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IMO NEWS & EVENTS

IMO progresses talks on greenhouse gas reduction from shipping

International efforts to curb greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from shipping took a step forward as the IMO's Intersessional Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (ISWG-GHG 18) concluded its latest round of discussions.

The IMO's [2023 GHG Reduction Strategy](#) commits Member States to adopting mid-term measures to reduce GHG emissions from ships in late 2025, including:

- a technical element, namely a goal-based marine fuel standard regulating the phased reduction of a marine fuel's GHG intensity; and
- an economic element, on the basis of a maritime GHG emissions pricing mechanism.

The Intersessional Working Group continued discussions on proposals for these measures, using the draft text for an “[IMO net-zero framework](#)” developed at the last meeting of the Marine Environment Protection Committee [MEPC 82](#), as the basis. . [More...](#)

[Latest IMO Press Briefings](#)

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Previous Meetings

[Intersessional Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships \(ISWG-GHG 18\)](#)
17-21 February 2025

[Sub-Committee on Human element, Training and Watchkeeping \(HTW 11\)](#) 10-14 February 2025

[Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response \(PPR 12\)](#) 27-31 January 2025

Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC 11) 13-17 January 2025

Forthcoming Meetings

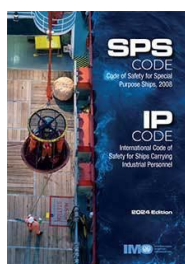
Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE) 24-28 February 2025

NEW IMO PUBLICATIONS



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SPS Code and IP Code, 2024 Edition

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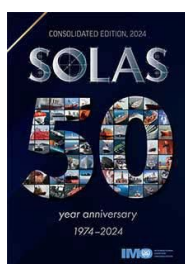
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English) 978-92-801-2573-3 (French) 978-92-801-3216-8 (Spanish)

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

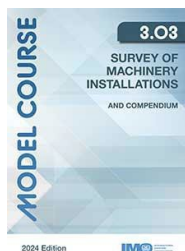
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ISBN: 978-92-801-1793-6 (English)

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

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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

Global growth to remain subdued in 2025 amid uncertainty, UN report warns.

UN News. 9 January 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/01/1158806>

The World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2025 report shows that despite withstanding a series of mutually reinforcing shocks, global economic growth has stagnated and remains below the pre-pandemic annual average of 3.2 per cent.

World Economic Situation and Prospects 2025.

United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA). 9 January 2025.

Available from: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/dpad/publication/world-economic-situation-and-prospects-2025-Report> Despite falling inflation, improving labour market conditions, and monetary easing, global growth is projected to remain below the pace seen before the pandemic, and the world economy continues to face significant uncertainties.

Security Council Adopts Resolution 2768 (2025), Sustaining Monthly Reporting on Houthis Attacks in Red Sea.

United Nations. 15 January 2025. Available from: <https://press.un.org/en/2025/sc15965.doc.htm> One year after adopting a text demanding that the Houthis immediately cease all attacks on merchant and commercial vessels in the Red Sea, the Security Council today reiterated that demand in a new resolution and called for ongoing monitoring of the situation as these attacks continue with increasing sophistication.

Guterres welcomes start of ceasefire in Gaza as UN ramps up food deliveries.

UN News. 19 January 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/01/1159171> “We stand ready to support this implementation and scale up the delivery of sustained humanitarian relief to the countless Palestinians who continue to suffer,” the UN chief said in a social media post.

UN regrets US exit from global cooperation on health, climate change agreement.

UN News. 21 January 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/01/1159211> “The WHO regrets the announcement that the United States of America intends to withdraw from the Organization... We hope the United States will reconsider,” said WHO spokesperson Tarik Jasarevic, hours after the new President signed an executive order at the White House, bringing US involvement in the UN agency to an end in 12 months.

What is the World Health Organization and why does it matter?

Eileen Travers.
UN News. 21 January 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/01/1159266> From laboratories to battlefields, the United Nations specialised health agency has been dedicated to the wellbeing of all people since 1948.

At Davos, Guterres slams backsliding on climate commitments.

UN News. 22 January 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/01/1159271> Mr. Guterres was speaking at the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum, the exclusive event held high in the Swiss Alps where senior politicians, Heads of State and CEOs of some of the world’s biggest and most influential companies rub shoulders.

Towards a brighter future for the ocean.

United Nations. 23 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.un.org/en/desa/towards-brighter-future-ocean> Preparations for the third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3) have wind in their sails.

CASUALTIES

Fuel oil leaks from stranded tanker near Hokkaido beach. Ichiro Noda. *Asahi Shimbun (Japan)*. 9 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.asahi.com/ajw/articles/15578376> Fuel oil has leaked from a 3,919-ton tanker that ran aground here on Jan. 6, but its cargo of 3,800 kiloliters of diesel fuel and kerosene did not spill out, authorities said.

Germany says Russia 'shadow fleet' ship adrift in Baltic Sea. *Deutsche Welle (Germany)*. 10 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.dw.com/en/germany-says-russia-shadow-fleet-ship-adrift-in-baltic-sea/a-71270172> A tanker heavily loaded with oil remained adrift in heavy seas off the northern coast of Germany, with Berlin saying it was part of Russia's so-called "shadow fleet."

'Cat and mouse' collision fears: Shadow fleet tankers pose huge risk to Baltic, experts warn. Craig Eason. *TradeWinds*. 15 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/-cat-and-mouse-collision-fears-shadow-fleet-tankers-pose-huge-risk-to-baltic-experts-warn/2-1-1763541> In the middle of the Baltic Sea winter, three vessels have the region's attention for all the wrong reasons.

Accidents, not Russian sabotage, behind undersea cable damage, officials say. Greg Miller, Robyn Dixon and Isaac Stanley-Becker. *Washington Post*. 19 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2025/01/19/russia-baltic-undersea-cables-accidents-sabotage> Ruptures of undersea cables that have rattled European security officials in recent months were likely the result of maritime accidents rather than Russian sabotage, according to several U.S. and European intelligence officials.

Germany and DNV launch investigation into suspected shadow ship. Liv Almer. *ShippingWatch*. 22 January 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article17830152.ece> According to the German Ministry of Transport, the ship *Eventin* will not be heading to Skaw as planned anytime soon.

Crew abandon vessel after ship collides with pier at Tuscan resort in fierce storm. Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds*. 29 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/crew-abandon-vessel-after-ship-collides-with-pier-at-tuscan-resort-in-fierce-storm/2-1-1771376> Storm Herminia, raging over western Europe, threw a cargo ship off course in Italy late on Tuesday and sent it crashing into a pier in a picturesque Tuscan sea resort.

Explosion forces crew to abandon Hong Kong-flagged container ship in the Red Sea. Jon Gambrell. *Associated Press*. 29 January 2025. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/red-sea-ship-abandoned-fire-hazardous-cargo-2f2d16a59245cc2a34ea013a5a71e817> An explosion has struck a Hong Kong-flagged container ship traveling north through the Red Sea, sparking a major fire that forced its crew to abandon the vessel, shipping industry officials said.

Explosion hits ship carrying hazardous cargo in Red Sea. Crew abandon vessel after fire. Matt Coyne. *TradeWinds*. 28 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/explosion-hits-ship-carrying-hazardous-cargo-in-red-sea-crew-abandon-vessel-after-fire/2-1-1770799> The crew of a Chinese boxship have abandoned the vessel after a hazardous cargo explosion and fire in the southern Red Sea.

Russian Nuclear Icebreaker Sustains Damage In Arctic Collision with Cargo Ship.

Malte Humpert. *gCaptain*. 28 January 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/russian-nuclear-icebreaker-sustains-damage-in-arctic-collision-with-cargo-ship> Russian nuclear icebreaker *50 Let Pobedy* (50 Years of Victory) suffered significant damage to its hull in a collision with a cargo ship while operating on the Northern Sea Route.

Cable-cutting ships in Baltic Sea are ‘no accident’ says Finnish maritime expert.

Michelle Wiese Bockmann. *Lloyd's List*. 29 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.loydslist.com/LL1152399/Cable-cutting-ships-in-Baltic-Sea-are-no-accident-says-Finnish-maritime-expert> Markku Mylly, one of Finland's most experienced maritime executives, said there is no doubt that *Eagle S* (IMO: 9329760), a tanker that is one of three commercial ships accused of damaging undersea cables in the Baltic region, did so intentionally.

Ship fire in Red Sea not linked to Houthi attacks, maritime center says.

Arab News (Saudi Arabia). 29 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2588332/middle-east> A fire aboard the Hong Kong-flagged *ASL Bauhinia* on Tuesday was not linked to Houthi attacks, the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Joint Maritime Information Center said on Wednesday.

ENVIRONMENT

Nature's Safety Net: Why Protecting Mangroves Is a Must? *Greenpeace International*.

6 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.greenpeace.org/southasia/story/1758/natures-safety-net-why-protecting-mangroves-is-a-must> The world of the mangroves where nature thrives in harmony, offers a sanctuary for life both above and below the water.

Confirmed: 2024 was the hottest year on record, says UN weather agency. *UN News*.

10 January 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/01/1158891> “We saw extraordinary land, sea surface temperatures, extraordinary ocean heat accompanied by very extreme weather affecting many countries around the world, destroying lives, livelihoods, hopes and dreams, WMO spokesperson Clare Nullis said.

VIDEO: Scientists warn of catastrophic coral bleaching on Great Barrier Reef. *ABC (Australia)*.

22 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-01-22/scientists-warn-of-coral-bleaching-on-great-barrier-reef-/104846784>;  Dr Maria Byrne says it's devastating to watch the corals dying as scientists warn of a catastrophic coral bleaching event on the Great Barrier Reef.

Climate news to watch in 2025. Dana Nuccitelli. *Yale Climate Connections*. 2 January 2025.

Available from: <https://yaleclimateconnections.org/2025/01/climate-news-to-watch-in-2025> Much like 2023, many climate and energy records were broken in 2024.

Earth shattered heat records in 2023 and 2024: is global warming speeding up?

Jeff Tollefson. *Nature*. 6 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-024-04242-z> Earth's temperature has surged in the past two years, and climate scientists will soon announce that it hit a milestone in 2024: rising to more than 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels.

Scientists turn to artificial intelligence to assess the warming effect of reduced pollution.

US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). 13 January 2025.

Available from: <https://research.noaa.gov/scientists-turn-to-artificial-intelligence-to-assess-the-warming-effect-of-reduced-pollution>

A global reduction in sulfur pollution from shipping that has inadvertently contributed to recent warming of the Earth is providing insights into the challenge of evaluating one of two major proposed solar geoengineering approaches, marine cloud brightening.

Mediterranean fin whales and sperm whales remain unprotected from collision with ships.

Antonio Cerillo. *La Vanguardia (Spain)*. 10 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.lavanguardia.com/mediterranean/20250110/10272953/whales-sperm-whales-fin-mediterranean-lack-protection-ship-collision-spain-biodiversity-marine-ocean-danger-cetacean.html>

Spain leaves the Mediterranean populations of sperm whales and fin whales unprotected.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

Russia warns of severe environmental damage as oil from damaged tankers washes up on beaches.

Associated Press. 1 January 2025. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/russia-oil-spill-tankers-kerch-strait-crimea-b4221d9a9122d6ea08389d360b90ed03> Russian officials warned of severe environmental damage Wednesday as thousands of people came out to clean up tons of fuel oil that spilled out of two storm-stricken tankers more than two weeks ago in the Kerch Strait, near Moscow-occupied Crimea.

‘An ecological disaster’: Russia deals with aftermath of massive fuel oil spill.

Saskia O'Donoghue. *Euronews*. 2 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.euronews.com/green/2025/01/06/an-ecological-disaster-russia-deals-with-aftermath-of-massive-fuel-oil-spill>

Russian officials have warned of severe environmental damage after tons of fuel oil spilled out of two storm-stricken tankers more than two weeks ago in the Kerch Strait, near Moscow-occupied Crimea.

Scientist on HMS Protector uncovering the impact of plastic waste on Antarctica.

Royal Navy. 9 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/news/2025/january/09/250109-protector-scientist-studies-impact-of-plastic-on-antarctica>

As part of efforts to preserve one of the world's most unique and fragile environments, critical work has been carried out by researchers from the University of Portsmouth aboard polar research vessel *HMS Protector*.

Underwater noise pollution tackled to help killer whales.

Amy McLellan. *Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST)*. 9 January 2025. Available from:


<https://www.imarest.org/resource/mp-underwater-noise-pollution-tackled-to-help-killer-whales.html>

Environmental protection measures often come with the sharp edge of regulation, but as Quiet Sound, an initiative in the Pacific Northwest region of the USA, is proving, voluntary measures can also be effective.

Marine Litter and Plastic Waste (Macro- & Micro-plastics) in our Waterways and Shorelines.

National Environment Agency (Singapore). 13 January 2025. Available from:

[https://www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/pollution-control/water-quality/marine-litter-and-microplastic-study/marine-litter-and-plastic-waste-\(macro---micro-plastics\)-in-our-waterways-and-shorelines](https://www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/pollution-control/water-quality/marine-litter-and-microplastic-study/marine-litter-and-plastic-waste-(macro---micro-plastics)-in-our-waterways-and-shorelines)

[Annex](#)  In 2021, NEA commissioned a Marine Litter and Microplastics Consultancy Study to determine the levels and pathways of plastic waste (which can be broadly categorised to macroplastics and microplastics) in Singapore.

Ukraine, Romania, Bulgaria agree on joint steps to deal with environmental disaster in Black Sea. *Interfax-Ukraine*. 13 January 2025. Available from:

<https://interfax.com.ua/news/general/1040491-amp.html> Ukraine, Romania and Bulgaria have agreed at the ministerial level on joint steps for international institutions to cooperate on the large-scale environmental disaster in the Black Sea caused by fuel oil pollution after the accident of two Russian tankers in the Kerch Strait, Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Minister of Ukraine Svitlana Hrynychuk said on Facebook Monday.

Russian taskforce arrives in Krasnodar as oil spill from tankers in Kerch Strait spreads.

Gavin Blackburn. *Euronews*. 13 January 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/mv6r6k7a> An emergency taskforce has arrived in Russia's southern Krasnodar region as an oil spill in the Kerch Strait from two storm-stricken tankers continues to spread a month after it was first detected.

Reduction of Underwater Radiated Noise in Focus at IMO Meeting. *Danish Shipping*.

14 January 2025. Available from: <https://danishshipping.dk/en/latest-news/2025/reduction-of-underwater-radiated-noise-in-focus-at-imo-meeting> Underwater noise is one of the topics being discussed at the meeting of the Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC).

Fire and ice: How an oil spill in the Baltic could resurrect the ghost of the *Torrey Canyon*.

Craig Eason. *TradeWinds*. 15 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/fire-and-ice-how-an-oil-spill-in-the-baltic-could-resurrect-the-ghost-of-the-torrey-canyon/2-1-1763996> For many years, Baltic Sea countries have been using a rather surprising product to help prepare strategies to tackle an oil spill — popcorn.

ITOPF Oil Tanker Spill Statistics for 2024. *International Tanker Owners Pollution*

Federation Limited (ITOPF). 16 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.itopf.org/news-events/news/itopf-oil-tanker-spill-statistics-for-2024> Ten oil spills of more than seven tonnes were recorded from tanker incidents in 2024, the same number as in 2023.

Researchers want to know how more marine shipping in Nunavut could affect walrus.

Emma Tranter. *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)*. 16 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/researches-study-ship-noise-impact-walrus-nunavut-1.7432427> Researchers are hoping to understand how walrus in the central Canadian Arctic react to shipping noise in the waters around them.

Efforts to contain oil spill from grounded tanker advance with technical barrier completion.

Euronews. 17 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.euronews.com/video/2025/01/17/efforts-to-contain-oil-spill-from-grounded-tanker-advance-with-technical-barrier-completion> 📺 Rescuers are monitoring over 910 km of the Black Sea coast, working to clean up the oil spill from the *Volgoneft* tankers, which leaked around 1,500 tons of fuel oil each.

Study on ship sliming suggests way to reduce costs in ocean transport. David Callahan.

KTH Royal Institute of Technology (Sweden). 20 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.kth.se/en/om/nyheter/centrala-nyheter/study-on-ship-sliming-suggests-way-to-reduce-costs-in-ocean-transport-1.1380442> Researchers at KTH Royal Institute of Technology developed a model for estimating the speed and extent of biofilm growth, which could enable ship operators to schedule hull cleaning at optimal intervals to save on fuel consumption.

Russia suffering 'environmental catastrophe' after oil spill in Kerch Strait.

