methanol.

**Shipping's sustainability challenge requires trust in technology.** Cathy Stephenson. *ShipTechnology*. 2 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.ship-technology.com/comment/shippings-sustainability-challenge-requires-trust-in-technology/> Cathy Stephenson, MD, Wärtsilä Water & Waste, considers wastewater treatment in light of new environmental regulations.

**ClassNK releases report "ClassNK Alternative Fuels Insight (Version 2.0)" - Providing demand outlook for alternative fuels and cost simulation example for ammonia fuelled ship.** *ClassNK*. 4 September 2024. Available from: [https://www.classnk.com/hp/en/hp\\_news.aspx?id=12122&type=press\\_release&layout=1](https://www.classnk.com/hp/en/hp_news.aspx?id=12122&type=press_release&layout=1) This update includes the latest information on alternative fuel ships, including orders and deliveries, demand outlook, and cost simulations for ammonia-fuelled ships. [Report](#) 

**ABS calls for digital tech to accelerate fuel transition.** Nick Savvides. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 5 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/maritime-technology/abs-calls-for-digital-tech-to-accelerate-fuel-transition> Gmec, which was held at this year's SMM exhibition and conference, comes just weeks ahead of the crucial Maritime Environment Protection Committee meeting at which the IMO is expected to plan its medium-term measures for the industry, including deciding on a market-based measure for carbon charging.

**Global carbon capture and storage potential way overblown, study finds.** Shanna Hanbury. *Mongabay*. 6 September 2024. Available from: <https://news.mongabay.com/short-article/global-carbon-capture-and-storage-potential-way-overblown-study-finds/> A new study finds that the potential for carbon capture and storage is much more limited, by a factor of five or six, than the capacity projected by the United Nations to fight climate change.

**AIDAprima Trials 100% Renewable Bio Marine Fuel.** *Cruise Industry News*. 9 September 2024. Available from: [https://cruiseindustrynews.com/cruise-news/2024/09/aidaprima-trials-100-renewable-bio-marine-fuel/#google\\_vignette](https://cruiseindustrynews.com/cruise-news/2024/09/aidaprima-trials-100-renewable-bio-marine-fuel/#google_vignette) On September 5, 2024, AIDA Cruises refuelled the *AIDAprima* with 100 percent renewable Bio Marine Fuel for the first time in the port of Rotterdam.

**Biofuel Bunker Snapshot: Sharp fall in bio-bunker prices across key hubs.** Nithin Chandran. *Engine Technologies*. 9 September 2024. Available from: <https://engine.online/news/alternative-fuels/biofuel-bunker-snapshot-sharp-fall-in-bio-bunker-prices-across-key-hubs-616e> Singapore's B24-VLSFO UCOME price has dropped by \$24/mt in the past week, while its B24-LSMGO UCOME price has seen a steeper decline of \$41/mt.

**MMMCZCS: Biofuels is as an attractive 'go-to' business compliance option.** Roberta Cenni. *Safety4Sea*. 10 September 2024. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/cm-mmmczcs-biofuels-is-as-an-attractive-go-to-business-compliance-option/> Biofuels can mitigate some of the existing uncertainties surrounding alternative fuels, making them a viable option for the sector's future.

**Denmark's first CO2 storage facility is now ready to receive large amounts of CO2.** *INEOS*. 10 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.ineos.com/news/shared-news/denmarks-first-co2-storage-facility-is-now-ready-to-receive-large-amounts-of-co2/> Denmark has a safe and well-functioning storage for CO2 in the North Sea subsoil, where CO2 can be permanently stored to mitigate climate change.

**Lloyd's Register commissioned research reveals the rapid rise of AI in maritime.** *Lloyd's Register*. 11 September 2024. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/437n3ta3> New research estimates that the maritime artificial intelligence (AI) market is now valued at USD \$4.13 billion, with a projected five-year compound annual growth rate of 23%. [Beyond the horizon: Opportunities and Obstacles in the Maritime AI Boom](#) 📄

**European shipowners and fuel producers join forces and launch Clean Maritime Fuels Platform.** *European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA)*. 12 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.ecsa.eu/index.php/news/european-shipowners-and-fuel-producers-join-forces-and-launch-clean-maritime-fuels-platform> Access to clean maritime fuels is a top priority for the decarbonisation of the shipping sector.

**BioLNG progressing as a marine fuel.** Craig Jallal. *Riviera Maritime*. 12 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/bio-Ing-progressing-as-a-marine-fuel-82220> Gasum has been awarded a contract to supply Hapag-Lloyd with waste-based bioLNG, following a successful bid in the Zero Emission Bunkering Access tender, illustrating the growing role of bioLNG in meeting the shipping industry's emissions-reduction goals.

**MOL and Chevron Shipping Company to Install Wind Challenger on LNG Carrier Wind-Assisted Ship Propulsion Systems is an LNG Shipping First.** *Mitsui O.S.K. Lines (MOL).*

13 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.mol.co.jp/en/pr/2024/24104.html> As part of their ongoing commitment to lower the carbon intensity of their operations, Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd. and Chevron Shipping Company LLC, a subsidiary of Chevron U.S.A. Inc., announced an agreement to install Wind Challenger, a hard sail wind-assisted ship propulsion system developed by MOL and Oshima Shipbuilding together, to a new build LNG carrier under long term charter from MOL Encean Pte. Ltd. to Chevron Asia Pacific Shipping Pte. Ltd.

**Scrubbers: The shipping industry's greenwashing deception.** Kay Brown. *Washington State Standard.* 14 September 2024. Available from:

<https://washingtonstatestandard.com/2024/09/14/scrubbers-the-shipping-industrys-greenwashing-deception/> Scrubbers, most of which use seawater to rinse some pollutants out of the ship's exhaust, may sound like a good thing because they take sulfur and other pollutants from burning fossil fuels out of the air — but don't be fooled.

**Hybrid propulsion systems: a short-term solution to greener shipping?** Russell Edson and Tim Wilson. *ShipTechnology.* 16 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.ship-technology.com/comment/hybrid-propulsion-systems-short-term-solution-greener-shipping/> With maritime activities accounting for around 3% of global emissions, a growing number of shipping operators are looking to greener fuel alternatives, such as liquefied natural gas (LNG) and hydrogen, as a route to decarbonisation.

**Onboard carbon capture and storage gaining ground.** Barry Parker. *Seatrade Maritime News.*

17 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/sustainability/onboard-carbon-capture-and-storage-gaining-ground> Class society DNV, in its most recent issue of Maritime Impact, issued in advance of its revised Maritime Forecast to 2050, asserts that: "On-board carbon capture is an increasingly viable option.


**Comment: New shipping fuels need regulatory framework to thrive.** *The Engineer.*

18 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.theengineer.co.uk/content/opinion/new-shipping-fuels-must-have-regulatory-framework> Shipping's green transition depends on strong regulatory action around alternative fuels, writes Jesse Fahnestock, Decarbonisation Director at Global Maritime Forum.

**MSC's Bud Darr says scarcity of green fuels is the biggest challenge.** Nidaa Bakhsh.

*ShippingWatch.* 20 September 2024. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article17438136.ece> An executive at MSC, the world's largest container line, is hoping for a clearer picture to emerge from deliberations at the IMO later this month when it meets to discuss further measures to tackle emissions.

**Regulatory framework essential for accelerated uptake of Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS) in maritime.** *Lloyd's Register.* 23 September 2024. Available from:

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8p8mx6> The establishment of and international collaboration on Regulatory sandboxes - controlled environments where new technologies can be tested under real-world conditions - bringing in governments, regulatory bodies, industry stakeholders, and maritime operators will be key to unlocking the full potential of Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS), reveals a collaborative report written by Lloyd's Register and Mitsui O.S.K. Lines. [Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships \(MASS\); Creating a framework for efficiency, safety and compliance](#) 

**Harnessing wind power for the next generation of sustainable shipping.** Mikko Nikkanen. *Naval Architect*. 23 September 2024. Available from: <https://rina.org.uk/publications/the-naval-architect/harnessing-wind-power-for-the-next-generation-of-sustainable-shipping/> With annual international shipping CO<sub>2</sub> emissions doubling since 1990 and now accounting for roughly 10% of global transportation emissions, the maritime shipping sector sits at a crossroads in the fight against climate change.

**Northern Lights ready to receive CO<sub>2</sub>.** *Equinor*. 26 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.equinor.com/news/20240926-northern-lights-ready-to-receive-co2> On 26 September, the Norwegian Minister of Energy conducted the official opening of the Northern Lights CO<sub>2</sub> transport and storage facility in Øygarden, near Bergen.

**In the Baltic Sea, Ship Scrubbers Have Caused Millions of Dollars Worth of Environmental Damage.** Lina Zeldovich. *Hakai Magazine*. 27 September 2024. Available from: <https://hakaimagazine.com/news/in-the-baltic-sea-ship-scrubbers-have-caused-millions-of-dollars-in-environmental-damage/> In early 2020, people in port cities around the world started breathing a little easier thanks to new regulations from the IMO—the overseer of international shipping—that restricted how much sulfur oxide pollution ships could have in their exhaust.

**MAN chief criticizes the pace of Europe’s production of clean fuels.** Jens Thomsen. *ShippingWatch*. 30 September 2024. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article17493098.ece> An acute shortage of sustainable fuels makes it risky and difficult for shipping companies in particular to steer safely through the green transformation - and a lack of political will only makes the problem worse.

**Alternative fuels require alternative thinking on crew training.** Edwin Lampert. *Riviera Maritime*. 30 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/alternative-fuels-require-alternative-thinking-on-crew-training-82456> The rapid introduction of alternative fuels in the maritime industry has outpaced updates to crew training standards and regulatory frameworks

## MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING

**New Research Centre for Sustainable Shipping.** *Oldendorff Carriers*. 4 September 2024. Available from: <https://oldendorff.com/news/new-research-centre-for-sustainable-shipping> Oldendorff Carriers and the University of Strathclyde (UoS) are setting up a research centre for sustainable shipping at the university in the centre of Glasgow.

**Global training initiatives for women in maritime offer valuable insights for European seafarer unions.** *Nautilus International*. 10 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/telegraph/global-training-initiatives-for-women-in-maritime-offer-valuable-insights-for-european-seafarer-unions/> SMART-C Women is part of the IMO’s suite of Sustainable Maritime Transport Training Programme initiatives.

**Training seafarers for the tech transformation – more than knowledge transfer.** Nick Savvides. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 11 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/crewing/training-seafarers-for-the-tech-transformation-more-than-knowledge-transfer> The technological transformation was a subject that the fourth panel at the Global Maritime Environmental Congress (gmecc) at this year’s SMM in Hamburg, discussed in some detail.

**Kenya signs marine training deal with Maersk.** Noel Nabraswa. *The Standard (Kenya)*.

17 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/business/business/article/2001502855/kenya-signs-marine-training-deal-with-maersk> In a move to strengthen Kenya's maritime industry, the government has entered into a partnership with Maersk, the world's largest container shipping company.

**Nigeria, others tasked on technological readiness of seafarers for green shipping.**

Adaku Onyenucheya. *Guardian (Nigeria)*. 18 September 2024. Available from:

<https://guardian.ng/business-services/maritime/nigeria-others-tasked-on-technological-readiness-of-seafarers-for-green-shipping/> As the global maritime sector transforms, industry leaders have emphasised the technological readiness of seafarers, both globally and in Nigeria, to navigate the dual challenges of decarbonisation and digitalisation in the shipping industry.

