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IMO NEWS & EVENTS

IMO targets seafarer fatigue, work and rest hours, and harassment at sea

IMO's Maritime Safety Committee seeks stronger compliance with global safety management standards to protect crew welfare.

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) is taking action to ensure that ships worldwide are safely managed and operated, with a renewed focus on seafarer issues such as work and rest hours, fatigue, and violence and harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and sexual assault.

Meeting in London for its 110th session (18 - 27 June), the IMO's Maritime Safety Committee focused on improving implementation of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code. The Code sets the global standard for safe management and operation of ships and for pollution prevention.

The Committee agreed to carry out a comprehensive revision of the IMO guidelines on implementing the ISM Code, both for Administrations and for companies. It also decided to strengthen the consistent enforcement of the Code, with support from port State control and by updating related IMO guidelines. <u>More ...</u>

International Day of the Seafarer 2025

Promoting a culture of respect: My Harassment-Free Ship.

On 25 June, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) leads the global celebration of the Day of the Seafarer – a day designated by the United Nations to recognize the critical role seafarers play in global trade, security, and the flow of essential goods.

This year, the theme **#MyHarassmentFreeShip** calls attention to the urgent need to eliminate bullying and harassment in the maritime industry and to foster a culture of dignity, safety, and inclusion onboard every vessel.

The campaign calls on everyone to stand together to build a maritime industry where every seafarer feels protected, valued, and respected; and where every ship is a harassment-free ship. <u>More ...</u>

IMO, ILO, ICS, ITF unite in call to protect seafarers against criminalization

Global maritime leaders reaffirm commitment to fair treatment, due process, and coordinated action to protect seafarers' rights.

Seafarers detained in connection with their professional duties must be treated fairly and with dignity, with full respect for their human rights, high level participants from the International Maritime Organization (IMO), International Labour Organization (ILO), International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), and International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) have urged, following a joint event at IMO Headquarters in London, United Kingdom.

Participants urged commitment to due process and the fair treatment of seafarers to allow them to be swiftly repatriated to their families in accordance with the IMO/ILO Guidelines, acknowledging that unfair criminalization of seafarers continues to be of significant concern to seafarers and the wider industry, and reduces industry confidence. <u>More ...</u>



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Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 110) 18-27 June

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levels, the course is a key resource to aid trainees in mastering essential survey procedures and verification techniques in compliance with international standards.



UNITED NATIONS

UN Ocean Conference 2025 to feature extensive trade and development agenda. *UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)*. 2 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://unctad.org/news/un-ocean-conference-2025-feature-extensive-trade-and-development-agenda</u> The ocean, which covers 70 per cent of Earth's surface, is essential to all life but is under exceptional strain.

Global Trade Update (June 2025): Sustainable ocean economy. *UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)*. 4 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://unctad.org/publication/global-trade-update-june-2025-sustainable-ocean-economy</u> Between 1995 and 2020, the ocean economy grew 2.5 times, outpacing the 1.9-fold growth of the global economy.

The world's oceans are dying. Can a UN summit in Nice turn the tide? Fabrice Robinet. *UN News.* 4 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/06/1164026</u> From June 9 to 13, the coastal city of Nice will host the Third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3), a high-level summit co-chaired by France and Costa Rica.

At least eight drown in Red Sea as smugglers force migrants overboard. *UN News*. 11 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/06/1164246</u> At least eight people are feared dead and 22 others are missing after smugglers stopped a boat carrying around 150 passengers likely bound for Yemen on 5 June.

IOM Mobilizes Urgent Aid After Tragic Incident Off Djibouti Coast. *International Organization for Migration (IOM)*. 11 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.iom.int/news/iom-mobilizes-urgent-aid-after-tragic-incident-djibouti-coast</u> The International Organization for Migration (IOM), in close coordination with Djiboutian authorities, is scaling up its humanitarian response following a tragic incident off the coast of Djibouti that left at least eight migrants dead and 22 others missing.

'Plenty of fish in the sea'? Not anymore, say UN experts in Nice. Fabrice Robinet. *UN News*. 11 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/06/1164251</u> As yachts bobbed gently and delegates streamed by in a rising tide of lanyards and iPads at Port Lympia, Nice's historic harbor, that statistic sent a ripple through the conference's third day – a stark reminder that the world's oceans are under growing pressure from overfishing, climate change and unsustainable management.

 'No Ocean Declaration without small islands': Delegates push for inclusion as UN summit nears end. Heyi Zou. UN News. 12 June 2025. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/06/1164306
With the conference, known as UNOC3, set to close Friday, the stakes couldn't be higher.

UN ocean summit in Nice closes with wave of commitments. Fabrice Robinet. *UN News*. 13 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/06/1164381</u> "We close this historic week not just with hope, but with concrete commitment, clear direction, and undeniable momentum," Li Junhua, the UN's Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and Secretary-General of the summit, told reporters.

Brutal cuts mean brutal choices warns UN relief chief, launching 'survival appeal'. *UN News*. 16 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/06/1164421</u> Facing the most severe funding shortfall in the history of humanitarian aid, UN relief chief Tom Fletcher on Monday announced a "hyper-prioritised" appeal for \$29 billion to meet urgent global needs.



What is financing for development? *UN News*. 22 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/06/1164691</u> According to the United Nations, the world needs an extra \$4 trillion every year to tackle some of the world's biggest challenges – ending poverty and hunger, fighting climate change, and reducing inequality.

UN80 Initiative: What it is – and why it matters to the world. *UN News*. 23 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/06/1164836</u> "This is a good time to take a look at ourselves and see how fit for purpose we are in a set of circumstances which, let's be honest, are quite challenging for multilateralism and for the UN," says Guy Ryder, Under-Secretary-General for Policy and chair of the UN80 Task Force.

UNDP launches Human Development Report 2025 in the Republic of Korea, emphasizing human choices in the age of AI. *United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)*. 23 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.undp.org/policy-centre/seoul/press-releases/undp-launches-human-development-report-2025-republic-korea-emphasizing-human-choices-age-ai</u> Rapid advances in artificial intelligence (AI) are opening new opportunities while presenting unprecedented challenges to human development.

Eighty years on, UN Charter marked by reflection, resolve – and a run. Vibhu Mishra. *UN News*. 26 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/06/1164976</u> Under cooler skies after days of intense heat, the run ended where it all began, at the original UN Charter – the document that launched the Organization and reshaped the modern international order – now on display at UN Headquarters.

Meeting of States Parties to United Nations Convention on Law of Sea Held at Headquarters, 23-26 June. United Nations. 27 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://press.un.org/en/2025/sea2233.doc.htm</u> The thirty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea was held at Headquarters from 23 to 26 June.



CASUALTIES

New transcript reveals frantic scene aboard *Dali* **before Key Bridge collapse**. Hayes Gardner. *Baltimore Banner (US)*. 2 June 2025. Available from:

https://www.thebaltimorebanner.com/community/transportation/key-bridge-ntsb-dali-conversations-YOUJWQTWPJHBZCYYOI3ORYXI3Q/ Conversations among the *Dali's* two Maryland-based pilots and its foreign crew members portray an unremarkable beginning to the container ship's departure from Baltimore last year.

VDR Transcript Shows Final Panic Aboard Dali as It Approached the Bridge.

Maritime Executive. 3 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://maritime-executive.com/article/vdr-transcript-shows-final-panic-aboard-dali-as-it-approached-the-bridge</u> The National Transportation Safety Board is continuing its investigation and release of data from the 2024 incident in which the containership *Dali* destroyed Baltimore's Francis Scott Key Bridge.

Freighter runs aground in Mu Ko Surin National Park, damaging coral. *Thai Public Broadcasting Service (ThaiPBS)*. 4 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://world.thaipbs.or.th/detail/freighter-runs-around-in-mu-ko-surin-national-park-damaging-coral-/57724</u> The department's director-general, Atthaphon Charoenchansa, revealed that the vessel, named *"MV.AYAR LINN"*, scraped across coral reefs for a distance of 75 metres before running aground.

Coast Guard conducts overflight of vessel fire offshore Adak, Alaska. Defence Visual Information Distribution Service (DVIDS). 4 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.dvidshub.net/video/965531/coast-guard-conducts-overflight-vessel-fire-offshore-adak-alaska</u> A Coast Guard C-130J Super Hercules aircrew conducts an overflight of cargo ship Morning Midas, June 4, 2025.

Zodiac-managed car carrier hit by blaze in Pacific as crew forced to abandon ship. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 4 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/zodiac-managed-car-carrier-hit-by-blaze-in-pacific-as-crew-forced-to-abandon-ship/2-1-1828469</u> The US Coast Guard is responding to a fire on a Zodiac Maritime-managed car carrier off Alaska.

Ship carrying EVs abandoned in Pacific after catching fire. *Business Times (Singapore)*. 5 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/companies-markets/transport-logistics/ship-carrying-evs-abandoned-pacific-after-catching-fire</u> A ship carrying about 3,000 cars to Mexico was abandoned in the middle of the Pacific Ocean after catching fire on Tuesday (Jun 3), highlighting a growing risk to the transportation of electric vehicles (EVs).

Correction: Update: Coast Guard responds to vessel fire offshore Adak, Alaska. *United States Coast Guard*. 6 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://tinyurl.com/mwspzc48</u> The Coast Guard is continuing its response to a vessel fire approximately 340 miles southwest of Adak, Thursday.

Details of cargo reveal risky mix of chemicals, plastic pellets and food items. *New Indian Express*. 6 June 2025. Available from:

<u>https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/kerala/2025/Jun/06/details-of-cargo-reveal-risky-mix-of-chemicals-plastic-pellets-and-food-items</u> The cargo manifest of the sunken vessel *MSC Elsa 3*, accessed by TNIE, reveals full information on the 643 containers aboard the ship at the time of its sinking.



Wan Hai's dangerous cargo raises safety concern. Times of India. 9 June 2025.

Available from: <u>https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kozhikode/wan-hais-dangerous-cargo-raises-safety-concern/articleshow/121733702.cms</u> Singapore-flagged container ship *Wan Hai 503*, which caught fire 44 nautical miles off Azhikkal coast and is adrift, has 157 containers with dangerous cargo listed by IMO.

Massive fire engulfs Singapore-flagged container ship owned by Taiwan's Wan Hai Lines off Kerala coast. *Economic Times (India)*. 9 June 2025. Available from:

https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/ports-shipping/catastrophic-blaze-on-singaporeflagged-container-ship-immediate-response-off-kerala-coast/121729794 A massive fire engulfed the Singapore-flagged container ship 'Wan Hai 503' owned by Taiwan's Wan Hai Lines following an explosion in an onboard container on Monday morning, about 44 nautical miles off the coast of Azhikkal in Kerala.

Fire Onboard Singapore-Registered Container Vessel Wan Hai 503 Off Indian Coast.

Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA). 9 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.mpa.gov.sg/media-centre/details/fire-onboard-singapore-registered-container-vessel-wan-hai-503-off-indian-coast</u> The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) has been informed that there was a fire onboard the Singapore-registered container vessel *Wan Hai 503*, approximately 80 km southwest of Azhikkal, Kerala, India.

UPDATE 2: Coast Guard responds to vessel fire offshore Adak, Alaska.

United States Coast Guard. 9 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.news.uscg.mil/Press-</u><u>Releases/Article/4211030/update-2-coast-guard-responds-to-vessel-fire-offshore-adak-alaska/</u> The Coast Guard is continuing its response to a fire onboard the cargo vessel *Morning Midas*, located approximately 220 miles south of Adak Monday

Container ship Wan Hai 503 catches fire off Kerala coast; 18 crew rescued 4 missing.

V Sajeev Kumar. *Hindu BusinessLine (India)*. 9 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/logistics/container-ship-wan-hai-503-catches-fire-off-kerala-coast-18-crew-rescued-4-missing/article69674979.ece</u> Following the sinking of *ELSA 3* off the Kerala coast last month, another maritime accident reported when a Singapore flagged container ship *Wan Hai 503* caught fire on board about 88 nautical miles from the coast of Beypore.

Fire-Fighting and SAR Operations for Wan Hai 503 Continue. Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA). 10 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.mpa.gov.sg/media-centre/details/fire-fighting-and-sar-operations-for-wan-hai-503-continue</u> Fire-fighting operations are ongoing onboard the Singapore-registered container vessel Wan Hai 503, off the coast of India.

Media Release: INTERCARGO Bulk Carrier Casualty Report 2025: Safety gains continue but security threats emerge. International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (INTERCARGO). 10 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.intercargo.org/media-release-safety-gains-continue-butsecurity-threats-emerge/</u> INTERCARGO reports encouraging progress in bulk carrier safety, with vessel losses and fatalities continuing to decline over the last decade. <u>Report</u>

Burning Wan Hai Lines boxship is listing amid further explosions. Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds*. 10 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/burning-wan-hai-lines-boxship-is-listing-amid-further-explosions/2-1-1830564</u> Two Indian Coast Guard vessels have managed to partly control a raging fire on board a burning container ship off the country's coast, but the situation remains critical.



Indian Coast Guard working to combat fire on Singapore-flagged container ship. *Asian News International (ANI)*. 11 June 2025. Available from:

https://aninews.in/news/national/general-news/indian-coast-guard-working-to-combat-fire-onsingapore-flagged-container-ship20250611042641/ The Indian Coast Guard is continuously working to combat the fire that engulfed the Singapore-flagged container ship *MV Wan Hai 503.*

Firefighting efforts intensify aboard Singapore vessel after explosion off Kerala coast. *Deccan Herald (India)*. 12 June 2025. Available from:

https://www.deccanherald.com/india/kerala/firefighting-efforts-intensify-aboard-singapore-vesselafter-explosion-off-kerala-coast-3582390 Indian Coast Guard and other agencies are working round the clock to contain a large fire aboard the Singapore-flagged cargo vessel *MV Wan Hai 503*, which caught fire earlier this week after a container exploded off Kerala coast while en route to Mumbai from Colombo.

16 days on, Kerala police file criminal case over sinking of Liberian-flagged cargo vessel *MSC Elsa 3,* **says crew's mishandling led to mishap**. *Times of India*. 12 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kochi/16-days-on-police-register-case-overcargo-ship-sinking/articleshow/121786189.cms</u> Police on Wednesday registered a case of rash navigation against the owner, master and crew of the Liberian-flagged vessel *MSC Elsa 3*, which sand 14.6 nautical miles off Thottappilly, Alappuzha, on May 15.

A ship is burning bright near Kerala day and night with fuel and fear aboard.

Economic Times (India). 13 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://tinyurl.com/4w6m3z62</u> Oil spill advisories, slight tilt in the ship, risk of ship sinking, containers falling into the sea - a lot has happened since an explosion and a massive fire broke out below the deck of a Singapore-flagged vessel, *M.V. Wan Hai 503*, on June 9.

Wan Hai Lines – Statement on Fire Incident Aboard WAN HAI 503 Vessel. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 16 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/wan-hai-lines-statement-on-fire-incident-aboard-wan-hai-503-vessel/</u> On June 9, 2025 (GMT +8 hrs), Wan Hai Lines notified relevant authorities and media that earlier that same day, during its voyage in the Indian Ocean 54 nautical miles off the west coast of India, the Singapore flagged vessel WAN HAI 503 vessel (Chinese name: *"Wan Chun Lun"*), operated by our company, reported a fire on board after detecting thick smoke.

'Massive fire' after collision between Frontline VLCC and dark fleet tanker off Fujairah. Jonathan Boonzaier, Karen Ng, Gary Dixon and Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 17 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/-massive-fire-after-collision-between-frontline-vlcc-and-dark-fleet-tanker-off-fujairah/2-1-1833747</u> A Frontline VLCC and a dark fleet suezmax tanker caught fire in the Gulf of Oman off Fujairah in the United Arab Emirates following a collision.

Laden Frontline VLCC collides with shadow suezmax tanker off Khorfakkan. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com.* 17 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://splash247.com/laden-frontline-vlcc-collides-with-shadow-aframax-tanker-off-khorfakkan/</u> A collision occurred at 1:14 am Dubai time overnight between two tankers, the Antigua Barbuda-flagged *Adalynn* suezmax, part of the shadow fleet, and the Liberian-flagged *Front Eagle* VLCC, near the Khorfakkan anchorage in the Gulf of Oman.



Oil tanker collision and fire in Gulf of Oman caused by 'navigational misjudgement'.

Ali Al Shouk. The National (UAE). 17 June 2025. Available from:

https://www.thenationalnews.com/news/uae/2025/06/17/uae-coast-guard-rescues-24-crewmembers-after-oil-tanker-collision-in-sea-of-oman/ The probable cause of a collision between an oil tanker and another vessel in the Gulf of Oman on Tuesday was "navigational misjudgment", the UAE's Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure has said.

Oil extraction from MSC Elsa 3 to take more time due to monsoon season: DGS.

Deccan Herald (India). 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.deccanherald.com/india/kerala/oil-extraction-from-msc-elsa-3-to-take-more-time-due-to-monsoon-season-dgs-3591422</u> The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) on Wednesday said that due to the prevailing peak monsoon conditions and associated operational risks, it will take more time to extract oil from the Liberian-flagged ship that sank off the Kerala coast last month.

Dali's fatal collision is the story of a predictable tragedy. Tomas Kristiansen. *ShippingWatch*. 20 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article18293695.ece</u> Henrik Uth is chief executive officer of the Survey Association, whose employees are among the first to arrive when there has been a serious accident on a ship.

Admiral Rabiee: "We dealt immediately and professionally with the grounding of the *RED ZED 1* diving vessel.". *Suez Canal Authority (SCA)*. 21 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.suezcanal.gov.eg/English/MediaCenter/News/Pages/Nav_21-06-2025.aspx</u> Admiral Ossama Rabiee, Chairman and Managing Director of the Suez Canal Authority, stated today, Saturday, that the results of the comprehensive examination conducted by the Authority-affiliated Incident Investigation Committee on the grounding of the *RED ZED 1* diving vessel affirmed the absence of any human losses or injuries, and the overall safety of the vessel, with some damage being assessed at the incident site.

UPDATE 3: Coast Guard responds to vessel fire offshore Adak, Alaska. *United States Coast Guard*. 24 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.news.uscg.mil/Press-</u><u>Releases/Article/4225104/update-3-coast-guard-responds-to-vessel-fire-offshore-adak-alaska/</u> The Coast Guard has concluded its response to a fire onboard the cargo ship *Morning Midas*, which capsized and sank in international waters approximately 450 miles southwest of Adak on Monday.

Blaze-hit Zodiac Maritime-managed car carrier sinks in the Pacific. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 24 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/blaze-hit-zodiac-maritime-managed-car-carrier-sinks-in-the-pacific/2-1-1837154</u> The Zodiac Maritime-managed car carrier *Morning Midas* has sunk in the North Pacific following a serious fire on 3 June.