Joshua Cheatham, Olga Robinson and Matt Murphy. *BBC News*. 24 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c23ngk5vgmpo> Oil has leaked into the strait from two ships which ran into trouble during bad weather on 15 December.

Amid ongoing Black Sea oil spill, locals lead cleanup effort. Alexey Strelnikov. *Deutsche Welle (Germany)*. 25 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.dw.com/en/amid-ongoing-black-sea-oil-spill-locals-lead-cleanup-effort/a-71376660> A wave of cancellations is sweeping through spas and children's camps in Anapa, a Russian town on the Black Sea.

UN Environment Program to help Ukraine assess Black Sea damage from Russian tanker accident. *Ukrinform (Ukraine)*. 29 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.ukrinform.net/rubric-society/3953813-un-environment-program-to-help-ukraine-assess-black-sea-damage-from-russian-tanker-accident.html> The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources has received a response from the United Nations Environment Program to Minister Svitlana Hrynychuk's appeal regarding the accident of Russian oil tankers in the Kerch Strait last December.“

Solomon Islands landowners file for compensation over 300-tonne oil spill near world heritage site. Chrisnrita Aumanu-Leong, Erin Handley and Evan Wasuka. *ABC (Australia)*. 31 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-01-31/solomon-islands-launch-court-case-over-oil-spill-rennell-island/104872460> An oil spill from the *MV Solomon Trader* in 2019 leached more than 300 tonnes of heavy fuel oil into the ocean.

HEALTH & SAFETY

India and ITF join forces to protect seafarers' mental health. *International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)*. 9 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/india-and-itf-join-forces-protect-seafarers-mental-health> Indian seafarers will now benefit from mental health training thanks to a new agreement signed by India and the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF).

Fresh findings on ferry fatigue. *Nautilus International*. 10 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/telegraph/fresh-findings-on-ferry-fatigue> Previous research has identified fatigue to be a challenge in seafaring.

MOU marks a significant step forward in supporting the health, wellbeing and safety of India's seafarers. Barney Sanders. *Sailors' Society*. 23 January 2025. Available from: <https://sailors-society.org/mou-marks-a-significant-step-forward-in-supporting-the-health-wellbeing-and-safety-of-indias-seafarers> The Director General of Shipping in India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with global maritime charity Sailors' Society aimed at strengthening welfare services for the maritime sector in India.

IMO

Lars Barstad: IMO should focus on its mission — keeping ships safe. Lars Barstad. *TradeWinds*. 5 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/special-reports/lars-barstad-imo-should-focus-on-its-mission-keeping-ships-safe/2-1-1754564> For us, it's relevant to focus on the tanker fleet, and I would love to say we only have to solve decarbonisation.

47 Governments and global industry jointly propose text for GHG emissions pricing mechanism for international shipping. *International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)*. 9 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.ics-shipping.org/press-release/47-governments-and-global-industry-jointly-propose-text-for-ghg-emissions-pricing-mechanism-for-international-shipping> To achieve net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from international shipping by 2050, the ICS has joined 47 governments in a joint submission to the final round of negotiations at the United Nations' IMO to adopt a maritime greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions pricing mechanism for international shipping. [Joint Proposal](#) 📄

6PAC+ Alliance Advocates For Ambition And Equity. *Scoop (New Zealand)*. 9 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/AK2501/S00168/6pac-alliance-advocates-for-ambition-and-equity.htm> The 6PAC+ Alliance, a coalition of like-minded high-ambition Pacific, Caribbean and African Island nations, continues to push for watertight measures to deliver the IMO 2023 GHG Strategy in full.

Regulation and Advancing the Blue Economy | Arsenio Dominguez | Oceans of Opportunity. *Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST)*. 9 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VCqr34lwlfq> 📺 Arsenio Dominguez, Secretary-General of the IMO, is clear: building a sustainable blue economy is essential for both people and the planet.

Carbon levy prospects surge as Liberia and Panama pledge support. Declan Bush. *Lloyd's List*. 9 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1152163/Carbon-levy-prospects-surge-as-Liberia-and-Panama-pledge-support> Pacific nations pushing for a flat tax on shipping emissions have welcomed Liberia and Panama to their camp, in a sign of growing momentum for their plans.

Panama Canal will 'remain' Panamanian: UN maritime chief. *France 24*. 14 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20250114-panama-canal-will-remain-panamanian-un-maritime-chief> "For me it is very clear and it is not a subject of great discussion, because the treaties were signed in 1977. The canal passed into the hands of Panama, which continues to manage this vital waterway, and will continue to do so," said Arsenio Dominguez, head of the IMO.

Turks and Caicos Islands Department of Maritime and Shipping Conducts Proxy Audit for IMO Instrument Implementation Code. *The Sun (Turks and Caicos Islands)*. 14 January 2025. Available from: <https://suntci.com/turks-and-caicos-islands-department-of-maritime-and-shipping-conducts-proxy-p12115-129.htm> The Turks and Caicos Islands Department of Maritime and Shipping announced the commencement of the proxy audit process for the IMO Instrument Implementation Code (IIC).

States seek broader IMO legal role in tackling maritime security threats. Declan Bush. *Lloyd's List*. 14 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1152213/States-seek-broader-IMO-legal-role-in-tackling-maritime-security-threats> Five states have called on the International Maritime Organization's Legal Committee (LEG) to play a greater role in tackling threats to maritime security.

Dark fleet clampdown too hot for IMO to handle, say Norwegian shipowners. Matt Coyne. *TradeWinds*. 14 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/dark-fleet-clampdown-too-hot-for-imo-to-handle-say-norwegian-shipowners/2-1-1764166> The Norwegian Shipowners' Association wants more dialogue on fighting the shadow fleet but does not think the conversation can happen at the International Maritime Organization.

UN's maritime chief heads to Egypt after 70% fall in Suez Canal freight traffic. Damien McElroy. *The National (United Arab Emirates)*. 14 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.thenationalnews.com/news/mena/2025/01/14/uns-maritime-chief-heads-to-egypt-after-70-fall-in-suez-canal-freight-traffic> The UN official in charge of the IMO is planning to strengthen the agency in Egypt in response to the Red Sea crisis and 70 per cent fall in freight traffic through the Suez Canal.

Risks from unregulated tanker fleet rising, UN shipping chief says. Jonathan Saul. *Reuters*. 14 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/markets/commodities/risks-unregulated-tanker-fleet-rising-un-shipping-chief-says-2025-01-14> The safety risks posed by unregulated oil tankers are rising, and the so-called shadow fleet is a threat to both the maritime environment and seafarers, the head of the United Nations' shipping agency said on Tuesday.

6PAC+ secures global alignment on Pacific-led vision for maritime decarbonisation. *Scoop (New Zealand)*. 15 January 2025. Available from: <https://pacific.scoop.co.nz/2025/01/6pac-secures-global-alignment-on-pacific-led-vision-for-maritime-decarbonisation> The 6PAC+ Alliance welcomes the endorsement of the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions levy by Panama and Liberia, the world's two largest shipping registries and other major shipping nations.

INTERVIEW: IMO chief 'positive' on progress towards global pricing mechanism for shipping's emissions. Ariane Morrissey. *Bunkerspot*. 15 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.bunkerspot.com/global/64098-imo-secretary-general-arsenio-dominguez-progress-negotiations-global-levy-mepc> As more countries rally behind a global levy for shipping's greenhouse gas emissions, IMO Secretary-General, Arsenio Dominguez, has said that negotiations 'remain on track', but stressed that discussions to define the future pricing mechanism will continue beyond MEPC 83 in April and all the way to the planned adoption of the measure in October.

Support grows for global tax on shipping emissions to fund climate action. Joe Lo. *Climate Home News*. 16 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.climatechangenews.com/2025/01/16/support-grows-for-global-tax-on-shipping-emissions-to-fund-climate-action> "You will see that an increased number of member states are now adding their support for the levy," Arsenio Dominguez, secretary-general of the International Maritime Organization told journalists at its London headquarters on Tuesday.

IMO Targets Dark Fleet, Decarbonization, and Maritime Security – Sri Lanka Guardian. *Sri Lanka Guardian*. 17 January 2025. Available from: <https://slguardian.org/imo-targets-dark-fleet-decarbonization-and-maritime-security> The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has unveiled its agenda for 2025, focusing on significant challenges facing the global maritime sector.

Plastic pellets a nurdle hurdle for IMO. Declan Bush. *Lloyd's List*. 17 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1152267/Plastic-pellets-a-nurdle-hurdle-for-IMO> The IMO is mulling regulations to prevent polluting spills of plastic pellets from containers, which are bad for the environment and hard to clean up.

Shipping should adopt competitive stance on clean fuels in pivotal year for decarbonisation.

Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds*. 20 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/shipping-should-adopt-competitive-stance-on-clean-fuels-in-pivotal-year-for-decarbonisation/2-1-1766425>

Three trade groups representing fuel supply chain companies have urged the IMO to adopt decarbonization policies that account for competition with other industries for clean energy.

New Categories of Service Suppliers: Underwater Biofouling Inspections and Hull Cleaning Activities.

Lloyd's Register. 21 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.lr.org/en/knowledge/class-news/02-25>

To provide a globally consistent approach to biofouling, on 7 July 2023 the IMO adopted the non-mandatory Resolution MEPC.378(80) "2023 Guidelines for the Control and Management of Ships' Biofouling to Minimize the Transfer of Invasive Aquatic Species".

President Sisi receives IMO's secretary general.

State Information Service (Egypt). 21 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.sis.gov.eg/Story/204399/President-Sisi-receives-IMO-s-secretary-general?lang=en-us>

President Abdel Fattah El Sisi had a meeting on Tuesday with Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Arsenio Dominguez.

As the stability of the Red Sea Region begins to return, Admiral Ossama Rabiee discusses with the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization the latest developments of the situations in the Red Sea and joint cooperation means.

Suez Canal Authority (SCA). 22 January 2025. Available from:

https://www.suezcanal.gov.eg/English/MediaCenter/News/Pages/SCA_21-01-2025.aspx

Today, Tuesday, Adm. Ossama Rabiee, Chairman of the Suez Canal Authority, discussed with Mr. Arsenio Dominguez, Secretary-General of the IMO, the necessary executive procedures for resuming the return of the major maritime shipping lines to transit through the Suez Canal as the security situation begins to stabilize in the Red Sea region coinciding with the implementation of the truce agreement.

An IMO commitment to polar fuels could cut black carbon emissions.

Bill Hemmings. *Maritime Executive*. 22 January 2025. Available from:

<https://maritime-executive.com/editorials/an-imo-commitment-to-polar-fuels-could-cut-black-carbon-emissions>

The International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR) subcommittee meets in London from January 27th to 31st to consider important unfinished business related to the environmental and climate impacts of international shipping's growing presence in the Arctic.

Arsenio Dominguez: Bridging over the divides.

International Chamber of Shipping (ICS). 27 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.ics-shipping.org/news-item/arsenio-dominguez-bridging-over-the-divides>

A year into his role as Secretary-General of the IMO, Arsenio Dominguez discusses progress on his key goals and challenges in an increasingly complex shipping landscape.

Paving the way for ammonia as a marine fuel: insights into the IMO's Interim Guidelines.

Andrea Guati Rojo. *Ammonia Energy*. 27 January 2025. Available from:

<https://ammoniaenergy.org/articles/paving-the-way-for-ammonia-as-a-marine-fuel-insights-into-the-imos-interim-guidelines>

During its 109th meeting in December 2024, the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) — a key technical body of the IMO — approved interim guidelines for the safe use of ammonia as a marine fuel.

Setting priorities for maritime safety. *Nautical Institute*. 28 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.nautinst.org/resources-page/seaways-free-article-setting-priorities-for-maritime-safety.html> On 19 December 2024, Captain Chris O'Flaherty AFNI, The Nautical Institute's representative at the IMO, sat down with Hiroyuki Yamada to discuss the maritime safety work of the IMO.

New study shows that only targeted subsidy for e-fuels, coupled with a GHG levy, would ensure e-fuel early adoption. *UCL Energy Institute. Shipping and Oceans Research Group*. 30 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.shippingandoceans.com/post/only-targeted-subsidy-for-e-fuels-coupled-with-a-ghg-levy-would-ensure-e-fuel-early-adoption> A new report from UCL Energy Institute Shipping and Oceans Research Group and UMAS reveals significant risk in some of the options the IMO is considering, for enabling shipping's energy transition.
[How the IMO's mid-term measures might shape shipping's energy choices and transition to e-fuels](#) 📄

Shipping's carbon levy needs immediate impact to meet goals, researchers say.

Craig Eason. *TradeWinds*. 31 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/shipping-s-carbon-levy-needs-immediate-impact-to-meet-goals-researchers-say/2-1-1772123> Any levy selected by regulators this year to make shipping hit its decarbonisation goals needs to be imposed quickly and be large enough to make an impact, according to researchers at University College London (UCL).

Greek shipping community optimistic about 'universal agreement' at upcoming MEPC.

Georgios Georgiou. *Riviera Maritime*. 31 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/greek-shipping-community-optimistic-about-universal-agreement-at-upcoming-mepc-83718> In recent weeks, key developments have underscored Greece's active engagement in global shipping decarbonisation efforts.

LAW & POLICY

Small island nations: How oceans offer solutions to climate change. *UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)*. 2 January 2025. Available from: <https://unctad.org/news/small-island-nations-how-oceans-offer-solutions-climate-change> Oceans, which have absorbed 90% of the excess heat from greenhouse gas emissions over the past 50 years, are pivotal in the global fight against climate change.

Joint Expeditionary Force activates UK-led reaction system to track threats to undersea infrastructure and monitor Russian shadow fleet. *UK Government*. 6 January 2025.

Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-expeditionary-force-activates-uk-led-reaction-system-to-track-threats-to-undersea-infrastructure-and-monitor-russian-shadow-fleet>

The Joint Expeditionary Force (JEF) has activated an advanced UK-led reaction system to track potential threats to undersea infrastructure and monitor the Russian shadow fleet, following reported damage to a major undersea cable in the Baltic Sea.

Former UN climate chief Christiana Figueres remains optimistic despite disappointing COP process. Mike DiGirolamo and Rachel Donald. *Mongabay*. 7 January 2025. Available from:

<https://news.mongabay.com/podcast/former-un-climate-chief-christiana-figueres-remains-optimistic-despite-disappointing-cop-process> 🎧 The 29th United Nations Framework Conference on Climate Change) in Baku, Azerbaijan, ended late and with a massive finance shortfall of pledged climate finance for countries in the Global South, roughly \$1 trillion less than what was sought.

For a more just global economy: The role of Latin America. Rebeca Grynspan. *UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)*. 7 January 2025. Available from: <https://unctad.org/news/more-just-global-economy-role-latin-america> The global economy is undergoing profound transformation, with the Global South as one of its main drivers.

Why has this marine research institute made the ocean a member of its board? Expert Q&A. Anna Turns. *The Conversation*. 10 January 2025. Available from: <https://theconversation.com/why-has-this-marine-research-institute-made-the-ocean-a-member-of-its-board-expert-qanda-246668> The move to empower the ocean as a “board trustee” mirrors legal innovations, such as the recognition that rivers and ecosystems have legal “personhood” in countries such as Ecuador, India and New Zealand.

The ITLOS advisory opinion on climate change: Revisiting the relationship between the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Paris Agreement. Bastiaan E. Klerk. *Review of European, Comparative & International Environmental Law*. 12 January 2025. Available from: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/reel.12588> The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) has issued its highly anticipated Advisory Opinion on Climate Change and International Law, following a request from the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law (COSIS).

2nd Blue Economy Conference set for February 19-21. *GhanaWeb*. 13 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/africa/2nd-Blue-Economy-Conference-set-for-February-19-21-1967199> The second (2nd) International Blue Economy Conference (IBEG-2025) is scheduled for February 19-21, 2025, in the Republic of The Gambia.

Carbon pricing is gaining momentum. Here’s what you should know. Margaret Morales. *Trellis*. 14 January 2025. Available from: <https://trellis.net/article/carbon-pricing-is-gaining-what-you-should-know> Nearly one-quarter of global carbon emissions are covered by pricing instruments, and that number is set to expand in the coming years.

Sri Lanka joins global fight to protect oceans. *Daily Mirror (Sri Lanka)*. 16 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.dailymirror.lk/print/business-news/Sri-Lanka-joins-global-fight-to-protect-oceans/273-300170> Greenpeace South Asia commends the Sri Lankan Cabinet of Minister’s approval for the proposal made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism to sign the Agreement on Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ).