**ILO hosts virtual validation workshop on the future of seafarers in Pacific Island Countries.**

*International Labour Organization (ILO)*. 20 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/ilo-hosts-virtual-validation-workshop-future-seafarers-pacific-island> The International Labour Organization (ILO) held a virtual validation workshop (18<sup>th</sup> September 2024) to discuss the findings of a new report titled "The Future of Seafarers: Emerging Challenges, Opportunities, and Achieving Decent Work for Seafarers in Selected Pacific Island Countries."

**Caribbean Maritime University to establish campus in Suriname.** *The Gleaner (Jamaica)*.

23 September 2024. Available from: <https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/news/20240923/caribbean-maritime-university-establish-campus-suriname> This collaboration with the Maritime Authority of Suriname (MAS) and Suriname Foundation for Logistics Training (FLT) aims to bring world-class maritime and logistics education to the region and provide new training and career opportunities for Suriname's workforce.

**European Maritime Safety Agency Audit at the Latvian Maritime Academy.** *Riga Technical*

*University (Latvia)*. 23 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.rtu.lv/en/university/for-mass-media/news/open/european-maritime-safety-agency-audit-at-the-latvian-maritime-academy> EMSA, on behalf of the European Commission (EC), is conducting an audit of Latvia's system for the professional training and certification of seafarers to assess its compliance with the requirements of Directive (EU) 2022/993 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the minimum level of training of seafarers.

**Fighting fire with fire competence.** Eirik Eidem. *Superyacht News*. 24 September 2024.


Available from: <https://www.superyachtnews.com/opinion/bridging-the-training-gap> With the growing prevalence of lithium-ion batteries on superyachts, the maritime industry is encountering new and significant risks.

**Maersk nears its 'Equal At Sea' 2027 Goal: Achieves 45% women cadets intake in India for 2024.** *Maersk*. 27 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.maersk.com/news/articles/2024/09/27/maersk-nears-its-equal-at-sea-2027-goal> Maersk's Indian women seafarers surge from 41 to over 350 in just three years as the company takes a holistic approach towards gender diversity.

## MARITIME SAFETY

### **CIMAC and Maritime Battery Forum publish paper on batteries in deep-sea shipping.**

*International Council on Combustion Engines (CIMAC)*. 2 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.cimac.com/news-press/press-releases/cimac-and-maritime-battery-forum-publish-paper-on-batteries-in-deep-sea-shipping.html> CIMAC and the Maritime Battery Forum now published the first of three white papers on the environmental impact of batteries in deep-sea shipping. [CIMAC and Maritime Battery Forum Joint Whitepaper](#) 

### **Tackling the tragedy of enclosed space fatalities at sea.**

Pradeep Chawla. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 3 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/opinions-analysis/tackling-tragedy-enclosed-space-fatalities-sea> Captain Pradeep Chawla, CEO MarinePALS, explores why enclosed space fatalities continue to rise and the urgent need for improved training and provisions for crew.

### **Fire safety failings are turning container ships into vulnerable giants, warns Munich Re.**

Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 3 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/special-reports/fire-safety-failings-are-turning-container-ships-into-vulnerable-giants-warns-munich-re/2-1-1697388?> Failures of training, cargo handling and regulation have turned container ships into “vulnerable giants” with major shortcomings to fight onboard fires, according to a senior executive at Munich Re.

### **Safety Takes a Backseat as Russia’s LNG ‘Shadow Fleet’ Operates in Arctic Without Permits.**

Malte Humpert. *High North News (Norway)*. 3 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.highnorthnews.com/en/safety-takes-backseat-russias-lng-shadow-fleet-operates-arctic-without-permits> As Russia continues to expand its liquefied natural gas shadow fleet to bypass sanctions, maritime safety in the Arctic is increasingly falling by the wayside.


### **Cargo Integrity Group Applauds Recent MSA Circular, Emphasizes Ongoing Commitment to Supply Chain Safety.**

*World Shipping Council*. 5 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.worldshipping.org/news/cargo-integrity-group> The Cargo Integrity Group (CIG) commends the recent circular issued by the China Maritime Safety Administration following the explosion incident involving the vessel “YM *Mobility*” on August 9, 2024, at Ningbo-Zhoushan Port.

### **EDITORIAL | Washington State Ferries: still shameless and irresponsible!**

Neil Baird. *Baird Maritime*. 11 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.bairdmaritime.com/passenger/ferry/editorial-washington-state-ferries-still-shameless-and-irresponsible> Seven and a half years ago, I wrote here of the shameless irresponsibility and negligence of the government-owned Washington State Ferries (WSF) in the United States.

### **Alarms on ships must be rationalised to support crew welfare and avoid the safety risks associated with alarm fatigue.**

*Lloyd’s Register*. 16 September 2024. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/bde2r3ry> The number of alarms onboard ships must be rationalised to ensure they support officers’ and watchkeepers’ operational decision-making capabilities and are not a distraction or irritation, finds new research conducted by Lloyd’s Register (LR). [Effective Alarm Management in the Maritime Industry](#) 

**The Non-Seafarers' Work Clause: Ensuring Safety and Reducing Fatigue by Requiring Dockers for Lashing and Unlashing.** *ITF Seafarers*. 16 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/non-seafarers-work-clause-ensuring-safety-and-reducing-fatigue-requiring-dockers-lashing-and> The maritime industry, a backbone of global trade, relies on the hard work of seafarers who navigate the world's oceans, ensuring goods are delivered efficiently.

**Cargo Integrity Group Calls on Governments to Report Findings of Container Inspections and on IMO to Continue Publishing Them.** *ICHCA International*. 17 September 2024. Available from: <https://ichca.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/CIG-PR-Container-Inspection-Reports-17-September-2024.pdf> The Cargo Integrity Group (CIG) is calling on national administrations to carry out and report the findings of their container inspection programmes, and for the IMO to continue collating and publishing the results in a publicly accessible form, to support efforts to improve safety in the carriage of goods by sea.

**Refuge-seeking bulker carrying cargo with explosive power of Hiroshima bomb.** Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 17 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/bulkers/refuge-seeking-bulker-carrying-cargo-with-explosive-power-of-hiroshima-bomb/2-1-1710890> Experts have downplayed fears of a catastrophic explosion on board a damaged bulker carrying ammonium nitrate.

**WMD 2024: Prioritising global action for safety standards.** Adaku Onyenucheya. *Guardian (Nigeria)*. 25 September 2024. Available from: <https://guardian.ng/business-services/maritime/wmd-2024-prioritising-global-action-for-safety-standards/> As the global maritime community commemorates World Maritime Day 2024 on September 26, there are calls to prioritise the safety and sustainability of the maritime sector through a robust regulatory framework.

**Maritime safety a top priority, says minister.** *Borneo Bulletin (Brunei Darussalam)*. 25 September 2024. Available from: <https://borneobulletin.com.bn/maritime-safety-a-top-priority-says-minister/> Shipping is a pillar of the world economy, which plays an important role in facilitating the seamless movement of goods, resources and communities across the world.

**Why lifeboat safety must be taken seriously.** Kuba Szymanski. *Cruise & Ferry*. 25 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.cruiseandferry.net/articles/why-lifeboat-safety-must-be-taken-seriously> These figures span the entire maritime industry but, delving deeper, we can see that 15 per cent of these accidents happened onboard cruise ships.

**World Maritime Day: A call to action for maritime safety.** Aftab Khan. *Express Tribune (Pakistan)*. 26 September 2024. Available from: <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2498776/world-maritime-day-a-call-to-action-for-maritime-safety> Today, the world commemorates World Maritime Day (WMD), a celebration of the maritime industry's vital role in global trade and economic growth.

**Navigating Fiji's Maritime Future: Safety First in the Blue Pacific.** Mason Smith, Josh Kemp and Rustam Pulatov. *United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)*. 26 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.undp.org/pacific/blog/navigating-fijis-maritime-future-safety-first-blue-pacific> As we commemorate World Maritime Day and look to this year's theme of 'Navigating the future: safety first!' we must recognize not only the unique challenges and responsibilities that come with our vast oceanic domain but also the rich maritime heritage that has shaped Fiji's identity for millennia.

**How history can teach us to prevent deaths at sea.** Guy Collender. *The Conversation*. 26 September 2024. Available from: <https://theconversation.com/how-history-can-teach-us-to-prevent-deaths-at-sea-237432> The rapid sinking of the *Bayesian* superyacht and the loss of seven lives, including tech entrepreneur Mike Lynch, in August 2024 cruelly emphasised the potentially lethal perils of the sea.

## MARITIME SECURITY

**Maersk says impact from Red Sea attacks continues to intensify.** Anna Ringstrom and Stine Jacobsen. *Reuters*. 5 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/maersk-says-impact-red-sea-situation-continues-intensify-2024-09-05/> The negative impact on maritime shipping and global supply chains from attacks in the Red Sea continues to intensify as traffic is rerouted away from the Suez Canal, Danish shipping company A.P. Moller-Maersk said on Thursday.

**Recent Houthi attacks suggest new focus on oil tankers: Yemen-based expert.** *Hellenic Shipping News*. 6 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/recent-houthi-attacks-suggest-new-focus-on-oil-tankers-yemen-based-expert/> The Houthi rebels in Yemen appear to be prioritizing attacks on oil tankers in the Red Sea because their attack on the Greek tanker *MV Delta Sounion* brought them political and media attention, a Yemen-based expert said during a Sept. 4 event.

**Maritime security conference in Stellenbosch highlights urgent need for regional cooperation.** Dean Wingrin. *defenceWeb (South Africa)*. 10 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.defenceweb.co.za/african-news/maritime-security-conference-in-stellenbosch-highlights-urgent-need-for-regional-cooperation/> The third international Conference on Maritime Security in the Gulf of Guinea and the Red Sea brought together maritime experts, policymakers, and military leaders to address pressing security challenges in the region, particularly piracy, illegal fishing, and smuggling, and highlighted the urgent need for African nations to collaborate regionally and internationally to secure their maritime domains for economic and regional stability.

**Is there much point in talking to the Houthis? IUMI panel asked.** David Osler. *Lloyd's List*. 17 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1150674/Is-there-much-point-in-talking-to-the-Houthis-IUMI-panel-asked> There is little point in talking to the Houthis and there is not universal support for the new Lloyd's Open Form default clause, according to a wide-ranging panel discussion at a major marine insurance event this morning.

**Dialogue, Collaboration and Cooperation key to preserve Africa's maritime security.** *Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC)*. 17 September 2024. Available from: <https://dcoc.org/dialogue-collaboration-and-cooperation-key-to-preserve-africas-maritime-security/> Partner support, dialogue, regional and international collaboration, have been hailed as key solutions in overcoming the common threats and challenges of maritime security in African nations.

**Seaborne drones pose new threat to maritime security: SA Navy.** Janet Szabo. *South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC)*. 22 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.sabcnews.com/sabcnews/seaborne-drones-pose-new-threat-to-maritime-security/> The South African Navy's Rear Admiral David Mkhonto, Chief Director Maritime Strategy, says the recent use of naval drones or unmanned surface vessels is posing a new challenge to navies.



**Industry publishes updated advice for Southern Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.** *BIMCO.*

25 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.bimco.org/insights-and-information/safety-security-environment/20240925-industry-publishes-updated-advice-for-southern-red-sea-and-gulf-of-aden>;

The updated advice elaborates further on the threat posed by the Houthis.

[Interim Industry Transit Advice](#) 📄

**Shipping sounds Red Sea alarm as Middle East tensions simmer.** Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds.*

30 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/shipping-sounds-red-sea-alarm-as-middle-east-tensions-simmer/2-1-1717336> Operators should scrutinise a ship's trading history over the past three years for links to Israel before deciding to pass through the Red Sea, according to safety guidance issued by a coalition of shipping groups.