Cargo ship carrying new vehicles to Mexico sinks in the North Pacific weeks after catching fire. Mark Thiessen. Associated Press. 25 June 2025. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/car-carrier-sinks-aleutian-islands-5eec64f6bad760cf3ebbb4c810f78b68 A cargo ship that had been delivering new vehicles to Mexico sank in the North Pacific Ocean, weeks after crew members abandoned ship when they couldn't extinguish an onboard fire that left the carrier dead in the water.

Wan Hai 503 - the burning questions. Nick Savvides and Marcus Hand. Seatrade Maritime News. 27 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/accidents/wan-hai-503-the-burning-questions</u> It is understood that the *Wan Hai 503* is now under tow and heading out from India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).



Major fire breaks out in Oman-bound vessel: INS Tabar answers distress call; crew rescued.

Times of India. 30 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://tinyurl.com/msdukjvj</u> A vessel, named *MT Yi Cheng 6*, with 14 crew members of Indian origin onboard, encountered a major fire in the engine room and total power failure.

World Shipping Council Releases Container Lost at Sea Report - 2025 Update.

World Shipping Council. 30 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.worldshipping.org/news/world-shipping-council-releases-container-lost-at-sea-report-2025-update</u> The World Shipping Council has released its annual Containers Lost at Sea report, showing that 576 containers were lost at sea in 2024. <u>Report</u> 1

Contact of Mexican Navy ARM Cuauhtémoc BE 01 with the Brooklyn Bridge.

US National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). 30 June 2025. Available from: https://www.ntsb.gov/investigations/Pages/DCA25MM039.aspx On May 17, 2025, at 2024 eastern daylight time, the *ARM Cuauhtémoc BE 01*, a Mexican Navy tall ship with 277 crewmembers and cadets aboard, struck the Brooklyn Bridge after departing from Pier 17 in Manhattan on the East River in New York, New York, damaging all three of the ship's masts.

ENVIRONMENT

How the ocean rewards us when coastal communities take the lead. *World Economic Forum*. 3 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.weforum.org/stories/2025/06/ocean-rewards-coastal-communities/</u> As governments, businesses and organizations gather in Nice, France, for the UN Ocean Conference 2025, we can count ourselves lucky to participate in the life of a thriving coastal city for a short while.

Bringing whale superhighways to life - new digital platform a game-changer for ocean conservation. *WWF*. 3 June 2025. Available from:

https://wwf.panda.org/wwf_news/press_releases/?14155466/Bringing-whale-superhighways-to-life---new-digital-platform-a-game-changer-for-ocean-conservation Launched ahead of World Oceans Day (8 June) and the UN Ocean Conference in Nice, France (9-13 June), the BlueCorridors.org platform advances international goals to protect 30% of the ocean by 2030, as set out in the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, underscores the importance of ratifying the UN High Seas Treaty (BBNJ Agreement), and contributes to the ambitions of the UN Decade of Ocean Science. <u>Protecting Blue Corridors</u>

Crude oil spill reported off Sriracha coast — Thai Oil activates emergency response plan. *The Nation (Thailand)*. 6 June 2025. Available from:

<u>https://www.nationthailand.com/news/general/40050889</u> An oil spill has occurred in the open sea off the coast of Sriracha, Chonburi Province, near the SBM-2 (Single Buoy Mooring) terminal.

New Digital Nautical Chart to Protect Biodiversity in Danish Waters. Danish Shipping.

18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://danishshipping.dk/en/latest-news/2025/new-digital-nautical-chart-to-protect-biodiversity-in-danish-waters/</u> With support from the Danish Maritime Fund, Danish Shipping will develop a new digital nautical chart to help ships better protect marine wildlife and biodiversity.



Recent shipwrecks off Kerala coast a serious threat to marine ecosystem, DG shipping tells Kerala HC. *Times of India*. 20 June 2025. Available from:

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kochi/recent-shipwrecks-off-kerala-coast-a-serious-threat-tomarine-ecosystem-dg-shipping-tells-kerala-hc/articleshow/121958583.cms The shipwrecks off the Kerala coast pose a serious threat to the marine ecosystem and coastal environment, according to an affidavit filed in the Kerala high court on behalf of the director general of shipping.

Global Climate Risk Index Ranks 188 Countries by Vulnerability and Access to Finance.

Columbia University (US). 25 June 2025. Available from:

https://news.climate.columbia.edu/2025/06/25/global-climate-risk-index-ranks-188-countries-byvulnerability-and-access-to-finance/ Researchers at the Columbia Climate School, with support from the Rockefeller Foundation, have unveiled a new index that integrates countries' vulnerabilities to natural and human-caused hazards with their ability to access financing to pay for prevention, recovery and rebuilding actions.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

Ministry of Environment removes 500 metres of abandoned fishing nets.

The Peninsula (Qatar). 2 June 2025. Available from:

https://thepeninsulaqatar.com/article/02/06/2025/ministry-of-environment-removes-500-metres-ofabandoned-fishing-nets The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MECC), represented by the Department of Marine Protection and in cooperation with the marine scientific team of the Protection and Natural Reserves Sector, carried out a campaign to remove abandoned fishing nets entangled among coral reefs on the seabed in the marine area east of Doha.

Clean Sea oil pollution response exercise outside Tallinn. *Finnish Border Guard*. 3 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://raja.fi/en/-/clean-sea-oil-pollution-response-exercise-outside-tallinn</u> Clean Sea oil pollution response exercise, hosted by the Estonian Navy, takes place in the sea area outside Tallinn, as well as in Muuga harbour, on 2–4 June.

World Environment Day: UN sounds alarm on plastic pollution crisis. *UN News*. 4 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/06/1164046</u> Between 19 and 23 million tonnes of plastic waste leak into aquatic ecosystems annually, and without urgent action, this figure is expected to rise by 50 per cent by 2040.

Thai Oil says Si Racha spill contained. Apinya Wipatayotin. *Bangkok Post*. 7 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/3044207/thai-oil-says-si-racha-spill-contained</u> Thai Oil Plc says a crude oil spill in the sea near its refinery in Chon Buri province has been contained, with no visible traces of oil remaining in the area.

The battle to quiet the sea: Can the shipping industry turn down the volume? *UN News.* 10 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/06/1164196</u> As global trade surges, so does the underwater noise generated by commercial shipping.

Investigations and monitoring continue of SL coastline as plastic pellets and debris wash ashore. Tharushi Weerasinghe and Hiran Priyankara. *Sunday Times (Sri Lanka)*. 15 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.sundaytimes.lk/250615/news/investigations-and-monitoring-continue-of-sl-coastline-as-plastic-pellets-and-debris-wash-ashore-601384.html</u> Plastic pellets and debris from a foreign cargo ship that caught fire off the coast of India are now washing ashore along Sri Lanka's western, northwestern, and northern coastlines, prompting a wave of investigations and coastal monitoring by authorities and environmental groups.



The unstoppable clone army of invasive Asian seaweed ravaging the Spanish coast. Esther Sánchez. *El País (Spain)*. 18 June 2025. Available from:

https://english.elpais.com/climate/2025-06-18/the-unstoppable-clone-army-of-invasive-asianseaweed-ravaging-the-spanish-coast.html An army of Rugulopteryx okamurae, an invasive Asian algae detected in 2015 in the Spanish exclave city of Ceuta, is advancing relentlessly along the coast, producing clones by the thousands and devastating biodiversity.

Call for long-term monitoring system to tackle marine disasters. Manoj Viswanathan.

New Indian Express. 18 June 2025. Available from:

https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/kerala/2025/Jun/18/call-for-long-term-monitoring-systemto-tackle-marine-disasters Two maritime disasters -- a shipwreck and a fire on board a vessel carrying dangerous goods -- within a span of three weeks have caused concern about maritime security and damage to marine ecosystem on Kerala coast.

Gulf of Oman oil spill: Greenpeace warns of environmental disaster. *Greenpeace International.* 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.greenpeace.org/international/press-release/75704/gulf-of-oman-oil-spill-environmental-disaster/</u> Greenpeace Middle East and North Africa (MENA) has warned of a potential environmental disaster after two crude oil tankers collided between Iran and the United Arab Emirates on Tuesday.

Oil spill detected from Tuesday's tanker collision in the Gulf of Oman. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 19 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://splash247.com/oil-spill-detected-from-tuesdays-tanker-collision-in-the-gulf-of-oman/</u> An oil spill is growing rapidly in the Gulf of Oman after Tuesday's spectacular collision between a Frontline VLCC and a suezmax belonging to Russia's shadow fleet.

Organizations push for ban on discharge of scrubber-related waste water at sea. Kit Lindhardt. *ShippingWatch*. 19 June 2025. Available from:

<u>https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article18291794.ece</u> Scrubber systems that clean smoke from ships are transferring pollution from the air to the sea, according to criticism from a number of green organizations ahead of a ministerial meeting

MEPA steps up cleaning operations of washed up nurdles in northern coastal areas.

S. Rubatheesan. *Sunday Times (Sri Lanka)*. 22 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.sundaytimes.lk/250622/news/mepa-steps-up-cleaning-operations-of-washed-up-nurdles-in-northern-coastal-areas-601989.html</u> With high deposits of nurdles, a source material for plastic production, being washed onto the northern coastal region following a container ship sinking in the Indian Ocean, local authorities stepped up beach cleaning activities to remove them this week.

Environmental groups demand accountability for Plastic pellet pollution along Sri Lankan shores. *Daily Mirror (Sri Lanka)*. 27 June 2025. Available from: https://www.dailymirror.lk/print/news_features/Environmental_groups_demand_accountability_for

https://www.dailymirror.lk/print/news-features/Environmental-groups-demand-accountability-for-<u>Plastic-pellet-pollution-along-Sri-Lankan-shores/131-312680</u> Environmental groups and civil rights activists have raised concerns about two shipwrecks that occurred in the Indian Ocean in close proximity to South India recently.

Stakeholders Lament Rising Rate Of Marine Debris In Ocean. Yusuf Babalola.

Leadership (Nigeria). 27 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://leadership.ng/stakeholders-lament-rising-rate-of-marine-debris-in-ocean/</u> Maritime stakeholders have lamented the rising rate of marine debris in the nation's water bodies and its effect on vessel navigation and public health.





Sunken warships from WWI and WWII are ticking pollution time bombs at the bottom of our oceans. Rosie Frost. *Euronews*. 29 June 2025. Available from: https://www.euronews.com/green/2025/06/29/sunken-warships-from-wwi-and-wwii-are-ticking-pollution-time-bombs-at-the-bottom-of-our-oc In December 1918, the *HMS Cassandr*a was headed towards Tallinn to support Estonian efforts to break away from Bolshevik rule at the end of World War I.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Unique Snapshot highlights true state of bullying and harassment in advance of Day of the Seafarer. Sailors' Society. 20 June 2025. Available from: https://sailors-society.org/uniquesnapshot-highlights-true-state-of-bullying-and-harassment-in-advance-of-day-of-the-seafarer/ In advance of the IMO Day of the Seafarer's focus on 'My Harassment-Free Ship', Sailors' Society is launching a maritime first – a State of the Industry Snapshot focused on bullying and harassment at sea. State of the Industry Snapshot: Bullying and harassment at sea

New data reveals leading causes of seafarer deaths in 2023. Valentina Stoevska. *International Labour Organization (ILO).* 25 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://ilostat.ilo.org/blog/new-data-reveals-leading-causes-of-seafarer-deaths-in-2023/</u> A first-ever global data collection on seafarer fatalities offers insight into the main causes of death at sea, revealing critical safety and health risks. With data from 51 countries, this analysis underscores the urgent need for stronger reporting systems and targeted safety measures under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006.

IMO

International Maritime Organization's historic agreement to decarbonise shipping. Katie Kouchakji. International Bar Association (IBA). 2 June 2025. Available from: https://www.ibanet.org/International-Maritime-Organizations-historic-agreement-to-decarboniseshipping Countries at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) – the UN agency responsible for regulating maritime transport – agreed in April to a draft framework intended to reach net zero emissions by or around 2050.

The \$800,000-per-voyage question: Will shipping face combined IMO and EU carbon costs? Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds*. 2 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/the-800-000-per-voyage-question-will-shipping-face-combined-imo-and-eu-carbon-costs-/2-1-1826026</u> Carbon costs would tot up to as much as \$800,000 to move an iron ore cargo from Brazil to Rotterdam in 2030, if upcoming IMO rules stack on top of those in the European Union.

Norway's top carbon negotiator defends IMO deal as shipping faces major fuel shift. Craig Eason. *TradeWinds*. 4 June 2025. Available from:

https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/norway-s-top-carbon-negotiator-defends-imo-deal-asshipping-faces-major-fuel-shift/2-1-1828463 Sveinung Oftedal chaired most of the climate debates at the IMO that led to a deal which some groups have criticised as being too much of a compromise.

GLOBAL: EU looking to avoid double taxation with IMO Net-Zero Framework, Nor-Shipping hears. Ariane Morrissey. *Bunkerspot.* 5 June 2025. Available from:

https://www.bunkerspot.com/global/65329-nor-shipping-double-taxation-imo-net-zero-framework-euets-fueleu-maritime-mepc The European Commission has begun its analysis of the IMO's Net-Zero Framework, but it is too early to tell if the EU's regulation on shipping's GHG emissions will give way to the IMO's new pricing mechanism, an EU official told a panel at Nor-Shipping.



Global climate mandates and the IMO: Too little, too late or a vital first step?

Hill Dickinson LLP. 6 June 2025. Available from:

https://www.hilldickinson.com/insights/articles/global-climate-mandates-and-imo-too-little-too-late-orvital-first-step As the world approaches the tenth anniversary of the Paris Agreement, signed by all 198 members of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) at the 21st Conference of the Parties (COP21) in 2016, attention turns to COP30, set to take place in Brazil later this year.

World Business Report. *BBC World Service*. 9 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/w3ct76qk</u> Interview with the IMO Secretary-General, Arsenio Dominguez, starts at 18:11.

IMO's net-zero 'breakthrough' comes with caveats. John Snyder. *Rivera Maritime*. 10 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/imos-net-zero-breakthrough-comes-with-caveats-85120</u> DNV Maritime CEO, Knut Ørbeck-Nilssen, sees IMO's Net-Zero Framework as a 'breakthrough point' for shipping but it leaves many questions unanswered, making it difficult for owners to make decisions on decarbonisation.

NICE / UNOC3 IMO Shipping Interview. *United Nations*. 11 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://media.un.org/unifeed/en/asset/d340/d3408564</u> Arsenio Dominguez, International Maritime Organization (IMO) chief said, "This is the time to focus on tangible results."

More carrot please: London Greeks pile in to criticism of IMO green plan. Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds*. 12 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/more-carrot-please-london-greeks-pile-in-to-criticism-of-imo-green-plan/2-1-1832208</u> One day After the Union of Greek Shipowners expressed its dissatisfaction with the IMO's current decarbonisation plan, London-based Hellenic peers joined the criticism, branding the global regulator's approach as one-sided.

IMO urges ships to check Strait of Hormuz security measures. Lemma Shehadi.

The National (UAE). 18 June 2025. Available from:

<u>https://www.thenationalnews.com/news/mena/2025/06/18/imo-urges-ships-to-check-strait-of-hormuz-security-measures/</u> The IMO has said there were no indications of any increased threat to shipping in the Arabian Gulf, despite Iranian calls for international measures to prevent escalation in the Strait of Hormuz.

IMO's Crucial Moment: How Shipping Finally Started Tackling Climate Change.

Michael Barnard. *CleanTechnica*. 19 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://cleantechnica.com/2025/06/19/imos-crucial-moment-how-shipping-finally-started-tackling-climate-change/</u> In the wake of the IMO's vote to price carbon in shipping fuels, I had the opportunity to sit down with an insider and expert on maritime decarbonization, Tristan Smith.

Op-ed: Shipping's new net zero framework: Where to next? Jesse Fahnestock. *Offshore Energy.* 19 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.offshore-energy.biz/op-ed-shippings-new-net-zero-framework-where-to-next/</u> At the 83rd meeting of its Marine Environment Protection Committee, the IMO agreed on foundational elements that will drive a shift to lower-carbon shipping fuels, and, eventually, zero-emission shipping that can help deliver on the global community's climate ambitions.

Navigating the turning point: Why the IMO's next steps matter more than ever.

Houda Dabboussi. *TradeWinds*. 20 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/navigating-the-turning-point-why-the-imo-s-next-steps-</u> matter-more-than-ever/2-1-1835045 The maritime sector has crossed an important line in the sand.



The IMO approved its Net-zero Framework. Now what? Trevor Brown and Andra Guati Rojo. *Ammonia Energy Association.* 26 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://ammoniaenergy.org/articles/the-imo-approved-its-net-zero-framework-now-what/</u> This month, we have issued a call to action to the IMO, its member states, and participating organizations.

Statement of Chairman Louis E. Sola on the IMO & Decarbonization.

US Federal Maritime Commission (FMC). 27 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.fmc.gov/ftdo/statement-of-chairman-louis-e-sola-on-the-imo-decarbonization/</u> Most Americans likely possess little knowledge of the IMO, but the actions it is taking to address vessel emissions will have consequential negative effects on U.S. citizens and businesses.

A just and equitable transition for shipping. *Opportunity Green*. 30 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.opportunitygreen.org/publication-a-just-and-equitable-transition-for-shipping</u> Now that the IMO has set out its IMO Net-Zero Framework, the next step is agreeing where the revenues from its associated fund – the IMO Net Zero Fund – will go. <u>Report</u>

GLOBAL: NGO calls for funds from shipping's global emissions fee to 'support countries at the frontline of climate change'. Ian Taylor. *Bunkerspot.* 30 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.bunkerspot.com/global/65556-global-ngo-calls-for-funds-from-shipping-s-global-</u> <u>emissions-fee-to-support-countries-at-the-frontline-of-climate-change</u> In a new report published today (30 June), the climate NGO Opportunity Green said the funds raised by the global fee on ships' emissions that will be introduced as part of the IMO's Net-Zero Framework 'must support countries at the frontline of climate change'.

LAW & POLICY

Government of Panama Rejects Claims About Enforcing Iran's Sanctions Efforts. *MarineLink*. 2 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.marinelink.com/news/government-panama-rejects-claims-526398</u> The Government of Panama rejects the claims made by Mark D. Wallace, CEO of United Against Nuclear Iran (UANI) in recent publications circulated through the media and electronic mail worldwide.