£30 million to clean up sea travel and turbocharge coastal economies. *UK Government*. 16 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/30-million-to-clean-up-sea-travel-and-turbocharge-coastal-economies> Coastal communities and businesses across the country will benefit from £30 million of new decarbonisation funding, helping to drive economic growth and create jobs – delivering on the government’s Plan for Change.

Sink or swim: Africa’s crucial maritime milestones in 2025. Timothy Walker. *Institute for Security Studies (ISS)*. 16 January 2025. Available from: <https://issafrica.org/iss-today/sink-or-swim-africa-s-crucial-maritime-milestones-in-2025> This year marks the end of the Decade of African Seas and Oceans (2015-2025) – an African Union (AU) initiative to promote the sustainable use and governance of Africa’s marine and coastal resources.

How industrial policy is shaping a new fuel landscape for hard to electrify industries. Roeland Baan. *World Economic Forum*. 17 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.weforum.org/stories/2025/01/how-industrial-policy-is-shaping-a-new-fuel-landscape/> The world is undergoing a major shift towards cleaner, more sustainable energy sources.

Argentina's plans to expand its main shipping route enter choppy waters. Jorgelina Hiba. *Dialogue Earth*. 17 January 2025. Available from: <https://dialogue.earth/en/business/argentinas-plans-to-expand-its-main-shipping-route-enter-choppy-waters> The waterway formed by the Paraguay and Paraná rivers is one of the world's longest and most biodiverse river corridors, extending more than 3,400 kilometres from its source in southern Brazil, through Paraguay, and into Argentina to reach the Río de la Plata estuary.

Putting America first in International Environmental Agreements.

The White House. 20 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/putting-america-first-in-international-environmental-agreements> The United States must grow its economy and maintain jobs for its citizens while playing a leadership role in global efforts to protect the environment.

Withdrawing the United States from the World Health Organization. *The White House*.

20 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/withdrawing-the-united-states-from-the-worldhealth-organization> The United States noticed its withdrawal from the WHO in 2020 due to the organization's mishandling of the COVID-19 pandemic that arose out of Wuhan, China, and other global health crises, its failure to adopt urgently needed reforms, and its inability to demonstrate independence from the inappropriate political influence of WHO member states.

Joint Declaration on the 7th India-France Maritime Cooperation Dialogue. *Government of India*.

20 January 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/mr294n33> The 7th India-France Maritime Cooperation Dialogue was held in New Delhi on 14 January 2025.

Accountability and safety key to maritime governance: permanent secretary.

Borneo Bulletin (Brunei Darussalam). 21 January 2025. Available from: <https://borneobulletin.com.bn/accountability-and-safety-key-to-maritime-governance-permanent-secretary/> A shared commitment towards accountability, safety, sustainable and harmonised operations are key to an effective maritime governance, said Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications Ir Haji Mohammad Nazri bin Haji Mohammad Yusof.

Brazil appoints veteran climate diplomat André Corrêa do Lago as COP30 president.

Matteo Civillini. *Climate Home News*. 21 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.climatechangenews.com/2025/01/21/brazil-appoints-veteran-climate-diplomat-andre-correa-do-lago-as-cop30-president/> Corrêa do Lago has been Secretary for Climate, Energy and Environment at Brazil's foreign ministry and Brazil's chief climate negotiator since 2023 when President Lula da Silva returned to power.

Analysts warn Trump's America First trade policy on import tariffs is hurting US shippers.

Philip Hennessey. *Xeneta*. 21 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.xeneta.com/news/analysts-warn-trumps-america-first-trade-policy-on-import-tariffs-is-hurting-us-shippers> Donald Trump has not immediately followed through with his election vow of sweeping import tariffs, but uncertainty in his trade policy leaves US shippers braced for supply chain chaos.

4 reasons why 2025 can be a breakthrough year for the regenerative blue economy.

Thomas Thune Andersen and Marisa Drew. *World Economic Forum*. 22 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.weforum.org/stories/2025/01/regenerative-blue-economy/> Our global economy is underpinned by the ocean.

Trump Administration Designates Houthis as 'Foreign Terrorist Organisation'.

Ship & Bunker. 23 January 2025. Available from: <https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/629632-trump-administration-designates-houthis-as-foreign-terrorist-organisation> The new Trump Administration has designated Yemen's Houthi movement as a foreign terrorist organisation.

From Russia's shadow fleet to China's maritime claims: The freedom of the seas is under threat.

Elisabeth Braw. *Atlantic Council*. 23 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/report/from-russias-shadow-fleet-to-chinas-maritime-claims-the-freedom-of-the-seas-is-under-threat/> The maritime order, which ensures the freedom of the seas, is under intense and growing threat from rule violations in areas including maritime borders and the right of innocent passage.

Estonia, Finland seek greater EU support in fighting Russia's shadow fleet.

Baltic Times. 24 January 2025. Available from: https://www.baltictimes.com/estonia_finland_seek_greater_eu_support_in_fighting_russia_s_shadow_fleet/ Estonian Minister of Infrastructure Vladimir Svet and Finnish Minister of Transport and Communications Lulu Ranne emphasized in a letter sent to European Commissioner for Transport Apostolos Tzitzikostas that the two countries need greater support from the European Union in combating Russia's shadow fleet.

Chief Engineer of Vessel Guilty of Obstruction and Violating Ship Pollution Prevention Laws Sentenced to 3 Months Imprisonment.

US Department of Justice. 27 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edla/pr/chief-engineer-vessel-guilty-obstruction-and-violating-ship-pollution-prevention-laws> United States Attorney Duane A. Evans announced that FEI WANG "WANG," age 38, pled guilty on January 24, 2025 to violating the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (APPS) and for obstructing proceedings, and was sentenced during the same proceeding to 3 months in prison, 3 years of supervised release and payment of a \$200 mandatory special assessment fee.

President Cyril Ramaphosa signs into law the Marine Pollution (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment Bill.

Government of South Africa. 27 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/president-cyril-ramaphosa-signs-law-marine-pollution-prevention-pollution> With South Africa having a coastline of more than 3 000km from Namibia on the Atlantic coast to Mozambique on the Indian Ocean, the enactment of the new law is vital to South Africa's environmental and economic security.

Securing Kenya's maritime future.

Andrew Mwangura. *The Star (Kenya)*. 27 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.the-star.co.ke/opinion/2025-01-27-andrew-mwangura-securing-kenyas-maritime-future> In the vast blue expanse of the global maritime industry, Kenya stands at a critical crossroads.

Reactions to ban on large cruise ships in Nice and Villefranche-sur-Mer.

Michèle Valandina. *Seatrade Cruise News*. 27 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-cruise.com/ports-destinations/reactions-to-ban-on-large-cruise-ships-in-nice-and-villefranche-sur-mer> Cruise Lines International Association spoke out against a ban on large cruise ships calling at Nice and Villefranche-sur-Mer which comes into effect on July 1.

Gov't to maximise blue economy - Fisheries Minister.

Irene Wirekoaa Osei. *Modern Ghana*. 28 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.modernghana.com/news/1375274/govt-to-maximise-blue-economy-fisheries-ministe.html> The government will also maximise the blue economy to ensure the sustainable management and conservation of the ocean's living and natural resources while harnessing its potential for the good of all.

Sean Duffy Confirmed as Trump's Transportation Secretary. Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*. 28 January 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/sean-duffy-confirmed-as-trumps-transportation-secretary> The U.S. Senate has confirmed former Congressman Sean Duffy as Secretary of Transportation in a 77-22 vote.

Statement of Chairman Louis E. Sola to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation – Fees and Foreign Influence: Examining the Panama Canal and Its Impact on U.S. Trade and National Security. Louis E. Sola. *US Federal Maritime Commission* 28 January 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/2xeh3ykr> Chairman Cruz, Ranking Member Cantwell, and distinguished members of the Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today to address the vital role the Panama Canal plays in U.S. trade and the global economy.

Foreign operator of bulk carrier convicted for concealment of pollution and falsification of records. *US Department of Justice*. 29 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/foreign-operator-bulk-carrier-convicted-concealment-pollution-and-falsification> Eurobulk Ltd. admitted to violating APPS in April 2023 during a port call by the Good Heart in the port of Corpus Christi as well as falsification of records during that same port call.

Greece and the UK sign MoU on merchant shipping. *Athens News Agency - Macedonian Press Agency (ANA-MPA)*. 30 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.amna.gr/en/article/880339/Greece-and-the-UK-sign-MoU-on-merchant-shipping>

The strengthening and attractiveness of the maritime profession, the complex geopolitical developments and their impact on shipping, as well as the progress of implementing the IMO Strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions were discussed at a meeting held in London between the Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy Christos Stylianides and the Secretary-General of the IMO Arsenio Dominguez, at the IMO headquarters.

The EU's business-friendly policy pitch is positive for shipping, if it works. Richard Meade. *Lloyd's List*. 30 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1152411/The-EUs-businessfriendly-policy-pitch-is-positive-for-shipping-if-it-works> Slashed red tape, de-risked investment for low-carbon fuels and a centre-stage nod of political support for shipping as a key driver of European Union prosperity, is all positive news for shipping.

Gulf of Mexico or Gulf of America? Google Maps and contentious geography. Sarah Shamim. *Al Jazeera*. 30 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/1/30/gulf-of-mexico-or-gulf-of-america-google-maps-and-contentious-geography> United States President Donald Trump's executive orders have crept into the realm of digital cartography.

MARINE TECHNOLOGY

2025 in maritime technology: key digitalisation technologies impacting shipping.

Martyn Wingrove. *Riviera Maritime*. 1 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/key-digitalisation-technologies-impacting-shipping-in-2025-83207> Major technological advances are shaping the long-term future of the maritime industry.

Alternative-fuelled ship orders grow 50% in 2024. *Lloyd's Register*. 2 January 2025.

Available from: <https://www.lr.org/en/knowledge/insights-articles/alternative-fuelled-ship-orders-grow-50-in-2024/> Shipowners continued to invest for a future of lower emissions in 2024, with 600 vessels capable of using alternative fuels ordered (to December 13).

How wind tech could help decarbonize cargo shipping. Sofia Quaglia. *MIT Technology Review*. 2 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.technologyreview.com/2025/01/02/1108651/wind-shipping-decarbonize-climate-change/> Inhabitants of the Marshall Islands—a chain of coral Atolls in the center of the Pacific Ocean—rely on sea transportation for almost everything: moving people from one island to another, importing daily necessities from faraway nations, and exporting their local produce.

Scrubber water pollution ‘orders of magnitude’ below regulatory limits. Declan Bush. *Lloyd’s List*. 7 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydlist.com/LL1152133/Scrubber-water-pollution-orders-of-magnitude-below-regulatory-limits> A first-of-its-kind study on scrubber pollution has cast the technology in a better light, ahead of IMO talks on scrubbers’ environmental footprint.

Green Technology Tracker: Record Investments in Alternative Fuel. *Clarksons*. 3 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.clarksons.com/home/news-and-insights/2025/green-technology-tracker-record-investments-in-alternative-fuel/> With overall newbuild order volumes reaching their highest level since 2007, alternative fuel has continued to play a prominent role representing 50% of all tonnage ordered in 2024.

Fuelling the future: Where we stand with alternatives. *Safety4Sea*. 9 January 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/cm-fueling-the-future-where-we-stand-with-alternatives/> The maritime industry has been actively seeking cleaner, more sustainable fuels and energy sources to reduce its environmental impact.

LNG powers unprecedented year for orders of alternative-fuelled vessels. *DNV*. 10 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.dnv.com/news/lng-powers-unprecedented-year-for-orders-of-alternative-fuelled-vesselss/> The growth in alternative-fuelled vessel orders has been heavily driven by the container and car carrier newbuild boom over the last three years.

Positivity on increasing orders for alternative-fuelled ships. Carly Fields. *Baltic Exchange*. 15 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.balticexchange.com/en/news-and-events/news/baltic-magazine/2025/Positivity-on-increasing-orders-for-alternative-fuelled-ships.html> A significant surge in orders for alternative-fuelled vessels in 2024 is a clear signal of the maritime industry’s acceleration of its decarbonisation journey, according to the latest data from DNV’s Alternative Fuels Insights (AFI) platform.

Safe onboard carbon capture and storage. *Maritime Technologies Forum (MTF)*. 21 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.maritimetechnologiesforum.com/documents/2025-mtf-safe-onboard-carbon-capture-and-storage.pdf> The Maritime Technologies Forum is a group of flag States and classification societies which aims to bridge the gap between technological progress and regulatory process.

Focus on practicality drives LNG pathway growth in 2024. *SEA-LNG*. 23 January 2025. Available from: <https://sea-lng.org/2025/01/focus-on-practicality-drives-lng-pathway-growth-in-2024/A-View-from-the-Bridge-2024-2025-Report> Industry coalition SEA-LNG has published its annual ‘View from the Bridge’ report, highlighting 2024 as another year of growth for the LNG pathway.

Focus on ‘green’ transition: alternative fuel orders by major shipping nations. Georgios Georgiou. *Riviera Maritime*. 23 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/focus-on-green-transition-alternative-fuel-orders-by-major-shipping-nations-83585> Head of research at Greek shipbroking firm Intermodal, Yiannis Parganas told Riviera that global orderbook data highlights the sector’s ongoing transition, with a notable influx of green vessels set to enter the market in the coming years.

NYK Positions Carbon Dioxide Removal (CDR) as Measure to Reduce Scope 1 Emissions.

NYK Line. 27 January 2025. Available from:

https://www.nyk.com/english/news/2025/20250127_01.html [NYK Position Paper](#) 📄

On 27 Jan, the NYK Group issued a position paper positioning carbon dioxide removal ("CDR") as a means to reduce Scope 1 emissions.

Why is LNG winning the alternative fuel race? Declan Bush. *Lloyd's List*.

27 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1152363/Why-is-LNG-winning-the-alternative-fuel-race> 📄 Decarbonisation is perhaps the biggest issue shipping faces, and it's unique in that it affects everyone, whatever your politics.

FuelEU Maritime gives e-fuels their big break. Declan Bush. *Lloyd's List*. 27 January 2025.

Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1152365/FuelEU-Maritime-gives-e-fuels-their-big-break> FuelEU Maritime offers renewable e-fuels a path to viability, according to a green methanol start-up.

Poison in the water: The call to ban scrubber discharge. *Pacific Environment*. 28 January 2025.

Available from: <https://www.pacificenvironment.org/press-releases/poisoninthewater/> Pacific Environment has released a report, Poison in the Water: The Call to Ban Scrubber Discharge, The Health and Environmental Costs Industry Wants Us to Ignore, that lays out the case for why the IMO should immediately ban scrubber discharge into the marine environment. [Report](#) 📄

Clear Policy Framework Required for Alternative Marine Fuels, Say German Shipowners.

Ship & Bunker. 29 January 2025. Available from: <https://shipandbunker.com/news/emea/739798-clear-policy-framework-required-for-alternative-marine-fuels-say-german-shipowners> German shipowners through their organisation, VDR, have called for clarity from policy makers to expedite the development of alternative marine fuels.

The Week in Alt Fuels: Producers prepare for 2030. Konica Bhatt. *Engine Technologies*.

31 January 2025. Available from: <https://engine.online/news/alternative-fuels/the-week-in-alt-fuels-producers-prepare-for-2030-6778> Several European fuel producers want to ramp up green fuel production ahead of 2030 to meet FuelEU Maritime's tightening targets.

MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING

Emerging and enduring skills for seafarers. *Safety4Sea*. 16 January 2025. Available from:

<https://safety4sea.com/emerging-and-enduring-skills-for-seafarers/> The Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF) released a report last year from the Tripartite Advisory Panel (TAP) on the Future-ready Maritime Workforce, which outlines the essential skills maritime professionals will need to effectively navigate the future.

Liberia's Permanent Rep. to Int'l Maritime Org. Explores Possibility...

Liberia Broadcasting System. 20 January 2025. Available from:

<https://elbcradio.com/2025/01/20/liberias-permanent-rep-to-intl-maritime-org-explores-possibility/>

Liberia's Permanent Representative to the IMO, Ambassador Robert Kpadeh, is exploring the possibility of increasing Liberian enrolment at the World Maritime University (WMU).

EU and the Philippines to boost seafarers' training, certification, and labor conditions.

Manila Bulletin. 20 January 2025. Available from: <https://mb.com.ph/2025/1/20/eu-and-the-philippines-to-boost-seafarers-training-certification-and-labor-conditions> Filipino seafarers stand to benefit from a joint initiative between the European Union (EU) and the Philippines to enhance maritime education, training, certification, and labor conditions.