## MIGRANTS

**Boat carrying migrants capsizes in English Channel, killing at least 12.** *France 24.*

3 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.france24.com/en/europe/20240903-boat-carrying-migrants-capsizes-in-english-channel-killing-at-least-12> 📄 At least 12 migrants died off the northern French coast on Tuesday trying to cross the Channel to England in the deadliest such disaster this year, the French government said, as a major rescue operation was underway.

**Migrant shipwreck leaves 21 more missing off coast of Lampedusa.** *UN News.*

4 September 2024. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/09/1153971>

The boat "capsized repeatedly, leaving people clinging to the side of the boat as their family members drowned around them," Nicola Dell'Arciprete, the UN Children Agency (UNICEF) country coordinator for Italy, said in a statement posted online.

**Eight dead after Channel crossing attempt.** Hugh Schofield and Simon Jones. *BBC News.*

15 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c21n150287yo> Rescue services were alerted after the boat got into difficulty in waters north of Boulogne-sur-mer in the northern Pas-de-Calais region after 01:00 local time (00:00 BST).

**More than 25,000 migrants cross Channel in 2024.** Amy Walker. *BBC News.* 23 September 2024.

Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c93ykexdyr0o> A provisional total of 25,052 was reached as Home Office data confirmed 717 migrants arrived on Sunday.

## NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS

**Russian ships seen obscuring names and IMO numbers while transiting the Bosphorus.**

Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com.* 2 September 2024. Available from:

<https://splash247.com/russian-ships-seen-obscuring-names-and-imo-numbers-while-transiting-the-bosporus/> Russian-linked ships are getting crews to crudely obscure vessel identities, contravening laws established by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

**Russia's LNG 'Shadow Fleet' Grinds to Halt Following Suspension of Flag.** Malte Humpert.

*gCaptain.* 2 September 2024. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/russias-lng-shadow-fleet-grinds-to-halt-following-suspension-of-flag/> A week after the Republic of Palau, an island country in the Western Pacific, temporarily suspended the flag of three LNG carriers, Russia's emerging shadow fleet has ground to a halt, for now.

**Hong Kong keeps Russia's dark fleet afloat.** Selwyn Parker. *Lowy Institute (Australia)*.

3 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpretor/hong-kong-keeps-russia-s-dark-fleet-afloat> As a fleet of between 600 and 1,000 mostly ageing vessels continues to sail under the umbrella of suspected flags of convenience to evade international sanctions against Russia, the role of Hong Kong in undermining the measures has become clear according to a much-cited report by the Washington DC-based Committee for Freedom in Hong Kong Foundation.

**Bahri Confirms Tanker AMJAD Safe Transit in the Red Sea.** *Bahri*. 3 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.bahri.sa/en/news-insights/news-insight/2024/bahri-confirms-tanker-amjad-safe-transit-amid-nearby-incident-in-red-sea/> In response to reports concerning an incident involving the Bahri tanker AMJAD on Monday, 2 September 2024, at approximately 06:27 UTC, we confirm that AMJAD was transiting north in the Red Sea, near another tanker that came under attack.

**Cape of Storms and container losses.** Alonso Contreras. *Naucher Global (Spain)*.

4 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.naucher.com/el-cabo-de-las-tormentas-y-las-perdidas-de-contenedores/> On the past 19<sup>th</sup> of July and 15<sup>th</sup> of August, two vessels that coincidentally belong to the same shipping company, the CMA-CGM BEJAMNIN FRANKLIN, and the CMA-CGM BELEN, both container ships, the first one a megamax of 18,000 TEU and the second one of 13,200 TEU, lost 44 and 99 containers at sea during strong storms in both cases in the area of south-east Africa, (South African Republic), at the exit of the Mozambique Channel, in the Richard's Bay region.

**Chinese Container Ship Becomes Largest to Travel Through Arctic.** Malte Humpert. *gCaptain*.

4 September 2024. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/chinese-container-ship-becomes-largest-to-travel-through-arctic/> Hong Kong-flagged and owned container ship *NewNew Star* has become the largest non-ice class box ship to travel across the Arctic.

**Oil Spill Fears Mount as Russia Tankers Reject Key Danish Pilots.** Julian Lee. *Bloomberg*.

10 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/investing/2024/09/10/oil-spill-fears-mount-as-russia-tankers-reject-key-danish-pilots/> Tankers hauling Russian crude through Denmark's perilous shipping straits are increasingly rejecting the services of pilots when they do so, raising the chances of an oil spill off the country's coast.

**Sailing through Houthi Red Sea hotspot now is 'insane', says shipowner.** Ian Lewis.

*TradeWinds*. 10 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/containers/sailing-through-houthi-red-sea-hotspot-now-is-insane-says-shipowner/2-1-1707216> Conbulk Shipmanagement has joined the container shipowners that have stopped sending ships to the Red Sea, according to its chief executive Dimitris Dalakouras.

**Columbia Group chief describes growing shadow fleet as "frightening".** Nidaa Bakhsh.

*ShippingWatch*. 10 September 2024. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article17369031.ece> Shipping is becoming more polarized: those who play by the rules and those who do not, according to Mark O'Neil, chief executive of Cyprus-based Columbia Group, which is known for its ship management services.

**New shipping routes dodge carbon costs along with Red Sea risks, according to Concordia research.** Patrick Lejtenyi. *Concordia University (Canada)*. 11 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.concordia.ca/news/stories/2024/09/11/new-shipping-routes-dodge-carbon-costs-along-with-red-sea-risks-according-to-concordia-research.html> The political and military instability in the Red Sea and eastern Mediterranean has forced global shipping companies to reroute cargo freight being transported from Asia to Europe.

**Slow steaming: The good, the bad and the pointless.** *Houlder Ltd.* 16 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.houlderltd.com/case-studies/slow-steaming-the-good-the-bad-and-the-pointless> Slow steaming is a ship operation strategy aimed at reducing fuel consumption and emissions by intentionally reducing engine power from its original rated level.

**Maritime connectivity key to economic growth, says permanent secretary.** *Borneo Bulletin (Brunei Darussalam).* 17 September 2024. Available from: <https://borneobulletin.com.bn/maritime-connectivity-key-to-economic-growth-says-permanent-secretary/> Maritime connectivity plays a crucial role in driving economic growth throughout the region, said Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications Ir Haji Mohammad Nazri bin Haji Mohammad Yusof.

**Container losses rise as Red Sea crisis forces boxships to divert around Africa.** Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds.* 18 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insurance/container-losses-rise-as-red-sea-crisis-forces-boxships-to-divert-around-africa/2-1-1711262> The number of shipping containers lost overboard will rise from the historic lows of 2023 after vessels were hit by bad weather after rerouting around the Cape of Good Hope.

**Finland warns of dark fleet ‘catastrophe’ in Baltic Sea.** Joshua Minchin. *Lloyd’s List.* 19 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1150709/Finland-warns-of-dark-fleet-catastrophe-in-Baltic-Sea> The likelihood of a big oil spill from a dark fleet\* tanker in the Baltic Sea has become a matter of when, not if, a senior member of the Finnish Shipowners’ Association said.

**Mystery as Cargo Ship Laden with Ammonium Nitrate is Now Underway.** *Maritime Executive.* 19 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/mystery-as-cargo-ship-laden-with-ammonium-nitrate-is-underway> The cargo ship which caused concerns in Norway when it was discovered to be carrying seven times the amount of ammonium nitrate that caused the devastating explosion in Beirut in 2020 is again underway creating new mysteries.

**Ships Still Switch Russian Oil Off Greece Despite Navy Drills.** Sherry Su and Alex Longley. *Bloomberg.* 20 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/investing/2024/09/20/ships-still-switch-russian-oil-off-greece-despite-navy-drills/> Tankers carrying Russian oil are still conducting cargo switches with other vessels off Greece’s south coast, despite Greek military drills aimed at deterring such activities.

**Damaged ship loaded with ammonium nitrate stuck in Norwegian waters.** Adis Ajdin. *Splash 247.com.* 23 September 2024. Available from: <https://splash247.com/damaged-ship-loaded-with-ammonium-nitrate-stuck-in-norwegian-waters/> A Russia-linked bulk carrier with a potentially explosive cargo of 20,000 tons of ammonium nitrate is being closely monitored by authorities in Northern Europe as it seeks refuge to carry out repairs after suffering damage in a severe storm.

**Small Norwegian fishing boat confronted Russian warship during live-shooting exercise.** Thomas Nilsen. *Barents Observer (Norway).* 23 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.thebarentsobserver.com/security/small-norwegian-fishing-boat-confronted-russian-warship-during-liveshooting-exercise/231529> “This is Russian warship, you need to leave the area”, was the message chief mate Øystein Orten got over the radio as his crew was about to take the fishing gear up from the water.

**Baltic shadow tankers: Growing threat to environmental safety and regional stability.**

Maksym Gardus and Oleg Savytskyi. *EurActiv*. 27 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/energy-environment/opinion/baltic-shadow-tankers-growing-threat-to-environmental-safety-and-regional-stability/>

The alarming rise of unregulated “shadow” tankers transporting Russian oil through the Baltic Sea—an increase of 30% last year—poses a serious threat to the region’s environment and safety.

**Under flag of Gabon, tankers sail sanctioned Russian oil through Arctic ice.** Atle Staalesen.

*Barents Observer (Norway)*. 27 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.thebarentsobserver.com/news/under-flag-of-gabon-tankers-sail-sanctioned-russian-oil-through-arctic-ice/231598>

The *Sai Baba* is believed to have loaded crude oil in Murmansk in mid-September.

## PIRACY

**Oyetola promises zero piracy incidence in Nigerian waterways.** Oluwakemi Dauda and

Faith Yahaya. *The Nation (Nigeria)*. 25 September 2024. Available from:

<https://thenationonlineng.net/oyetola-promises-zero-piracy-incidence-in-nigerian-waterways/>

The Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Adegboyega Oyetola has emphasised Federal Government’s commitment to ensuring that maritime agencies under the ministry operate in accordance with global acceptable standards.

## PORT STATE CONTROL

**Detention of *Geo Barents* suspended by Italian court.** *Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF)*.

12 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.msf.org/detention-geo-barents-suspended-italian-court>

On 11 September, the Italian Civil Court of Salerno ordered the suspension of the 60-day administrative detention of the *Geo Barents*, the search and rescue ship operated by Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF).

**Malta 'will not allow' ship carrying explosive material into port.** *Times of Malta*.

23 September 2024. Available from: <https://timesofmalta.com/article/ship-carrying-explosive-material-not-heading-malta.1098468>

A Malta-registered ship carrying a massive load of explosive ammonium nitrate will not be allowed into Maltese ports unless it disposes of its cargo beforehand, Transport Malta has said.

**Ship carrying explosive fertiliser heads to UK waters.** Joshua Cheetham and Amy Walker.

*BBC News*. 26 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c62g95721leo>

*Ruby*, which was earlier accompanied by an escort tug, has reportedly been rejected by several countries due to its cargo.

**Damaged bulker off UK coast a ticking timebomb.** Paul Bartlett. *Seatrade Maritime News*.

29 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/accidents/damaged-bulker-off-uk-coast-a-ticking-timebomb>

The 2012-built, 37,039 dwt, Maltese-flagged handymax, *Ruby*, is understood to be bound for Valletta in Malta for repairs, however, MarineTraffic AIS tracking shows the vessel still at anchor off the coast of the UK with a reported heading of Malta.

## PORTS & HARBOURS

**Suez Canal faces new threat, warns The Economist.** Paul Bartlett. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 2 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/piracy/suez-canal-faces-new-threat-warns-the-economist> Worsening conflict in Sudan has the potential to cause yet more disruption to global trade through the Suez Canal, according to analysis by The Economist newspaper.