Nations urged to make UN summit a 'turning point' for oceans. *France 24*. 2 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20250602-nations-urged-to-make-un-summit-a-turning-point-for-oceans</u> The third UN Ocean Conference (UNOC) seeks to build global unity and raise money for marine conservation even as nations disagree over deep-sea mining, plastic trash and overfishing.

A drop in the ocean: Only 2% of EU seas protected as 2030 deadline looms, WWF warns. *WWF*. 3 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.wwf.eu/?18297941/A-drop-in-the-ocean-Only-2-of-</u> <u>EU-seas-protected-as-2030-deadline-looms-WWF-warns</u> Despite growing ecological and social urgency, only 2.04% of EU seas are currently covered by Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) with management plans. Protecting & restoring our seas: <u>Europe's challenge to meet the 2030 targets</u> <u>Executive Summary</u>

OECD Economic Outlook, Volume 2025 Issue 1: Tackling Uncertainty, Reviving Growth. *OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development)*. 3 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/oecd-economic-outlook-volume-2025-issue-1_83363382-en.html</u> The global outlook is becoming increasingly challenging.



A rising tide, but growing risks: Ocean economy faces pressure and fragmentation.

UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD). 4 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://unctad.org/news/rising-tide-growing-risks-ocean-economy-faces-pressure-and-fragmentation</u> The latest Global Trade Update from UN Trade and Development examines the ocean economy – a vital driver of global trade now under growing pressure from environmental and geopolitical shocks.

Norway ratifies the BBNJ Agreement – "On duty for the Ocean". *Government of Norway*. 4 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.regjeringen.no/en/aktuelt/norway-ratifies-the-bbnj-agreement-on-duty-for-the-ocean/id3107617/</u> 'Today, I am proud and delighted to announce that Norway has ratified and will join as the 31st party to the BBNJ Agreement,' says Minister of Foreign Affairs Espen Barth Eide.

Letter: Ambitious international action is needed to protect our oceans. Hélène Duchêne. *Financial Times*. 4 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.ft.com/content/636f79b6-ef19-461f-9604-2918af3b5387</u> The ocean is our common good, it belongs to all of us.

Commission adopts Ocean Pact with €1 billion to protect marine life and strengthen blue economy. European Commission. 5 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://commission.europa.eu/news-and-media/news/commission-adopts-ocean-pact-eu1-billion-protect-marine-life-and-strengthen-blue-economy-2025-06-11_en</u> To better protect our ocean, the Commission has adopted a European Ocean Pact, which will help to promote a thriving blue economy and support the well-being of people living in coastal areas.

MPs call for Government to ban bottom trawling in protected areas of England's waters. *UK Parliament*. 5 June 2025. Available from:

https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/62/environmental-audit-committee/news/207209/mpscall-for-government-to-ban-bottom-trawling-in-protected-areas-of-englands-waters/ MPs have urged the Government to ban damaging activities such as bottom trawling in certain protected areas of England's waters, in a report published today.

A message from island leaders: protect the Pacific Ocean from deep-sea mining. Moetai Brotherson and Surangel Whipps Jr. *Nature*. 5 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-025-01774-w</u> The Pacific Ocean's seabed is rich in critical metals such as cobalt and nickel.

Calls for Arctic Policy Action on Underwater Noise. Birgitte Annie Hansen.

High North News (Norway). 5 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.highnorthnews.com/en/calls-arctic-policy-action-underwater-noise</u> The Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME) working group of the Arctic Council recently published an extensive report on underwater noise pollution from shipping in the Arctic.

Treaty to protect seas short on support ahead of UN ocean summit. Sebastian Rodriguez. *Climate Home News*. 5 June 2025. Available from:

https://www.climatechangenews.com/2025/06/05/treaty-to-protect-seas-short-on-support-ahead-ofun-ocean-conference/ So far, of the 60 states needed for that to happen, only 32 have ratified the agreement, known as the High Seas Treaty but formally titled Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ).



Climate change of highest priority for CARICOM – CARICOM Secretariat Official. CARICOM.

6 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://caricom.org/climate-change-of-highest-priority-for-caricom-caricom-secretariat-official/</u> Climate change is a top priority for CARICOM Member States, requiring a comprehensive and multifaceted approach, according to Ambassador David Prendergast, Director, Sectoral Programmes at the CARICOM Secretariat.

'Lacklustre' EU Ocean Pact falls short of urgent marine protection needs, NGOs say. Rosie Frost. *Euronews*. 6 June 2025. Available from:

https://www.euronews.com/green/2025/06/06/lacklustre-eu-ocean-pact-falls-short-of-urgent-marineprotection-needs-ngos-say The European Commission presented a plan aimed at better protecting oceans on Thursday, ahead of the UN Oceans Conference (UNOC) in Nice, France, next week.

One year on: Impacts of a landmark legal opinion on climate change. Isabella Kaminski. *Eco-Business*. 6 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.eco-business.com/news/one-year-on-impacts-of-a-landmark-legal-opinion-on-climate-change/</u> The city of Hamburg lies on the banks of the River Elbe in Germany, its busy port one of Europe's most important gateways to the North Sea and beyond.

Why ocean health matters to central banks and financial regulators. *WWF*. 7 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://wwf.panda.org/discover/our_focus/finance/?14164966/Why-ocean-health-matters-to-central-banks-and-financial-regulators</u> Degradation of marine ecosystems—especially beyond key ecological tipping points—constitutes a systemic risk with potentially far-reaching implications for capital markets, asset valuations, and macroeconomic resilience. An Ocean of Possibilities

Kenyan women set pace in exploitation of Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs.

Oprah Nyaboke. *The Star (Kenya)*. 7 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://tinyurl.com/4bnn7fhz</u> At Migingo island in Homabay County, Florence Akinyi sits near Lake Victoria armed with nets and boats as, shoal of dried Omena (small, pelagic, freshwater fish) surrounds her.

UN Ocean Conference opens with calls for urgent action to safeguard the health of the ocean. *United Nations*. 9 June 2025. Available from:

https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/blog/2025/06/press-release-2025-un-ocean-conference/ The 2025 United Nations Ocean Conference, co-hosted by the Governments of France and Costa Rica, opened today in Nice with strong calls to accelerate action and mobilize all actors to conserve and sustainably use the ocean. <u>Conference sessions</u>

Huge wave of ratifications for High Seas Treaty marks historic progress towards entry into force. *High Seas Alliance*. 9 June 2025. Available from:

https://highseasalliance.org/2025/06/09/huge-wave-of-ratifications-for-high-seas-treaty-markshistoric-progress-towards-entry-into-force/ Today at the 3rd UN Ocean Conference in Nice, France, High Seas Alliance congratulates progress on the historic number of ratifications for the High Seas Treaty that have just been deposited, bringing the Treaty much closer to the critical threshold of 60 ratifications needed for its entry into force.

Macron says High Seas Treaty could take effect from January after surge in support at ocean summit. Rosie Frost. *Euronews*. 9 June 2025. Available from:

https://www.euronews.com/green/2025/06/09/landmark-treaty-to-protect-the-high-seas-now-inchesaway-from-60-signatures-for-ratificati Eighteen countries ratified the High Seas Treaty on Monday, bringing the total to 49 - just 11 short of the 60 needed for the landmark ocean agreement to enter into force.



The UN Ocean Conference tries to turn promises into protection. Annika Hammerschlag. *Associated Press*. 9 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://apnews.com/article/un-oceans-conference-france-high-seas-treaty-9d46d372dc1f2d44bedbe41c84598bc8</u> The third U.N. Ocean Conference opened Monday as pressure mounts for nations to turn decades of promises into real protection for the sea.

Non-ratification of three global conventions puts India in legal blind spot after MSC ELSA-3 disaster. P Manoj. Economic Times (India). 9 June 2025. Available from: https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/ports-shipping/non-ratification-of-three-globalconventions-puts-india-in-legal-blind-spot-after-msc-elsa-3-disaster/121727622 India's non-ratification of three key international shipping conventions related to bunker oil, hazardous substances, and wreck removal restricts its capacity to secure compensation under global liability regimes as borne out by the sinking of MSC ELSA-3 off the coast of Kerala on May 25, sources said.

SI urges ocean action that works to tackle marine pollution. Moffat Mamu.

Solomon Star (Solomon Islands). 12 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.solomonstarnews.com/si-urges-ocean-action-that-works-to-tackle-marine-pollution/</u> Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources, Hon. Bradley Tovosia, has called for decisive, enforceable global action to tackle marine pollution—highlighting the urgent threats from both ship waste and the growing menace of ghost gear.

The world just got closer to an ocean-saving treaty. Leonie Cater. *POLITICO*. 13 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.politico.eu/article/united-nations-oceans-conference-france-high-seas-treaty/</u> France claims victory as enough nations promise to ratify the high seas treaty despite opposition from Trump's America.

30x30 Action Plan Launches at the UN Ocean Conference. *World Economic Forum*. 14 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.weforum.org/friends-of-ocean-action/30x30-action-plan-launches-at-the-un-ocean-conference/</u> Guided by the latest data and analysis, the 30x30 Action Plan is a call to action for governments and stakeholders to align efforts, scale up protection, and seize opportunities presented by international agreements to close the gap and protect ocean ecosystems critical to climate resilience, food security, and community livelihoods. <u>Report</u>

Oceans summit ends in failure to protect marine life. Katie McQue. *The Observer*. 14 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://observer.co.uk/news/international/article/oceans-summit-ends-in-failure-to-protect-marine-life</u> The third United Nations Ocean Conference in Nice concluded on Friday on a muted note, falling short of its headline goal of securing the 60 ratifications needed to enforce the High Seas treaty.

At UN conference, countries inch towards ocean protection goal. Delger Erdenesanaa and Daphné Anglès. *Straits Times*. 15 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.straitstimes.com/world/europe/at-un-conference-countries-inch-toward-ocean-protection-goal</u> More than 20 new marine protected areas were announced at the third United Nations Ocean Conference, which ended on June 13 in France.

Pacific demands ocean law action. Moffat Mamu. *Solomon Star (Solomon Islands)*. 15 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.solomonstarnews.com/pacific-demands-ocean-law-action/</u> Prime Minister (PM) Jeremiah Manele, has called for full implementation of international ocean law and urgent climate action.





Two Serious Shipping Accidents Off Kerala Highlight the Need for a High Seas Treaty.

K.M. Seethi. *The Wire (India)*. 15 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://thewire.in/environment/kerala-shipping-accidents-high-seas-treaty-un-nice-conference</u> The 2025 United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3), held from June 9-13, 2025 in France, emerged as a milestone in global marine governance. But will it end up as another missed opportunity?

Bonn Bulletin: Slow start to climate talks fails to reflect urgency.

Joe Lo, Matteo Civillini and Tais Gadea Lara. *Climate Home News*. 17 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.climatechangenews.com/2025/06/17/bonn-bulletin-slow-start-to-climate-talks-fails-to-reflect-urgency/#section-bonn-agenda-finally-adopted-after-tough-fight</u> Anyone would think there's no climate emergency.

Kenya Lays Groundwork for Response to Marine Pollution. Victoria Tuva. *The Coast (Kenya)*. 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.thecoast.co.ke/2025/06/18/kenya-lays-groundwork-for-response-to-marine-pollution/39/40/business-news/thecoast/9677/13/</u> The Kenya Maritime Authority has laid the groundwork for the National Marine Pollution Response exercise set for July 7th, 2025.

UN Ocean Conference highlights the role of shipping in contributing to ocean protection. *BIMCO*. 19 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.bimco.org/news-insights/bimco-</u> <u>news/2025/06/19-unoc-3/</u> Shipping was a prominent topic throughout the week, with discussions ranging from underwater noise and marine litter to the role of shipping in the evolving regulatory landscape shaped by the new "high seas treaty."

Joint Actions to Further Counter the Shadow Fleet. *Government of Estonia*. 19 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://vm.ee/en/news/joint-actions-further-counter-shadow-fleet</u> We, the Foreign Ministers and government representatives of Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, and the United Kingdom have met today to address the challenge posed by the Russian shadow fleet

Contrasting tone and tenor of public discourse during recent ship and air mishaps. P Manoj. *Economic Times (India)*. 20 June 2025. Available from:

<u>https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/urban-infrastructure/public-response-to-maritime-and-aviation-tragedies-a-tale-of-discrepancy/121964628</u> When tragedy strikes - whether at sea or in the sky - it tests not only our systems of rescue and recovery but also our sense of fairness, proportion, and justice.

Pacific Islands Countries Push For Action at UN Ocean Conference. Camilla Pohle. *The Diplomat*. 20 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://thediplomat.com/2025/06/pacific-islands-</u> <u>countries-push-for-action-at-un-ocean-conference/</u> Last week, more than 60 world leaders convened in Nice, France, for the third – and the most-attended – United Nations Ocean Conference.

UN expects climate finance roadmap to offer "clear next steps". Tais Gadea Lara. *Climate Home News*. 23 June 2025. Available from:

<u>https://www.climatechangenews.com/2025/06/23/un-expects-climate-finance-roadmap-to-offer-clear-next-steps/</u> At the start of the mid-year talks, UN climate chief Simon Stiell advised governments that the roadmap for mobilising \$1.3 trillion a year by 2035 should not be "just a report, but a how-to guide with clear next steps on dramatically scaling up climate finance and investment".

Lost at sea: How Tuvalu's plight holds lessons for the future. Sheridan Ward. Lowy Institute (Australia). 23 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/lost-sea-how-tuvalu-s-plight-holds-lessons-future</u> What happens when a country ceases to exist? Where do its people go, who no longer have a citizenship to protect them?



Global Governance Innovation Report 2025. Richard Ponzio, Nudhara Yusuf and William Durch. *Stimson Center*. 24 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.stimson.org/2025/global-governance-innovation-report-2025/</u> With multilateral institutions and the international legal order under pressure and facing an extreme liquidity crisis, states and civil society partners committed to collective security, sustainable development, human rights, and multilateral diplomacy must step up to defend and champion a stronger, reformed, and more capable global governance system. <u>Full Report</u> 12

New legal powers needed to stop another P&O Ferries scandal. *National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT)*. 25 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.rmt.org.uk/news/new-legal-powers-needed-to-stop-another-pando-ferries-scandal/</u> Seafarers' union RMT today demanded urgent action from the Government to ensure unions can take pre-emptive legal action against law-breaking employers before they carry out mass sackings like those seen at P&O Ferries.

FMC boss resigns after just six months. Christian Moess Laursen. *ShippingWatch*. 25 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article18307175.ece</u> The head of the US Federal Maritime Commission (FMC), Louis E. Sola, is stepping down less than six months after being appointed to the role by President Trump.

Fiji ratifies historic high seas treaty. Cheerieann Wilson. *Fiji Times*. 25 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.fijitimes.com.fj/fiji-ratifies-historic-high-seas-treaty/</u> As the world grapples with mounting threats to its oceans, Fiji has stepped up with a clear and deliberate move on the global stage.

Brazil's environment minister suggests roadmap to end fossil fuels at COP30. Matteo Civillini and Sebastian Rodriguez. *Climate Home News*. 26 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.climatechangenews.com/2025/06/26/brazils-environment-minister-suggests-roadmap-to-end-fossil-fuels-at-cop30/</u> In response to a question from Climate Home during a press briefing on the sidelines of London Climate Action Week on Thursday, Silva said this year's climate summit in Belém could result in a roadmap setting out what a "planned and just transition to end fossil fuels" should look like.

Global tensions rattle COP30 build-up but 'failure not an option'. *France 24*. 27 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20250627-global-tensions-rattle-cop30-build-up-but-failure-not-an-option</u> But the hosts are yet to propose a headline ambition for the marathon November talks, raising concerns they could fall flat.

Taxing high-emitting sectors could help pay for climate-induced loss and damage. Anna Åberg. *Chatham House Royal Institute of International Affairs*. 27 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.chathamhouse.org/2025/06/taxing-high-emitting-sectors-could-help-pay-climate-induced-loss-and-damage</u> How to address 'loss and damage' caused by climate change was for decades a highly controversial topic in the UN climate negotiations.

General Assembly Endorses Nice Ocean Conference Declaration, Adopts \$5.38 Billion Peacekeeping Budget. *United Nations*. 30 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://press.un.org/en/2025/ga12693.doc.htm</u> The General Assembly today endorsed the political declaration of the United Nations Ocean Conference, which establishes multilateral ocean governance.



MARINE TECHNOLOGY

Report: Surging shipping demand points to looming biofuel supply crunch. Sara Kosmajac. *Offshore Energy*. 2 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.offshore-energy.biz/report-surging-shipping-demand-points-to-looming-biofuel-supply-crunch/</u> According to Norway's energy research and business intelligence company Rystad Energy, biofuels, which are compatible with existing ship engines and can, therefore, be adopted 'with relative ease', the capacity to provide biofuels like biodiesel and bio-liquefied natural gas (bio-LNG) and the overall outlook for bio-LNG are restricted in both allocation and production.

BIMCO drafts new clause to support biofuel use in time charters. *BIMCO*. 4 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.bimco.org/news-insights/bimco-news/2025/06/04-biofuel-clause/</u> With regulatory frameworks like the EU ETS, FuelEU Maritime, and the upcoming IMO Net-zero Framework measures reshaping fuel strategies, biofuels are becoming an increasingly attractive option for reducing emissions.

Shanghai to Develop Sustainable Marine Fuel Certification System. *Ship & Bunker*. 5 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://shipandbunker.com/news/apac/584407-shanghai-to-develop-sustainable-marine-fuel-certification-system</u> Shanghai has launched a new initiative to develop a sustainable fuel certification system for international shipping.

Green ammonia is ready to scale – now it's shipping's move. *Splash 247.com*. 13 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://splash247.com/green-ammonia-is-ready-to-scale-now-its-shippings-move/</u> 'If we can't deliver ammonia near \$650 per tonne, in large volumes, we don't have a market. But if we can, and I believe we can, shipping has a viable, scalable path to net zero,' said Alexander Tancock, CEO of InterContinental Energy (ICE).

Catch a current: New 'Google Maps for the sea' to cut shipping industry's CO2 emissions. *University of New South Wales Sydney (Australia)*. 13 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://news.unsw.edu.au/en/catch-a-current</u> A UNSW academic's innovative research uses ocean currents to optimise shipping routes and reduce the environmental impact of sea transport.

CCS shipping set to surge with rising demand. Craig Jallal. *Riviera Maritime*. 13 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/news-content-hub/ccs-shipping-set-to-surge-with-rising-demand-85171</u> Carbon capture and storage (CCS) is approaching a pivotal growth phase, with DNV forecasting a 30-fold increase in capture capacity by 2050.