Skills and tech: hydrography's balancing act. Wim van Wegen. *Hydro International*. 21 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.hydro-international.com/content/article/skills-and-tech-hydrography-s-balancing-act> The hydrographic sector is undergoing a transformation while advancements in uncrewed and autonomous surface vehicles are redefining data collection and analysis.

LJMU and Laskaridis Shipping sign MoU to drive maritime innovation and sustainability. *Liverpool John Moores University*. 27 January 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/34wuzc2u> Liverpool John Moores University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Laskaridis Shipping Company Ltd., a leader in the global shipping industry, to establish a collaborative partnership aimed at advancing technological innovation and sustainability in the maritime sector.

Economy losing maritime edge as seafarer potential remains untapped. Buertey Francis Boryor. *Business & Financial Times (Ghana)*. 28 January 2025. Available from: <https://thebftonline.com/2025/01/28/economy-losing-maritime-edge-as-seafarer-potential-remains-untapped/> Ghana is failing to harness the immense economic potential of its seafaring industry, despite the country's reputation for producing highly skilled maritime professionals, Captain William Amanhyia, a master mariner and lecturer at the Regional Maritime University has said.

Centrum Marine Consultancy launches initiative to empower female seafarers. *Daily Mirror (Sri Lanka)*. 29 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.dailymirror.lk/business-news/Centrum-Marine-Consultancy-launches-initiative-to-empower-female-seafarers/273-301168#> Centrum Marine Consultancy (Pvt) Ltd., recently launched the 'She Can Sail the Seas' initiative, a transformative programme aimed at creating new opportunities for women in Sri Lanka's maritime industry.

MARITIME SAFETY

'Threat to safe shipping': How 80% of blacklisted vessels trade with unknown insurance. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 8 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/-threat-to-safe-shipping-how-80-of-blacklisted-vessels-trade-with-unknown-insurance/2-1-1761047> An audit of 1,000 active ships blacklisted by major regulators has revealed that more than 80% have unknown insurance cover and pose a threat to safe maritime operations around the world

New effort aims to improve maritime safety through data sharing. *Safety4Sea*. 9 January 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/new-effort-aims-to-improve-maritime-safety-through-data-sharing/> The collaborative initiative sees data sharing as key to developing a better understanding of maritime safety challenges and how to overcome them.

Audit finds more than 80% of sanctioned ships have no confirmed insurance. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 10 January 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/audit-finds-more-than-80-of-sanctioned-ships-have-no-confirmed-insurance/> The number of vessels hit by sanctions has surpassed 1,000 with data from S&P Global Market Intelligence showing that more 800 of these ships do not have confirmed insurance.

Improved safety recommendations for entering enclosed spaces onboard ships. *Gard*. 5 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.gard.no/insights/improved-safety-recommendations-for-entering-enclosed-spaces-onboard-ships/> Few aspects of occupational safety onboard ships have received more attention than the importance of following proper procedures when entering enclosed spaces.

EDITORIAL | Ferry death toll soars again: three African "failed states" account for 72 per cent of it. Neil Baird. *Baird Maritime*. 16 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.bairdmaritime.com/security/incidents/accidents/editorial-ferry-death-toll-soars-again-three-african-failed-states-account-for-72-per-cent-of-it> Thanks entirely to a massive increase in ferry fatalities in several African states, the number of known deaths arising from ferry accidents increased by 55 per cent from 2023 to 2024.

Shipping Carriers Move to Prevent Deadly Charcoal Fires. *World Shipping Council*. 17 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.worldshipping.org/news/shipping-carriers-move-to-prevent-deadly-charcoal-fires> The shipping industry is taking proactive steps to implement improved safety measures for transporting charcoal, ahead of mandatory IMO regulations in 2026.

WAYPOINT - Safer anchoring in a sea of navigational uncertainties. *Nautical Institute*. 30 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.nautinst.org/resources-page/waypoint-safer-anchoring-in-a-sea-of-navigational-uncertainties.html> George Shaw from the Royal Institute of Navigation explores ways in which Technology can enhance safety during anchoring and emphasises the importance of using 'all available means' to cross-check data and enhance situational awareness.

MARITIME SECURITY

General Company for Ports of Iraq and International Maritime Organization (IMO) Hold Maritime Security Workshop. *Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in London*. 2 January 2025. Available from: <https://mofa.gov.iq/london/en/2025/01/02/general-company-for-ports-of-iraq-and-international-maritime-organization-imo-hold-maritime-security-workshop/> As a result of the ongoing efforts of the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in the UK (the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the IMO) and its naval attaché, in cooperation with the IMO in London, a workshop titled "Guidance for the development of national maritime security legislation" was held in Basra Governorate for five days, from December 15th to December 19th, 2024.

One of Russia's 'shadow fleet' may have sabotaged power cables in the Baltic Sea. But what is it? Lewis Wiseman. *ABC (Australia)*. 4 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-01-05/what-is-russia-shadow-fleet-of-oil-tankers/104779884> The spotlight has been shone on Russia's "shadow fleet" following the alleged intentional cutting of underwater power cables in the Baltic Sea near Finland.

EU enlists researchers' support to tackle smuggling and security threats at sea. Michael Allen. *HORIZON - the EU Research & Innovation Magazine*. 7 January 2025. Available from: <https://projects.research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/en/horizon-magazine/eu-enlists-researchers-support-tackle-smuggling-and-security-threats-sea> A container ship sailing at night through the Baltic Sea, travelling along the Polish coast, pulls alongside a fishing boat.

Argentina Joins World's Largest Maritime Security Partnership. Juan Delgado.

Diálogo Américas. 9 January 2025. Available from: <https://dialogo-americas.com/articles/argentina-joins-worlds-largest-maritime-security-partnership/> Ratifying its commitment to international security and reinforcing its alliance with the United States and democratic countries in the region, Argentina is joining the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF), whose mission is to patrol the world's most important trade routes.

Deep waters: the maritime security landscape in the Gulf of Guinea. Rossella Marangio.

European Institute for Security Studies (EUISS). 9 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.iss.europa.eu/publications/briefs/deep-waters-maritime-security-landscape-gulf-guinea>

The Gulf of Guinea (GoG) spans over 6 000 km of coastline and 19 states.

Asian maritime security in Q4 – AIS spoofing and crimes at sea. *Seatrade Maritime News*.

10 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/piracy/asian-maritime-security-in-q4-ais-spoofing-and-crimes-at-sea> Risk Intelligence examines security incidents and concerns in Asian waters in the fourth quarter of 2024.

NATO launches 'Baltic Sentry' to increase critical infrastructure security. *NATO*.

14 January 2025. Available from: https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_232122.htm

At the meeting in Helsinki, Mr Rutte announced the launch of a new military activity by NATO to strengthen the protection of critical infrastructure.

Rabat Hosts Conference on Counter-Terrorism, Maritime Security Along Africa's

Atlantic Coasts. *Maghreb Arabe Press - MAP (Morocco)*. 15 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.mapnews.ma/en/actualites/politics/rabat-hosts-conference-counter-terrorism-maritime-security-along-africa%E2%80%99s>

This conference (January 9-10) brought together over 50 officials and experts in counter-terrorism from member countries of the Kingdom's Rabat Process initiative on African Atlantic States (PEAA), as well as officials from regional and international organizations to discuss how best to counter this scourge in the Atlantic African region.

Yemen's Houthis to continue attacks if Gaza ceasefire breached. *Reuters*. 16 January 2025.

Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/yemens-houthis-continue-attacks-if-gaza-ceasefire-breached-2025-01-16/> The leader of Yemen's Houthis said on Thursday that the Iran aligned group would monitor the implementation of a ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas aimed at ending the war in Gaza and continue its attacks on vessels or Israel if it is breached.

Gaza Ceasefire Raises Hopes of Renewed Security in the Red Sea. *Maritime Executive*.

16 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/gaza-ceasefire-raises-hopes-of-renewed-security-in-the-red-sea> On Thursday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced that an agreement for a ceasefire and hostage exchange had been reached with terrorist group Hamas, setting conditions for the end of hostilities in Gaza - though an unspecified last-minute issue has delayed an Israeli cabinet vote to finalize the deal.

Improving Maritime Security in the Indian Ocean West. *United Nations Office on Drugs and*

Crime (UNODC). 16 January 2025. Available from: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KE_3lgrK-5A

The current Global Maritime Crime Programme Indian Ocean West (IOW) Team works with partner agencies in 13 countries from Pakistan to South Africa.

Red Sea trade route will remain too risky: industry executives. *Arab News (Saudi Arabia)*. 17 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2586846/world> Companies transporting their products around the world are not ready to return to the Red Sea trade route in the wake of a Gaza ceasefire deal because of uncertainty over whether Houthis will continue to attack shipping, industry executives said.

Reviewing maritime security in the Red Sea amidst Gaza ceasefire. Jeb Clulow. *Rivera Maritime*. 17 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/opinion/opinion/maritime-security-in-the-red-sea-piracy-houthi-attacks-and-global-supply-chain-disruptions-83576> A Gaza ceasefire deal that has been tabled by negotiators could soon bring respite to those affected by the Israeli-Hamas conflict.

Houthis announce partial stop to Red Sea attacks. Michelle Wiese Bockmann. *Lloyd's List*. 19 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1152274/Houthis-announce-partial-stop-to-Red-Sea-attacks> Houthi representatives said the Yemeni-based group would no longer target US- and UK-owned, managed and flagged ships from January 19, after “the cessation of aggression on the Gaza Strip”.

Houthis announce halt to campaign against non-Israeli ships. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 19 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insurance/houthis-announce-halt-to-campaign-against-non-israeli-ships/2-1-1766523> The Houthis said on Sunday that they will halt attacks on non-Israeli shipping following the ceasefire deal for Gaza.

Houthis to end Red Sea attacks, except against Israeli ships. Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 20 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/security/houthis-to-end-red-sea-attacks-except-against-israeli-ships> It is over a year since the Houthi in Yemen started attacking commercial shipping in the Red Sea, Bab El-Mandeb and surrounding regions, in what they claimed was support for the Palestinians in Gaza against the Israelis.

Maersk and Hapag-Lloyd avoiding Red Sea for now. Sebastian Schlüter Jacobsen, Dag Holmstad and Daniela De Lorenzo. *ShippingWatch*. 20 January 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article17823508.ece> The Houthi movement’s promise to stop attacks on non-Israeli ships is an important step, but shipping companies are demanding more security before they will sail in the area again.

Ceasefire between Israel and Hamas puts shippers in a dilemma. Jens Thomsen. *ShippingWatch*. 20 January 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article17822538.ece> The possibility of a reopening of shipping through the Suez Canal thanks to the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas puts shippers in a sudden dilemma, writes container analyst Lars Jensen in a post on LinkedIn.

Drones partner up for subsea asset checks. Martin Conway. *Naval Architect*. 22 January 2025. Available from: <https://rina.org.uk/publications/the-naval-architect/drones-partner-up-for-subsea-asset-checks/> A team-up between boatbuilder/USV manufacturer Tuco Marine and maritime survey tech company EIVA aims to establish an all-in-one autonomous package for subsea asset inspections, matching a Tuco-built ProZero 8m Naval Intelligence USV to EIVA’s ViperFish remotely operated towed vehicle (ROTV).

Cybersecurity Threats in Maritime for 2025. *Dryad Global*. 23 January 2025. Available from: <https://channel16.dryadglobal.com/cybersecurity-threats-in-maritime-for-2025> Cybercriminals are leveraging advanced technologies, such as artificial intelligence (AI) and large language models (LLMs), to conduct more adaptive and precise attacks.

Cyprus: Experts commend regulations on private security companies in maritime sector, urge stronger efforts for land-based companies. *United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)*. 24 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/01/cyprus-experts-commend-regulations-private-security-companies-maritime>

The UN Working Group on the use of mercenaries, commended the Republic of Cyprus on its efforts to regulate private security companies (PSCs) in the maritime sector, and called for more robust efforts on private security companies operating on-shore. [Preliminary Findings](#)

Terrorism and drones are top concerns for maritime security companies, UN officials say.

Menelaos Hadjicostis. *Associated Press*. 24 January 2025. Available from:

<https://apnews.com/article/cyprus-security-drones-terrorism-piracy-shipping-bd186bf2c0e6ff499fae86b8bfc3b819>

Terrorism and the use of new technologies like weaponized drones against merchant shipping has superseded piracy as the top concern for maritime security and it's up to private companies to employ specific countermeasures to neutralize such threats, United Nations officials said Friday.

Dark times at sea: piracy, rogue tankers and other pressing maritime security issues

[Grey Power]. Michael Grey. *Baird Maritime*. 24 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.bairdmaritime.com/security/incidents/piracy/column-dark-times-at-sea-piracy-rogue-tankers-and-other-pressing-maritime-security-issues-grey-power>

It seemed it was only a few years ago that the good guys were winning in the watery world of maritime safety.

MIGRANTS

At least 27 people killed, dozens rescued after two shipwrecks off Tunisia. *Al Jazeera*.

2 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/1/2/at-least-27-people-killed-dozens-rescued-after-two-shipwrecks-off-tunisia>

At least 27 people including women and children have died and 83 others were rescued after two boats capsized off Tunisia, the country's National Guard has said.

111 migrants rescued in Central Mediterranean. Sou-Jie van Brunnersum. *InfoMigrants*.

28 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/62489/111-migrants-rescued-in-central-mediterranean>

The *Ocean Viking*, a private rescue ship operated by the NGO SOS Méditerranée, rescued 22 people, including several women, from a boat in distress off the Maltese coast on Monday afternoon (January 27), the Marseille-based NGO announced.

NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS

BBC celebrates 100 years of 'poetic' shipping forecast. *France 24*. 1 January 2025.

Available from: <https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20241231-bbc-celebrates-100-years-of-poetic-shipping-forecast>

The Shipping Forecast, providing predictions by the Met Office on expected wind speeds, sea state, weather and visibility, began as a vital service to sailors and sea captains who may be in peril at sea.

Rerouting of global trade from China prompt ship owners to opt for smaller vessels.

Sebastian Schlüter Jacobsen. *ShippingWatch*. 2 January 2025. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article17774664.ece>

Global trade is increasingly moving away from China towards other Asian ports, leading to a shift in shipowners' preferences from ordering larger ships to smaller vessels, reports Financial Times.

Charting a Greener Course: The Northeast Passage and Shipping's Future.

Alina Kovalenko and Terje Mathisen. *High North News (Norway)*. 2 January 2025.

Available from: <https://www.highnorthnews.com/en/charting-greener-course-northeast-passage-and-shippings-future> Global shipping faces unprecedented challenges as reliance on established trade routes like the Suez Canal exposes vulnerabilities in current trade networks.

Watching from space: How satellites spot ships involved in dark oil transfers.

Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 2 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/technology/watching-from-space-how-satellites-spot-ships-involved-in-dark-oil-transfers/2-1-1759134> When a VLCC began discharging oil to a smaller tanker in a ship-to-ship operation near the Malacca Strait this summer, ship tracking data suggested the vessels were somewhere else — and nearly 13 km apart.

Steering through the challenges of maritime autonomy. John McDermid. *Splash 247.com*.

6 January 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/steering-through-the-challenges-of-maritime-autonomy/> Autonomous systems can improve the maritime industry in a number of ways.

Authorities recover *Eagle S* anchor from Gulf of Finland. *Yle (Finland)*. 7 January 2025.

Available from: <https://yle.fi/a/74-20135216> An anchor belonging to the oil tanker *Eagle S*, suspected of being used to damage undersea cables in the Gulf of Finland, has been located and retrieved from the seabed.

AI deployed by 10 European navies to track Russia's shadow fleet. Sam Chambers.

Splash 247.com. 8 January 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/ai-deployed-by-10-european-navies-to-track-russias-shadow-fleet/> The Joint Expeditionary Force (JEF) has activated an advanced UK-led reaction system to track potential threats to undersea infrastructure and monitor the Russian shadow fleet, following damage to a major undersea cable in the Baltic Sea.

Maritime and Coastguard Agency issues new guidance for safe navigation in the digital age.

UK Maritime & Coastguard Agency. 13 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/maritime-and-coastguard-agency-issues-new-guidance-for-safe-navigation-in-the-digital-age> New guidance has been published by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) today (Monday 13 January 2025) to support the technological development of digital navigation and its safe use by smaller commercial craft.