**Ports begin screening for mpox.** *Gard*. 2 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.gard.no/articles/ports-begin-screening-for-mpox/> The rapid spread of a new strain of the mpox virus in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and neighbouring African countries led the WHO to once again declare the virus a public health emergency of international concern.

**Cargo of ammonium nitrate got port of refuge next to University Hospital of North Norway.** Thomas Nilsen. *Barents Observer (Norway)*. 3 September 2024. Available from: <https://thebarentsobserver.com/en/industry-and-energy/2024/09/bulk-carrier-loaded-ammonium-nitrate-got-port-refuge-next-university> The vessel came from Russia's northern port of Kandalaksha and carries 20,000 tons of the hazardous material ammonium nitrate known from many explosions in the past, including the disastrous 2020-Beirut blast.

**Invasive marine pest found in Otago, calls for boaties to remain vigilant.** *Radio New Zealand*. 5 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/527160/invasive-marine-pest-found-in-otago-calls-for-boaties-to-remain-vigilant> National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) divers found evidence of Mediterranean fanworm during a routine pest survey at the multi-purpose wharf in Port Chalmers last week.

**Port of Colombo Welcomes *EVER ARM*: A Milestone for South Asia's Busiest Port.** *Sri Lanka Ports Authority*. 6 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.sipa.lk/port-colombo-page/d3bcf053b4daa1c7419cb0516da815ff/717259d6c997c85e9ef95e2c6f77ae6761407349> We are pleased to announce the port call of the container vessel *EVER ARM* at the Colombo East Container Terminal (CECT) today, 5 September 2024.

**Stakeholders demonstrate collaboration to improve security at Ghana's ports.** *GhanaWeb*. 6 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/business/Stakeholders-demonstrate-collaboration-to-improve-security-at-Ghana-s-ports-1949486> Stakeholders in Ghana's maritime sector continue to work together to improve security standards at Ghana's ports through the implementation of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS).


**Mombasa port receives its first LNG-powered ship.** Anthony Kitimo and Kevin Mutai. *East African (Kenya)*. 10 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/tea/business/mombasa-port-receives-its-first-lng-powered-ship-4756712> The first-ever tanker powered by liquefied natural gas (LNG) to call on the Mombasa port berthed about two weeks ago, an itinerary revealed, boosting the gateway's go-green emissions strategy in line with the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (Marpol Convention).

**ECT terminals switching to shore power: reducing CO2 emissions by approx. 35,000 tonnes per year.** *Port of Rotterdam*. 10 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.portofrotterdam.com/en/news-and-press-releases/ect-terminals-switching-shore-power-reducing-co2-emissions-approx-35000> The container terminals of Hutchison Ports ECT Rotterdam (ECT) will be equipped with shore power facilities in the coming years.

**Port of Seattle Prioritizes Climate Action in Future Cruise Agreements.** *Cruise Industry News*. 11 September 2024. Available from: [https://cruiseindustrynews.com/cruise-news/2024/09/port-of-seattle-prioritizes-climate-action-in-future-cruise-agreements/#google\\_vignette](https://cruiseindustrynews.com/cruise-news/2024/09/port-of-seattle-prioritizes-climate-action-in-future-cruise-agreements/#google_vignette) The Port of Seattle has announced its commitment to environmental sustainability by making greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction a key factor in renewing long-term cruise berthing agreements.

**The solar energy generated by Valenciaport saves the emission of more than 100 tonnes of CO2 in seven months.** *Port Authority of Valencia (PAV)*. 11 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.valenciaport.com/en/the-solar-energy-generated-by-valenciaport-saves-the-emission-of-more-than-100-tonnes-of-co2-in-seven-months/> Valenciaport's solar power generation facilities have been working at full capacity during the summer months.

**Nationwide port emissions screening for berthed vessels: Prioritizing U.S. port electrification to improve air quality for near-port communities.** **Tom Decker and Elise Sturup.** *International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT)*. 12 September 2024. Available from: <https://theicct.org/publication/us-port-emissions-screening-berthed-vessels-sept24/> Shore power allows at-berth vessels to plug into the local electrical grid and turn off auxiliary engines that would otherwise burn fossil fuel to power essential operations and emit greenhouse gases (GHGs) and air pollutants. [Report](#) 

**Maritime Authority of Jamaica to Implement MSW.** *Jamaica Information Service*. 13 September 2024. Available from: <https://jis.gov.jm/maritime-authority-of-jamaica-to-implement-msw/> The Maritime Authority of Jamaica, in conjunction with the Port Authority of Jamaica (PAJ), is taking proactive steps towards the implementation of a Maritime Single Window (MSW).

**Port strike on US East Coast would spark supply-chain glitches from outset, shipping firm exec says.** Lisa Baertlein. *Reuters*. 18 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/markets/us/port-strike-us-east-coast-would-spark-supply-chain-glitches-outset-shipping-firm-2024-09-18/> A threatened Oct. 1 strike by dockworkers at ports on the U.S. East Coast and Gulf of Mexico would immediately disrupt the flow of goods in the country, the North America chief executive of French container carrier CMA CGM said on Wednesday.


**Action needed to meet growing demand for sustainable fuels on Rotterdam-Singapore Green and Digital Shipping Corridor.** *Port of Rotterdam*. 18 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.portofrotterdam.com/en/news-and-press-releases/action-needed-meet-growing-demand-sustainable-fuels-rotterdam-singapore> The Rotterdam-Singapore Green and Digital Shipping Corridor aims to reduce emissions from large container vessels on the 15,000-kilometre route by at least 20% by 2030 by enabling the use of low-and zero-carbon shipping fuels. [Report](#) 

**Environmental activists blockade Marseille port in protest at cruise ship pollution.** *France 24*. 21 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20240921-environmental-protesters-block-french-cruise-liner-port> Environmental activists blocked the cruise ship port in the southern French city of Marseille on Saturday to protest against the sea, air and climate pollution generated by these huge vessels.

**Container traffic declines across Mediterranean, but Spanish ports buck trend.** *Hellenic Shipping News*. 22 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/container-traffic-declines-across-mediterranean-but-spanish-ports-buck-trend/> In 2023, most European ports saw declines in traffic.

**Curaçao Ports Authority organizes multistakeholder seminar on IMO Maritime Single Window.** *Curacao Chronicle*. 23 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.curacaochronicle.com/post/local/curacao-ports-authority-organizes-multistakeholder-seminar-on-imo-maritime-single-window/> On September 17 and 18, 2024, the Curaçao Ports Authority (CPA) hosted a Multistakeholder Seminar on the IMO Maritime Single Window (MSW) at the Renaissance Wind Creek Curaçao Resort.

**New investment to electrify Australian ports.** *Government of Australia*. 25 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.dcceew.gov.au/about/news/new-investment-electrify-australian-ports> The Australian maritime sector will move a step closer to decarbonisation thanks to a \$70 million investment from the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC).

**MTBS report commissioned by IAPH highlights significant investments in port infrastructure needed in developing countries to ensure a fair and equitable energy transition.** *World Ports Sustainability Program (WPSP)*. 25 September 2024. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/82vz8ep7> As discussions on a mid-term market-based measure continue at this week's intersessional meeting of the IMO Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (ISWG-GHG 17), a document has been submitted by IAPH to the IMO presenting the findings of a study it commissioned from Maritime & Transport Business Solutions (MTBS) to make on port climate adaptation and decarbonisation investment needs of developing nations. [Study on Investment Requirements of Developing Countries for Port Decarbonisation and Adaptation to Climate Change](#) 

**World Maritime Day: How ports can catalyse blue economy innovation.** Jason Giffen and Paula Sylvia. *World Economic Forum*. 26 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2024/09/world-maritime-day-ports-blue-economy-innovation/> Ports are unique due to their historical context, locations and the key role they can play in catalysing innovation that promotes sustainable development in the regenerative ocean economy.

**Maritime industry raises threat level for Israeli ports.** Jonathan Saul. *Reuters*. 28 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/maritime-industry-raises-threat-level-israeli-ports-2024-09-27/> Maritime security and industry groups raised the risk level for ships calling at Israeli ports on Friday, with terminals facing possible missile strikes from Lebanese group Hezbollah in the Mediterranean and Yemen's Houthis in the Red Sea.

**Zombie Tanker Turns Up at Northern Chinese Port Laden With Oil.** *gCaptain*. 30 September 2024. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/zombie-tanker-turns-up-at-northern-chinese-port-laden-with-oil/> Singapore-flagged oil tanker *EM Longevity* made its final voyage almost three years ago, after more than two decades at sea.

## REGULATIONS

**‘Virtual distance’ among proposed CII fixes.** Declan Bush. *Lloyd’s List*. 2 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1150450/Virtual-distance-among-proposed-CII-fixes> The International Maritime Organization’s Carbon Intensity Indicator revision should measure ships’ “virtual distance” sailed to make it fairer, a submission argues.

**Industry leaders could surge ahead as smaller companies struggle with FuelEU compliance, warns EmissionLink.** *Ship Management International*. 2 September 2024. Available from: <https://shipmanagementinternational.com/industry-leaders-could-surge-ahead-as-smaller-companies-struggle-with-fueleu-compliance-warns-emissionlink/> As the January 2025 implementation of the FuelEU Maritime Regulation approaches, industry leaders are rapidly positioning themselves to thrive under the new rules, while smaller companies risk falling behind, facing steep penalties and potential loss of market share, says EmissionLink.

**Ocean Network Express to roll out EU ETS surcharge amid regulatory changes.** Sara Kosmajac. *Offshore Energy*. 3 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.offshore-energy.biz/ocean-network-express-to-roll-out-eu-ets-surcharge-amid-regulatory-changes/> According to a report by ONE, the implementation of the ETS surcharge—which has become compulsory in the maritime industry since January 2024—goes hand in hand with the EU’s move that intends to drive down greenhouse gas output in the shipping industry.

**Navigator Gas CEO calls for implementation of carbon levy.** John Snyder. *Rivera Maritime*. 4 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/news-content-hub/navigator-gas-ceo-calls-for-implementation-of-carbon-levy-82173> Navigator Gas chief executive Mads Peter Zacho called for the implementation of a carbon levy on bunker fuel to support and speed the transition to low-and zero-carbon fuels.

**New study reawakens seafarer fatigue debate.** Richard Meade. *Lloyd’s List*. 6 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1150544/New-study-reawakens-seafarer-fatigue-debate> The dangerous consequences of fatigue among crew has been documented by casualty investigators globally for decades, and yet tackling systemic non-compliance with working hours regulations has remained a stubbornly routine problem for the shipping industry.

**Quantifying an inconvenient truth : revisiting a culture of adjustment on work/rest hours.** Bikram S. Bhatia, Raphael Baumler, Maria Carrera-Arce, et al. *World Maritime University (WMU)*. January 2024. Available from: [https://commons.wmu.se/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1093&context=lib\\_reports](https://commons.wmu.se/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1093&context=lib_reports) With this report, all stakeholders will gain an empirically informed understanding of the extent of the issues related to the implementation of work/rest regulations.

**Metric switch could address main CII flaws, RINA argues.** Enes Tunagur. *Lloyd’s List*. 9 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1150559/Metric-switch-could-address-main-CII-flaws-RINA-argues> The Royal Institute of Naval Architects pitched two new metric options to improve the IMO’s Carbon Intensity Indicator, as the UN agency prepares to review its short-term emission reduction measure that prompted significant criticism for its flawed metrics.

**Owners looking for alternatives to the alternatives.** Joshua Minchin. *Lloyd’s List*. 10 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1150583/Owners-looking-for-alternatives-to-the-alternatives> Shipowners are exploring all options open to them to comply with emissions regulations, as alternative fuels remain an uncertainty into the near future.