Value Chain: Onboard Carbon Capture is Advancing Rapidly. Brian Gicheru Kinyua. *Maritime Executive*. 16 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.maritime-</u> <u>executive.com/magazine/value-chain-onboard-carbon-capture-is-advancing-rapidly</u> In the past decade, carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies have significantly matured, leading to the rise of a carbon value chain.

MOL, MISC and PETRONAS Announce Landmark Joint Venture to Advance Cross-Border CO2 Transportation. *Mitsui O.S.K. Lines (MOL)*. 17 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.mol.co.jp/en/pr/2025/25056.html</u> Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd. (MOL), PETRONAS CCS Ventures Sdn. Bhd. (PCCSV) and MISC BERHAD (MISC) today announced the incorporation of a strategic joint venture (JV), Jules Nautica Sdn. Bhd.



Danish military using robotic sailboats for surveillance in Baltic and North seas.

James Brooks. Associated Press. 17 June 2025. Available from:

https://apnews.com/article/denmark-robot-sailboats-baltic-sea-bfa31c98cf7c93320115c0ad0e6908c5 From a distance they look almost like ordinary sailboats, their sails emblazoned with the red-andwhite flag of Denmark.

Nuclear Techniques Make Waves at UN Ocean Conference. Ellie McDonald. *International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)*. 17 June 2025. Available from:

https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/news/nuclear-techniques-make-waves-at-un-ocean-conference The IAEA highlighted the role of nuclear science in protecting our oceans at the 2025 United Nations Ocean Conference held last week in Nice, France.

Energy efficiency: the unsung hero of decarbonisation? Carly Fields. *Baltic Exchange*. 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.balticexchange.com/en/news-and-events/news/baltic-magazine/2025/Energy-efficiency-the-unsung-hero-of-decarbonisation.html</u> The decarbonisation spotlight on shipping is often on shone on alternative fuels, but the role of energy efficiency should not be overlooked, according to a shipping expert.

Nuclear-Powered Cargo Ships Promise Cleaner Transport but Could Be Hard to Insure.

Will Wade. *Insurance Journal*. 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.insurancejournal.com/news/international/2025/06/18/828288.htm</u> The commercial shipping industry is chasing a novel carbon-free propulsion technology as it pursues a lofty climate goal: nuclear power.

Which fuels should the EU back for shipping? *Transport & Environment*. 23 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.transportenvironment.org/articles/which-fuels-should-the-eu-back-for-shipping</u> Homegrown renewable hydrogen-based fuels can decarbonise the shipping sector, reinforce Europe's energy sovereignty and provide thousands of new jobs. <u>Briefing</u>

Global Maritime Organizations Unite to Accelerate Electrification. *MarineLink*. 24 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.marinelink.com/news/global-maritime-organizations-unite-527268</u> Four leading maritime associations have jointly launched the Global Alliance for Maritime Electrification (GAME), a coalition of nonprofit organizations dedicated to accelerating the electrification of maritime transportation

This crewless ship is defending Denmark's and NATO's waters. This is how it works. Roselyne Min. *Euronews*. 24 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.euronews.com/next/2025/06/25/this-crewless-ship-is-defending-denmarks-and-natos-waters-this-is-how-it-works</u> As maritime tensions have increased since Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine, Denmark is investing big in defence tech

Australia has chance to dominate supply of green shipping fuel, says Rod Sims. Gareth Hutchens. *ABC (Australia)*. 25 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-06-25/australia-should-dominate-supply-green-shipping-fuels-rod-sims/105457500</u> Australia has a timely opportunity to become the world's dominant provider of green shipping fuel, says Superpower Institute chair Rod Sims.

Shipping is one of the world's dirtiest industries – could this invention finally clean up cargo fleets? Emma Bryce. *The Guardian*. 26 June 2025. Available from: https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/jun/26/global-shipping-emissions-invention-clean-up-cargo-fleets-net-zero An industrial park alongside the River Lea in the London suburb of Chingford might not be the most obvious place for a quiet revolution to be taking place.



Soaring demand promotes use of green methane in shipping. Wang Ying. *China Daily*. 26 June 2025. Available from:

<u>https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202506/26/WS685ca3e3a310a04af22c8955.html</u> The nation's first batch of large-scale green methane will be produced and applied in bunkering a commercial logistics vessel in July, marking the fact that a closed-loop from R&D to application of this clean fuel has been established, according to a senior executive of the green methane producer.

SMDERI-QET achieves world's first ship-to-ship LCO₂ transfer. *Xinde Marine News (China)*. 27 June 2025. Available from:

<u>https://www.xindemarinenews.com/en/worldreview/2025/0627/60250.html</u> On 19 June, the world's first ship-to-ship liquified carbon dioxide (LCO₂) transfer was successfully completed at the Yangshan Deep-Water Port in Hangzhou Bay, Shanghai.

Marine Department launches Green Maritime Fuel Bunkering Incentive Scheme to encourage relevant development. *Government of Hong Kong.* 30 June 2025. Available from: https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202506/30/P2025063000367.htm The Marine Department announced today (June 30) the launch of the Green Maritime Fuel Bunkering Incentive Scheme to facilitate the development of Hong Kong into a high-quality green maritime fuel bunkering centre.

GCMD successfully demonstrates world's first end-to-end value chain for onboard captured CO2. *Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation (GCMD)*. 30 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://gcformd.org/gcmd-successfully-demonstrates-worlds-first-end-to-end-value-chain-for-onboard-captured-co2/</u> The Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation has successfully completed the world's first maritime pilot demonstrating the full value chain of onboard captured captured captor dioxide (CO2) in China on 25 June 2025.

MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING

Kenya Railways Marine School Expands Training to Power Blue Economy. Chris Mahandara. *Kenya News Agency (KNA)*. 7 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.kenyanews.go.ke/kenya-railways-marine-school-expands-training-to-power-blue-economy/</u> The Railways Training Institute (RTI) Marine School in Kisumu has launched a range of specialized training programs aimed at building a skilled workforce for Kenya's growing maritime sector, as the country ramps up efforts to tap into the vast potential of the blue economy.

Anglo-Eastern launches Mission 30 to empower young maritime leaders. *Anglo-Eastern*. 10 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.angloeastern.com/news-and-insights/anglo-eastern-launches-mission-30-to-empower-young-maritime-leaders/</u> Anglo-Eastern Univan Group, a global leader in independent ship management services, is delighted to be launching "Mission 30", a bold initiative to increase the proportion of its management-level officers (i.e. Captain, Chief Officer, Chief Engineer, and Second Engineer) under the age of 30 from 1% to 30% by 2030.

Prolonging a career at sea. *Splash 247.com*. 10 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://splash247.com/prolonging-a-career-at-sea/</u> Shipping faces a shortage of qualified staff at sea, a problem that risks becoming more acute over the next 10 years.

Future ready seafarers: Beyond technical skills. Pol Winston G. Haboc. *Safety4Sea*. 10 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://safety4sea.com/cm-future-ready-seafarers-beyond-technical-skills/</u> During the 2025 SAFETY4SEA Manila Forum, Capt. Pol Winston G. Haboc, Vice President, Philippine Center for Advanced Maritime Simulation and Training, Inc., emphasized that maritime safety is not a matter of competition but of collaboration, as the well-being of crew members and the efficient operation of vessels benefit the entire industry.



Collaboration set to give lifeline to Kenya's Maritime Education. Michelle Wanga.

Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA). 11 June 2025. Available from:

https://kma.go.ke/download/collaboration-set-to-give-lifeline-to-kenyas-maritime-education/ A joint delegation from South Korea visited the Kenya Maritime Authority on 10th June, 2025 to discuss on the implementation of the Advanced Maritime Education and Training System in Kenya Project.

Solomon Islands Maritime College to Host International Day of Seafarers 2025.

Solomon Islands National University. 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://tinyurl.com/583wfpez</u> Solomon Islands Maritime College (SIMC) will host the International Day of the Seafarers on Wednesday, 25 June 2025 at its Ranadi Campus in Honiara.

New research centre for sustainable shipping launched in Glasgow. *University of Strathclyde, Glasgow*. 18 June 2025. Available from:

<u>https://www.strath.ac.uk/whystrathclyde/news/2025/newresearchcentreforsustainableshippinglaunch</u> <u>edinglasgow/</u> A new Research Centre dedicated to advancing sustainable shipping has been launched by the University of Strathclyde in partnership with leading international shipping company Oldendorff Carriers.

Kenya, South Korea in fresh efforts to upgrade maritime training. Patrick Beja and Philip Mwakio. *The Standard (Kenya)*. 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/business/shipping-logistics/article/2001522104/kenya-south-korea-in-fresh-efforts-to-upgrade-maritime-training</u> Kenya and South Korea have launched fresh efforts to upgrade the training of seafarers in various institutions in the country.

Graduation Day: Largest Number of Trainees Ever to Graduate from Danish Shipping Education. *Danish Shipping*. 20 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://tinyurl.com/yc7v3wuz</u> Today, 58 trainees received their diploma for completing their two-year education at Danish Shipping Education at a ceremony in Copenhagen.

NATO trains to protect undersea infrastructure in Baltic Sea. *SWZ Maritime (Netherlands)*. 23 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://swzmaritime.nl/news/2025/06/23/nato-trains-to-protect-undersea-infrastructure-in-baltic-sea/</u> The Royal Netherlands Navy's *HNLMS Snellius* participated as the flagship of Standing NATO Mine Countermeasures Group 1 (SNMCMG1).

MARITIME SAFETY

Watchkeeping in spotlight after Solong and Stena Immaculate disaster. Charlie Bartlett. Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST). 2 June 2025. Available from: https://www.imarest.org/resource/mp-watchkeeping-in-spotlight-after-solong-and-stena-immaculatedisaster.html Watchkeeping is a necessary and vital function of what an officer of the watch (OOW) must perform.

Nor-Shipping 2025: Ageing fleet drives surge in number of maritime incidents, says DNV report. *DNV*. 3 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.dnv.com/news/Ageing-fleet-drives-surge-in-maritime-incidents/</u> The dataset, provided by Lloyd's List Intelligence, contained more than 2,200 recorded casualty incidents per year since 2021. Maritime Safety Trends 2014-2024 - Preparing for future risks



Arctic cruise emergencies: are we ready? Dewan Ahsan. Lloyd's Register Foundation.

3 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.lrfoundation.org.uk/news/arctic-cruise-emergencies-are-</u> <u>we-ready</u> Over the past decade, cruise ship operations in Arctic waters have expanded significantly – by approximately 37% in terms of both the number of vessels and the total distances sailed.

Substandard ships should be banned from New Zealand.

New Zealand Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC). 6 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.taic.org.nz/news/substandard-ships-should-be-banned-new-zealand</u> Substandard ships should be banned from New Zealand, under appropriate criteria, says the Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) in its final report into the container ship *Shiling*, which twice had to be rescued and towed back to port in 2023

Fresh firefighting tactics urged for alt-fuels. Martin Conway. *Naval Architect*. 6 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://rina.org.uk/publications/the-naval-architect/fresh-firefighting-tactics-urged-for-alt-fuels/</u> Updated guidance on tackling 'non-traditional' fires, including those involving batteries and alternative fuels, take prominence in the British Tugowners Association's (BTA's) recently published Use of Tugs in Firefighting e-doc, which offers industry-standard guidance for tug operators.

EU seeks Gulf allies in quest to protect Red Sea. Aveen Karim. *The National (UAE)*. 6 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.thenationalnews.com/news/mena/2025/06/06/eu-targets-red-sea-partnership-to-protect-rebounding-trade/</u> The two shores of the Red Sea – the Gulf region and Horn of Africa – and the European Union should come together to strengthen security and protect joint interests in the crucial global waterway, a EU envoy told The National on Thursday.

20 bulk carriers lost in ten years – killing 89 seafarers. Christian Moess Laursen. *ShippingWatch*. 10 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Bulk/article18261788.ece</u> New figures show "encouraging progress" in dry bulk carrier safety, with both ship losses and fatalities continuing to fall over the last ten years, according to a report by the international dry bulk shipowners' association, Intercargo, which each year looks at figures for the previous ten-year period.

Maritime agency warns shipping industry over rising Middle East tensions. *Straits Times*. 12 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/maritime-agency-warns-shipping-industry-over-rising-middle-east-tensions</u> Increased tensions in the Middle East may lead to an escalation in military activity that could impact shipping in critical waterways, Britain's maritime agency said on Wednesday.

Hidden dangers of fire initiating cargoes explained. *Cargo Integrity Group*. 16 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.ichca-news.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/250616-Cargoes-of-Concern_Reactive-hazards-FINAL.pdf</u> Following its identification of 'cargoes of concern'*, the Cargo Integrity Group now focuses on the issues that may commonly compromise safety by initiating or proliferating fire under certain conditions.

Another fire disaster at sea: Insurers renew call for improved fire protection.

German Insurance Association (GDV). 16 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.gdv.de/gdv-en/media/another-fire-disaster-at-sea-insurers-renew-call-for-improved-fire-protection-189114</u> In light of the increasing number of maritime accidents in international shipping and the resulting billions in damages, fire protection strategies on ships urgently need to be modernized.



EV fires on ships spark insurers concern. Paul Bartlett. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 17 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/accidents/ev-fires-on-ships-spark-insurers-</u> <u>concern</u> As the frequency of shipboard fires involving electric vehicles (EVs) continues to climb, experts warn of new hazards while others claim that nothing has changed.

The importance of blackout awareness and prevention. *Gard*. 17 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.gard.no/insights/the-importance-of-blackout-awareness-and-prevention/</u> Modern ships are becoming increasingly complex due to advancements in technology, regulatory requirements, and the need for enhanced safety and efficiency.

Collision in the Gulf sparks renewed concern over shadow fleet, war risk exposure. Matthew Sellers. *Insurance Business*. 17 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.insurancebusinessmag.com/uk/news/marine/collision-in-the-gulf-sparks-renewed-concern-over-shadow-fleet-war-risk-exposure-539413.aspx</u> Two oil tankers caught fire off the coast of the United Arab Emirates in a dramatic incident that has once again brought simmering maritime security concerns in the Gulf into sharp relief.

How to protect ship crews from the biggest cause of engine room fires. *Wärtsilä Corporation*. 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.wartsila.com/insights/article/how-to-protect-ship-crews-from-the-biggest-cause-of-engine-room-fires</u> Engine room fires are a constant concern in the maritime industry.

What is in a box can't be a mystery anymore: India in IMO meeting. Mrityunjay Bose. Deccan Herald (India). 19 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.deccanherald.com/india/what-is-in-a-box-cant-be-a-mystery-anymore-india-in-imo-meeting-3593431</u> What is in a box can't be a mystery anymore, India has told the IMO in the wake of back to back shipping disasters along the Indian coast.

Ship collision risks heighten as congestion builds-up in Persian Gulf. Sameer Mohindru. *S&P Global*. 23 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://tinyurl.com/bpazb45k</u> Persian Gulf shipping faces severe congestion as GPS jamming has increased the risk of collisions, while escalating regional tensions force ship operators to restrict transits to daylight hours only, creating a backlog of nearly 1,000 ships since last week, market participants said June 23.

Lagos partners MOWCA, Interferry to improve waterways safety. Benjamin Alade.

Guardian (Nigeria). 24 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://guardian.ng/business-services/lagos-</u> <u>partners-mowca-interferry-to-improve-waterways-safety/</u> The Lagos State Waterways Authority in collaboration with the Maritime Organisation of West and Central Africa and Interferry Association has moved to improve safety on Lagos waterways through collaboration and knowledge sharing.

'Almost impossible to extinguish': Electric car fires and the risk they pose to ships.

Matt Coyne. *TradeWinds*. 25 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/containers/-almost-impossible-to-extinguish-electric-car-fires-and-the-risk-they-pose-to-ships/2-1-1837444</u> Despite a spate of devastating fires, electric vehicles are no more dangerous to transport than petrol-powered cars.



MARITIME SECURITY

The Daily View: The other dark fleet. Richard Meade. *Lloyd's List*. 2 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1153718/The-Daily-View-The-other-dark-fleet</u> North Korea may be isolated, but it offers an instructive lesson in how illicit maritime trade can expand where demand necessitates it.

Spain takes command of EU's anti-piracy mission off Somalia. Hiiraan Online (Somalia).

15 June 2025. Available from:

<u>https://www.hiiraan.com/news4/2025/Jun/201867/spain_takes_command_of_eu_s_anti_piracy_missi</u> on_off_somalia.aspx Spain has officially taken command of the European Union's long-running counter-piracy operation off the coast of Somalia, as Rear Admiral Francisco Javier Vázquez Sanz assumed leadership of Operation Atalanta in a formal ceremony held June 12 aboard the Italian frigate *ITS Rizzo* in Djibouti.

Escalating Threats to Maritime Security in the Western Indian Ocean Region. John M. Waweru. *Center for International Maritime Security (CIMSEC)*. 16 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://cimsec.org/escalating-threats-to-maritime-security-in-the-western-indian-ocean-region/</u> The Western Indian Ocean Region (WIO) holds substantial geopolitical and economic importance due to its location along vital international sea lanes, facilitating maritime trade between Asia, Africa, and Europe.

Impact on maritime security of the conflict between Israel and Iran. *Gard*. 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://gard.no/insights/impact-on-maritime-security-of-the-conflict-between-israel-and-iran/</u> Recent attacks between Israel and Iran have significantly heightened tensions in the area, raising concerns for the safety of merchant vessels in and around the Arabian/Persian Gulf and Israeli waters.

Spy ships, cyber-attacks and shadow fleets: the crack security team braced for trouble at sea. Miranda Bryant. *The Guardian*. 18 June 2025. Available from:

https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/jun/18/shadow-fleets-cyber-attacks-and-spy-shipsthe-crack-security-team-braced-for-trouble-at-sea-nordic-maritime-cyber-resilience-centre As international tensions mount and hackers grow more sophisticated and audacious, the Nordic Maritime Cyber Resilience Centre is constantly monitoring the global threat of war, terror and piracy.

Developing Robust Regional Maritime Security Mechanisms for the WIO. *Center for International Maritime Security (CIMSEC)*. 19 June 2025. Available from: https://cimsec.org/developing-robust-regional-maritime-security-mechanisms-for-the-wio/ The Western Indian Ocean (WIO) and Red Sea region features a diverse and evolving array of maritime security architectures and initiatives.

Shipping threats around Arabian Peninsula rising, largest global shipowners organization

warns. Lori Ann LaRocco. *CNBC (US)*. 22 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.cnbc.com/2025/06/22/threat-to-commercial-shipping-around-arabian-peninsula-is-rising-largest-global-shipowners-organization-warns.html</u> The world's largest direct-membership organization for shipowners, charterers, shipbrokers, and agents is warning that while it is still unclear how Iran will respond to Saturday's U.S. attack on Iran's nuclear facilities, the threat to commercial shipping in the waters around the Arabian Peninsula has risen.