Biden administration withdraws proposal that aimed to save whales off East Coast by slowing ship speeds. *CBS News (US)*. 15 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/us-withdraws-slower-ship-speed-rule-whale-collision/> The federal government is withdrawing a proposal that would require more ships to slow down in East Coast waters to try to save a vanishing species of whale, officials said Wednesday.

Persistent Tracking: Vital to Safeguard Shipping in Dark Seas. Steve Bomgardner. *MarineLink*.

16 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.marinelink.com/news/persistent-tracking-vital-safeguard-521214> An expanding shadow fleet, openly undertaking illegal Ship-To-Ship (STS) transfers of Russian oil and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), has compounded the longer-standing dark shipping problem that has emerged as a result of illegal activity (people, arms, drugs, contraband and fish smuggling), which not only threatens national security, but also the safety of vessels and heightens concerns regarding environmental disaster and supply chain disruption.

New Microsatellite Launched to Strengthen Norwegian Ocean Surveillance. Astri Edvardsen. *High North News (Norway)*. 16 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.highnorthnews.com/en/new-microsatellite-launched-strengthen-norwegian-ocean-surveillance> The Norwegian microsatellite NorSat-4 began its voyage in space on Tuesday night, Norwegian time.

The Norwegian Pilot – Consolidating nautical information. *Kystverket – Norwegian Coastal Administration*. 17 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.kystverket.no/en/news/the-norwegian-pilot--consolidating-nautical-information/> In the planning stage of a voyage, navigators must consult several different tools and services to prepare a sailing plan ready for approval.

CMA CGM ship could be first to transit the Red Sea after ceasefire. Dag Holmstad. *ShippingWatch*. 20 January 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article17823557.ece> All indications are that the French container ship *CMA CGM Columba*, with a capacity of 11,388 containers, will be the first to sail through the Red Sea after a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel came into effect on Sunday, according to analyst firm Lynerlytica.

Return of container ships to Red Sea will bring chaos and collapsing freight rates – 5 key questions facing shippers. Peter Sand. *Xeneta*. 20 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.xeneta.com/blog/return-of-container-ships-to-red-sea-will-bring-chaos-and-collapsing-freight-rates-5-key-questions-facing-shippers> Agreement between Israel and Hamas to pause conflict has raised hopes over the prospect of ocean container ships returning to the Red Sea.

Red Sea update: Cautious optimism after Gaza truce? *Gard*. 21 January 2025. Available from: <https://gard.no/insights/red-sea-update-cautious-optimism-after-gaza-truce/> The declaration, of 19 January 2025, by the Humanitarian Operations Coordination Center allows for the resumption of trade for all vessels except those flagged or owned by Israeli individuals or entities.

Shipping Giant MSC Says It Will Keep Avoiding Red Sea for Now. *gCaptain*. 21 January 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/shipping-giant-msc-says-it-will-keep-avoiding-red-sea-for-now/> Container liner MSC Mediterranean Shipping Co. SA said it will continue to send its ships around Africa's southern tip until further notice, a sign that any resumption to normal trade flows through the Red Sea is not imminent.

Royal Navy tracking Russian spy vessel in the Channel to keep UK safe. *UK Government*. 22 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/royal-navy-tracking-russian-spy-vessel-in-the-channel-to-keep-uk-safe> A Russian spy ship has been tracked this week in the English Channel by a Royal Navy warship - just weeks after it was caught loitering over critical undersea infrastructure in UK waters.

Rogue waves and the case for routing ships around storms. Tim Hallpike. *Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST)*. 23 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.imarest.org/resource/mp-rogue-waves-and-the-case-for-routing-ships-around-storms.html> The threat stemming from rogue waves, capable of exerting forces of approximately 100 tonnes per square metre, is far greater than the 15 tonnes/m² that ships are usually designed to withstand.

French Shipping Giant CMA CGM To Keep Avoiding Red Sea. *gCaptain*. 25 January 2025.

Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/french-shipping-giant-cma-cgm-to-keep-avoiding-red-sea/>

French shipping and logistics group CMA CGM will continue to avoid the Red Sea even though it considers the region is more stable following the ceasefire agreement between Israel and Hamas, it said on Saturday.

Major oil tanker operators await insurers' nod to resume Red Sea transit. *Hellenic Shipping*

News. 25 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/major-oil-tanker-operators-await-insurers-nod-to-resume-red-sea-transit/>

Sources from at least two major oil tanker companies said Jan. 24 that their fleets have yet to resume transits through the Red Sea, as they await greenlights from insurers.

Bulgarian Navy Remains on Standby for Possible Mine Countermeasures in Black Sea.

Valentin Evstatiev. *Bulgarian News Agency*. 27 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.bta.bg/en/news/bulgaria/822200-bulgarian-navy-remains-on-standby-for-possible-mine-countermeasures-in-black-sea>

The Bulgarian Navy remains on standby for possible mine countermeasures to ensure safe navigation in the Bulgarian zone of the Black Sea, the Navy press office said on Monday.

Peace at Red Sea unlikely to scramble LNGCs to change course. *Drewry Shipping Consultants*.

28 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.drewry.co.uk/maritime-research-opinion-browser/peace-at-red-sea-unlikely-to-scramble-lngcs-to-change-course>

The ongoing truce and ceasefire agreement between Israel and Hamas has sparked speculation over the resumption of ships' passage through the Suez Canal.

U.S. and UK Ships Transit Red Sea as Ceasefire Holds. Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*.

28 January 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/u-s-and-uk-ships-transit-red-sea-as-ceasefire-holds/>

Several U.S. and UK-affiliated vessels have successfully transited the Red Sea since the Israel-Hamas ceasefire took effect last week, signalling a potential gradual return of maritime commerce through the region as long as the ceasefire remains in place.

Hub-And-Spoke Routing Comes To Container Shipping. Willy Shih. *Forbes*. 29 January 2025.

Available from: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/willyshih/2025/01/27/hub-and-spoke-routing-comes-to-container-shipping/>

People who manage global supply chains know that hub-and-spoke routing isn't the norm for container shipping.

Red Sea crisis: supply chain issues set to continue despite Gaza ceasefire. Gokcay Balci.

The Conversation. 30 January 2025. Available from: <https://theconversation.com/red-sea-crisis-supply-chain-issues-set-to-continue-despite-gaza-ceasefire-248469>

The world's major shipping companies say they won't be sending vessels back to the Red Sea any time soon despite a pledge by Iran-backed Houthi militants in Yemen not to attack them as long as the ceasefire in Gaza holds.

PIRACY

Knife-wielding gang raids bulker travelling through key shipping route. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 8 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/bulkers/knife-wielding-gang-raids-bulker-travelling-through-key-shipping-route/2-1-1761399>

Maritime security company Ambrey has warned vessels to take precautions in the Singapore Strait after a second boarding incident in less than two weeks.

107 incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia reported to ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre in 2024. ReCAAP. 9 January 2025. Available from: [https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/news/2024/Press%20release%20-%20ReCAAP%20ISC%20annual%20report%20\(2024\)%20-%20final.pdf](https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/news/2024/Press%20release%20-%20ReCAAP%20ISC%20annual%20report%20(2024)%20-%20final.pdf) The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ISC) issued its 2024 annual report on Piracy And Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia, today at the 16th Nautical Forum held in Singapore.

Illegally-Controlled Chinese Fishing Vessel Off Coast of Somalia Safely Rescued. *Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Federal Republic of Somalia*. 13 January 2025. Available from: http://so.china-embassy.gov.cn/eng/zsgx_1/202501/t20250113_11532461.htm Recently, a Chinese fishing vessel had been illegally controlled by a group of armed personnel in the waters off the coast of Puntland, Somalia.

Maritime piracy dropped in 2024, but crew safety remains at risk. *International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)*. 14 January 2025. Available from: [https://icc-ccs.org/maritime-piracy-dropped-in-2024-but-crew-safety-remains-at-risk/Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships](https://icc-ccs.org/maritime-piracy-dropped-in-2024-but-crew-safety-remains-at-risk/Piracy%20and%20Armed%20Robbery%20Against%20Ships) The ICC International Maritime Bureau (IMB) has reported a decline in global maritime incidents and piracy in 2024 but urges continued caution as crew safety remains at risk.

'We're not pirates', say hijackers who seized Chinese ship off Somali coast. Mohamed Gabobe. *Al Jazeera*. 15 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.aljazeera.com/features/2025/1/15/were-not-pirates-say-hijackers-aboard-chinese-ship-off-somalia-coast> Liban Hassan* has spent most of his adult life fishing off Somalia's northeast coast – often finding himself with a net in hand navigating waters near the town of Eyl in Puntland state, where he grew up.

Chinese fishing crew safe after hijack but is piracy returning to Gulf of Aden? Jevans Nyabiage. *South China Morning Post*. 15 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy/article/3294808/chinese-fishing-crew-safe-after-hijack-piracy-returning-gulf-aden> The hijacking of a Chinese-owned fishing vessel with up to 18 people on board in the waters off Somalia in November raised concerns about the return of piracy to the Gulf of Aden, where China has vast maritime interests.

Report: No maritime piracy in Asia in 2024. Raymond Carl Dela Cruz. *Philippine News Agency* 21 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1242293> The Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP ISC) on Tuesday reported that there was not a single incident of piracy in Asia waters in 2024.

PORT STATE CONTROL

Finnish authorities impose travel bans on seven crew on *Eagle S*. Aleksi Teivainen. *Helsinki Times (Finland)*. 1 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.helsinkitimes.fi/finland/finland-news/domestic/25921-finnish-authorities-impose-travel-bans-on-seven-crew-on-eagle-s.html> Seven crew on *Eagle S*, the Cook Islands-registered oil tanker that is suspected of damaging a submarine transmission link between Finland and Estonia on 25 December, have been imposed travel bans.

Nice to ban cruise ships in fight against overtourism and pollution. Isabelle Martinetti. *Radio France Internationale (RFI)*. 25 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.rfi.fr/en/environment/20250125-nice-to-ban-cruise-ships-to-fight-overtourism-and-pollution> Mayor Christian Estrosi, of the centre-right Horizons party, announced this week during his New Year's address that he plans to ban cruise ships exceeding 190 metres in length and carrying more than 900 passengers, starting this summer.

Sweden seizes ship suspected of Baltic Sea cable 'sabotage'. *France 24*. 26 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20250126-sweden-seizes-ship-suspected-of-baltic-sea-cable-sabotage> The latest incident came as nations around the Baltic Sea scramble to bolster their defences after the suspected sabotage of undersea cables in recent months, with some observers blaming Russia.

Sweden seizes and boards ship suspected of cable damage in Baltic Sea. David O'Sullivan. *Euronews*. 27 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.euronews.com/2025/01/27/sweden-seizes-ship-suspected-of-cable-damage-in-baltic-sea> Sweden's coast guard boarded and seized the ship they allege damaged the underwater fibre optic cable between Latvia and Sweden in the Baltic Sea, in yet another incident sparking fresh fears of sabotage.

PORTS & HARBOURS

Valenciaport implements its own 5G connection network. *Port Authority of Valencia (PAV)*. 2 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.valenciaport.com/en/valenciaport-implements-its-own-5g-connection-network/> This 5G network project is emerging as a key tool for the Port of València to advance in its digital transformation.

SHIPPING: Union dockworkers, ports to resume negotiations ahead of 15 Jan deadline. Adam Yanelli. *Independent Commodity Intelligence Services*. 2 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.icis.com/explore/resources/news/2025/01/02/11064072/shipping-union-dockworkers-ports-to-resume-negotiations-ahead-of-15-jan-deadline/> Union dockworkers and representatives for US Gulf and East Coast ports are expected to resume negotiations on a new master contract on 7 January, just more than a week ahead of the 15 January deadline.

Rules and regulations shake-up port operations. *GAC Group*. 5 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.gac.com/insights/rules-and-regulations-shake-up-port-operations> Amid an increasingly stringent regulatory environment, where non-compliance can lead to financial penalties, reputational harm or even restricted access to certain ports, ship agents are key to smooth, compliant operations.


Ivory Coast's Abidjan on edge as ship loaded with volatile cargo nears port. *France 24*. 5 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.france24.com/en/africa/20250105-ivory-coast-s-abidjan-on-edge-as-ship-loaded-with-volatile-cargo-nears-port> Officials at the Ivorian port of Abidjan said Saturday they were taking precautions ahead of the arrival of a ship carrying 20,000 tons of potentially explosive ammonium nitrate.

Reality Check: Inside the Debate Over Automation at America's Ports. Lori Ann LaRocco. *gCaptain*. 6 January 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/reality-check-inside-the-debate-over-automation-at-americas-ports/> Ongoing side discussions prior to the much-anticipated January 7th meeting between the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) and United States Maritime Alliance (USMX) will set the tone and manage expectations of the highly anticipated meeting.

Report: China's Shandong Port Group to Turn Away US-Sanctioned Oil Tankers. *Maritime Executive*. 7 January 2025. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/report-china-s-shandong-port-group-to-turn-away-us-sanctioned-oil-tankers> China's state-owned Shandong Port Group has reportedly announced a new policy for 2025 blocking tankers under U.S. sanctions from using its port facilities.

Port of Brighton becomes first EcoPort in T&T and CARICOM. *Loop News Caribbean*. 8 January 2025. Available from: <https://caribbean.loopnews.com/content/port-brighton-becomes-first-ecoport-tt-and-caricom-1> La Brea Industrial Development Company Limited's (LABIDCO) Port of Brighton has received certification to be Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean Community's (CARICOM) first EcoPort.

China: Shanghai Port commences regular methanol bunkering operations. *Manifold Times (Singapore)*. 8 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/china-shanghai-port-commences-regular-methanol-bunkering-operations/> Shanghai Port has begun regular methanol bunkering services following its inaugural refuelling operation for this year, according to Shanghai International Port Group (SIPG) on Friday (3 January).

Emission Capture and Control at Berth: Preliminary Safety Recommendations *Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF)*. 8 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.ocimf.org/publications/information-papers/emission-capture-and-control-at-berth-preliminary-safety-recommendations> This interim information paper aims to provide minimum functional requirements for the safe application of barge-based ECC to oil, chemical and oil product tankers operating at onshore conventional berths, such as piers, jetties and quays. [Recommendations](#) 

Union dockworkers, port employers announce tentative deal at East Coast and Gulf ports. Lori Ann LaRocco. *CNBC (US)*. 8 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/business/money-report/union-dockworkers-port-employers-announce-tentative-deal-at-east-coast-and-gulf-ports/6099653/?os=tmb&ref=app> After a contentious negotiation, the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) and the U.S. Maritime Alliance (USMX) on Wednesday announced a tentative deal on a new six-year master contract.

Mombasa Port records 14 percent surge in cargo throughput. *Kenya News Agency (KNA)*. 9 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.kenyanews.go.ke/mombasa-port-records-14-percent-surge-in-cargo-throughput/> The Port of Mombasa has registered a remarkable increase in cargo throughput in 2024 as it handled 41.1 million tons compared to 35.98 million tons in 2023.

Oil Tankers Back Up Near Yemeni Port After Israel Hits Tugs. *gCaptain*. 10 January 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/oil-tankers-back-up-near-yemeni-port-after-israel-hits-tugs/> An unusually large flotilla of merchant vessels has backed up near Yemen's Ras Isa port in the Red Sea after Israeli air raids damaged the tugboats needed to bring them to shore.

US Coast Guard delegation to inspect security measures at Chattogram Port.

Business Standard (Bangladesh). 14 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/us-coast-guard-delegation-inspect-security-measures-chattogram-port-1042996>

A four-member team, led by US Coast Guard Lieutenant Commander Khiem V Nagy will conduct the inspection under the guidelines of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code.

Connectivity increases benefit major ports. *Sea-Intelligence*. 16 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.sea-intelligence.com/press-room/305-connectivity-increases-benefit-major-ports>

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development releases a quarterly Port Liner Shipping Connectivity Index (PLSCI), giving ports an index-based liner connectivity score.

Expansion of Shore Power Capabilities at Italian and Mediterranean Ports. *Maritime Executive*.

20 January 2025. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/expansion-of-shore-power-capabilities-at-italian-and-mediterranean-ports>

Efforts are continuing to build out the capabilities to support vessels to use shore power as ports seek to transition to more environmentally friendly systems in advance of pending EU regulations.

Suez Canal to fully operate as major shipping lines resume transits: SCA chairman.

Ahram Online (Egypt). 21 January 2025. Available from:

<https://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContentP/3/538940/Business/Suez-Canal-to-fully-operate-as-major-shipping-line.aspx>

The Suez Canal is fully prepared to operate at maximum capacity, welcoming maritime services from major shipping lines, as global trade gradually returns to its normal flow through the canal, according to a statement issued by the Suez Canal Authority.