**Digitalization, Data and AI are Creating a New Equation for a New Safety Protection Frontier at Sea Says ABS Chairman and CEO.** *ABS (American Bureau of Shipping)*. 11 September 2024. Available from: [https://news.cision.com/american-bureau-of-shipping/r/digitalization--data-and-ai-are-creating-a-new-equation-for-a-new-safety-protection-frontier-at-sea-\\_c4035106](https://news.cision.com/american-bureau-of-shipping/r/digitalization--data-and-ai-are-creating-a-new-equation-for-a-new-safety-protection-frontier-at-sea-_c4035106) Data, digital twins and artificial intelligence are going to reshape everything in maritime from regulation to operating procedures challenging the industry to respond to a new safety protection frontier.

**A perfect storm brewing for wind propulsion era 2.0.** Gavin Allwright. *Naval Architect*. 11 September 2024. Available from: <https://rina.org.uk/publications/the-naval-architect/a-perfect-storm-brewing-for-wind-propulsion-era-2-0/> New regulations, price challenges for existing and new fuels along with the growing pressure from cargo owners to reduce Scope 3 emissions are driving an increased deployment of wind propulsion technologies, writes Gavin Allwright

**China's shipping emissions governance: status and prospects under the dual carbon goal.** Mai Hu and Yue Dong. *Frontiers in Marine Science*. 11 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/marine-science/articles/10.3389/fmars.2024.1405312/full> In the context of the global response to climate change, the shipping industry is facing unprecedented pressure and challenges to reduce emissions.

**New chief of Norway's shipowners wants to move faster toward climate targets.** Idha Toft Valeur. *ShippingWatch*. 17 September 2024. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article17452794.ece> From his home office in Karmøy, a smiling shipping manager in a striped sweater logs into the electronic meeting with ShippingWatch and appears on the screen.

**[Baltimore Sun] Why so little oversight of 'unseaworthy' *Dali*? | STAFF COMMENTARY.** *Baltimore Post*. 19 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.thebaltimorepost.com/2024/09/19/baltimore-sun-why-so-little-oversight-of-unseaworthy-dali-staff-commentary/> Last March, after the container ship *Dali* hit one of the piers of the Francis Scott Key Bridge, causing the Patapsco River span to collapse and killing six members of a roadway maintenance crew filling potholes on the bridge, there was vague talk of electrical problems and a loss of steering control.

**Better emissions baselines needed to navigate complex regulation.** Martin Crawford-Brunt. *Baltic Exchange*. 20 September 2024. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/bde49jer> Emission regulation for shipping is becoming increasingly impactful and complex.

**EU and IMO agree: global decarbonisation regulations are preferable.** Jamey Bergman. *Riviera Maritime*. 24 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/eu-and-imo-agree-global-decarbonisation-regulations-are-preferable-82408> In the week prior to a widely anticipated meeting of IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC), Riviera Maritime Media's Maritime Decarbonisation, Europe: Conference, Awards & Exhibition 2024 in Amsterdam kicked off with a session on the direction of travel for regulatory discussions both regionally and on a global level.

## SALVAGE

**Red Sea salvage of stricken Delta tanker about to start, EU and US say.** Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds*. 2 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/red-sea-salvage-of-stricken-delta-tanker-about-to-start-eu-and-us-say/2-1-1702662> Four days after a senior Houthi official said his group would allow tugboats to tow a burning, abandoned tanker that the Yemeni rebels hit in the Red Sea last month, EU and US officials said the rescue is on.

**Salvagers abandon effort to tow burning oil tanker in the Red Sea targeted by Yemen's Houthi rebels.** Jon Gambrell. *Associated Press*. 4 September 2024. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/yemen-houthi-rebels-red-sea-tanker-99db388d84f30c7e53e2703abd343fdf> Salvagers abandoned an initial effort to tow away a burning oil tanker in the Red Sea targeted by Yemen's Houthi rebels as it "was not safe to proceed," a European Union naval mission said Tuesday, leaving the *Sounion* stranded and its 1 million barrels of oil at risk of spilling.

**MV SOUNION salvage operation.** *EUNAVFOR ASPIDES* 3 September 2024. Available from: <https://x.com/EUNAVFORASPIDES/status/1830964218297749785> Since September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, EUNAVFOR ASPIDES assets have been engaged in protecting the tugs involved in the *MV SOUNION* salvage operation, aiming to facilitate the prevention of an unprecedented environmental disaster in the region.

**Salvage Completed for North Sea Cargo Ship Involved in 2023 Collision.** *Maritime Executive*. 4 September 2024. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/salvage-completed-of-north-sea-cargo-ship-involved-in-2023-collision> Germany's Waterways and Shipping Authority (WSV) reports the salvage of the *Verity*, a North Sea cargo ship, was completed overnight nearly a year after the vessel was lost in a collision.

**Fresh Red Sea salvage operation underway to save tanker struck by Houthis.** Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds*. 12 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/fresh-red-sea-salvage-operation-underway-to-save-tanker-struck-by-houthis/2-1-1708541> Ten days after salvors called off efforts to tow to safety a burning, laden crude tanker in the Red Sea, tugs are sailing in the region to undertake a second attempt.

**EU mission starts Red Sea oil tanker salvage.** *Deutsche Welle (Germany)*. 15 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.dw.com/en/eu-mission-starts-red-sea-oil-tanker-salvage/a-70219785> An operation trying to salvage a stricken oil tanker, burning in the Red Sea for almost a month now after attacks by Yemen's Houthi rebels, has begun, according to a European Union naval mission on Saturday.

**Stricken Red Sea tanker salvage makes 'slow' progress: Greek military.** *Arab News (Saudi Arabia)*. 15 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2571478/middle-east> The towing of an abandoned tanker struck by Yemen's Houthis in August, threatening environmental disaster, is proceeding slowly for a second day, a Greek military source told AFP Sunday.

**Salvage armada starts towing stricken Delta Tankers vessel in Red Sea.** Eric Priante Martin and Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds*. 16 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/salvage-armada-starts-towing-stricken-delta-tankers-vessel-in-red-sea/2-1-1709755> An armada of European Union warships and salvage vessels began towing a stricken Delta Tankers ship in the Red Sea on Saturday.

**Burning oil tanker is safely towed away from Yemen after rebel attacks.** Jon Gambrell. *Associated Press*. 17 September 2024. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/yemen-houthi-rebels-drone-red-sea-gaza-1eb59e09351de0872de2e23cad720851> Salvagers successfully towed a Greek-flagged oil tanker ablaze for weeks after attacks by Yemen's Houthi rebels to a safe area without any oil spill, a European Union naval mission said Monday.

**Update on *MV SOUNION* salvage status.** *EUNAVFOR ASPIDES*. 16 September 2024. Available from: <https://x.com/EUNAVFORASPIDES/status/1835731041577009642> Under protection of EUNAVFOR ASPIDES, *MV SOUNION* has been successfully towed to a safe area without any oil spill.

***MV Sounion* tanker safe following attack in the Red Sea.** *EUNAVFOR ASPIDES*. 26 September 2024. Available from: [https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eunavfor-aspides/mv-sounion-tanker-safe-following-attack-red-sea\\_en](https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eunavfor-aspides/mv-sounion-tanker-safe-following-attack-red-sea_en) On 21 and 23 August 2024, the Greek-registered *MV Sounion*, an oil tanker carrying 150 000 tons of crude oil, was subjected to separate attacks by militants in the southern Red Sea.

## SEAFARERS

**ISWAN launches sector-wide campaign promoting allyship at sea.** *International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN)*. 2 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.iswan.org.uk/news/iswan-launches-sector-wide-campaign-promoting-allyship-at-sea/> Today, ISWAN is launching its global campaign: 'Safe at sea...it takes all of us!', focusing on the role that men seafarers can take as allies in support of women colleagues.

**Seafarers Abandoned in the USA: Crew Left Without Pay After Tugboat Re-flags.** *International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)*. 2 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/seafarers-abandoned-usa-crew-left-without-pay-after-tugboat-re-flags> Four seafarers from Colombia, Panama, and Peru have been abandoned without pay on a 60-year-old tugboat in an alarming case of maritime exploitation in the USA.

**Hero sailors rewarded for championing mental health and saving lives at sea.** Mike Kane. *UK Government*. 3 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/hero-sailors-rewarded-for-championing-mental-health-and-saving-lives-at-sea> Nine British sailors have today (3 September 2024) been awarded the prestigious Merchant Navy Medal for saving lives at sea and championing mental health.

**Medals for crew who rescued 100 from shipwreck.** *BBC News*. 4 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/crlrwr43l0xo> Four sailors who made a perilous night-time journey across the Mediterranean Sea to rescue more than 100 people have been recognised for their bravery.

**Rage in the Red Sea.** *International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)*. 4 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/rage-in-red-sea> While shipping companies profit from the Red Sea crisis, seafarers are paying the price.

**DMW: 3,300 Pinoy seafarers opt to sail in high-risk waters amid rebel attacks.**

Llanesca T. Panti. *GMA News Online (Philippines)*. 9 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/pinoyabroad/content/919848/dwm-3-300-pinoy-seafarers-opt-to-sail-in-high-risk-waters-amid-rebel-attacks/story/> At least 3,300 Filipino seafarers have signified their willingness to sail in high-risk areas amid recent rebel attacks, Secretary Hans Cacdac of the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) said Monday.

**Barrier-free workplace at heart of second Women in Maritime survey.** *Nautilus International*.

10 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/barrier-free-workplace-at-heart-of-second-women-in-maritime-survey/> The second survey to gather important baseline data about women's participation in maritime, and monitor how well gender equality is evolving, has been launched by the IMO and WISTA International.

**Seafarer sues CMA CGM in violence and sexual harassment case.** Dag Holmstad.

*ShippingWatch*. 10 September 2024. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/article17433766.ece> A former third engineer on the *APL Gulf Express*, operated by CMA CGM's US subsidiary APL Maritime, has filed a lawsuit against the French shipping group for alleged violence and sexual harassment, according to a lawsuit obtained by ShippingWatch.

**Standing up for seafarers.** *Government of Australia*. 13 September 2024. Available from:

<https://minister.infrastructure.gov.au/c-king/media-release/standing-seafarers> The Albanese Government is continuing its work to ensure Australian workers earn more and keep more of what they earn, with \$2.7 million committed to better protect seafarers from wage theft.

**Filipino seafarers opt to sail through high-risk areas amid wars.** Liz Lagniton. *Maritime*

*Fairtrade*. 14 September 2024. Available from: <https://maritimefairtrade.org/filipino-seafarers-opt-to-sail-through-high-risk-areas-amid-wars/> Filipino seafarers are renowned for their diligence and resilience in keeping the global supply chain going, but no one expected them to remain calm and carry in a war-like zone, like the waters of the Middle East.

**SMM conference report: the future of shipping is how it deals with labour.** Charlie Bartlett.

*The Loadstar*. 16 September 2024. Available from: <https://theloadstar.com/smm-conference-report-the-future-of-shipping-is-how-it-deals-with-labour/> The great and the good of the shipping industry recently congregated in Hamburg for the bi-annual SMM exhibition, and The Loadstar understands freight forwarders need not be concerned with how shipping is working, so long as it does.

**'Pure luck' saved lives: Dramatic accounts emerge of close shaves as Red Sea crisis spiralled.** Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 19 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insurance/-pure-luck-saved-lives-dramatic-accounts-emerge-of-close-shaves-as-red-sea-crisis-spiralled/2-1-1711893> Shrapnel from a Houthi missile that hit a Norwegian-owned chemical tanker smashed through the cabin wall of the sleeping master and was found embedded in his pillow, a senior intelligence researcher said on Wednesday.