Maritime Cybersecurity at ABS Consulting explains.

US airstrikes on Iran spark memories of previous tanker wars. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com.* 23 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://splash247.com/us-airstrikes-on-iran-spark-memories-of-previous-tanker-wars/</u> Shipping stock prices surged in Asia today on the back of the fast-escalating geopolitical crisis in the Middle East, with Iranian politicians threatening to shut down the Strait of Hormuz after US airstrikes on key nuclear sites.

ABS Consulting: Make cyber risk part of the daily safety conversation. *Safety4Sea*. 23 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://safety4sea.com/cm-abs-consulting-make-cyber-risk-part-of-</u> <u>the-daily-safety-conversation/</u> "When crew members see cyber readiness evaluated and rewarded in the same way as other safety behaviours, the culture quickly adapts," Michael DeVolld, Director of

Strait of Hormuz fears remain as ceasefire wobbles. Nick Savvides. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 25 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/containers/strait-of-hormuz-fears-remain-as-ceasefire-wobbles</u> President Donald Trump used expletives in exasperation at both Israel and Iran as hours after a ceasefire was declared both sides were again apparently aiming missiles and bombs at each other.

MIGRANTS

Humanitarian vessel on aid mission to Gaza rescues 4 migrants at sea; dozens returned to Libya. Colleen Barry. *Associated Press*. 5 June 2025. Available from: https://apnews.com/article/freedom-flotilla-thunberg-migrant-rescue-gaza-1c2de4094cda1173c87c570705268157 A ship carrying activists, including Greta Thunberg, to Gaza to deliver humanitarian aid rescued four migrants on Thursday after they had jumped into the sea from another vessel to avoid being picked up by Libyan authorities.

'Taxi boats' pick up migrants in waist-deep water as Channel smugglers switch tactics. Andrew Harding. *BBC News*. 17 June 2025. Available from:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cpd1l6p8vw9o Although the French authorities claim they're now intercepting more than two thirds of those boats before they reach the sea, the smugglers are now changing tactics to launch so-called "taxi boats" from new sites, in new ways, and with ever greater speed.

Mediterranean: 175,000 migrants rescued since 2015. Benjamin Bathke. *InfoMigrants*. 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/65227/mediterranean-175000-migrants-rescued-since-2015</u> On Wednesday (June 18), migrant rescue NGOs that operate in the Mediterranean voiced harsh criticism of European governments while taking stock of their decade-long work in the Central Mediterranean.

8 arrests for migrant smuggling and drug trafficking across the Mediterranean. *EUROPOL*. 19 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.europol.europa.eu/media-press/newsroom/news/8-arrests-for-migrant-smuggling-and-drug-trafficking-across-mediterranean</u> Europol has supported Spanish authorities (Policía Nacional) in a transnational operation against a highly-organised network involved in both migrant smuggling and drug trafficking between Spain and Morocco.

Saving the lives of migrants at sea and protecting their human rights. *Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly (PACE)*. 26 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.coe.int/en/web/migration-and-refugees/-/saving-the-lives-of-migrants-at-sea-and-protecting-their-human-rights</u> In its resolution, the Parliamentary Assembly has called on member states to fully comply with the instruments of international humanitarian law, maritime law and those relating to the protection of migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. <u>PACE Resolution</u>



Spain: Migrants taking riskier 2,000-kilometer sea journeys to reach Canaries.

Sertan Sanderson. *InfoMigrants*. 27 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/65431/spain-migrants-taking-riskier-2000kilometer-sea-journeys-to-reach-canaries</u> Amid a significant fall in the number of migrant boat arrivals on Spain's Canary Islands this year, a worrying new trend has been emerging on the African coast.

NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS

Red Sea passage remains a no-go for shipping despite US action. Peter Eavis. *Straits Times*. 6 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.straitstimes.com/business/red-sea-passage-remains-a-no-go-for-shipping-despite-us-action</u> The largest commercial shipping companies continue to avoid the Red Sea and the Suez Canal, despite a recent ceasefire agreement between the US and the Houthis, which is intended to make the trade lanes safer.

Traffic through the Red Sea up 60% since last summer. Kit Lindhardt. *ShippingWatch*. 6 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article18254591.ece</u> In less than a year, the number of cargo ships choosing the shortest route from Asia to Europe through the Red Sea and Suez has increased by 60%, says Vasileios Gryparis, commander of the EU naval operation Aspides, to Reuters.

As Arctic ice vanishes, maritime traffic boom fuels the climate crisis. Lara Bullens. *France 24*. 8 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.france24.com/en/environment/20250608-as-arctic-ice-vanishes-maritime-traffic-booms-fuel-climate-crisis</u> When a Russian gas tanker sliced through the icy waters of the Arctic in the middle of winter four years ago, it became clear global shipping routes would be forever changed.

Gaza-bound aid boat with Greta Thunberg on board arrives in Israel after its seizure. Yesica Fisch and Tia Goldenberg. *Associated Press*. 9 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://apnews.com/article/mideast-wars-gaza-flotilla-greta-thunberg-</u> <u>b64e897fb37ee374e4494381304ff9be</u> A Gaza-bound aid boat carrying Greta Thunberg and other activists arrived at an Israeli port Monday after Israeli forces stopped and detained them — enforcing a longstanding blockade of the Palestinian territory that has been tightened during the Israel-Hamas war.

Middle East shipping routes on alert amid rising US-Iran-Israel tensions. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 12 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://splash247.com/middle-east-shipping-routes-on-alert-amid-rising-us-iran-israel-tensions/</u> A rare and urgent joint advisory issued by United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations, Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa, and Joint Maritime Information Centre has set alarm bells ringing for ship operators passing through the Middle East.

Finland and Estonia warn vessels in the Gulf of Finland of an increase in GNSS disruptions. *Finnish Transport and Communications Agency (Traficom)*. 13 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.traficom.fi/en/news/finland-and-estonia-warn-vessels-gulf-finland-increase-gnss-disruptions</u> The incidence of disruptions has been increasing throughout the first half of the year and has further intensified in June.





Global freight ships set defensive plans for Israel-Iran conflict, Strait of Hormuz risks.

Lori Ann LaRocco. CNBC (US). 13 June 2025. Available from:

https://www.cnbc.com/2025/06/13/how-freight-ships-preparing-for-israel-iran-strait-of-hormuzrisks.html Commercial traffic including critical global oil trade continues to flow through the Strait of Hormuz after Israel's attack on Iran, but maritime shipping experts say there will be ongoing risk that safety measures taken by ship owners act as a de facto Strait of Hormuz slow down, if not outright closure.

Warning to ships of electronic interference in the Strait of Hormuz. Paul Bartlett and Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 16 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.seatrade-</u> <u>maritime.com/security/warning-to-ships-of-electronic-interference-in-straits-of-hormuz</u> On Monday the UK Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) said it had received multiple reports, confirmed by AIS monitoring, of increased electronic interference with vessels in the Gulf and the Straits of Hormuz.

Shipping groups are starting to shy away from the Strait of Hormuz as Israel-Iran conflict rages on. Sam Meredith. *CNBC (US)*. 17 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.cnbc.com/2025/06/17/israel-iran-shipping-groups-shying-away-from-the-strait-of-hormuz.html</u> Some shipowners are opting to steer clear of the strategically important Strait of Hormuz, according to the world's largest shipping association, reflecting a growing sense of industry unease as the Israel-Iran conflict rages on.

Oil tankers near Iran appear to be in rural Russia as signals jammed. *Straits Times*. 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.straitstimes.com/world/middle-east/oil-tankers-near-iran-appear-to-be-in-rural-russia-as-signals-jammed</u> The *Front Tyne* oil tanker was sailing through the Gulf between Iran and the United Arab Emirates on Sunday when just past 9:40 a.m. shiptracking data appeared to show the massive vessel in Russia, in fields better known for barley and sugar beets.

Mitsui O.S.K.: Operations in key Arabian Gulf routes 'so far normal' despite regional tensions. *CNBC (US).* 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MRXrzYaPLIs</u> CEO Takeshi Hashimoto outlines current conditions for shipping and energy transport in the Arabian Gulf, as the Israel-Iran conflict fuels uncertainty over vital trade corridors.

CMA CGM reshuffles Red Sea service while other lines stay away. Ian Lewis. *TradeWinds*. 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/containers/cma-cgm-reshuffles-red-sea-service-while-other-lines-stay-away/2-1-1834690</u> CMA CGM has "reshuffled" a handful of Red Sea services and will continue to use the Suez Canal despite the escalating tension in the Middle East.

Ambrey: Israeli Ships Told to Avoid Red Sea as U.S. Considers Intervention in Israel-Iran Conflict. Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*. 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://gcaptain.com/ambrey-israeli-ships-told-to-avoid-red-sea-as-u-s-considers-intervention-in-israel-iran-conflict/</u> Maritime security firm Ambrey reports that Israel-affiliated vessels face high risks in the Red Sea region as tensions escalate between Israel and Iran, with potential U.S. involvement raising additional concerns.



Spoofed, jammed, blind: Why ships now need digital eyes. Seatrade Maritime News.

20 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/security/spoofed-jammed-blind-why-ships-now-need-digital-eyes</u> Yarden Gross, CEO and Co-founder of maritime technology company Orca AI, reflects on the recent tanker collision in the Strait of Hormuz, arguing that as GPS interference becomes more common, ships urgently need AI-based situational awareness to support crews and maintain safe navigation when traditional tools are compromised.

Maersk Temporarily Halts Haifa Port Calls Amid Regional Instability. *Ship & Bunker*. 20 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/351037-maersk-temporarily-halts-haifa-port-calls-amid-regional-instability</u> Container shipping firm AP Moller Maersk has decided to temporarily suspend calls at Israel's Port of Haifa due to the ongoing conflict between Israel and Iran.

Carriers continue to sail through Strait of Hormuz: Analyst downplays risk of closure. Liv Almer and Mette Grube Condrup. *ShippingWatch*. 23 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article18299003.ece</u> Much of the shipping industry, and especially tanker operators, have been holding their breath for the past 24 hours since the US carried out a series of targeted attacks against several Iranian nuclear facilities.

VLCCs swerve Strait of Hormuz as tanker traffic plummets. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 23 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/vlccs-swerve-strait-of-hormuz-as-tanker-traffic-plummets/2-1-1836547</u> VLCCs have swerved trips into the Middle East Gulf in recent days as the conflict involving Iran, Israel and the US intensified.

PCG enhances patrols amid surge of 'ghost ships' around Rozul Reef. Alice Sicat. *Philippine Information Agency (PIA)*. 23 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://pia.gov.ph/pcg-enhances-patrols-amid-surge-of-ghost-ships-around-rozul-reef/</u> The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) has intensified its maritime operations following the alarming surge of over 50 Chinese Maritime Militia Vessels (CMMVs), also dubbed as "ghost ships," inside the Rozul Reef—a feature well within the country's exclusive economic zone (EEZ) off the coast of Palawan.

Asian countries most vulnerable to Strait of Hormuz blockade. *Straits Times*. 24 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.straitstimes.com/world/middle-east/asian-countries-most-vulnerable-to-strait-of-hormuz-blockade</u> Around 84 per cent of oil passing through the Strait of Hormuz is destined for Asia, leaving the economies of China, India, South Korea and others vulnerable should Iran blockade the crucial trading route over US strikes on its nuclear sites.

Container lines continue to transit the Strait of Hormuz. Marcus Hand. Seatrade Maritime News. 24 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/containers/container-lines-</u> <u>continue-to-transit-the-strait-of-hormuz?linkld=834083768</u> Maersk, Hapag-Lloyd, and CMA CGM all continue to sail through key Middle East shipping lane despite conflict.

Strait of Hormuz GPS jamming remains major security issue, tanker CEO says.

Lori Ann LaRocco. *CNBC (US)*. 24 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.cnbc.com/2025/06/24/strait-of-hormuz-gps-jamming-major-security-issue-tanker-ceo.html</u> Despite a tentative ceasefire between Israel and Iran on Tuesday, security issues in the Strait of Hormuz continue for shipowners, with GPS jamming incidents forcing vessels to reduce transits.





International pilots welcome step change in SOLAS requirements for pilot transfer arrangements. International Maritime Pilots' Association. 26 June 2025. Available from: https://www.impahq.org/news/international-pilots-welcome-step-change-solas-requirements-pilottransfer-arrangements Maritime pilots around the world make a critical contribution to the safety of navigation, the prevention of waterborne pollution and the efficiency of maritime trade.

Carriers 'stand ready' to cut Persian Gulf calls as security threat escalates. Greg Knowler. *S&P Global.* 27 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.spglobal.com/market-intelligence/en/news-insights/research/carriers-ready-persian-gulf-plans-amid-security-threat-escalation</u> Ocean carriers are poised to adjust schedules and omit key Persian Gulf transshipment hubs should Tehran carry out its threat to close the Strait of Hormuz to international shipping following the US bombing raids on Iranian nuclear facilities on Sunday.

PIRACY

Pirates Board Cargo Ship and Abduct One Injured Crewmember. *Maritime Executive*. 2 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://maritime-executive.com/article/pirates-board-cargo-ship-and-abduct-one-injured-crewmember</u> Another cargo ship has been attacked in a violent incident of piracy off the coast of West Africa between Nigeria and São Tomé and Príncipe.

New BMP released as global piracy rises. *Gard*. 4 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.gard.no/insights/new-bmp-released-as-global-piracy-rises/</u> The first three months of 2025 saw a 35% increase in global piracy compared to the same period last year, according to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (IMB PRC).

Piracy and armed robbery in the Singapore Straits of "particular concern". Tomas Kristiansen. *ShippingWatch*. 5 June 2025. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Bulk/article18249981.ece Over the last five years, the number of piracy or armed robbery incidents in the Singapore Straits has only gone up, and 2025 is not going

Armed men board tanker in world's most notorious piracy hotspot. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 27 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/armed-men-board-tanker-in-world-s-most-notorious-piracy-hotspot/2-1-1838968</u> An armed gang boarded a tanker in the world's most notorious piracy hotspot, according to maritime intelligence company Ambrey Analytics.

PORT STATE CONTROL

to be an exemption.

IRGC Navy seizes two tankers for smuggling fuel in the Persian Gulf. *Islamic Republic* **Sweden Tightens Grip on Shadow Fleet in Baltic Sea**. Ship & Bunker. 3 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://shipandbunker.com/news/emea/383380-sweden-tightens-grip-on-shadow-fleet-in-baltic-sea</u> Sweden will enforce new rules from 1 July requiring foreign ships to submit insurance details.

Kerala High Court orders arrest of 'M V MSC MANASA F'. P Manoj. *Economic Times (India)*. 13 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/ports-shipping/kerala-high-court-orders-arrest-of-container-ship-mv-msc-manasa-f-over-cargo-loss-claims/121815318 The arrest order came on an admiralty suit brought by a shipper who lost his cargo following the sinking of 'MSC ELSA 3' off the coast of Kerala on May 25.</u>



PORTS & HARBOURS

Building a Sustainable Future: Transforming Port Louis into a Smart, Green Maritime Hub. *United Nations Mauritius*. 2 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://mauritius.un.org/en/295492-building-sustainable-future-transforming-port-louis-smart-green-maritime-hub</u> Mauritius is at a pivotal crossroads. As a Small Island Developing State (SIDS), it depends heavily on its ports—gateways of trade, connectivity, and economic growth.

Xinhua Silk Road: 2025 Maritime Silk Road Port Cooperation Forum highlights ports green, intelligent dev't. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 2 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/xinhua-silk-road-2025-maritime-silk-road-port-cooperation-forum-highlights-ports-green-intelligent-devt/</u> The 2025 Maritime Silk Road Port Cooperation Forum opened Tuesday in port city of Ningbo, east China's Zhejiang Province, bringing senior port executives, industry experts, and scholars from more than 40 countries and regions.

Inauguration of Port of Copenhagen's new onshore power facility. *European Commission*. 2 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/inauguration-port-copenhagens-new-onshore-power-facility-2025-06-02_en</u> On 2 June 2025, CINEA attended the inauguration of the EU funded 'coordinated supply of onshore power in Baltic seaports' project of the Connecting Europe Facility Transport (CEF Transport) programme.

Dirtier ports will hurt jobs, US maritime revival: AAPA. Stuart Chirls. *FreightWaves*. 3 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.freightwaves.com/news/dirtier-ports-will-hurt-jobs-us-maritime-revival-aapa</u> The American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) is urging the Senate to preserve funding for anti-pollution programs it says bolster U.S. manufacturing and maritime strength.

Operating between ports inside and outside emission control areas and its effect on shipping cost. *EurekAlert!* 4 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/1086273</u> This study addresses these gaps by investigating the optimal sailing patterns for ships operating between ports located inside and outside ECAs.

The potential of Brazilian ports as renewable marine fuel bunkering hubs. Maricruz Fun Sang Cepeda, Ketan Gore and Xiaoli Mao. *International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT)*. 5 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://theicct.org/publication/the-potential-of-brazilian-ports-as-renewable-marine-fuel-bunkering-hubs-june25/</u> Building on Brazil's abundant renewable energy resources and strategic geographic location, this study assesses the country's potential to become a global leader in supplying renewable marine fuels to the international shipping sector. <u>Report</u>

Insights: Gulf ports face new security challenges as trade ambitions accelerate. Carl Sykes. *Gulf Business (UAE)*. 7 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://gulfbusiness.com/gulf-ports-face-new-security-challenges-with-trade-growth/</u> Ports have evolved beyond their role as trade gateways. Today, they stand as critical pillars of national resilience and economic continuity.

The Maritime and Port Authority of Brunei Darussalam launched Kale Logistics Solutions' Maritime Single Window. *American Journal of Transportation (AJOT)*. 9 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.ajot.com/news/maritime-and-port-authority-of-brunei-darussalam-launches-kale-logistics-solutions-maritime-single-window</u> The Maritime and Port Authority of Brunei Darussalam (MPABD) has announced that its national Maritime Single Window (MSW), designed and implemented by Kale Logistics Solutions (Kale) along with its strategic partner, Primatel Communication Sdn Bhd, has gone live in Brunei Darussalam.



The Port of Gothenburg takes big step towards shore power connection for container and car/RoRo vessels. *Port of Gothenburg*. 10 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://tinyurl.com/2h9w3vd8</u> "This transformer station is an important milestone that brings us significantly closer to shore-side power connection for container and car/RoRo vessels," says Magnus Nordfeldt, Head of Business Area Cargo at the Port of Gothenburg.