Jamaica leads way in sustainable port waste management. *The Gleaner (Jamaica)*.

21 January 2025. Available from: <https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/shipping/20250121/jamaica-leads-way-sustainable-port-waste-management>

Jamaica is spearheading the charge in sustainable maritime operations as the only lead partner country in the English-speaking Caribbean under the GloLitter Partnerships Project.

Yemen Red Sea port capacity down sharply after hostilities, UN says.

Arab News (Saudi Arabia). 22 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2587317/middle-east>

Operations at a Red Sea port in Yemen used for aid imports have fallen to about a quarter of its capacity, a UN official said on Tuesday, adding it was not certain that a Gaza ceasefire would end attacks between the Iran-backed Houthis and Israel.

Walvis Bay and Lüderitz ports in IMO-driven decarbonisation projects.

Business Express (Namibia). 27 January 2025. Available from:

<https://nambusinessexpress.com/?p=8534> Deployment of renewable energy technology and a port call data-sharing platform will support the Walvis Bay and Lüderitz ports to move closer to achieving greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction goals with an anticipated 10% reduction per annum.

Brittany Ferries Completes First LNG Bunkering in UK Port. *Ship & Bunker*.

27 January 2025. Available from: <https://shipandbunker.com/news/emea/229046-brittany-ferries-completes-first-lng-bunkering-in-uk-port>

Ferry operator Brittany Ferries has bunkered LNG at Portsmouth International Port in the UK for the first time.

National single window will reduce port operation cost by 25% — Oyetola. Tola Adenubi. *Nigerian Tribune*. 29 January 2025. Available from: <https://tribuneonline.com/national-single-window-will-reduce-port-operation-cost-by-25-oyetola/> The Federal Government has announced plans to implement the National Single Window in its bid to reduce the cost of doing business in Nigerian ports by at least 25 per cent.

US Coast Guard partners with Bangladesh to enhance port security. *Business Standard (Bangladesh)*. 30 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/us-coast-guard-partners-bangladesh-enhance-port-security-1056531> Recognizing the maritime transportation system as a crucial pillar of global trade and economic stability, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and its Member States developed the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code, reads a press release.

Adm. Rabiee: “The Suez Canal is Keen on Communicating Directly and Actively with all its Clients... and the Shipping Agencies are our Partners in Success.” *Suez Canal Authority (SCA)*. 30 January 2025. Available from: https://www.suezcanal.gov.eg/English/MediaCenter/News/Pages/Sca_30-01-2025.aspx Adm. Ossama Rabiee, Chairman and Managing Director of the Suez Canal Authority, has held a meeting today with representatives of 23 major shipping lines and agencies that was attended by Chairmen of the Suez, Port Said and Alexandria Chambers of Shipping to discuss the impact of the return of relative stability in the Red Sea and Bab El-Mandab region on navigation schemes and schedules in the Suez Canal within the upcoming period.

REGULATIONS

Will the IMO tighten the rules around carbon emissions? John Maggs. *WWF*. December 2024. Available from: <https://www.arcticwwf.org/the-circle/stories/will-the-imo-tighten-the-rules-around-carbon-emissions/> International shipping makes an outsized and growing contribution to the climate crisis.

What to look out for in 2025 in decarbonisation. *Lloyd's List*. 3 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1152118/What-to-look-out-for-in-2025-in-decarbonisation> Decarbonisation is one of the most written-about topics in Lloyd's List.

FEATURE: Increasing Complexity in 2025 to Favour Largest Bunker Firms. Jack Jordan. *Ship & Bunker*. 6 January 2025. Available from: <https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/543133-feature-increasing-complexity-in-2025-to-favour-largest-bunker-firms> As the bunker industry enters 2025, the rapidly increasing complexity it faces is set to provide the greatest opportunities to its larger companies.

Ship Brokers: EU's clean fuel rules 'Inflationary'. Enes Tunagur. *MarineLink*. 6 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.marinelink.com/news/ship-brokers-eus-clean-fuel-rules-520816> The policy is the second major EU regulation focused on cutting the shipping industry's carbon emissions in as many years.

Shipping emissions mandate led to spike in global temperatures. Laura Reiley. *Cornell University (US)*. 7 January 2025. Available from: <https://news.cornell.edu/stories/2025/01/shipping-emissions-mandate-led-spike-global-temperatures> <https://esd.copernicus.org/articles/15/1527/2024/> The summer of 2023 saw a surprising increase in global temperatures, even within the context of the ongoing greenhouse gas-driven warming trend.

Shadow fleet: the gap between decisions and implementation. *Cyprus Daily News*. 8 January 2025. Available from: <https://cyprus-daily.news/shadow-fleet-the-gap-between-decisions-and-implementation/> This growing situation is a cause for concern among legitimate maritime carriers, as the number of vessels in the shadow tanker fleet — mainly transporting oil and oil products from Iran, Venezuela, and Russia — is steadily increasing in global waters.

What to expect from the 2025 technical conference on the Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII) and associated challenges. *Royal Institution of Naval Architects (RINA)*. 9 January 2025. Available from: <https://rina.org.uk/rina-news/what-to-expect-from-the-2025-technical-conference-on-the-carbon-intensity-indicator-cii-and-associated-challenges/> As the RINA 2025 Technical Conference on Managing CII and Associated Challenges approaches, the maritime industry is gearing up for an exciting opportunity to delve into the latest developments in the CII.

TGA Adopts Regulations for International Anti-Fouling Convention on Ships. *Saudi Press Agency (SPA)*. 11 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2240868> The Transport General Authority has officially adopted the executive regulations of the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships (2001), reinforcing Saudi Arabia's commitment to protecting the marine environment and aligning with international standards.

EU's new climate regulation has unintended consequences. Mette Grube Condrup and Nidaa Bakhsh. *ShippingWatch*. 15 January 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article17739328.ece> The FuelEU Maritime regulation is designed to get shipowners to use cleaner fuels, forcing them to gradually phase out heavy fuel oil.

Nigerian ship owners, others to pay yearly carbon emission levies. Adaku Onyenucheya. *Guardian (Nigeria)*. 15 January 2025. Available from: <https://guardian.ng/business-services/maritime/nigerian-ship-owners-others-to-pay-yearly-carbon-emission-levies/> Nigerian shipowners and other global shipping countries are set to pay a yearly global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions levy to help achieve the International Maritime Organisation's goal of net-zero emissions by 2050 or sooner.

Ammonia bunkering focus to shift to price once regulatory barriers overcome. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 27 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/ammonia-bunkering-focus-to-shift-to-price-once-regulatory-barriers-overcome/> The cost of ammonia bunkering will be the key criterion determining the uptake of the fuel, once the IMO finalizes proposals to introduce rules on greenhouse gas emissions from the sector, market participants have told S&P Global Commodity Insights.

Maritime convention scrutinised to arrest dark fleet dangers for coastal states. Michelle Wiese Bockmann. *Lloyd's List*. 28 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1152374/Maritime-convention-scrutinised-to-arrest-dark-fleet-dangers-for-coastal-states> Coastal states can use a key maritime convention to designate ship-to-ship transfer areas in their Economic Exclusion Zone and then arrest vessels if IMO laws and regulations are not complied with, a newly published academic paper argues.

Charting the 2025 maritime regulatory landscape. Hiroka Suzuki. *Gard*. 28 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.gard.no/insights/charting-the-2025-maritime-regulatory-landscape/> Below, we look at several of the more important domestic and international regulations with amendments that enter into force in 2025.

MEPC regulations must not pin burden on ISM managers. Declan Bush. *Lloyd's List*. 29 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1152400/MEPC-regulations-must-not-pin-burden-on-ISM-managers> Global climate regulations should not pin the burden of compliance on ISM managers, according to Bernhard Schulte Shipmanagement's new chief executive.

SALVAGE

How the *Sounion* salvage exposed a fundamental gap in shipping's crisis response capabilities. Richard Meade. *Lloyd's List*. 9 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1152165/How-the-Sounion-salvage-exposed-a-fundamental-gap-in-shipping%E2%80%99s-crisis-response-capabilities> Towing a burning tanker through a high-risk area of naval conflict was technically complex, but the diplomatic hurdles behind the scenes were equally challenging.

“Ambrey confirms the successful salvage of *MT SOUNION* following attack by Houthi militants.” Ambrey. 10 January 2025. Available from:

<https://ambrey.com/app/uploads/2025/01/AMBREY-MT-SOUNION-Salvage-Operation-Press-Release.pdf> On 21 August 2024 the Greek owned, laden oil tanker *MT SOUNION* was targeted by Houthi militants in the southern Red Sea.

Salvage complete of tanker at center of oil spill scare after being hit by Houthi rebels in Red Sea. Jon Gambrell. *Associated Press*. 10 January 2025. Available from:

<https://apnews.com/article/yemen-oil-tanker-fire-red-sea-sounion-salvage-houthis-35e0af867087a18c653b71ca49dc1d0e> An oil tanker that burned for weeks in the Red Sea after being attacked by Yemen's Houthi rebels and threatening a massive oil spill has been salvaged, a security firm said Friday.

Russian 'shadow fleet' oil tanker towed to German port. *Deutsche Welle (Germany)*.

12 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.dw.com/en/russian-shadow-fleet-oil-tanker-towed-to-german-port/a-71276417> The stricken oil tanker *Eventin*, which had run adrift in the Baltic Sea north of the German island of Rügen, arrived at a safe position off the coast of the harbor of the German port Sassnitz early on Sunday.

Rescue teams empty 1,500 tons of oil from Russian tanker. *Associated Press*. 25 January 2025.

Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/russia-tanker-kerch-strait-oil-spill-environment-e519494357a7de25b7a47a89ac713c31> Rescue workers have successfully removed almost 1,500 tons of oil left onboard a tanker that ran aground last year in southern Russia, officials said Saturday.

Product Tanker Towed to Marseille After Engine Room Fire. *Maritime Executive*.

29 January 2025. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/product-tanker-towed-to-marseille-after-engine-room-fire> France's Mediterranean maritime authority is reporting that a tow of a disabled product tanker was completed this afternoon, January 29, after the vessel suffered an engine room fire.

SEAFARERS

Union recovers more than \$30 million in stolen seafarer wages as poor conditions laid bare.

Rosemary Murphy. *ABC (Australia)*. 6 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-01-07/union-recovers-30-million-dollars-in-seafarer-wages/104789568>

They are the people behind billions of dollars of imports and exports that flow in and out of Australia every day.

One in three seafarers still being forced to pay illegal recruitment fees, survey finds.

Nautilus International. 8 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/one-in-three-seafarers-still-being-forced-to-pay-illegal-recruitment-fees-survey-finds/>

A third of seafarers have said that they have paid a fee to get a job, with many reporting that they

had gone into debt to do so, according to a 2024 survey.

PBBM wants Magna Carta of Filipino Seafarers IRR strictly enforced.

Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos. *Philippine News Agency (PNA)*. 8 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1241315> President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Wednesday

ordered concerned government agencies to ensure the stakeholders' strict compliance with the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act (RA) 12021 or the Magna Carta of Filipino Seafarers.

CMA CGM settles with seafarer in unique US harassment case.

Dag Holmstad. *ShippingWatch*. 9 January 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article17792852.ece>

CMA CGM and the shipping group's US subsidiary APL Maritime settle a high-profile sexual harassment case with a secret settlement.

As of new year, seafarers can sail internationally with electronic certificates.

Norwegian Maritime Authority. 10 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.sdir.no/en/news/as-of-new-year-seafarers-can-sail-internationally-with-electronic-certificates/>

From 1 January 2025, seafarers will be able to sail internationally using electronic certificates.

Essential Marine workers. 'Don't criminalise seafarers'.

Hindu BusinessLine (India). 12 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/logistics/dont-criminalise-seafarers/article69092259.ece>

In May 2023, Nikolaus Schues took over as president of the Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO), a non-profit organisation and the largest international shipping association.

Seafarer abandonment cases spike in 2024.

Joshua Minchin. *Lloyd's List*. 13 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1152206/Seafarer-abandonment-cases-spike-in-2024>

A huge increase in cases of seafarer abandonment was registered in 2024, with 310 cases reported to the International Maritime Organization/International Labour Organisation joint database compared with 142 in 2023.

InterManager urges shipping industry to share knowledge as it collates cases of seafarer criminalisation.

InterManager. 14 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.intermanager.org/2025/01/intermanager-urges-shipping-industry-to-share-knowledge-as-it-collates-cases-of-seafarer-criminalisation/>

InterManager, the international trade association for the ship management sector, is calling on shipping industry colleagues to contribute to a new campaign to highlight the issue of criminalisation of seafarers.

'We are human beings': Ship managers turn spotlight on seafarer criminalisation. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 14 January 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/3phatfnh> InterManager is calling on the wider maritime industry to back a new campaign to address the criminalisation of seafarers.

President Radev and Ambassador of Palestine discussed the release of two Bulgarians and the crew of 'Galaxy Leader'. *Bulgarian National Television (BNT)*. 16 January 2025.

Available from: <https://bntnews.bg/news/president-radev-and-ambassador-of-palestine-discussed-the-release-of-two-bulgarians-and-the-crew-of-39galaxy-leader-39-1322620news.html>

President Rumen Radev and the Ambassador of Palestine to Bulgaria, Nasri Khalil Salim Abu Jaish, discussed aspects concerning the process of releasing the two Bulgarian citizens and the crew of the ship "Galaxy Leader," who have been detained by the Ansar Allah movement in Yemen for more than a year, the Head of State's press secretariat said on January 16.

ITF calls on Houthis to halt all attacks in Red Sea, release kidnapped seafarers, warns shipping industry against risking lives. *International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)*. 20 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/itf-calls-houthis-halt-all-attacks-in-red-sea-release-kidnapped-seafarers-warns-shipping> The International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) calls on Yemen's Houthis to halt attacks all on commercial ships in the Red Sea, to de-escalate threats to shipping and release seafarers who continue to be held hostage.

Houthi 'horror story': Owner of hijacked car carrier hopes seafarer suffering nearing end.

Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 21 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/news/houthi-horror-story-owner-of-hijacked-car-carrier-hopes-seafarer-suffering-nearing-end/2-1-1767249> Israeli-controlled Ray Car Carriers has again called for the release of its vessel and crew of 25 following the Gaza ceasefire at the weekend.

Galaxy Leader crew to be released soon, says Houthi leader. Joshua Minchin. *Lloyd's List*.

21 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1152291/Galaxy-Leader-crew-to-be-released-soon-says-Houthi-leader> The crew of Bahamas-flagged *Galaxy Leader* (IMO: 9237307) could be released soon, after comments from a Houthi spokesperson on Japanese television sparked hope the 25 seafarers may finally be set free.

Release of ship's crew, 'a step in the right direction': UN Yemen envoy. *UN News*.

22 January 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/01/1159281> The Houthis, also known as Ansar Allah, seized the *MV Galaxy Leader* in November 2023 as part of attacks against international shipping in the Red Sea they instigated in support of the Palestinian cause in Gaza.

Oman's Efforts in Releasing Crew of Galaxy Leader Ship Lauded. *Oman News Agency (ONA)*.

22 January 2025. Available from: <https://omannews.gov.om/topics/en/81/show/120661/ona> Some crew members of *Galaxy Leader* ship expressed to Oman News Agency (ONA) their gratitude for the humanitarian efforts exerted by the Sultanate of Oman to secure their release.

Mexico Welcomes the Release of Two Mexican Crewmembers of Galaxy Leader Cargo Ship.

Government of Mexico. 22 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-welcomes-the-release-of-two-mexican-crewmembers-of-the-galaxy-leader-cargo-ship> The Mexican Government reports that Marcos Gómez Jerez and Arturo Alberto Zacarías Meza, crewmembers of the *Galaxy Leader* vehicle carrier ship who had been held by Houthi militants in Yemen since November 19, 2023, were released today in Muscat, Oman.

The government aircraft sent to bring home the two Bulgarian sailors released from the captured ship "Galaxy Leader". *Bulgarian National Television (BNT)*. 22 January 2025. Available from: <https://bntnews.bg/news/the-government-aircraft-sent-to-bring-home-the-two-bulgarian-sailors-released-from-the-captured-ship-galaxy-leader-1323577news.html>

The two Bulgarian sailors held captive by the Houthis in Yemen for 14 months are now free.