**Turning the tide on shipping's decline and supporting maritime employment.** *Nautilus*

*International*. 19 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/telegraph/turning-the-tide-on-shippings-decline-and-supporting-maritime-employment/> Our nations' Merchant Navies once stood as a source of major employment for British, Dutch and Swiss seafarers.

**Ardmore Shipping: Seafarers are at the forefront of where energy efficiency truly matters.**

Gernot Ruppelt. *Safety4Sea*. 19 September 2024. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/cm-ardmore-shipping-seafarers-are-at-the-forefront-of-where-energy-efficiency-truly-matters/>

He expresses satisfaction with crucial areas of the maritime industry, such as safety, compliance, and vetting.

**ITF slams “outrageous” 30-year prison sentences for seafarers.** *ITF Seafarers*.

20 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/itf-slams-outrageous-30-year-prison-sentences-seafarers>

The International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) condemns the decision to sentence two seafarers to 30 years' imprisonment, after drugs were found on a vessel docked in the Black Sea port of Ereğli, Turkey, in October last year.

**“Share Your Views!” – SAMSA launches national seafarers' survey on access to seafaring careers.** *South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)*.

21 September 2024. Available from: <https://blog.samsa.org.za/2024/09/21/share-your-views-samsa-launches-national-seafarers-survey-on-access-to-seafaring-careers/>

The South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) is embarking on a seafarers' opinion soliciting exercise over the next few months and whose goal is to establish South African seafarers' experiences with regards access to careers in the country's maritime sector.

**Marcos signs Magna Carta of Filipino Seafarers.** *Darryl John Esguerra. Philippine News Agency (PNA)*.


23 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1233936>

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Monday signed into law the Magna Carta of Filipino Seafarers which aims to protect the rights and overall welfare of domestic and overseas Filipino seafarers, as well as promote their full employment.

**Draft Guidelines on fair treatment of seafarers detained on suspicion of committing crimes.**

*International Labour Organization (ILO)*. 24 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/other/draft-guidelines-fair-treatment-seafarers-detained-suspicion-committing>

Seafarers are recognized as a special category of worker and, given the global nature of the shipping industry and the different jurisdictions that they may be brought into contact with, need special protection, especially in relation to contacts with public authorities. [Draft Guidelines](#) 

**Research finds almost a third of seafarers have been asked to pay illegal recruitment fees.**

*Institute for Human Rights & Business (IHRB)*. 26 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.ihrb.org/latest/research-finds-almost-a-third-of-seafarers-have-been-asked-to-pay-illegal-recruitment-fees>

New research shows that almost a third (31%) of seafarers have been asked to pay a recruitment fee to secure a job onboard a merchant vessel - of these, 28% were asked in 2024 - meaning the problem is both endemic and current.

[Seafarers and Illegal Recruitment Fees - 2024 Insights](#) 

**The Life at Sea 2024 photography awards: a rare glimpse into the highs and lows of seafaring.**

*The Guardian*. 26 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/gallery/2024/sep/26/the-life-at-sea-2024-photography-awards-a-rare-glimpse-into-the-highs-and-lows-of-seafaring>

The lives of seafarers are rarely documented, as working at sea by its very nature can be a lonely and isolating existence.

**ICRC visits the crew of hijacked ship for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time since being detained in Yemen.**

Fatma Khaled. *Associated Press*. 26 September 2024. Available from:

<https://apnews.com/article/yemen-galaxy-leader-ship-houthis-red-sea-6c2b64e281ca51df76cb2a974de86baa>

A team of the international Red Cross visited a 25-member crew on board of the *Galaxy Leader* vessel, which was hijacked last year by the Iran-backed Houthi rebels and is docked in the port city of Hodeidah — a Houthi stronghold.

**DFA calls for release of *MV Galaxy Leader* crew on World Maritime Day.** *Philippine News Agency (PNA)*. 27 September 2024. Available

from: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1234258> The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) on Thursday night called for the immediate release of the crew of *MV Galaxy Leader* held captive by the Houthi group since November 2023.

**New seafarer law could have wide-reaching impact.** Betty Kalomiri. *Gard*. 27 September 2024.

Available from: <https://www.gard.no/articles/new-seafarer-law-could-have-wide-reaching-impact/>

Following a lengthy legislative process, the Magna Carta of Filipino Seafarers was finally signed into law in the Philippines on 23 September 2024.

**Seafarers worry over ‘pro-shipowner’ provision in new Magna Carta.** Michelle Abad.

*Rappler (Philippines)*. 29 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.rappler.com/philippines/seafarers-worry-pro-shipowner-provision-new-magna-carta/>

With OFWs still often citing better wages as reason for going abroad, the Philippines may continue to see seafarers waiving their right to refuse the journey if it means bringing home more to their families.

## SEARCH & RESCUE

**15 Crew members of off-shore supply vessel on fire, successfully rescued off South Africa’s southern sea: SAMSA.** *South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)*. 12 September 2024.

Available from: <https://blog.samsa.org.za/2024/09/12/15-crew-members-of-off-shore-supply-vessel-on-fire-successfully-rescued-off-south-africas-southern-sea-samsa/>

The OSV, named the *AM PRIDE* and measuring 66.6 meters long and 16 meters wide, sailing under the flag of Marshall Island, reportedly caught on fire early on Thursday, in an ocean area approximately 48.5 nautical miles south of Mossel Bay in the Western Cape province.

**Rescues and Navy.** *Naucher Global (Spain)*. 12 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.naucher.com/rescates-y-armada/> From my bow, in addition to hearing the pounding of the sea against the bulb of the ship, I listen with shock and sadness to the requests of political figures who one day intend to govern and lead this country to ignore the most basic maritime safety regulations, such as the rescue of lives in danger in the middle of the sea.

**Yet again, Italian authorities punish MSF rescue ship with two detention orders.** *Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF)*. 25 September 2024. Available from:

<https://searchandrescue.msf.org/news/yet-again.-italian-authorities-punish-msf-rescue-ship-with-two-detention-orders.html>

On 23 September 2024, the Italian authorities imposed yet another punitive measure on the *Geo Barents*, the search and rescue vessel operated by Médecins Sans Frontières for performing its legal and humanitarian duty to save lives at sea.

## SHIP RECYCLING

### **EPIC To Establish Sustainable Ship Recycling, Decommissioning Facilities At Kemaman Port.**

*Bernama (Malaysia)*. 4 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.bernama.com/en/business/news.php?id=2336944> Eastern Pacific Industrial Corporation Bhd (EPIC) is set to establish a green ship recycling facility (GSRF) and decommissioning remediation facility (DRF) at Kemaman Port.

### **Explosion rips through tanker leaving worker dead and others injured in key ship recycling hub.**

Jonathan Boonzaier. *TradeWinds*. 9 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/explosion-rips-through-tanker-leaving-worker-dead-and-others-injured-in-key-ship-recycling-hub/2-1-1706104> One worker is reported dead and another 11 were critically injured following an explosion on a former Shipping Corporation of India product tanker that was being cut up as scrap at a ship recycling facility in Chattogram.

### **DoE suspends environmental clearance for SN Corporation, halts shipbreaking activities after fatal explosion.**

*Business Standard (Bangladesh)*. 8 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/environment/doe-suspends-environmental-clearance-sn-corporation-halts-shipbreaking> On the directive of Environment Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan, the Department of Environment (DoE) has suspended the environmental clearance for SN Corporation (Unit-2) and the *MT SWARAJYA* scrap ship due to yesterday's explosion that caused significant casualties.

### **Emission regulations to boost ship recycling.**

Nick Savvides. *Seatrade Maritime News*.

10 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/sustainability/emission-regulations-to-boost-ship-recycling> Tighter environmental regulations are expected to result in a more than 100% increase in vessels sent to the breakers over the next decade according to data from Bimco.

### **Ship recycling in Bangladesh needs greater safety efforts.**

Muhammed Ali Shahin. *Daily Star (Bangladesh)*. 11 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/views/news/ship-recycling-bangladesh-needs-greater-safety-efforts-3700141> A recent tragedy in Bangladesh's ship recycling industry has once again highlighted the persistent challenges related to worker safety, competent management, and effective regulatory enforcement.

### **IMO chief urges ship-breaking safety.**

*Express Tribune (Pakistan)*. 15 September 2024.

Available from: <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2496218/imo-chief-urges-ship-breaking-safety> During his visit to the Gadani ship-breaking yard, the IMO chief expressed his satisfaction with Pakistan's efforts to comply with the Hong Kong Convention on ship recycling.

### **Bangladesh: Ship Explosion Exposes Regulatory Failures.**

*Human Rights Watch (HRW)*.

17 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.hrw.org/news/2024/09/18/bangladesh-ship-explosion-exposes-regulatory-failures> The explosion on the oil tanker *MT Suvarna Swarajya* on September 7, 2024, in Bangladesh underscores the lack of adequate international and national regulations, oversight, and labor rights protections in the shipbreaking industry, Human Rights Watch and the NGO Shipbreaking Platform said today.

### **SN Corporation shipbreaking yard faces Tk26 lakh fine, three-month closure over explosion.**

*Business Standard (Bangladesh)*. 24 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/sn-corporation-shipbreaking-yard-faces-tk35-lakh-fine-three-month-closure-over-explosion> In addition to the hefty fine, the yard has been ordered to halt all operations for three months as part of the punitive measures.

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**Sustainable superyacht solutions built on maritime expertise.** *Superyacht News*.

2 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.superyachtnews.com/technology/sustainable-superyacht-solutions-built-on-maritime-expertise> EPE Yachting draws on over 45 years of experience in protecting the marine environment through future-proof technology as a division of decarbonisation solutions provider EPE.

**Low-carbon cargo tall ship to sail the Channel.** Katy Docherty-Warren. *BBC News*.

4 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cj62ge2dnleo>  
The operators of an eco-friendly cargo ship hope to save two trucks worth of carbon in each journey to France from Sussex.

**Container shipping backed into a newbuilding corner.** Nick Savvides. *Seatrade Maritime News*.

4 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/containers/container-shipping-backed-into-a-newbuilding-corner> Vessel operators are in a catch-22 situation where they must order vessels or fall behind their competitors, but they must also decide which fuel to use.

**The world's largest methanol-powered container ship now in regular service between the Port of Gothenburg and Asia.** *Port of Gothenburg*. 4 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.portofgothenburg.com/about/newsroom/#!/pressreleases/the-worlds-largest-methanol-powered-container-ship-now-in-regular-service-between-the-port-of-gothenburg-and-asia-3340192>  
The shipping company Maersk has deployed its latest and largest methanol-powered ship on the transoceanic weekly route between the Port of Gothenburg and Asia.

**Favourable scrubber economics driving the crude tanker orderbook.** *Drewry Shipping*

*Consultants*. 4 September 2024. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/23yyzf53> As long as the scrubber economics are favourable, we will see the domination of scrubber-fitted crude-carrying vessels in the orderbook.

**Why nuclear-powered commercial ships are a bad idea.** George M. Moore. *Bulletin of the Atomic*

*Scientists*. 5 September 2024. Available from: <https://thebulletin.org/2024/09/why-nuclear-powered-commercial-ships-are-a-bad-idea/> Late last year, Jiangnan Shipyard, a part of the Chinese government-owned China State Shipbuilding Corporation (CSSC), announced that it would create one of the largest cargo container ships ever built, and power the vessel with a thorium reactor.

**MV *Canopée*, the world's first hybrid wind-powered cargo vessel, makes inaugural U.S. visit to Port Canaveral.** *American Journal of Transportation (AJOT)*. 5 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.ajot.com/news/mv-canopee-the-worlds-first-hybrid-wind-powered-cargo-vessel-makes-inaugural-u.s-visit-to-port-canaveral> The specially designed Ro-Ro (roll on- roll off) delivered the European Service Module (ESM-3) module, which will fly on the NASA SLS Artemis-III mission to the moon for the first time since the Apollo era.