Jamaica's Ports Meet Global Safety Standards in International Audit. Sherika Williams. Jamaica Information Service. 10 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://jis.gov.jm/features/jamaicas-ports-meet-global-safety-standards-in-international-audit/</u> Jamaica's continued access to vital maritime trade routes has been safeguarded following a successful international audit verifying the safety of the nation's ports and harbours.

Tanger Med Port accelerates green transition, targets carbon neutrality. *North Africa Post.* 11 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://northafricapost.com/87801-tanger-med-port-accelerates-green-transition-targets-carbon-neutrality.html</u> Morocco's Tanger Med port complex is implementing a comprehensive energy transition strategy aimed at achieving 100% green operations by 2030, responding to climate challenges and international maritime regulations while maintaining global competitiveness.

Climate Intuition: Future-proofing ports for climate and trade evolution. *J.P. Morgan*. 16 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.jpmorgan.com/insights/sustainability/climate/future-proofing-ports</u> Ports are vital to the global supply chain, moving over 80% of goods by volume. However, they face growing risks from rising sea levels, frequent natural hazards, and shifting trade dynamics, requiring strategic investment.

Sea Change: Port infrastructure, climate risks and the future of global trade

New crane tips over at Tuas Port during delivery; no injuries reported. Emil Chan. *Channel News Asia*. 16 June 2025. Available from:

https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/new-crane-tips-over-tuas-port-mpa-psa-5184221 A new crane tipped over at Tuas Port as it was being delivered, said the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and PSA Singapore in a joint media statement on Sunday (Jun 15).

Pilbara iron ore port to invest in Australia's first 'clean' fuel hub for ships. Georgia Hargreaves. *ABC (Australia)*. 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-06-18/clean-ammonia-fuel-hub-announced-iron-ore-port-to-decarbonise/105423034</u> The largest bulk commodity exporter in the world reveals plans for a "clean" fuel hub.

Apapa port receives first LNG-powered ship. Bethel Olujobi. *Business Day (Nigeria)*. 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://businessday.ng/news/article/west-africas-first-Ing-powered-ship-berths-in-lagos/?amp</u> Apapa Port, Nigeria's busiest seaport, has received the first liquefied natural gas (LNG)-powered vessel to call at its harbour in Lagos.

Scotland's largest maritime decarbonisation project goes live. Mike Kane. *Port of Aberdeen*. 19 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.portofaberdeen.co.uk/news/scotlands-largest-maritime-decarbonisation-project-goes-live</u> The concept of shore power is simple: allowing vessels to plug directly into power from the port's renewable energy tariff, instead of running on their own fossil fuel auxiliary engines while at berth – saving on fuel and cutting CO2 emissions, pollution, and noise.


Port of Antwerp-Bruges raises concerns after months of congestion. Liv Almer. *ShippingWatch*. 26 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://shippingwatch.com/Ports/article18311955.ece</u> The Antwerp-Bruges port management is concerned about the long-term consequences for supply chains due to the strain on a number of European ports in recent months, writes a spokesperson for the port in an email response to ShippingWatch.

£96m of cocaine seized from vessel at UK port. Helen Burchell. *BBC News*. 28 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c1k84xpz1mmo</u> The shipment was intercepted earlier this month on a container vessel arriving at London Gateway port from Panama.

Congested European ports trigger unusually long waiting times. Kit Lindhardt. *ShippingWatch*. 30 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://shippingwatch.com/Ports/article18321944.ece</u> Cargo ships will have to be patient when entering and leaving major European ports, where congestion is reportedly so bad that it is causing bottlenecks in supply chains and long waiting times for ships, according to the Financial Times.

Construction of Anaklia Port Will Boost Logistics and Industrial Development – Mariam Kvrivishvili. Natiko Taktakishvili. *Business Media (Georgia)*. 30 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://bm.ge/en/news/construction-of-anaklia-port-will-boost-logistics-and-industrial-development-mariam-kvrivishvili</u> GD's Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development, Mariam Kvrivishvili, met with Arsenio Dominguez, Secretary-General of the IMO, during his official visit to Georgia.

REGULATIONS

Call for regulatory harmonisation, IMO compliance to unlock maritime potential. Jamila Achakzai. *News International (Pakistan)*. 6 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/1318931-call-for-regulatory-harmonisation-imo-compliance-to-unlock-maritime-potential</u> As Pakistan seeks to align itself with evolving global maritime standards, there is an urgent need for structural modernisation, regulatory harmonisation and sustained compliance with IMO regulations, said experts during a roundtable session on Thursday.

India guns for FoC regime as *MSC ELSA* 3 disaster hits hard. P Manoj. *Economic Times (India)*. 11 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/ports-shipping/india-guns-for-foc-regime-as-msc-elsa-3-disaster-hits-hard/121780428</u> India is gunning for ships registered in so-called Flags of Convenience (FoC) regimes such as the Liberia-flagged *MSC ELSA* 3 that capsized and sank off the coast of Kerala on May 25 with a senior official saying that the country "must call for tighter international regulation of FoC regimes through the IMO to hold them accountable."

Qatar springs special Strait of Hormuz instructions for LNG carriers as tension rises. Lucy Hine. *TradeWinds*. 17 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/gas/qatar-springs-special-strait-of-hormuz-instructions-for-lng-carriers-as-tension-rises/2-1-1834303</u> LNG carriers due to load in Qatar are being instructed to hold off transiting the Strait of Hormuz until just before their arrival dates and to speed up when exiting the area, as the conflict between Israel and Iran deepens.



Subdued Trade and IMO Rules to Stall Bunker Demand Growth Through 2030: IEA.

Ship & Bunker. 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/379109-subdued-trade-and-imo-rules-to-stall-bunker-demand-growth-through-2030-iea</u> Global bunker fuel demand is expected to flatline at around 5 million b/d through 2030, as tightening IMO regulations and weak trade growth weigh on the sector, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said in its Oil 2025 report released this month.

Lack of alignment, not ambition, keeps CO2 shipping stakeholders awake at night. Craig Jallal. *Riviera Maritime*. 24 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/lack-of-alignment-not-ambition-keeps-co2-shipping-stakeholders-awake-at-night-85242</u> Despite growing consensus around the technical feasibility of CO2 shipping, industry stakeholders remain concerned progress is being constrained by opaque policy signals, ill-defined risk allocation, and a lack of clarity over future cargo volumes.

Ban on cargo ship wastewater dumping takes effect. *Yle (Finland)*. 30 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://yle.fi/a/74-20170230</u> It will be illegal for cargo ships to discharge toilet wastewater, sulphuric wash water and scrubber sludge into Finnish coastal waters starting Tuesday, 1 July.

SALVAGE

Salvors unable to reach fire-stricken *Morning Midas* until Monday. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 6 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://splash247.com/salvors-unable-to-reach-fire-</u><u>stricken-morning-midas-until-monday/</u> Efforts to bring the fire-stricken *Morning Midas* under control are facing a significant delay, with salvage teams not expected to reach the drifting vessel until Monday, nearly a full week after the crew abandoned ship.

Salvage crew headed to site of cargo ship fire in waters off Alaska's Aleutian island chain. *CBS News (US)*. 7 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.cbsnews.com/news/salvage-crew-headed-to-site-of-cargo-ship-fire-off-alaska-coast/</u> A salvage team is expected to arrive early next week at the scene of a cargo ship that was carrying about 3,000 vehicles to Mexico when it caught fire in waters off Alaska's Aleutian island chain.

Salvage crew watch on as *Morning Midas* **continues to burn**. Paul Bartlett. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 12 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/accidents/salvage-crew-watch-on-as-morning-midas-continues-to-burn</u> The first of three salvage teams arrived at the location of the burning vessel on Wednesday around 220 miles south of Adak Island, Alaska.

All oil tanks of sunken ship plugged, no evidence of leakage: DGS report. National Herald (India). 13 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.nationalheraldindia.com/national/all-oil-tanks-of-sunken-liberian-ship-plugged-no-evidence-of-leakage-on-kerala-coast-dgs-report</u> The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) on Friday said capping and plugging of all identified fuel oil tanks of the Liberian-flagged ship which sank off the Kerala coast last month, has been completed and there is no evidence of oil leakage in the vicinity of the wreck.

ICG, Navy achieve milestone in *MV Wan Hai 503* firefighting ops, pull burning vessel away from Indian Coast. *Asian News International (ANI)*. 14 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.aninews.in/news/national/general-news/icg-navy-achieve-milestone-in-mv-wan-hai-503-firefighting-ops-pull-burning-vessel-away-from-indian-coast20250614085627/</u> In a breakthrough, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) successfully enabled the towing of the fire-stricken Singapore-flagged container vessel MV Wan Hai 503, marking a major milestone in ongoing efforts to control the blaze and protect the marine environment.





Blaze on Zodiac car carrier appears to be out as vessel taken under tow. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 16 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/blaze-on-zodiac-car-carrier-appears-to-be-out-as-vessel-taken-under-tow/2-1-1833603</u> A drifting Zodiac Maritime-managed car carrier has been taken under tow following a serious blaze in the Pacific.

Salvage: Q2 2025 shows spike in ship fires, explosions, groundings and capsizes. Martyn Wingrove. *Riviera Maritime*. 23 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/ship-accidents-demonstrate-salvage-demand-85217</u> Numerous fires, explosions, groundings and capsizes in Q2 2025 have highlighted the importance of rapid emergency response and planned salvage.

ISU salvage industry statistics 2024. *International Salvage Union (ISU)*. 26 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.marine-salvage.com/isu-salvage-industry-statistics-2024/</u> The ISU has published its annual statistics for 2024. They are the only published measure of the state of the industry but do not include information from non-ISU members.

Wan Hai 503 'structurally compromised'. Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 30 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/accidents/wan-hai-503-structurally-compromised-</u>A situation report (SITREP) from India's Directorate General of Shipping from 28 June posted on the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority website said the Singapore-flagged vessel was "structurally comprised but stable".

Stranded Indonesian sailors to return home after nine months. Aneesh Phadnis.

Hindu BusinessLine (India). 30 June 2025. Available from:

https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/logistics/stranded-indonesian-sailors-to-returnhome-after-nine-months/article69755738.ece Eight Indonesian sailors who were stranded on a vessel in the anchorage of Mumbai port since October 2024 are returning home following intervention of Directorate General of Shipping and National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI).

SEAFARERS

Seafarers' unions and maritime employers agree pay boost under world's largest Collective Bargaining Agreement. *ITF Seafarers*. 3 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/seafarers-unions-and-maritime-employers-agree-pay-boost-under-worlds-largest-collective</u> Seafarers around the world will receive a two-year, 5% pay rise after negotiations at the International Bargaining Forum (IBF) in Singapore last month.

Inside the Global Crisis of Seafarer Exploitation. Katie McQue. *MarineLink.* 3 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.marinelink.com/news/inside-global-crisis-seafarer-526461</u> When coast guard officers boarded junior seafarer Omkar Pawar's ship off Trinidad and Tobago in 2020, one of them pointed a gun at his face.

9 Filipino seafarers repatriated from conflict-hit Yemen. *Philippine News Agency (PNA)*. 4 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1251481</u> The Philippine government has successfully repatriated nine Filipino seafarers stranded for months aboard the oil tanker *MV Rival* at Ras Isa Port in Yemen, amid escalating conflict.

Crewing in the digital age. *Splash 247.com*. 5 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://splash247.com/crewing-in-the-digital-age/</u> Starting off the 2025 edition of the world's leading commodities shipping event, Geneva Dry, was a specialist workshop sponsored by Inmarsat exploring how connectivity at sea drives digitalisation, decarbonisation and particularly crew welfare.



Behind the Containers: Advocating for Seafarers' Rights.

International Christian Maritime Association (ICMA). 7 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://icma.as/behind-the-containers-advocating-for-seafarers-rights/</u> As a lawyer in the beginning, you always think everything is written in the law book, in the legal text, and then in reality you see that it needs so much more.

Focus On: Risk perceptions and experiences of ocean workers. *Lloyd's Register Foundation*. 10 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.lrfoundation.org.uk/publications/focus-on-risk-perceptions-and-experiences-of-ocean-workers</u> The findings of this report reveal a stark reality: ocean workers are on the front lines of climate change. World Risk Poll 2024: Risk perceptions and experiences of ocean workers 1

Ship shape or ship shame? Review site gives crews the power. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com.* 10 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://splash247.com/ship-shape-or-ship-shame-review-site-gives-crews-the-power/</u> Workers at sea have reacted positively to the launch of a platform to allow crewmembers to anonymously rate and review living conditions onboard vessels with the site's creator keen to get all shipping sectors involved.

Algerian ordeal highlights slow pace on issue of seafarer criminalization. *Manila Times*. 11 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.manilatimes.net/2025/06/11/business/maritime/algerian-ordeal-highlights-slow-pace-on-issue-of-seafarer-criminalization/2130676</u> The desperate appeal of three Filipino women who go by the aliases Joy, Marie, and Rose, to President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. this week has cast a harsh light on the protracted and often ineffective efforts to address the widespread issue of seafarer criminalization, particularly concerning drug-related incidents.

A decade of measuring seafarer happiness. Marcus Hand. Seatrade Maritime News.

12 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/crewing/a-decade-of-measuring-seafarer-happiness</u> Seatrade Maritime News Editor Marcus Hand talks to Seafarer Happiness Index founder Steven Jones, as well as Ben Bailey, Director of Programme at the Mission to Seafarers about their involvement.

Who's Looking Out for the Seafarers? Isaac Phan Nay. *The Tyee (Canada)*. 13 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.thetyee.ca/News/2025/06/13/Who-Looking-Out-Seafarers/</u> As Nathan Smith reached the deck of the freighter *Sakizaya Youth*, a bulk carrier as long as two football fields, two crew members came to greet him.

Shadow tanker crew may be charged over alleged cable damage. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 16 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/shadow-tanker-crew-may-be-charged-over-alleged-cable-damage/2-1-1833362</u> Finnish prosecutors are considering charging officers from a shadow fleet tanker over damage to power and telecommunications cables on Christmas Day.

Cocaine case sees ship captain endure jail ordeal after refusing to frame crewmates. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 16 June 2025. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com//aw/cocaine.case.sees.ship.captain.endure.iail.ordeal.afte

https://www.tradewindsnews.com/law/cocaine-case-sees-ship-captain-endure-jail-ordeal-afterrefusing-to-frame-crewmates/2-1-1833654 A Chinese master spent two years in a Honduran jail after he refused to bow to pressure to frame a member of his crew over a hidden stash of cocaine.



Abandoned Russian and Ukrainian fishers finally receive wages after three-year ordeal. *ITF Seafarers*. 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/abandoned-russian-and-ukrainian-fishers-finally-receive-wages-after-three-year-ordeal</u> The crew of the *Hunter*, a Russian fish factory vessel abandoned in Las Palmas were unpaid for up to seven months, with a total wage debt of \$252,822 (232.951 euros).

Imprisoned seafarer's wife threatens hunger strike. Nick Savvides. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/crewing/imprisoned-seafarer-s-wife-threatens-hunger-strike</u> Elena Albokhari, the wife of the imprisoned chief mate Ali Albokhari has threatened to protest his innocence with a hunger strike as the two-year anniversary of his arrest approaches.

Ukraine and Sweden have agreed on the mutual recognition of sailors' documents. *Odessa Journal (Ukraine)*. 22 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://odessa-journal.com/ukraine-and-</u> <u>sweden-have-agreed-on-the-mutual-recognition-of-sailors-documents</u> Ukraine and Sweden signed a Memorandum of Understanding in London on the mutual recognition of seafarers' diplomas and certificates.

Indian seafarers stranded aboard vessel near Iran, Families await word amid escalating tensions. Jayanth Jacob. *New Indian Express*. 22 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2025/Jun/22/indian-seafarers-stranded-aboard-vessel-near-iran-families-await-word-amid-escalating-tensions</u> Despite repeated appeals to the ship's management company Deewine Ship Management and Marine Services Ltd she says no clear information has been provided.

IMEC: Skilled and motivated seafarers are crucial to drive the industry's decarbonisation efforts. Simon Spacey. *Safety4Sea*. 23 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://safety4sea.com/cm-imec-skilled-and-motivated-seafarers-are-crucial-to-drive-the-industrys-decarbonisation-efforts/</u> While the industry has made meaningful progress in recognising the vital role of seafarers as the backbone of the global economy, Simon urges that more action is needed to continue supporting them through meaningful investment and strong partnerships.

International Day of Seafarers to be commemorated on Wednesday.

Island Sun (Solomon Islands). 24 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://theislandsun.com.sb/international-day-of-seafarers-to-be-commemorated-on-wednesday/</u> Solomon Islands Maritime College will host this year's International Day of Seafarers on Wednesday 25th June 2025 at Ranadi Campus, Honiara.

Final Diversity@Sea report launches on Day of the Seafarer. *Global Maritime Forum*. 25 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://globalmaritimeforum.org/news/final-diversity-sea-report-launches-on-day-of-the-seafarer/</u> The Global Maritime Forum today launched Diversity@Sea: The Journey to the Sustainable Crewing Guidelines, the final report from a two-year pilot project focused on improving life at sea.

Diversity@Sea: The Journey to the Sustainable Crewing Guidelines 12

Australian maritime union leaders acknowledge seafarers strategic, social and economic importance on Day of the Seafarer. *Maritime Union of Australia*. 25 June 2025. Available from: https://www.mua.org.au/news/australian-maritime-union-leaders-acknowledge-seafarers-strategic-social-and-economic The three Australian maritime unions, representing deck crew engineers and officers, join together with global labour and maritime organisations in celebrating the Day of the Seafarer 2025, a day to recognise the immense contribution of the world's seafarers – the essential workers who keep global trade, supply chains, and our island nation afloat.



Gard Crew Claims Report 2025: Key trends in seafarer health and safety. *Gard*. 25 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://gard.no/about-gard/company-news/gard-crew-claims-report-2025-key-trends-in-seafarer-health-and-safety/</u> The Gard Crew Claims Report is based on a comprehensive review of all crew claims registered under Gard's P&I mutual portfolio during 2024 – around 3000 cases in total – drawing comparisons from previous years to identify key trends and variations. <u>Full report</u>

White Paper: Protecting the Human Rights of Seafarers Facing Adverse Conditions and Criminalization in the Maritime Industry. *Center for Ocean Policy and Economics (COPE°)*. 25 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://thecope.org/white-paper-protecting-the-human-rights-of-seafarers-facing-adverse-conditions-and-criminalization-in-the-maritime-industry/</u> Members of the COPE° Working Group on Maritime Safety and Security have developed a white paper, titled: Protecting the Human Rights of Seafarers Facing Adverse Conditions and Criminalization in the Maritime Industry.