Yemen's Houthis release crew of seized ship after Gaza ceasefire deal. *Al Jazeera*. 22 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/1/22/yemens-houthis-release-crew-of-seized-ship-after-gaza-ceasefire-deal> The Houthi rebels in Yemen say they have released the crew of the *Galaxy Leader* cargo vessel that they confiscated shortly after the start of Israel's war on Gaza.

Galaxy Leader crew released after 14 months in captivity. *ITF Seafarers*. 22 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/galaxy-leader-crew-released-after-14-months-captivity> While celebrating the crew's release, the ITF is urging governments and industry to do more to safeguard seafarers from becoming collateral damage in conflicts not of their making, as well as from piracy and criminalisation.

Houthis release Galaxy Leader crew 14 months after hijacking of ship sparked Red Sea crisis. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 22 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/people/houthis-release-galaxy-leader-crew-14-months-after-hijacking-of-ship-sparked-red-sea-crisis/2-1-1768379> Yemen's Houthi rebel group have released the 25-strong crew of the car carrier *Galaxy Leader* after 14 months of detention.

Seafarers Happiness Index Quarter 4 2024. *Mission to Seafarers*. 23 January 2025. Available from: https://www.seafarershappinessindex.org/wp-content/uploads/Seafarers_Happiness_Index_Q4_2024-1.pdf The individual scores give a sense of how seafarers are feeling, while the written comments reveal common themes and trends, bringing the data to life.

Fall in general sentiment among seafarers in Q4 2024, according to survey. *Maritime Fairtrade*. 23 January 2025. Available from: <https://maritimefairtrade.org/fall-in-general-sentiment-among-seafarers-in-q4-2024-according-to-survey/> According to the Seafarers Happiness Index, a quarterly survey conducted by the Mission to Seafarers, based on data from Quarter 4 of 2024, there was a break in the positive trend seen throughout the year.

2024 worst year on record for seafarer abandonment, says ITF. *International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)*. 23 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/2024-worst-year-record-seafarer-abandonment-says-itf> The abandonment of seafarers is spiralling out of control, increasing nearly two-fold with 3,133 seafarers abandoned by ship-owners in 2024 compared to 1,676 in 2023.

Release of Galaxy Leader crew statement. *Mission to Seafarers*. 23 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/news/release-of-galaxy-leader-crew-statement> At The Mission to Seafarers, we have been honoured to stand alongside the families of the crew who have also been severely impacted by this plight during these 430 days of unimaginable fear and uncertainty.

Bulgarian Sailors Say Captors Treated Them Normally, Provided Basic Needs.

Diana Dukovska. *Bulgarian News Agency*. 23 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.bta.bg/en/news/bulgaria/820204-bulgarian-sailors-say-captors-treated-them-normally-provided-basic-needs> The two Bulgarian crew members of the hijacked *Galaxy Leader*, who were released by Yemeni Houthis on Wednesday after more than a year, said: "The hijackers treated us normally, providing us with the basic necessities for survival which aims to protect the rights and overall welfare of domestic and overseas Filipino seafarers, as well as promote their full employment.

Kyiv announces release of 3 Ukrainian sailors from Houthi captivity. Martin Fornusek.

Kyiv Independent. 23 January 2025. Available from: <https://kyivindependent.com/ukraine-secures-release-of-3-ukrainian-sailors-from-houthi-captivity/> Ukraine's Foreign Ministry and military intelligence agency secured the release of three Ukrainian crew members of the *Galaxy Leader* commercial vessel from the Houthi captivity in a "joint operation," the ministry said in the statement on Jan. 23.

Yemen's Houthi rebels release crew of commercial vessel seized in Red Sea in November 2023. Jon Gambrell. *Associated Press*. 23 January 2025. Available from:

<https://apnews.com/article/yemen-houthi-rebels-galaxy-leader-crew-3638ab8e31c9c97b2ef5f9079dfbb6c0> Yemen's Houthi rebels have released the crew of the *Galaxy Leader*, a vehicle carrier seized in November 2023 at the start of their attacks on shipping in the Red Sea corridor over the Israel-Hamas war.

Reaction to the release of the crew of the *Galaxy Leader*. Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime*

News. 23 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/security/reaction-to-the-release-of-the-crew-of-the-galaxy-leader> After 429 days in captivity 25 seafarers held onboard the NYK chartered car carrier *Galaxy Leader* were released by the Houthi on Wednesday.

Did L&T Chief Subrahmanyam have seafarers in mind while suggesting a 90-hour work week?

P Manoj. *Economic Times (India)*. 23 January 2025. Available from: <https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/ports-shipping/did-lt-chief-subrahmanyam-have-seafarers-in-mind-while-suggesting-a-90-hour-work-week/117472369> As an intense public discourse rages over a 90-hour work week proposed by L&T Chairman S N Subrahmanyam, long working time of as much as 98 hours a week has been the norm for seafarers – the unsung heroes who help move global trade – for some two decades.

17 Filipino seafarers to arrive home Thursday night: DFA. Joyce Ann L. Rocamora.

Philippine News Agency (PNA). 23 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1242413> The 17 Filipino crew members of cargo ship *Galaxy Leader* who were held captive by Houthi rebels for 14 months are set to arrive home Thursday night, a Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) official said.

Bulgarian Hostages Released by Houthis Arrive in Sofia. Dimitrina Solakova and Ivan Lazarov.

Bulgarian News Agency. 23 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.bta.bg/en/news/820092-bulgarian-hostages-released-by-houthis-return-home> The two Bulgarian crew members of the hijacked *Galaxy Leader*, released by Yemen's Houthis on Wednesday after more than a year, returned home on Thursday.

17 Filipino seafarers held hostage in Yemen back in PH. ABS-CBN (*Philippines*).

24 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.abs-cbn.com/news/nation/2025/1/23/17-filipino-seafarers-held-hostage-in-yemen-back-in-ph-0031> The 17 Filipino crew members of *MV Galaxy Leader*, who were held hostage in Yemen for more than a year, have returned to the Philippines, the Department of Migrant Workers said.

DFA hails 17 Filipino seafarers' 'spirit, strength' amid Yemen ordeal. Joyce Ann L. Rocamora. *Philippine News Agency (PNA)*. 24 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1242512> Foreign Affairs Secretary Enrique Manalo wished for the well-being and fast recovery of the 17 Filipinos held captive by Houthi rebels for 14 months.

Galaxy Leader sailor freed by Houthis says crew never let go of hope. Ramola Talwar Badam. *The National (UAE)*. 25 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.thenationalnews.com/news/mena/2025/01/25/galaxy-leader-sailor-freed-by-houthis-says-crew-never-let-go-of-hope/> A Bulgarian sailor who was released by Houthi rebels after more than a year in captivity said holding on to hope got him through the days of uncertainty, tension and fear.

Odesa welcomes Ukrainian sailors released from 14-month Houthi captivity. *Ukrinform (Ukraine)*. 26 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.ukrinform.net/rubric-society/3952795-odesa-welcomes-ukrainian-sailors-after-release-from-14month-houthi-captivity.html> Three Ukrainian sailors, members of the *Galaxy Leader* ship crew, returned home from 14-month captivity by Yemeni Houthis.

Stella Maris calls for urgent action on growing crisis of seafarer abandonment. *Independent Catholic News (ICN)*. 27 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/51598> Catholic charity and global maritime network Stella Maris is calling for urgent action in response to record levels of ship abandonment, which left thousands of seafarers stranded without pay, provisions, or a way home in 2024.

'Isolated and frustrated': Seafarers sound alarm at shore leave squeeze. Sandra Boga. *TradeWinds*. 27 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/ship-management/-isolated-and-frustrated-seafarers-sound-alarm-at-shore-leave-squeeze/2-1-1770433> Seafarers' onboard happiness has declined, with restrictive port policies highlighted as a significant impediment to their welfare, according to a survey.

Seafarers' struggles in global ports. Steven Jones. *Splash 247.com*. 27 January 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/seafarers-struggles-in-global-ports/> When thinking about seafarers' happiness, it is tempting to assume their greatest challenges occur far out at sea.

Fleet of abandoned ships is growing, leaving more sailors stuck at sea. Helen Wieffering. *Associated Press*. 29 January 2025. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/international-trade-abandoned-seafarers-labor-unpaid-wages-oceans-shipping-82a5481d277c31009c3a68e69da2f348> More ships than ever are being abandoned around the world by their owners, according to the United Nations' labor and maritime organizations, leaving thousands of workers stuck on board without pay or the means to travel home to their families.

SEARCH & RESCUE

All 18 Crew of Vietnam-Registered Freighter rescued in Singapore Maritime Search and Rescue Region. *Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)*. 11 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.mpa.gov.sg/media-centre/details/all-18-crew-of-vietnam-registered-freighter-rescued-in-singapore-maritime-search-and-rescue-region> On 11 January 2025 at about 7:00am (Singapore Time), the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) operated by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) was alerted by Hong Kong-registered container vessel, *NICOLAI MAERSK*, that it had received a distress call from Vietnamese-registered freighter, *DOLPHIN 18*.

All 8 Crew from Distressed Tanker Rescued off Pedra Branca. *Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)*. 12 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.mpa.gov.sg/media-centre/details/all-8-crew-from-distressed-tanker-rescued-off-pedra-branca> The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) was alerted to a distress call from a Malaysia-registered tanker, *SILVER SINCERE*, at about 3:40pm (Singapore Time), which reported that it was taking in water.

Maritime Rescue: Civil helicopters are increasingly vital for offshore SAR and medevac support. Jen Boyer. *Vertical*. 14 January 2025. Available from: <https://verticalmag.com/features/maritime-rescue-civil-helicopters-are-increasingly-essential-to-offshore-sar-and-medevac-support/> Over the past 20 years, civil helicopter operators have become increasingly integral in offshore search-and-rescue (SAR) and medevac support for government agencies, militaries, and offshore energy companies.

SHIP RECYCLING

Scrap ship imports drop to two-decade low in 2024 for pandemic, war setbacks. Mizanur Rahman Yousuf. *Business Standard (Bangladesh)*. 5 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/scrap-ship-imports-drop-two-decade-low-2024-pandemic-war-setbacks-1035026> This Chattogram-based industry, which leads the global ship recycling market according to 2023 rankings, typically processes 2-3 million GT of end-of-life ships annually on the shores of Sitakunda.

Another Bangladeshi ship-breaking yard receives green certificate. *Business Standard (Bangladesh)*. 6 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/another-bangladeshi-ship-breaking-yard-receives-green-certificate-1036126> The European certification authority Bureau Veritas awarded the certificate following an inspection of the yard in Chattogram's Sitakunda upazila on 18 December last year.

HM shipping lines achieves green yard certification from ClassNK. *Business Standard (Bangladesh)*. 24 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/hm-shipping-lines-achieves-green-yard-certification-classnk-1050986> On 27th December 2024, the company received a "Statement of Compliance for firms engaged in ship recycling" from Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (ClassNK) by the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009, as adopted by the IMO Resolution MEPC.210(63).

Ship recycling logjam looms. Paul Bartlett. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 28 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/shipyards/ship-recycling-logjam-looms> The prospect of trade wars, tariffs, sanctions, and an overtly aggressive foreign policy in the US has taken the wind out of shipping markets in recent days.

Ship recyclers set sights on Red Sea and 'dark fleet' developments. Georgios Georgiou. *Riviera Maritime*. 28 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/ship-recyclers-set-sights-on-red-sea-and-dark-fleet-developments-83616> Greek shipbroking firm Intermodal's senior analyst Nikos Tagoulis highlighted in a recent report that a potential resolution to the ongoing disruptions in the Red Sea could shift trading routes, reducing sailing distances and increasing active tonnage capacity.

EU approval for Asian scrap yards could be just around the corner. Liv Almer and Dag Holmstad. *ShippingWatch*. 29 January 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article17851549.ece> A long-awaited EU approval for the controversial Asian shipbreaking yards could be just around the corner and could be ready as early as this fall, forecasts Giulio Venier, program manager at the Ship Recycling Transparency Initiative.

SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR

NuProShip - exploring advanced nuclear propulsion in shipping. *Vard Group AS*. 3 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.vard.com/articles/nuproship-exploring-advanced-nuclear-propulsion-in-shipping> NuProShip, short for "Nuclear Propulsion in Shipping," will evaluate fourth-generation nuclear reactor technologies for their viability in commercial shipping applications.

BIMCO: Containership orderbook skyrockets to new record high of 8.3M TEU. Naida Hakirevic Prevljak. *Offshore Energy*. 9 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.offshore-energy.biz/bimco-containership-orderbook-skyrockets-to-new-record-high-of-8-3m-teu/> As 4.4 million TEU were contracted during 2024, the second highest ever, the orderbook grew despite deliveries hitting a new record high of 2.9 million TEU.

Baltimore bridge disaster ship *Dali* completes repairs in China. Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 14 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/accidents/baltimore-bridge-disaster-ship-dali-completes-repairs-in-china> Most people would recognise the Grace Ocean owned container ship *Dali* from the images of it with the wreckage of the Francis Scott Key bridge in Baltimore harbour strewn across its bow that were screened in news broadcasts and stories around the globe in late March 2024.

First-ever Ammonia and Propane Co-loaded Vessel Completes Voyage from US to Europe. *Trafigura*. 16 January 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/5n7epe9u> Trafigura, a market leader in the global commodities industry, in collaboration with CF Industries, the world's largest producer of ammonia, today announced the completion of the first co-loaded ammonia and propane shipment operation of its kind.

World-first full-scale onboard carbon capture. *Solvang ASA*. 16 January 2025. Available from: <https://solvangship.no/2025/01/16/world-first-with-full-scale-ccs-on-board/> The hope is that this technology becomes a milestone for the world's trading fleet on route to zero emissions.

Hi-tech sail will tackle emissions at sea. Paul Murphy. *BBC News*. 16 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cvgex74nlk8o> The Airwing is being assembled by engineers in Hull, and sea trials are due to begin this spring.

Milestone in Green Shipping: China's First Carbon-Neutral Newbuilding! *Xinde Marine News (China)*. 17 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.xindemarinenews.com/en/shipbuilding/2025/0117/58067.html>

On January 15, 2025, COSCO Shipping Specialized Carriers welcomed the *GREEN RIZHAO*, the 14th vessel in its 77,000 DWT multipurpose series, into its fleet during a naming ceremony in Dalian.

Shipbuilding surge – ‘We have been here before’. Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*.

17 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/shipyards/shipbuilding-surge-we-have-been-here-before> ☞ In the fifth, and final, part of our shipping market outlook series we are focusing on the shipbuilding sector with Maritime Strategies International (MSI) Managing Director Adam Kent.

Norwegian CO2 carrier ship in S'pore offers glimpse of future carbon capture in region.

Shabana Begum. *Straits Times*. 20 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/norwegian-co2-carrier-ship-in-spore-offers-glimpse-of-future-carbon-capture-in-region>

A purple and turquoise vessel that docked at Tanjong Pagar Terminal on Jan 16 and 17 drew attention not just for its unique colours.

Govt's shipbuilding plans gain traction with visits to Japanese yards and Alang recycling facilities. P Manoj. *Economic Times (India)*. 24 January 2025. Available from:

<https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/ports-shipping/govts-shipbuilding-plans-gain-traction-with-visits-to-japanese-yards-and-alang-recycling-facilities/117503377>

The government's plan to crank up the local shipbuilding industry is gaining momentum with a high-level official delegation currently touring some top shipyards in Japan while the Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, T K Ramachandran visited the Pipavav shipyard and a couple of ship recycling facilities at Alang in Gujarat on Thursday, multiple sources said.

The world's first methanol-powered tugboat highlights a greener future for shipping.

European Commission. 30 January 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/bdhckama>

At first glance, there's nothing to distinguish *Tug 21* from any other working tugboat at the Port of Antwerp-Bruges in Belgium.

Carbon-conscious travellers can now sail across the Atlantic in a wind-powered cargo ship.

Nell Lewis. *CNN*. 30 January 2025. Available from: <https://edition.cnn.com/travel/sailing-cargo-ship-atlantic-towt-c2e-spc/index.html>

Described as world's largest cargo ship with sails, the *Artemis* docked in New York on Monday afternoon after a 32-day journey from the port of Les Havre in northern France.

SHIPPING

Beyond fuel: the case for a wider perspective on shipping and climate change.

Simon Bullock et al. *University of Manchester (UK)*. December 2024. Available from: https://pure.manchester.ac.uk/ws/portalfiles/portal/353805158/Beyond_fuel_DEC_2024_Author_Accepted_Manuscript.pdf In July 2023, the IMO set a new climate change strategy for the international shipping sector.