**27500 TEU!! Here comes the world's largest container ship!** Chen Yang. *Xinde Marine*

*News (China)*. 6 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.xindemarinenews.com/en/shipbuilding/2024/0906/56265.html> On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, five new vessel designs from China State Shipbuilding Corporation's (CSSC) Shanghai Ship Research and Design Institute received Approval in Principle (AiP) certificates during the SMM Hamburg Maritime Exhibition.



**Titanic shipyard to go into administration.** John Campbell. *BBC News*. 16 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/crkddrv7v2po> Insolvency practitioners Teneo are being lined up to act as administrators and some “non-core” staff are being made redundant.

**Partners agree continuation of landmark collaboration for ammonia dual-fuel container ship.** *Lloyd’s Register*. 18 September 2024. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/czk7new8> Lloyd’s Register, Mediterranean Shipping Company, Shanghai Merchant Ship Design & Research Institute and MAN Energy Solutions have signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which now includes the Liberian International Ship and Corporate Registry, to enhance the design for the ammonia dual-fuel operation of an 8200 TEU container ship.

**Hanwha unveils carbon-free gas carrier amid tougher rules.** Hyung-Kyu Kim. *Korea Economic Daily (South Korea)*. 20 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.kedglobal.com/shipping-shipbuilding/newsView/ked202409200012> Hanwha Ocean Co., South Korea’s third-largest shipbuilder, has introduced a carbon-free gas carrier to meet the growing demand for eco-friendly vessels that comply with stricter global emissions regulations.

**Korea’s autonomous ship sails to Southeast Asia for test.** *Korea Times (South Korea)*. 23 September 2024. Available from: [https://koreatimes.co.kr/www/tech/2024/09/133\\_382897.html?utm\\_source=fl](https://koreatimes.co.kr/www/tech/2024/09/133_382897.html?utm_source=fl) The Korean government began testing of an autonomous ship in the waters of Korea and Southeast Asia, kicking off its bid to nurture the autonomous ship industry as a new economic driver.

**Tugboat powered by ammonia sails for the first time, showing how to cut emissions from shipping.** Jennifer Mcdermott and Michael Hill. *Associated Press*. 23 September 2024. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/ammonia-fuel-diesel-amogy-shipping-60beccfb8894c79ddc624026fbf0a8e5> On a tributary of the Hudson River, a tugboat powered by ammonia eased away from the shipyard dock and sailed for the first time to show how the maritime industry can slash planet-warming carbon dioxide emissions.

## SHIPPING

**MSC MARIE Ship Sets Record for Largest Cargo Capacity.** *Panama Canal Authority.* 30 August 2024. Available from: <https://pancanal.com/en/msc-marie-ship-sets-record-for-largest-cargo-capacity/> The container ship *MSC MARIE* transited through the Panama Canal today, marking a milestone by becoming the largest capacity Neopanamax to cross the interoceanic route.

**Revolution: Global Shipping Decarbonization.** Lawson W. Brigham. *Proceedings: US Naval Institute.* September 2024. Available from: <https://www.usni.org/magazines/proceedings/2024/september/revolution-global-shipping-decarbonization> The global shipping enterprise is undergoing a profound transition to reduce carbon emissions and contribute to a more sustainable future.

**SMM opens in Hamburg.** Patrick Rhys Attack. *ShipTechnology.* 3 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.ship-technology.com/news/smm-opens-in-hamburg/> “We made history last year” declared Arsenio Dominguez, Secretary General of the IMO at the grand Opening Ceremony of SMM 2024, remarking on the decarbonisation targets of 2050 set by the UN arm in 2023.

**Maritime transition: Innovation and courage must be rewarded.** *SMM.* 3 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.smm-hamburg.com/news-details/article/maritime-transformation-innovationen-und-mut-muessen-belohnt-werden> The opening press conference for the leading international maritime trade fair gave a foretaste of the coming SMM days.

**IMO and EU leaders on shipping’s green transition: “We are on the right track”.** Jens Thomsen. *ShippingWatch.* 4 September 2024. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article17414480.ece> With shipping companies clamouring for green fuels and only a fraction of ships in the global merchant fleet carrying sustainable fuels, shipping’s green transition is not only on track, it’s achievable by 2050.

**How Eswatini created a shipping register by accident.** Richard Meade. *Lloyd’s List.* 4 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1150511/How-Eswatini-created-a-shipping-register-by-accident> Nearly a year after ships first started flying the flag of Eswatini, the government of the landlocked African state has confirmed that the controversial shipping registry has been operating without its permission.

**New study suggests banks provide cheaper loans to greener shipping companies, but not greener ships.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com.* 5 September 2024. Available from: <https://splash247.com/new-study-suggests-banks-provide-cheaper-loans-to-greener-shipping-companies-but-not-greener-ships/> A new study by UCL Energy Institute on the relationship between financing terms and climate performance of shipping companies reveals what its authors terms as a “troubling trend” of green financing.

**‘Our big fear’: Crisis-hit tanker raises concerns over dark fleet insurance.** Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds.* 5 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/special-reports/-our-big-fear-crisis-hit-tanker-raises-concerns-over-dark-fleet-insurance/2-1-1697731> A tanker that ran aground with a cargo of sanctioned Venezuelan crude has switched to hauling Russian oil around the coast of Europe despite questions over its insurance status.

**Navigating conflation of global maritime trends in Asia.** Atalia Chua. *Maritime Fairtrade*.

5 September 2024. Available from: <https://maritimefairtrade.org/navigating-conflation-of-global-maritime-trends-in-asia/> In Asia, global trade trends are shifting the directions that money is flowing in the maritime industry as diplomatic tensions overflow into hostile waters and geopolitics create choppy waves.

**Eswatini fleet start to reflag as UAE takes action.** Richard Meade. *Lloyd's List*.

5 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1150526/Eswatini-fleet-start-to-reflag-as-UAE-takes-action> Several ships flying the embattled Eswatini flag have started the process of finding a new register after the Eswatini government confirmed that it was temporarily shutting the registry down.

**Euroviews. Can Europe both lead green shipping and derisk from China?**

Janka Oertel. *Euronews*. 5 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2024/09/05/can-europe-both-lead-green-shipping-and-derisk-from-china> "I name you *Laura Maersk*" On a sunny September day in Copenhagen last year, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, baptised the brand-new green methanol-fuelled ship of Danish logistics superpower Mærsk.

**Sounion: shipping gets away with it again.** *Lloyd's List*. 6 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1150538/Sounion-shipping-gets-away-with-it-again> Two weeks to the day since the damn fools deliberately set fire to Sounion (IMO: 9312145), the stricken suezmax and its cargo of 150,000 tonnes of crude oil continues to burn off the coast of Yemen

**Green shipping: An ocean of tangible solutions at SMM 2024.** *SMM*. 6 September 2024.

Available from: <https://www.smm-hamburg.com/news-details/article/green-shipping-an-ocean-of-tangible-solutions-at-smm-2024> SMM 2024 once more delivered on its promise of being the highlight event of the international maritime sector.

**Shipping's "perfect storm": an insurance and reinsurance perspective.** Jen D'Arcy.

*The Insurer*. 6 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.theinsurer.com/viewpoint/shippings-perfect-storm-an-insurance-and-reinsurance-perspective/> Jen D'Arcy, executive vice president and head of marine facultative reinsurance at Acrisure Re, reflects on how multiple factors can combine to cause severe disruption in the shipping sector.

**CLIA updates on cruising's environmental progress.** Anne Kalosh. *Seatrade Cruise News*.

7 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-cruise.com/environmental-health/clia-updates-on-cruising-s-environmental-progress> A Cruise Lines International Association report tracked cruising's progress on environmental technologies and practices.

**Draghi Report: European Shipping is a Strategic Asset.** *Danish Shipping*. 9 September 2024.

Available from: <https://danishshipping.dk/en/latest-news/2024/draghi-report-european-shipping-is-a-strategic-asset/> The Draghi Report on the EU's competitive-ness is an important reminder of the challenges Europe faces in global competition, including within the shipping sector.

**Draghi report recognises global leadership of European shipping and the need to remain internationally competitive.** *European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA)*.

9 September 2024. Available from: <https://ecsa.eu/shipping-industry-calls-for-action-following-the-attack-on-the-mv-tutor-and-cargo-ship-verbena-2-2/> The report acknowledges the global leadership of European shipping and identifies that a fit-for-purpose regulatory and taxation framework has ensured that the sector has remained globally competitive.

**Maritime leaders' confidence on the rise amidst increased geopolitical risk.** *International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)*. 10 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.ics-shipping.org/press-release/maritime-leaders-confidence-on-the-rise-amidst-increased-geopolitical-risk/> ICS Barometer Report 2023-2024 – launched today – has demonstrated the positive impact that improved clarity from governmental bodies such as the IMO have had on the sector. [ICS Maritime Barometer Report 2023-2024](https://www.ics-shipping.org/press-release/maritime-leaders-confidence-on-the-rise-amidst-increased-geopolitical-risk/) 📄

**Liberia leads as 95% of African-owned ships register, flag W/African nations.** Amaka Anagor-Ewuzie. *Business Day (Nigeria)*. 11 September 2024. Available from: <https://businessday.ng/maritime/article/liberia-leads-as-95-of-african-owned-ships-register-flag-w-african-nations/> About 95 percent of African-owned ships are registered and flagging the flag of a Western African nation, according to data from the United Nations Trade and Development.

**Green Seas: A decarbonisation measure everyone (in container shipping) can agree on.** Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds*. 11 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/green-seas-a-decarbonisation-measure-everyone-in-container-shipping-can-agree-on/2-1-1707356> 📧 In this week's Green Seas newsletter, we want to know why liner operators are so aligned on one decarbonisation policy proposal.

**UK cracks down on illicit 'shadow fleet' transporting Russian oil globally.** *UK Government*. 11 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-cracks-down-on-illicit-shadow-fleet-transporting-russian-oil-globally> The UK has today (11 September) sanctioned 10 vessels operating as part of Putin's 'shadow fleet', in the latest crack down on critical revenue sources funding Putin's war machine.

**KAIPTC launches code of practice for women in the maritime domain.** *Ghana News Agency*. 11 September 2024. Available from: <https://gna.org.gh/2024/09/kaiptc-launches-code-of-practice-for-women-in-the-maritime-domain/> The Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC), has launched a policy document on the code of practice for women in the maritime domain.

**Regional impact of the Red Sea crisis.** *Sea-Intelligence*. 12 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.sea-intelligence.com/press-room/285-regional-impact-of-the-red-sea-crisis> We are now more than half a year on from the beginning of the Red Sea crisis, and the severe impact on the container shipping industry continues unabated.


**New tool for exploring the impacts of policy measures aimed at reducing GHG emissions from shipping released by UCL Shipping and Oceans Research Group.** *UCL Shipping and Oceans Research Group*. 12 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.shippingandoceans.com/post/new-tool-for-exploring-the-impacts-of-policy-measures-aimed-at-reducing-ghg-emissions-from-shipping> The IMO CIA is a detailed evaluation of the potential effects of regulatory measures aimed at reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from international shipping.

**The Lloyd's List Podcast: Shipping's to-do list from hell.** *Lloyd's List*. 13 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1150641/The-Lloyds-List-Podcast-Shippings-to-do-list-from-hell> 📧 Should you wish to list all of the various risks, roadblocks, unresolved problems and known challenges ahead for the shipping industry you will need a long piece of paper and ideally some medical assistance on standby.