Day of the Seafarer: The unseen struggles of workers on the frontline of change. Sara Kosmajac. *Offshore Energy*. 25 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.offshore-energy.biz/day-of-the-seafarer-the-unseen-struggles-of-workers-on-the-frontline-of-change/</u> This year's campaign, "My Harassment-free ship", led by the IMO, underlines another pressing issue: the need to address bullying and harassment at sea, and to foster a maritime culture rooted in safety, dignity, and accountability.

Keeping seafarers safe and connected at sea. *International Telecommunication Union*. 25 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.itu.int/hub/2025/06/keeping-seafarers-safe-and-connected-at-sea/</u> Every day, more than 1.8 million seafarers work behind the scenes to keep the world moving – delivering goods, fuel, food, and more across the oceans.

Navigating the Shadow Fleet: A Seafarer's Take on Restoring Trust at Sea. Tanuj Syal. Synergy Marine Group. 25 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.synergymarinegroup.com/navigating-the-shadow-fleet-a-seafarers-take-on-restoring-trust-at-sea/</u> A vital element in shipping is trust—and especially so between nations, captains, ports and cargo owners.

Maritime industry marks Intl Day of Seafarer. Yashika F. Torib and Carmela I. Huelar. *Manila Times*. 25 June 2025. Available from:

https://www.manilatimes.net/2025/06/25/business/maritime/maritime-industry-marks-intl-day-ofseafarer/2138349 The global maritime community celebrates the Day of the Seafarer today, June 25, 2025, with a bold initiative of promoting harassment-free ships.

An urgent call to improve seafarers' legal rights. Lizi Woodland.

Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST). 25 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.imarest.org/resource/an-urgent-call-to-improve-seafarers-legal-rights.html</u> The vast, open seas have long been romanticised, but despite international conventions, numerous seafarers today continue to face threats of piracy, abandonment, and sometimes appalling working conditions.

Tanzania marks seafarers' day with call to engage youths in maritime sector. Issa Yusuf. *Daily News (Tanzania)*. 25 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://dailynews.co.tz/tanzania-marks-</u> <u>seafarers-day-with-call-to-engage-youths-in-maritime-sector/</u> Tanzania joined the rest of the world in marking the International Day of the Seafarer with a strong call to action for Tanzanian youths, especially women to take advantage of emerging career opportunities in the maritime sector, amid a global shortage of skilled seafarers.



Five Crewmembers Caught Smuggling Drugs on Tanker in Zeebrugge. *Maritime Executive*. 26 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://maritime-executive.com/article/five-crewmembers-caught-smuggling-drugs-on-tanker-in-zeebrugge</u> Five crewmembers from the product tanker *Scot Bremen* have been arrested after the vessel's master found out that they were concealing packages of narcotics, operator Scot Tankers said Thursday.

Let's fight harassment of seafarers to protect dignity of industry — Dr Kamal-Deen. Eunice Hilda A. Mensah. *Ghana News Agency*. 27 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://gna.org.gh/2025/06/lets-fight-harassment-of-seafarers-to-protect-dignity-of-industry-dr-kamal-deen/</u> Dr Kamal-Deen Ali, the Director-General of the Ghana Maritime Authority (GMA), has called on industry players to address directly and frontally, harassment of seafarers on board ships to protect the dignity of the profession.

Dutch MP targets 'fake unions' in maritime sector. *Nautilus International*. 30 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/dutch-mp-targets-fake-unions/</u> A Dutch member of Parliament has joined Nautilus International's Council meeting to discuss strategies for combating 'fake' unions that undermine workers' rights, particularly in the maritime industry.

Maritime Charity Column: reversing the direction of travel on shore leave, by Katie Higginbottom, head of the ITF Seafarers' Trust. *Nautilus International*. 30 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://tinyurl.com/bdasy8z5</u> With almost six thousand responses it was clear that the subject touched a nerve. The World Maritime University analysed the data, and the findings have been published in <u>Shore Leave: Rare, Brief and in Danger of Extinction</u>

SEARCH & RESCUE

Kuwait oil tanker rescues 40 refugees stranded in the Mediterranean. *Arab Times (Kuwait)*. 12 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.arabtimesonline.com/news/kuwaiti-oil-tanker-rescues-40-refugees-stranded-in-the-mediterranean/</u> In a remarkable humanitarian effort, the Kuwaiti oil tanker *Al-Dasma*, owned by the Kuwait Oil Tanker Company (KOTC), successfully rescued 40 refugees stranded at sea after their vessel broke down in the Mediterranean.

Father and daughter rescued after going overboard Disney cruise ship. Mirna Alsharif, Juliette Arcodia and Nicole Duarte. *NBC News (US)*. 30 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/disney-dream-overboard-rescue-rcna215994</u> A father and his 5-year-old daughter were rescued from the water after they went overboard a Disney Cruise Line ship Sunday afternoon, officials confirmed.

SHIP RECYCLING

Green Ship-Breaking Yards. Moin Uddin Muslim. *Financial Express (Bangladesh)*. 1 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/features-analysis/green-ship-breaking-yards-1748699862</u> Among the world's largest ship-breaking zones, Sitakunda in Bangladesh stands as a significant name.

Shipbreaking Reimagined? Höegh Autliners Strikes Deal to Upcycle Ships into Green Building Materials. Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*. 3 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://gcaptain.com/shipbreaking-reimagined-hoegh-autliners-strikes-deal-to-upcycle-ships-into-green-building-materials/</u> Höegh Autoliners and Nordic Circles have partnered to revolutionize ship recycling in Norway, launching a project that will transform decommissioned vessels into certified building materials without traditional melting processes.



Ships of death: This notorious industry is about to change, but is it greenwashing?

Colin Cosier and Bermet Talant. *SBS News (Australia)*. 9 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.sbs.com.au/news/dateline/article/ships-of-death-this-notorious-industry-is-about-to-change-but-is-it-greenwashing/mxdk849gw</u> Ship cutter Delwar Hossain's job might be killing him but he's worried he'll lose it.

Pakistan moves to strengthen hazardous waste management in ship recycling sector.

International Labour Organization (ILO). 17 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/pakistan-moves-strengthen-hazardous-waste-management-ship-recycling-sector</u> Pakistan is stepping up efforts to make ship recycling safer and greener by aligning hazardous waste management with international labour and environmental standards.

New rules may not change dirty and deadly ship recycling business. *France 24*. 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20250618-new-rules-may-not-change-dirty-and-deadly-ship-recycling-business</u> Mizan Hossain fell 10 metres (33-foot) from the top of a ship he was cutting up on Chittagong beach in Bangladesh -- where the majority of the world's maritime giants meet their end -- when the vibrations shook him from the upper deck.

Another worker dies at Alang shipbreaking yard. *NGO Shipbreaking Platform*. 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://shipbreakingplatform.org/accident-alang-may-2025-2/</u> Just weeks before the Hong Kong Convention (HKC) for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships is set to enter into force on 26 June, another shipbreaking worker died in Alang—the world's largest ship dismantling site—at a facility that claims to already be compliant with the Convention's standards.

Fatal accident in Alang raises fresh concerns as Hong Kong Convention nears entry into force. Sara Kosmajac. *Offshore Energy*. 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://tinyurl.com/3e3kzusx</u> According to the Belgium-based organization NGO Shipbreaking Platform, on May 20 this year, twenty-year-old Satur Bhai from Gujarat, who was employed as a helper (begari), a typically untrained, underpaid and unprotected position, fell to his death while dismantling a vessel at plot No. 50.

Shipyards say recycling convention outcome is inadequate. Liv Almer. *ShippingWatch*. 24 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article18303281.ece</u> The long-awaited Hong Kong Convention (HKC), which comes into force on Thursday this week and imposes stricter requirements on environmental and working conditions as well as waste management at shipowners' scrapyards, does not go far enough in imposing strict requirements on the industry.

Ship recycling is about to change. *BIMCO*. 25 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.bimco.org/news-insights/bimco-news/2025/06/25-hkc/</u> On 26 June, the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships (HKC) finally enters into force, 16 years after its adoption.

Pakistan approves \$42 million to transform ship-breaking yard into 'model green facility'. *Arab News (Pakistan)*. 25 June 2025. Available from:

<u>https://www.arabnews.pk/node/2605790/pakistan</u> Pakistan's government has approved Rs12 billion [\$42 million] to transform a key ship-breaking yard in the country's southwestern Balochistan province into a "model green facility" to reduce pollution and manage hazardous waste, the maritime affairs ministry said on Wednesday.

New scrapping rules could create problematic bottleneck for carriers. Liv Almer. *ShippingWatch*. 25 June 2025. Available from:

<u>https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article18307685.ece</u> Thousands of ships that were supposed to be sent for scrapping risk being rejected by shipyards if the industry does not quickly manage to significantly increase capacity, says Gudrun Janssen from shipping organization Bimco.





Alang geared up for transition as green ship recycling becomes globally mandatory from Thursday. P Manoj. *Economic Times (India)*. 25 June 2025. Available from: https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/ports-shipping/alang-prepares-for-global-green-

ship-recycling-revolution-under-new-convention/122072536 End-of-life ships must be recycled globally by adopting green practices from Thursday when the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships (Hong Kong Convention) of the IMO enters into force.

ICS and European Shipowners | ECSA welcome the Hong Kong Convention entering into force globally. International Chamber of Shipping (ICS). 26 June 2025. Available from: https://www.ics-shipping.org/press-release/ics-and-european-shipowners-ecsa-welcome-the-hong-kong-convention-entering-into-force-globally/ ICS and ES|ECSA have been advocating for the Hong Kong Convention to come into force since adoption at IMO in 2009 to ensure international

safe and sustainable ship recycling processes.

The Hong Kong Convention provides no roadmap for sustainable ship recycling. NGO Shipbreaking Platform. 26 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://shipbreakingplatform.org/hong-kong-conventions-provides-no-roadmap-for-sustainable-recycling/</u> Today, the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships (HKC) officially enters into force.

Maersk wants tighter shipbreaking rules: Most container ships are scrapped irresponsibly. Liv Almer. *ShippingWatch*. 26 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article18314008.ece</u> The vast majority of the world's container fleet is not being scrapped under responsible conditions, a Maersk spokesperson tells ShippingWatch.

Global ship recycling landmark arrives with patchy compliance across South Asia. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 26 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://splash247.com/global-ship-recycling-landmark-arrives-with-patchy-compliance-across-south-asia/</u> Fully 16 years in the making, the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships entered into force today, with the majority of demo yards in Bangladesh and Pakistan – two vital recycling destinations – still not compliant with the international regulation.

Hong Kong vs Basel: Why shipping is caught in the recycling cross hairs. Craig Eason. *TradeWinds*. 26 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/hong-kong-vs-basel-why-shipping-is-caught-in-the-recycling-cross-hairs/2-1-1837770</u> While the focus is on the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, it risks being overshadowed by another international convention, the one that led to it being created in the first place, the Basel Convention.

Is the sun rising on a cleaner recycling industry? Craig Eason and Jonathan Boonzaier. *TradeWinds*. 26 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/is-the-sun-rising-on-a-cleaner-recycling-industry-/2-1-1836795</u> South Asian ship demolition yards that invested millions to improve safety and environmental standards may face a long wait before seeing returns under new regulations.

ILO launches study to reform ship recycling sector. Amin Ahmed. *Dawn (Pakistan)*. 29 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.dawn.com/news/1920881</u> Pakistan is working to make its ship recycling processes safer and more environmentally friendly by aligning hazardous waste management with international labour and environmental standards, according to the ILO.



Hong Kong convention. Ships that 'go gentle into that good night'. TE Raja Simhan. *Hindu BusinessLine (India)*. 29 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/logistics/ships-that-go-gentle-into-that-good-</u> <u>night/article69752371.ece</u> June 26 marked an important day for the global ship recycling industry, as the Hong Kong International Convention for the safe and environmentally sound recycling of ships (HKC) came into force.

SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR

Maritime leaders prefer rerouting ships over building new ones in the US. Daniela De Lorenzo. *ShippingWatch*. 3 June 2025. Available from:

<u>https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article18242068.ece</u> At the Capital Link Maritime Leaders Summit in Oslo, shipowners and top execs voiced differing opinions on many topics, but they all agree on one thing: no one sees the possibility of a US-built fleet.

Demand for propeller retrofits surge four-fold but adoption remains limited. *Lloyd's Register*. 4 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.lr.org/en/knowledge/press-room/press-listing/press-release/2025/demand-for-propeller-retrofits-surge-four-fold-but-adoption-remains-limited/</u> Demand for advanced propeller retrofits and energy saving devices (ESDs) has nearly quadrupled since 2020 as shipping owners and operators look to enhance energy efficiency to meet tightening emissions regulations.

Viet Nam's shipbuilding industry embraces green energy transition. *Nhân Dân (Vietnam)*. 5 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://en.nhandan.vn/viet-nams-shipbuilding-industry-embraces-green-energy-transition-post149044.html</u> The net zero pledge has profoundly impacted all socio-economic sectors, including shipbuilding.

New Ship Orders Slump Amid US-China Tensions and IMO Vote: Drewry. *Ship & Bunker*. 10 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/566689-new-ship-orders-slump-amid-us-china-tensions-and-imo-vote-drewry</u> Shipowners delay newbuilding plans as trade and climate policy uncertainties weigh on investment decisions.

Is the future of maritime electrically charged? *Nautilus International.* 27 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/telegraph/is-the-future-of-maritime-electrically-charged/</u> But many of the planned new vessels are taking longer than expected to come into operation, and concerns remain about crew training and safety.

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Record-breaking megaships arrive West Africa as global shipping firm expands trade routes. *Business Insider Africa*. 1 June 2025. Available from:

https://africa.businessinsider.com/local/markets/record-breaking-megaships-arrive-west-africa-asglobal-shipping-firm-expands-trade/mpkmfb0 According to Container News, MSC has introduced the vessels *Diletta* and *Türkiye* on its Africa Express service, connecting major Asian export hubs, including China, South Korea, and Southeast Asia, to key West African ports such as Lomé (Togo), Tema (Ghana), Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire), and Douala (Cameroon).

'We need inclusive networks in shipping'. Holly Birket. *TradeWinds*. 2 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/news/-we-need-inclusive-networks-in-shipping-/2-1-1827306</u> Shipping has more work to do in opening doors for women and young people, according to the new president of the Norwegian branch of the Women In Shipping & Trading Association (Wista).





Nor-Shipping 2025: Shipping executives warn of long road to zero-emission fuels.

Stas Margaronis. *American Journal of Transportation (AJOT)*. 2 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.ajot.com/insights/full/copy-ai-nor-shipping-2025-shipping-executives-warn-of-long-road-to-zero-emission-fuels</u> Shipping executives are warning that the transition to green and zero-emission fuels will be a long and difficult one even with new goals being set by the IMO.

Lloyd's Register: How the business of classification is evolving. *Splash 247.com*. 3 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://splash247.com/lloyds-register-how-the-business-of-classification-is-evolving/</u> It was 30 years ago this summer that Nick Brown walked into the Fenchurch Street offices of Lloyd's Register as a graduate trainee in a career that has seen him work across Europe, the Middle East, and Asia, before getting the corner office in early 2021.

Clarksons Research: Global Shipping To Move 12.6bn Tonnes of Cargo In 2025. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 3 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/clarksons-research-global-shipping-to-move-12-6bn-tonnes-of-cargo-in-2025/</u> Sixty years on from the first Nor-Shipping, we expect global shipping to move 12.6bn tonnes of cargo in 2025 (1965: 1.8bn tonnes) supported by a fleet of 2.5bn dwt (1965: 0.25bn dwt).

Experts: Trinidad and Tobago in perfect position for clean maritime fuel industry.

Ryan Hamilton-Davis. *Newsday (Trinidad and Tobago)*. 3 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://newsday.co.tt/2025/06/03/experts-trinidad-and-tobago-in-perfect-position-for-clean-maritime-fuel-industry/</u> As the maritime sector faces increasing pressure to mitigate its greenhouse gas emissions, advancements in alternative fuels such as hydrogen, ammonia and biofuels are gaining more attention as these fuels can provide energy for the industry without the fallout of high-carbon emissions.

'I don't want to be stabbed to death when I could have been shot'. Andrew Forrest shreds shipping's green image. Andy Pierce. *TradeWinds*. 3 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/-i-don-t-want-to-be-stabbed-to-death-when-i-could-have-been-shot-andrew-forrest-shreds-shipping-s-green-image/2-1-1827963</u> Mining billionaire Andrew Forrest slammed the claim that shipping is an environmentally friendly way to transport goods in a colourful speech at the opening conference of Nor-Shipping on Tuesday.

Tariffs, environmental uncertainty dampen investment in shipping: Shipowners. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 4 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/tariffs-environmental-uncertainty-dampen-investment-in-shipping-shipowners/</u> Shifting regulations on trade and environment are causing a confluence of uncertainty and this is set to choke investment in shipping, as the industry looks to decarbonize, according to shipowners.

Mixed Feelings As Maritime Sector Reshapes. Bayo Akomolafe. *New Telegraph (Nigeria).* 4 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://newtelegraphng.com/mixed-feelings-as-maritime-sector-reshapes/</u> Regardless of remarkable progress in maritime development and growth after the creation of Marine and Blue Economy, and inauguration of new policies to drive the maritime industry by President Bola Tinubu, old challenges such as corruption, insecurity, illegal arms inflows, drug trafficking, boat accidents, among others are still dwarfing the efforts.

Shipping industry still at sea as it tries to navigate to net zero. Catherine Early and Terry Slavin. *Reuters*. 4 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/decarbonizing-industries/shipping-industry-still-sea-it-tries-navigate-net-zero-2025-06-04/</u> The IMO in April agreed mandatory emissions limits and a global price on emissions of ships that exceed them, slated to come into force in 2028 if ratified later this year.



John Kerry urges shipping to take climate lead. Hans Thaulow. *Splash 247.com*. 4 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://splash247.com/john-kerry-urges-shipping-to-take-climate-lead/</u> Former US secretary of state John Kerry delivered a message of climate leadership during a high-profile panel at Nor-Shipping yesterday, sharing the stage with Andrew Forrest, chairman of Fortescue Metals Group, and Andreas Enger, CEO of Höegh Autoliners.

The world needs a maritime 'elite league' to combat rogue shipping. Elisabeth Braw. *Atlantic Council.* 5 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/issue-brief/the-world-needs-a-maritime-elite-league-to-combat-rogue-shipping/</u> A small group of nations established the International Maritime Organization in 1948 to create a modicum of global governance.