Russian insurer Ingosstrakh terminated *Eagle S* insurance before August over poor condition.

Michelle Wiese Bockmann. *Lloyd's List*. 2 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1152109/Russian-insurer-Ingosstrakh-terminated-Eagle-S-insurance-before-August-over-poor-condition> Russian marine insurer Ingosstrakh said it terminated coverage of *Eagle S* (IMO: 9329760) before the contract expired in August because of the 20-year-old tanker's poor condition.

The Risks of Decarbonized and Digitalized Shipping.

Matthew Collette and Paul Hess III. *Proceedings: US Naval Institute*. 2 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.usni.org/magazines/proceedings/2025/january/risks-decarbonized-and-digitalized-shipping-0> The future commercial fleet will be harder for the Navy to use in wartime.

British Columbia Shows Norway How To Decarbonize Ferries.

Michael Barnard. *CleanTechnica*. 3 January 2025. Available from: <https://cleantechnica.com/2025/01/03/british-columbia-shows-norway-how-to-decarbonize-ferries/> Moving people and vehicles across short distances is a no-brainer for batteries and electric motors.

Russia's black armada.

Stephen Smith. *New Statesman*. 4 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.newstatesman.com/world/2025/01/russia-shadow-fleet-cable-sabotage-oil> Replace Bismarck with Putin and oil with missionaries, and this passage from Joseph Conrad's novel *Lord Jim* could almost have been written about Russia's mysterious shadow fleet.

China's Biggest Shipping Line Added to US Military Blacklist.

Weilun Soon and Yongchang Chin. *Bloomberg*. 6 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/business/international/2025/01/07/china-oil-major-and-top-shipping-line-blacklisted-by-washington/> The US has blacklisted China's largest shipping line and two shipbuilders over alleged links with the People's Liberation Army, as Washington turns its attention to the country's massive maritime sector.

Year in Review: Stories that shaped shipping in 2024 (Part 1)

The Gleaner (Jamaica). 7 January 2025. Available from: <https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/shipping/20250107/year-review-stories-shaped-shipping-2024-part-1> The shipping industry has faced a year of remarkable developments, challenges, and milestones.

Danish Shipping advises members against responding to Houthi threats.

Liv Almer. *ShippingWatch*. 7 January 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article17785481.ece> Following in the footsteps of the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), Danish Shipping is now urging its members to ignore any communication they may receive from the Houthi movement, the shipping association confirms to ShippingWatch.

Cosco rejects US report labeling the company as "military". Tomas Kristiansen. *ShippingWatch*. 8 January 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article17787340.ece>
In a comment issued Tuesday, the company states that none of the Cosco companies mentioned in the report are "Chinese military companies".

Cosco Shipping responds to US Chinese military companies listing. Katherine Si. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 8 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulations/cosco-shipping-responds-to-us-chinese-military-companies-listing>
Releasing the updated list on 7 Jan the US Department of Defense said, "Updating the Section 1260H list of "Chinese military companies" is an important continuing effort in highlighting and countering the People's Republic of China's (PRC) Military-Civil Fusion strategy.

Denmark Advances on the List of the World's Largest Maritime Nations. *Danish Shipping*. 9 January 2025. Available from: <https://danishshipping.dk/en/latest-news/2025/denmark-advances-on-the-list-of-the-worlds-largest-maritime-nations/> Denmark maintains its strong position in the top ten of the world's largest maritime nations.

US Russia shipping crackdown brings 35% of dark fleet under sanctions. Michelle Wiese Bockmann. *Lloyd's List*. 10 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.loydslist.com/LL1152188/US-Russia-shipping-crackdown-brings-35-of-dark-fleet-under-sanctions> The far-reaching sanctions crackdown announced by the US on Russia's oil and shipping industry presents the greatest regulatory and trading challenge to those supporting the dark fleet* since it first evolved five years ago.

China's role highlighted in green transition of shipping. Zheng Xin. *China Daily*. 10 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202501/10/WS6780764ba310f1265a1da066.html>
The global shipping industry still faces significant challenges in decarbonization, where China can play a critical role, said industry experts and company executives.

Shadow fleet of tankers keeps Russia's oil money flowing despite Western sanctions. *The Mainichi (Japan)*. 12 January 2025. Available from: <https://mainichi.jp/english/articles/20250112/p2g/00m/0in/018000c> The Group of Seven democracies have sought to crimp Russia's oil export earnings that help fund the war against Ukraine.

PODCAST: Shipping, Sanctions & Geopolitics: Nexus Challenges in 2025? *Gulf Intelligence*. 14 January 2025. Available from: <https://soundcloud.com/user-846530307/podcast-shipping-sanctions-geopolitics-nexus-challenges-in-2025> An expert panel discussion at Global Energy Outlook Forum 2025 delves into 2025 shipping industry challenges, sanctions impacts, and geopolitical risks.


Year in Review: Stories which shaped shipping in 2024 (Part 2). *The Gleaner (Jamaica)*. 14 January 2025. Available from: <https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/shipping/20250114/year-review-stories-which-shaped-shipping-2024-part-2> As we continue our reflection on 2024, the second instalment of this year in review delves into the stories that affected the maritime industry, both locally and globally.

Shipping Trade, Climate, and Net Zero Pathways: Scenarios and Implications for Developing Countries and Climate Resilient Development. *Global Maritime Forum*. 15 January 2025.

Available from: <https://globalmaritimeforum.org/report/shipping-trade-climate-and-net-zero-pathways-scenarios-and-implications-for/> “Shipping Trade, Climate, and Net Zero Pathways: Scenarios and Implications for Developing Countries and Climate Resilient Development,” published together with the TESS Forum on Trade, Environment, and the SDGs, examines key interactions between trade and shipping within the context of a low-carbon transition. [Briefing Note](#) 

Cargill Puts Bold Innovation at Center of Effort to Decarbonize Shipping. *Business Wire*.

15 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20250114753261/en/Cargill-Puts-Bold-Innovation-at-Center-of-Effort-to-Decarbonize-Shipping>  Cargill is advancing a new era in sustainable shipping, putting innovation and collaboration at the core of its mission to move goods responsibly across the globe.

Shipping cautious as Gaza ceasefire agreement nears. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*.

15 January 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/shipping-cautious-as-gaza-ceasefire-agreement-nears/> Splash has obtained an advanced copy of the tentative ceasefire agreement between Israel and Hamas, expected to be agreed upon shortly.

Will Israel-Hamas ceasefire bring end to Houthi attacks? Probably not, security experts say.

Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds*. 15 January 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insight/will-israel-hamas-ceasefire-bring-end-to-houthi-attacks-probably-not-security-experts-say/2-1-1765175> A ceasefire between Israel and Hamas may not spell the end of Houthi attacks on shipping, security experts say.

Shippers claim major box lines 'acted together' to profit from the pandemic.

Alexander Whiteman. *The Loadstar*. 15 January 2025. Available from:

<https://theloadstar.com/shippers-claim-major-box-lines-acted-together-to-profit-from-the-pandemic/> In the fifth, and final, part of our shipping market outlook series we are focusing on the shipbuilding sector with Maritime Strategies International Managing Director Adam Kent.

David Appleton: positive plans for the year ahead. *Nautilus International*. 16 January 2025.

Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/telegraph/david-appleton-positive-plans-for-the-professional-and-technical-year-ahead/> As we enter 2025, the maritime industry faces a transformative year driven by regulatory changes, technological advancement, and continued environmental focus.

Shipping waits to see Houthi response to Gaza ceasefire deal. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*.

16 January 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/shipping-waits-to-see-houthi-response-to-gaza-ceasefire-deal/> Israel and Hamas have agreed on a Gaza ceasefire and hostage release deal following 15 months of war with the shipping industry now looking towards the Houthis of Yemen to see if they will stop targeting merchant ships and bring an end to the Red Sea shipping crisis.

Analysts on ceasefire in the Middle East: Red Sea could open for shipping as early as February. Dag Holmstad. *ShippingWatch*. 16 January 2025. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article17812911.ece> The playing field for global shipping could now change completely after fifteen months of war between Hamas and Israel in Gaza and the Middle East are brought to an end with the recent ceasefire, two shipping analysts tell ShippingWatch.

Global maritime shipping is aiming to reach zero emissions by 2050. David Kattenburg. *The World (US)*. 16 January 2025. Available from: <https://theworld.org/stories/2025/01/16/global-maritime-shipping-is-aiming-to-reach-zero-emissions-by-2050> © The International Maritime Organization has vowed to eliminate global shipping emissions to net-zero by 2050. Now, an international effort is underway to reach that goal

Why is the Panama flag so popular among shipowners? Stephanie Höppner. *Deutsche Welle (Germany)*. 17 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.dw.com/en/why-is-the-panama-flag-so-popular-among-shipowners/a-71331031> Almost at the same time as an operation to secure the *Eventin* oil tanker stranded off Germany's coast, another tanker — called *Jazz* — that had set sail from Russia reported problems in the Baltic Sea near Rügen, Germany's biggest island.

Building a fair and resilient maritime industry. Susanne Justesen. *Splash 247.com*. 17 January 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/building-a-fair-and-resilient-maritime-industry/> The global shipping industry faces a paradox: while it is the backbone of international trade, it lags in transparency and human sustainability standards.

What does the Red Sea crisis reveal about sanctioned ships? Noam Raydan. *Washington Institute for Near East Policy*. 17 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/what-does-red-sea-crisis-reveal-about-sanctioned-ships> In 2024, the Washington Institute's Maritime Spotlight explored several trends in the Houthi maritime campaign, captured in this maritime incident tracker.

Accelerating Zero-Emission Shipping: The role of policy-driven revenue. *Ricardo*. 20 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.ricardo.com/en/news-and-insights/industry-insights/accelerating-zero-emission-shipping-the-role-of-policy-driven-revenue> Building supply and demand for these fuels well in advance of 2050 is critical to ensure that the target is achievable whilst also reducing the cost penalty for delayed response.

Support study for the development of a living inventory of relevant instruments to support investments in the shipping sector. *European Commission*. December 2024. Available from: <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/5a8da2ee-c0e5-11ef-91ed-01aa75ed71a1> The main objective of this study was to improve the accessibility of the shipping sector to financing products and to understand the needs of the maritime sector in terms of financing products for its decarbonisation by developing an inventory of available financing products relevant to supporting investments in the shipping and broader maritime sector.

Yemen's Houthis to only target Israel-linked ships following Gaza ceasefire. *Al Jazeera*. 20 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/1/20/yemens-houthis-to-only-target-israel-linked-ships-following-gaza-ceasefire> Yemen's Houthis will limit their attacks on commercial vessels to Israel-linked ships only, provided the Gaza ceasefire is fully implemented, the group has said, potentially reducing disruptions that have affected world maritime trade for more than a year.

Shipping readies to navigate new Trump era. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 20 January 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/shipping-readies-to-navigate-new-trump-era/> Today marks the end of the Joe Biden administration in the US, one of the most profitable four-year periods for shipping.

Panama Canal, Paris Agreement and Gulf of Mexico: the three shipping takeaways from Trump's first hours back. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 21 January 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/panama-canal-paris-agreement-and-gulf-of-mexico-the-three-shipping-takeaways-from-trumps-first-hours-back/> Wrestling back control of the Panama Canal, renaming the Gulf of Mexico and exiting from the Paris Agreement were three of the shipping takeaways in the first hours following the inauguration of Donald Trump yesterday as the 47th president of the United States.

Shipowners face huge settlement claims from new fuels liability blind spot. Craig Eason. *TradeWinds*. 21 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insurance/shipowners-face-huge-settlement-claims-from-new-fuels-liability-blind-spot/2-1-1760888> Accidents happen — which is why shipping has the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds even though safety regulations have improved vastly since the Torrey Canyon disaster off the UK in 1967.

MERC: Fleet efficiency is 'essential' to maritime decarbonization. Sara Kosmajac. *Offshore Energy*. 21 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.offshore-energy.biz/merc-fleet-efficiency-is-essential-to-maritime-decarbonization/> As underscored in the paper, titled “The IMO Mid-Term GHG Reduction Measures as a Driver for Efficiency”, the maritime industry is at a critical crossroads, balancing the delicate scales of its role as a cornerstone of global commerce and economic growth while the urgency to slash greenhouse gas emissions rises.

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The shipping sector must reach net zero by 2050. Here's how scalable maritime green fuels will help. Ellese Caruana. *World Economic Forum*. 22 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.weforum.org/stories/2025/01/scalable-maritime-green-fuels/> The maritime industry represents a backbone of global commerce, with approximately 100,000 shipping vessels traversing the oceans at any given time, connecting continents and forming logistical networks.

Five ways to cut emissions from shipping. Guy Collender. *The Conversation*. 22 January 2025. Available from: <https://theconversation.com/five-ways-to-cut-emissions-from-shipping-246829> Shipping generates 3% of global greenhouse gas emissions.

Navigating shipping's most pressing challenges. Emanuele Grimaldi. *Splash 247.com*. 22 January 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/navigating-shippings-most-pressing-challenges/> In an era marked by growing uncertainty, knowledge and trusted sources are more powerful than ever.

Cyprus promotes gender equality in maritime industry. Souzana Psara. *Cyprus Mail*. 22 January 2025. Available from: <https://cyprus-mail.com/2025/01/22/cyprus-promotes-gender-equality-in-maritime-industry> Shipping Deputy Minister Marina Hadjimanolis, and Gender Equality Commissioner Josie Christodoulou hosted a press conference on Wednesday at the Presidential Palace to launch the 'Women in Shipping' campaign.

Existing ships and those on order would produce twice the emissions required under a 1.5°C-aligned carbon budget. *UCL Energy Institute. Shipping and Oceans Research Group.* 23 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.shippingandoceans.com/post/existing-ships-and-those-on-order-would-produce-twice-the-emissions> A new report from UCL's Energy Institute Shipping and Oceans Research Group assesses the financial risks to the shipping industry from stranded assets due to stricter GHG regulations in the sector and a global transition to a low-carbon economy. [Supply-side and demand-side stranded asset risks in shipping](#) 📄

Liberia Maritime Authority Leads Anti-Corruption Drive in Maritime Sector. *Maritimafrika.* 23 January 2025. Available from: <https://maritimafrika.com/en/liberia-maritime-authority-leads-anti-corruption-drive-in-maritime-sector/> The Liberia Maritime Authority (LiMA) has taken a decisive step in combating corruption within the maritime sector, hosting a high-profile anti-corruption awareness workshop in Monrovia.

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SLASPA Maritime Division Hosts Greenhouse Gas Reduction Meeting. *St Kitts & Nevis Observer.* 24 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.thestkittsnevisobserver.com/slaspa-maritime-division-hosts-greenhouse-gas-reduction-meeting> The IMO aims to reduce the maritime sector's contribution to greenhouse gas levels while balancing the necessity of global trade.

Fastest growing flag data brings shadow fleet into light. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com.* 24 January 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/fastest-growing-flag-data-brings-shadow-fleet-into-light/> San Marino, Guyana, Sierra Leone, Comoro Islands, Guinea Bissau and most notably Guinea are the flag states that stand out for their extraordinary fleet growth in the latest data compiled in Clarksons Research's World Fleet Monitor, statistics that highlight the whack-a-mole game authorities in the West are having to fight in their bid to crack down on the growing shadow fleet.

It is unlikely that Trump's executive orders will derail shipping's green transition. Mette Grube Condrup. *ShippingWatch.* 24 January 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article17838444.ece> Donald Trump's climate scepticism could have negative consequences for the pace of shipping's transition, but it's important to keep in mind the changes that are already underway, says Jesse Fahnestock, director of decarbonization at the NGO Global Maritime Forum.

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Op-Ed: Tide is Turning on Maritime Corruption, But We Must Finish the Job.

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FERRY VESSELS: Facing up to a World of Challenges. Mike Corrigan. *MarineLink*.

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Hapag-Lloyd - Maersk Gemini Cooperation likely to reduce shipping costs. Nona Pelletier.

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Commercial shipping is being weaponised - NorthStandard. Gary Howard.

Seatrade Maritime News. 29 January 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/security/commercial-shipping-is-being-weaponised-northstandard>
Commercial shipping is in the process of being weaponised, NorthStandard head of external affairs Mike Salthouse told journalists in London this week, in an environment of increasing sanctions and geopolitical tension.

Global liner alliances retrench. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 31 January 2025.

Available from: <https://splash247.com/global-liner-alliances-retrench/> Midnight tonight sees liner shipping go through its largest reshuffle in a decade as companies jump ship from existing alliances on the main east-west trades.

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