**A champion of gender equality.** Atalia Chua. *Maritime Fairtrade*. 16 September 2024. Available from: <https://maritimefairtrade.org/a-champion-of-gender-equality/> Striving for gender equality in the maritime industry usually holds a reputation of aversion as cases of discrimination, lower opportunities for advancement, and harassment still persist for women.

**Successful ship-to-ship ammonia transfers pave the way for ammonia bunkering in the Pilbara region.** *Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation (GCMD)*. 16 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.gcformd.org/successful-ship-to-ship-ammonia-transfers-pave-the-way-for-ammonia-bunkering-in-the-pilbara-region/> A Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation-led consortium has successfully conducted ship-to-ship transfers of ammonia at anchorages within the Port of Dampier on 14 September 2024.

**Driving Jamaica's green initiatives for sustainable shipping.** *The Gleaner (Jamaica)*. 17 September 2024. Available from: <https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/shipping/20240917/driving-jamaicas-green-initiatives-sustainable-shipping> Shipping is the lifeblood of the Jamaican economy.

**Weathering the storms ahead: The impacts of climate change on the marine sector.** Carmen Rowe. *RSA Insurance*. 17 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.rsainsurance.co.uk/news/insurance/impacts-of-climate-change-on-the-marine-sector/> This month, marine insurers come together in Berlin for the 150<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI). [Climate change already impacting operations and finances as maritime sector looks to weather storms ahead](#) 

**Positivity and uncertainty on the cards for ocean hull underwriters, reports IUMI.** *International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI)*. 17 September 2024. Available from: <https://iumi.com/news/press-releases/positivity-and-uncertainty-on-the-cards-for-ocean-hull-underwriters-reports-iumi> Charing the Ocean Hull Workshop at today's IUMI 150<sup>th</sup> annual conference in Berlin, Ilias Tsakiris, General Manager of American Club Europe, CEO of Hellenic Hull, and Chair of IUMI's Ocean Hull Committee opened by saying: "As we celebrate this milestone, we are reminded of the legacy we've inherited but also of our responsibility to prepare for the future."

**International Chamber of Shipping advocates for gender equality, ESG.** Atalia Chua. *Maritime Fairtrade*. 18 September 2024. Available from: <https://maritimefairtrade.org/international-chamber-of-shipping-advocates-for-gender-equality-esg/> In an interview with Maritime Fairtrade, Guy Platten, Secretary General of the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), talked about a range of topics including gender equality and the balance between sustainability and business.

**Ship Owners Confused About Decarbonization.** Michael Barnard. *CleanTechnica*. 18 September 2024. Available from: <https://cleantechnica.com/2024/09/18/ship-owners-confused-about-decarbonization/> For three years, the International Chamber of Shipping has been running a survey of ship owners, covering multiple domains, including biggest risks to shipping, changes in shipping patterns with initiatives like friendshoring and most relevantly for this discussion, decarbonization.

**Maritime is at the heart of our government's mission.** *UK Government*. 18 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/maritime-is-at-the-heart-of-our-governments-mission> Secretary of State for Transport outlines next steps for maritime sector during the launch of London International Shipping Week.

**One Planet Shipping report provides blueprint for clean shipping as decarbonisation****deadline looms.** *Seas at Risk*. 19 September 2024. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/mr37f439>

As shipping sector leaders meet to discuss how to hit ambitious decarbonisation commitments, a new report by a leading marine NGO warns that all targets are set to be missed unless transformative change is embraced across the whole industry.

[One Planet Shipping: Navigating the Waves of Climate Change and Overconsumption](#) 📄

**Red Sea insurance costs soar as Houthi shipping threats loom, sources say.** Jonathan Saul and Carolyn Cohn. *Reuters*. 19 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/red-sea-insurance-costs-soar-houthi-shipping-threats-loom-sources-say-2024-09-19/>

The cost of insuring a ship through the Red Sea has more than doubled since the start of September and some underwriters are pausing cover as the risk of attack from Yemen's Houthis on commercial vessels increases, industry sources said.

**Danish Shipping Adopts Policy to Avoid Whale Strikes.** *Danish Shipping*. 20 September 2024.

Available from: <https://danishshipping.dk/en/latest-news/2024/danish-shipping-adopts-policy-to-avoid-whale-strikes/> The heavy traffic across the world's oceans often poses a threat to the lives and health of whales.

**Why is the shipping industry not decarbonizing faster?** Vincent Clerc. *World Economic Forum*.

20 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2024/09/shipping-decarbonization-fuel-pricing-mechanism/> 📄

The year 2050 might seem distant, yet in the context of the green transition of global supply chains, the deadline is rapidly approaching.

**Sexual harassment in shipping rarely ends in criminal prosecution.** Dag Holmstad.

*ShippingWatch*. 23 September 2024. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article17472551.ece> When former ship cadet Hope Hicks went public with her rape case on a US-flagged Maersk ship in June 2022, laws were tightened in the US and other cases of sexual harassment in shipping came to light.

**Joint statement from Maritime Industry Leaders.** *UN Global Compact*. 23 September 2024.

Available from: <https://unglobalcompact.org/news/5293-09-23-2024> "From the UN Headquarter in New York, we, business leaders, call on all IMO Member States to support a global regulatory framework that, in a just, inclusive, ambitious and timely manner, accelerates the use of zero and near-zero Green House Gas (GHG) fuels."

**Landlocked African Nation Says Hundreds of Ships Misuse its Flag.** Jack Wittels. *Bloomberg*.

23 September 2024. Available from:

<https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/investing/2024/09/23/landlocked-african-nation-says-hundreds-of-ships-misuse-its-flag/>


Hundreds of ships have been sailing under the flag of Eswatini without the African country's permission to do so, according to a letter from the landlocked nation's government.

**UN trade guru Jan Hoffmann moves to World Bank to focus on port reform.** Julian Bray.

*TradeWinds*. 24 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/people/un-trade-guru-jan-hoffmann-moves-to-world-bank-to-focus-on-port-reform/2-1-1714414>

Well-known maritime trade guru Jan Hoffmann is leaving the United Nations after 30 years to join the World Bank in Washington DC.

**Shipping off track to meet 5% zero-emission fuel target by 2030 as new report issues ‘serious wakeup call’.** *Global Maritime Forum*. 25 September 2024. Available from: <https://globalmaritimeforum.org/press/shipping-off-track-to-meet-5-zero-emission-fuel-target-by-2030-as-new-report/> The global shipping industry is not on track to meet its target of having zero-emission fuels account for 5% of all fuels by 2030.


**Climate action in shipping: Progress towards shipping’s 2030 breakthrough (2024 ed.).** Domagoj Baresic, Vishnu Prakash, James Stewart, Nishatabbas Rehmatulla and Tristan Smith. *Global Maritime Forum*. 25 September 2024. Available from: <https://globalmaritimeforum.org/report/climate-action-in-shipping-progress-towards-shippings-2030-breakthrough-2024/> The 2024 Climate Action in Shipping: Progress toward Shipping’s 2030 Breakthrough is the third report in an annual series that reviews five ‘system change levers’ across the maritime value chain and ascertains whether actions across these levers are aligned – or are aligning – with what would be necessary to meet the 5-10% scalable zero emission fuel (SZEf) goal by 2030. [Report](#) 

**China-UK maritime collaboration in focus at London shipping forum.** Wang Mingjie. *Xinde Marine News (China)*. 25 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.xindemarinenews.com/en/worldreview/2024/0925/56512.html> The “Xinde Marine Forum London 2024 – Innovation and Cooperation for the Sustainable Future of Shipping” took place on Sept 20 in London, attracting over 120 senior executives, experts, and government representatives from China, the United Kingdom, and across Europe to discuss the future of the global shipping industry with a focus on sustainability and innovation.

**London P&I boss reports growing anxiety about parallel fleet.** Nidaa Bakhsh. *ShippingWatch*. 25 September 2024. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article17424993.ece> The biggest change for Ian Gooch since he took over as chief executive of the London P&I club 15 years ago has been the heightened geopolitical landscape, which is creating worries for the marine insurance industry.

**Full steam ahead or stuck in port? UK shipping faces choices on decarbonisation and industry overhaul.** Tom Barlow-Brown. *ship.energy*. 25 September 2024. Available from: <https://ship.energy/2024/09/25/full-steam-ahead-or-stuck-in-port-uk-shipping-faces-choices-on-decarbonisation-and-industry-overhaul/> As the UK maritime industry steers toward the future, piloting between the demands of decarbonisation and the urgent need to modernise its shipbuilding sector, Peter Aylott, Director of Policy at the UK Chamber of Shipping, sheds light on the path ahead.

**How the Oil-Guzzling Shipping Industry Is Trying to Clean Up.** Jack Wittels. *Bloomberg*. 26 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/investing/commodities/2024/09/26/how-the-oil-guzzling-shipping-industry-is-trying-to-clean-up/> Shipping’s global regulator is pushing the industry that carries more than 80% of world trade to achieve net zero greenhouse-gas emissions by mid-century.

**Will global shipping continue to grow?** *Seas at Risk*. 26 September 2024. Available from: <https://seas-at-risk.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Will-global-shipping-continue-to-grow-Exploring-drivers-of-change.pdf>  The “Shipping growth macro-trend” report commissioned by Seas At Risk provides an extensive analysis of the current state of the shipping industry and how it can be transformed to align with the “One Planet Shipping” system-change narrative.

**Knock-on impact of diversions away from Red Sea hits reefer trade from Europe to Middle East hard.** Peter Sand. *Xeneta*. 26 September 2024. Available from: <https://www.xeneta.com/blog/knock-on-impact-of-diversions-away-from-red-sea-hits-reefer-trade-from-europe-to-middle-east-hard>? Take a fresh look at the way different trades interact and compare.

**Chief analyst at shipping bank casts doubt on the sector's green strategy.** Mette Grube Condrup. *ShippingWatch*. 27 September 2024. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article17486483.ece> The green transformation of shipping has its costs.

## RESEARCH

Peng H, Wang M, et al. **Implied threats of the Red Sea crisis to global maritime transport: amplified carbon emissions and possible carbon pricing dysfunction.** *Environmental Research Letters*. 28 June 2024. Available from: <https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1748-9326/ad59b7> Recent military acts in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden are forcing merchant ships to reroute, thereby driving up international shipping rates, prolonging delivery dates, and causing additional greenhouse gas emissions.

Asamoah Agyekum H. **Tackling Maritime Security in the Gulf of Guinea: Interactions Between Global Shipping and Ghanaian State Agents.** *African Security*. 24 July 2024. Available from: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/19392206.2024.2379186> Maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea is a challenge that straddles multiple players and sectors, and crimes like piracy cause disruptions to international trade and shipping.

Yuan H, Choukroune L, et al. **Centring justice for labour in the new blue economy: Principles for applying emerging evidence and theoretical critiques to policy and practice.** *Marine Policy*. 31 July 2024. Available from: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0308597X24003257?via%3Dihub> The Blue Economy, according to the World Bank, is the “sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods, and jobs while preserving the health of ocean ecosystem”, refers to a set of economic activities that sustainably make use of marine ecosystems while protecting nature at the same time.

Fricaudet M, Parker S, et al. **Lower margins are tied to companies' climate performance rather than to low-carbon assets.** *Cell Reports Sustainability*. 23 August 2024. Available from: [https://www.cell.com/cell-reports-sustainability/fulltext/S2949-7906\(24\)00241-6](https://www.cell.com/cell-reports-sustainability/fulltext/S2949-7906(24)00241-6) Lenders are likely to face significant financial risks from the shift to a low-carbon economy, but it remains unclear whether such risks are incorporated into their lending practices.

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