More 'zombie pairs' emerge in critical chokepoints off the Strait of Malacca. Karen Ng. *TradeWinds*. 5 June 2025. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/more-zombie-pairs-emerge-in-critical-chokepoints-off-the-strait-of-malacca/2-1-1828991 Zombies are typically vessels that are part of the sanctioned dark fleet, which switch off their own AIS and broadcast a dead vessel's signal when discharging at ports, to conceal their true identity.

Green growth can't mask gender gap at sea. *Nautilus International*. 6 June 2025. Available from: https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/telegraph/green-growth-cant-mask-gender-gap-at-sea/ The latest IMO/WISTA Women in Maritime Survey has identified a widening gender gap in the maritime industry, despite some bright spots in green and digital sectors – findings which have raised concerns at Nautilus International.

MPA and Bureau Veritas Renew Partnership to Advance Maritime Digitalisation, Decarbonisation, and Talent Development. *Bureau Veritas*. 6 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://marine-offshore.bureauveritas.com/newsroom/mpa-and-bureau-veritas-renew-partnership-advance-maritime-digitalisation-decarbonisation</u> The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and Bureau Veritas (BV) have renewed their Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to deepen collaboration in maritime digitalisation, decarbonisation, and talent development.

MARINA, World Bank link up to decarbonize, modernize ferries. *PortCalls Asia*. 6 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://portcalls.com/marina-world-bank-link-up-to-decarbonize-modernize-ferries/</u> The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) and the World Bank Group (WB) are linking up for the decarbonization and modernization of inter-island ferries in the Philippines.

New director general wants diplomatic lead role for the Danish Maritime Authority. Liv Almer. *ShippingWatch*. 6 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://shippingwatch.com/people/article18253815.ece</u> It won't be many months before the boxes are packed and the Danish Maritime Authority moves to newly renovated premises further down towards the harbor in Korsør, western Zealand.

Cummins: Cut Caribbean shipping time, double trade by 2035. Shanna Moore. *Barbados Today*. 6 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://barbadostoday.bb/2025/06/06/cummins-cut-caribbean-shipping-time-double-trade-by-2035/</u> Energy and Business Minister Senator Lisa Cummins is urging local and regional businesses to lead the charge in doubling intra-regional trade by 2035, warning that rising logistics costs and ongoing shipping delays are hurting Caribbean economies.





Ocean protection means including shipping in countries' Paris climate targets.

Transport & Environment. 9 June 2025. Available from:

<u>https://www.transportenvironment.org/articles/ocean-protection-means-including-shipping-in-</u> <u>countries-paris-climate-targets</u> As countries convene at the 2025 UN Ocean Conference (UNOC) in Nice this week to discuss ocean protection and sustainability, Opportunity Green, Seas At Risk, and Transport & Environment call on states to include their international shipping emissions in their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement, in the lead-up to COP30 in Belém, Brazil.

Nor Shipping 2025: International Shipping at the Crossroads of Geopolitics and Green Transition. *Tovima.com* (Greece). 9 June 2025. Available from:

https://www.tovima.com/society/nor-shipping-2025-international-shipping-at-the-crossroads-ofgeopolitics-and-green-transition/ The 30th international maritime exhibition Nor Shipping concluded from June 2-6, 2025, at NOVA Spektrum in Lillestrøm, Norway, confirming its reputation as the "Posidonia of Norway."

Sails, batteries and AI: What a green revolution in maritime transport might look like. Cyrielle Cabot. *France 24*. 9 June 2025. Available from:

https://www.france24.com/en/europe/20250609-un-ocean-conference6shipping-industry-sailsbatteries-ai-green-transition-revolution-maritime-transport-environment Over the weekend, it was time for the key players of the maritime industry – ship owners, port authorities and others – to meet in Monaco for the Blue Economy and Finance Forum, one of the many special events held on the sidelines of the June 9-13 United Nations Ocean Conference.

Labor group issues warning about largely unregulated 'dark fleet'. John Gallagher. *FreightWaves*. 9 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.freightwaves.com/news/labor-group-issues-warning-about-largely-unregulated-dark-fleet</u> A group representing maritime shipping labor is warning regulators about rising economic and safety risks caused by foreign flags-of-convenience (FOC) ship registries.

Maritime Batteries 101: What to Consider When 'Going Green'. Philip Lewis. *MarineLink*. 9 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.marinelink.com/news/maritime-batteries-consider-going-green-526621</u> In the current pathway, global shipping greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are forecast to rise in this decade and eventually return to 2010 levels by ~2050.

NYK banks on semi-autonomous shipping to ease Japan's crew crisis. Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds*. 9 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/special-reports/nyk-banks-on-semi-autonomous-shipping-to-ease-japan-s-crew-crisis/2-1-1827603</u> NYK Group and technology firm Orca AI are gearing up to use four vessels to demonstrate how semi-autonomous ships can ease crew shortages, as Japan's maritime sector faces a labour crisis.

Maritime leaders push for gender-inclusive reforms, quotas, incentives for women development. Adaku Onyenucheya. *Guardian (Nigeria)*. 9 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://guardian.ng/business-services/maritime/maritime-leaders-push-for-gender-inclusive-reforms-</u> <u>guotas-incentives-for-women-development/</u> Industry leaders have called for the implementation of legislation aligned with global standards to promote gender inclusivity, diversity and equal opportunities for women in the maritime sector, to ensure economic growth and sustainable development.



Global Disruptions Drive Containership Fleet to Near Full Capacity, Alphaliner Says.

Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*. 10 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://gcaptain.com/global-disruptions-drive-containership-fleet-to-near-full-capacity-alphaliner-says</u> The global container shipping industry is experiencing unprecedented levels of fleet utilization, with commercial idle capacity hitting a remarkable low of just 0.6% of the world's 32.0 Mteu fleet, according to Alphaliner.

ICS Maritime Barometer Report 2024-2025. International Chamber of Shipping (ICS).

11 June 2025. Available from: https://www.ics-shipping.org/resource/ics-maritime-barometer-report-2024-2025/ The 2024–2025 ICS Maritime Barometer is the latest full-scale annual survey of risks and confidence among maritime leaders. Full Report 12

Greek owners and EU Commissioner clash over IMO zero-carbon plan. Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds*. 11 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/greek-owners-and-eu-commissioner-clash-over-imo-zero-carbon-plan/2-1-1831437</u> Top shipping players from the European Union and major shipping nation Greece have offered starkly diverging views on the decarbonisation plan adopted by the IMO earlier this year.

Shipping costs set to rise as IMO carbon fee looms, to affect Malaysia's logistics.

James Wong. *Borneo Post Online*. 11 June 2025. Available from:

<u>https://www.theborneopost.com/2025/06/11/shipping-costs-set-to-rise-as-imo-carbon-fee-looms-to-affect-malaysias-logistics/</u> Shipping costs are expected to rise by 2027 following the IMO decision to impose carbon fees on large vessels, according to analysts at AmInvestment Bank Bhd.

New report reveals maritime emission progress, yet challenges remain in reaching

climate alignment. *Global Maritime Forum*. 12 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://globalmaritimeforum.org/press/new-report-reveals-maritime-emission-progress-yet-</u> <u>challenges-remain-in/</u> According to its most recent disclosure report, the majority of signatories to the Sea Cargo Charter (SCC) – a global climate alignment initiative developed by the Global Maritime Forum – reduced their emission intensity over the last year, reflecting the growing maturity, ambition and transparency of the charter. <u>Sea Cargo Charter Annual Disclosure Report</u>

New analysis is a wakeup call for shipping industry's leaders to get serious on voluntary climate standards, as time is running out.

UCL Energy Institute. Shipping and Oceans Research Group. 12 June 2025. Available from: https://www.shippingandoceans.com/post/new-analysis-is-a-wakeup-call-for-shipping-industrysleaders A new study by UCL Energy Institute Shipping and Oceans Research Group, Wageningen University & Research, and University of East Anglia, revealed that private voluntary standards, such as the Poseidon Principles and Climate Bonds Initiative, in the shipping sector are becoming more ambitious, transparent, and reliable but still fall short on ambition and transparency, needed to meaningfully support the shipping sector's decarbonisation in a crucial phase.

From villain to vanguard: How shipping industry could help save seas.

Inter Press Service (IPS). 12 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.ipsnews.net/2025/06/from-villain-to-vanguard-how-the-shipping-industry-could-help-save-our-seas</u> Once cast as a culprit of ocean degradation, the global shipping industry is quietly reshaping its image—with experts now betting on it as a key ally in saving our seas.



New ICS Chairman Designate named and Secretary General takes the helm as industry faces critical global challenges. International Chamber of Shipping (ICS). 13 June 2025. Available from: https://www.ics-shipping.org/press-release/new-ics-chairman-designate-named-and-secretary-general-takes-the-helm-as-industry-faces-critical-global-challenges/ Following the conclusion of the International Chamber of Shipping Annual General Meeting and Board Meeting in Athens, which was opened by The Hon. Vassilis Kikilias, Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy, Hellenic Republic, the organisation announced several major developments, marking a pivotal moment for global maritime leadership.

Join the Fleet for the Future. *World Meteorological Organization (WMO)*. 13 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://wmo.int/media/news/join-fleet-future</u> The ocean covers over 70% of our planet - yet vast areas remain under-observed and there are increasing gaps in the Global Ocean Observing System.

Cyprus backs international coordination at Athens shipping summit. Souzana Psara. *Cyprus Mail*. 13 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://cyprus-mail.com/2025/06/13/cyprus-backs-international-coordination-at-athens-shipping-summit</u> Over 350 senior delegates from more than 30 countries gathered in Athens this week for the high-level 'Shaping the Future of Shipping Summit'.

Shipping industry looks for consensus on sustainable fuels ahead of net-zero goals. Christopher Reynolds. *Bloomberg*. 13 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/business/politics/2024/06/13/shipping-industry-looks-for-consensus-on-sustainable-fuels-ahead-of-net-zero-goals/</u> Global shippers convened in Montreal on Thursday to sort out which sustainable fuels their vessels should use — a key question given that boats built today will still be running in 2050.

Threatened closure of the Straits of Hormuz. Rosie Goncare and Reema Shour.

Hill Dickinson LLP. 16 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.hilldickinson.com/insights/articles/threatened-closure-straits-hormuz-legal-</u> <u>considerations-shipping</u> On 11 June 2025, the UK Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) warned of rising tensions in the Gulf Region and urged vessels transiting the Arabian Gulf, Gulf of Oman and Straits of Hormuz to transit with caution.

Are Workboats Really Going Green? Barry Parker. *MarineLink*. 16 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.marinelink.com/news/workboats-really-going-green-526916</u> The first half of 2025 has seen a great deal of attention on emissions from vessels, with an eye towards their continued reductions in the coming years.

Shipping needs its own whistleblowing system. Kuba Szymanski. Splash 247.com.

17 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://splash247.com/shipping-needs-its-own-whistleblowing-system/</u> I think we have all seen the nature of news these days has changed a great deal in the past 20 years with the dawn of the internet and the information revolution.

Iran and Israel trade accusations at UN shipping agency over sea lanes. *Straits Times*. 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.straitstimes.com/world/europe/iran-and-israel-trade-accusations-at-un-shipping-agency-over-sea-lanes</u> Iran and Israel accused each other of endangering commercial activity in sea lanes around the Gulf and the Red Sea at the UN's shipping agency on Wednesday, as their military conflict escalated.



Marine contractors' critical role in European economy, energy transition, and security revealed in new economic impact assessment.

International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA). 18 June 2025. Available from: https://www.imca-int.com/news-events/imca-news/news/marine-contractors-critical-role-in-europeaneconomy-energy-transition-and-security-revealed-in-new-economic-impact-assessment/ The marine contracting sector is a "critical" strategic enabler of Europe's energy and climate ambitions and plays an essential role in safeguarding Europe's digital connectivity, a new economic impact assessment authored by PA Consulting has revealed.

Australian government places sanctions on 60 vessels in Russia's shadow fleet of oil tankers. Lewis Wiseman. *ABC (Australia)*. 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-06-18/australia-sanctions-russian-shadow-fleet-oil-tankers/105430822</u> The Australian government has imposed sanctions on 60 vessels in Russia's shadow fleet of oil tankers for the first time.

Canada sanctions an additional 201 shadow fleet vessels. *Safety4Sea*. 19 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://safety4sea.com/canada-sanctions-an-additional-201-shadow-fleet-vessels/</u> On 17 June, Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Anita Anand announced a major expansion of sanctions against Russia, targeting "shadow fleet" vessels.

Shipping industry faces pressure from global carbon levy. *Vietnam News*. 20 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://vietnamnews.vn/economy/1719934/shipping-industry-faces-pressure-from-global-carbon-levy.html</u> Việt Nam's shipping industry is facing with significant pressure for greening as the IMO moves forward with the plan to introduce the world's first global carbon levy on shipping emissions.

Malawi caught in fake ship registry storm as shadow fleet expands. Burnett Munthali. *Malawi 24*. 22 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://malawi24.com/2025/06/22/malawi-caught-in-fake-ship-registry-storm-as-shadow-fleet-expands/</u> The landlocked African nation of Malawi has been thrust into the centre of a growing maritime scandal after being identified as the latest hub for a fraudulent ship registry operation.

The Strait of Hormuz: What It Is, Where It Is, and Why It Matters. Michael Kern. *OilPrice.com*. 23 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://oilprice.com/Energy/Energy-General/The-Strait-of-Hormuz-What-It-Is-Where-It-Is-and-Why-It-Matters.html</u> Of all the vast oceans and seas that cover our planet, no single waterway holds more influence over the global economy than a narrow, 21-mile-wide channel of water separating Iran from the Arabian Peninsula.

A carbon levy on global shipping promises to slash emissions. We calculated what that means for Australia's biggest export.

Michael Brear, Gerhard (Gerry) F. Swiegers, Michael Leslie Johns, Nguyen Cao and Rose Amal. *The Conversation*. 24 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://tinyurl.com/bdfh9dka</u> Moving people and things around the world by sea has a big climate impact.

Navigating the Shadow Fleet: Unmasking some Complexities in Global Shipping.

Keshav Shandilya. *Synergy Marine Group*. 25 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.synergymarinegroup.com/navigating-the-shadow-fleet-unmasking-some-complexities-in-global-shipping/</u> One part of the global shipping industry, the backbone of international trade, is sailing in very murky waters.

How crucial is the Strait of Hormuz to global oil supplies? *BBC World Service*. 26 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w3ct722p</u> Tensions in the Gulf have again raised questions about the Strait of Hormuz. What impact would disruption have? And can oil safely be exported from the region?



Commercial structure, not technology, holds back CO2 shipping. Craig Jallal. *Riviera Maritime*. 26 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/commercial-structure-not-technology-holds-back-co2-shipping-85238</u> Although the engineering solutions for transporting liquefied CO2 are proven and available, commercial misalignment, uncertain volumes, and undeveloped financial structures continue to delay project delivery.

FMC Announces Investigation Into Flags of Convenience and Unfavorable Conditions Created by Flagging Practices. Blank Rome LLP. 27 June 2025. Available from: https://www.blankrome.com/publications/fmc-announces-investigation-flags-convenience-andunfavorable-conditions-created-0 This investigation breaks new ground for the FMC, which traditionally has not had any role concerning vessel registries, marine safety, or the International Maritime Organization conventions, which set the global framework for vessel regulation.

Maritime trends to watch in 2025. *Allianz Commercial*. 30 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCMjbAGU5Vo</u> On June 30, we hosted our annual webinar focusing on the latest trends in the maritime industry.

WISTA Nigeria cerebrates rise of female maritime leaders in Ghana, Nigeria. *The Sun (Nigeria)*. 30 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://thesun.ng/wista-nigeria-cerebrates-rise-of-female-maritime-leaders-in-ghana-nigeria/?amp</u> In Ghana, Madam Jemilat Mahamah has been appointed Chairman of the Board of the Ghana Maritime Authority, a role that positions her at the forefront of maritime policy and governance in the country.

Beyond the Silence: A wake-up call for LGBT+ inclusion. Christopher Perry. *Lloyd's Register*. 30 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.lr.org/en/knowledge/insights-articles/wake-up-call-for-lgbt-inclusion-maritime/</u> On a quiet spring morning in Malta, voices that are too often unheard in the maritime industry took centre stage.

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Fabinyi M, Cvitanovic C, et al. **Rethinking maritime security from the bottom up: Four principles to broaden perspectives and centre humans and ecosystems**. *npj Ocean Sustainability*. 2 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.nature.com/articles/s44183-025-00130-9</u> Traditional approaches to maritime security focus on state and economic perspectives.

Giskeødegård MF and Wahl AM. **Signature pedagogies of Norwegian simulator-based nautical training**. *Discover Education*. 2 June 2025. Available from: https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s44217-025-00523-5. The aim of this article is to investigate teaching technology and design in education by exploring the discipline-specific simulator-based teaching practices of the maritime instructors at Norwegian MET institutions in light of a signature pedagogies perspective.

Kitada M, Barahona-Fuentes C, et al. **"Masculinities in maritime education and training: an opportunity to advance towards gender equality"**. *Maritime Studies*. 16 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s40152-025-00432-1</u> Despite the rising awareness of gender equality in the maritime industry where men's representation is extremely high, gender equality is often regarded as a "women's" issue.



Bridges AEH and Howell KL. **Prioritisation of ocean biodiversity data collection to deliver a sustainable ocean**. *Communications Earth & Environment*. 18 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.nature.com/articles/s43247-025-02442-7</u> Fundamental ecological questions about the distribution of ocean life remain unanswered, hindering both the effective management of the ocean, and our comprehension of life on this planet.

Zakzouk M, Abdulaziz AM, et al. **Automated oil spill detection using deep learning and SAR satellite data for the northern entrance of the Suez Canal**. *Scientific Reports*. 20 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-025-03028-1</u> Oil spills threaten marine ecosystems, demanding swift detection and response.

Fragkou E, Tsegas G, et al. Assessing the efficiency of different mitigation strategies to reduce shipping related air pollution levels and exposure in the Mediterranean coastal region – An ensemble modelling approach. *Atmospheric Environment*. 23 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S135223102500322X</u> The air quality in the Mediterranean coastal region is adversely affected by rising shipping emissions in the area.

Kammerer M, Beer T, et al. **Taming plastic pollution—a systematic mapping of the literature on plastic policies between 2009 and 2024**. *Regional Environmental Change*. 23 June 2025. Available from: <u>https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10113-025-02420-x</u> This review article systematically maps the literature on the policy and politics of plastic pollution since 2009 and identifies future avenues for research.

Rehmatulla N, Schwarz K, et al. **Revisiting the role of private voluntary standards and initiatives in decarbonising shipping**. *Marine Policy*. 29 April 2025. Available from: https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0308597X25001228 Private voluntary action and governance, referred to as 'private standards' have the potential to address social and environmental challenges such as climate change.



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