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IMO NEWS & EVENTS

2026-27 World Maritime Day theme to take policy to practice

Two-year theme to focus on putting instruments into action, backed by technical support.

‘From Policy to Practice: Powering Maritime Excellence’ has been selected as the International Maritime Organization’s World Maritime Day theme for 2026 and 2027, culminating in the annual celebration on the final Thursday of September each year.

Meeting in London for its 134th session (7-11 July), the IMO Council endorsed a proposal from Secretary-General Arsenio Dominguez to keep the theme for a two-year period.

The theme highlights the Organization’s clear commitment to develop Member States’s capacity to put policies into practice, by providing technical assistance, training and other essential services.

Secretary-General Dominguez said: "The theme transmits a clear message of our commitment to ensuring regulations are put into action and providing the necessary technical assistance for implementation to Member States. This ultimately strengthens the confidence that global rules agreed at IMO can lead to safer, more secure and environmentally sound shipping worldwide."

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Legal expert Rosalie Balkin to receive International Maritime Prize

Dr. Rosalie Balkin is recognized for her outstanding contributions to international maritime law over a career spanning more than 50 years..

Dr. Rosalie Balkin, Secretary-General of the Comité Maritime International (CMI) and former Director of Legal Affairs and External Relations Division at the International Maritime Organization (IMO), has been named the recipient of the International Maritime Prize for 2024. The decision was announced today by the IMO Council during its 134th session (7-11 July).

Nominated by the Government of Australia, Dr Balkin was recognized for her outstanding contributions to international maritime law over a career spanning more than 50 years. Currently, she serves as Secretary-General of the CMI - the world’s oldest organization focused on unifying international maritime law, founded in 1897. Appointed in 2017, she is the first woman to hold this position in the CMI’s 128-year history.

A pioneering figure in the field, she was also the first woman appointed Director of Legal Affairs and External Relations Division at IMO (1998-2013) and later the first female Assistant Secretary-General (2011-2013).

The Australian Government, in its nomination, praised her "outstanding commitment, achievements and contributions to the maritime community," calling her a deserving recipient of this prestigious honour. IMO Secretary-General Mr. Arsenio Dominguez said: "Dr. Balkin’s distinguished career embodies the dedication, mastery and leadership needed to uphold a robust global maritime legal framework that ensures safety, security and sustainability for this vital industry. Her pioneering contributions have paved the way for greater inclusion and diversity within the maritime community."

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Bravery Award for hero seafarer who saved 12 lives at sea

Officer Lee Tae-Young to receive the 2025 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea; 22 nominees commended.

Officer Lee Tae-Young of the Republic of Korea has been selected to receive this year's IMO [Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea](#), in recognition of his heroic actions in saving 12 fellow crew members when the fishing vessel **135 Geumseongho** sank in November 2024.

This was endorsed by the IMO Council during its [134th session](#) held in London this week (7 – 11 July).

A total of 60 nominations were submitted by 24 Member States and one non-governmental organization. An Assessment Panel, chaired by the IMO Secretary-General, conducted the initial review. The nominations were then evaluated by a Panel of Judges, chaired by the Chair of the IMO Council, whose recommendations were submitted to the Council for endorsement.

Mr. Lee, who was nominated by the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF), will be presented with the Award during an official ceremony in London later this year.

In addition, the Council endorsed four recipients for certificates of commendation, and 18 individuals and groups to receive letters of commendation. (Full list below)

A “profound inspiration” for seafarers

Mr. Lee was recognized for his extraordinary leadership, courage and selflessness displayed during an incident last year off the coast of Biyangdo, Jeju Island in the Republic of Korea.

In the early hours of 8 November 2024, the fishing vessel **135 Guemseongho** suddenly listed and capsized, with only the propeller remaining above water. Some crew members managed to hang on to the propeller while others were being swept away by strong currents and waves.

Mr. Lee, with no prior search and rescue (SAR) training and at immense risk to his own life, immediately took action to rescue the 12 crew members desperately holding on to the vessel's propeller. He threw two life rings and helped them climb up the ladder of the rescue boat. He was the last to board the rescue boat.

In a statement nominating Mr. Lee, ITF stated: “Lee Tae-young is a brave seafarer who risked his own life to save his colleagues. Honouring his sacrifice and dedication will go beyond the mere act of awarding a prize and it serves as a profound inspiration to all seafarers.”

The extreme pressure Mr. Lee suffered during the incident had an enormous impact on his health. Despite the challenges, he is working to overcome the experience and has continued to convey hope and courage to his colleagues. . [Read more ...](#)

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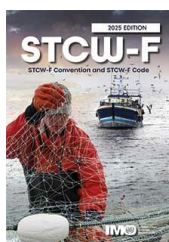


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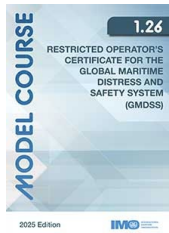
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- six resolutions adopted at the International Conference on the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships held under the auspices of the International Maritime Organization in Hong Kong, China, from 11 to 15 May 2009;
- six sets of guidelines for the uniform implementation of the Convention developed and adopted by IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee; and
- additional instruments on the implementation of the Hong Kong Convention



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This publication contains the *International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 1995*, including amendments that enter into force on **1 January 2026**, and introduces the new *Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel (STCW-F) Code*.

**Model Course 1.26: Restricted operator's certificate for the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS), 2025 Edition**

Digital format: KTC126E (English and digital only)
ISBN: 978-92-801-1807-0

This course aims to facilitate training that meets the mandatory minimum standards of competence and relevant requirements in the restricted operator's certificate for the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS). This is in accordance with the STCW Convention and Code, the Radio Regulations, and the STCW-F Convention and Code.

UNITED NATIONS

50 years of CITES: Protecting wildlife from trade-driven extinction. *UN News*. 1 July 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/07/1165151> Originally conceived in 1963 at a meeting of the International Union for Conservation of Nature, the Convention entered into force in 1975, as the first global agreement of its kind.

With sustainable development under threat, Sevilla summit rekindles hope and unity. Matt Wells. *UN News*. 3 July 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/07/1165281> The landmark Financing for Development conference in Sevilla has concluded with a renewed sense of resolve and a focus on action that can change lives worldwide, according to UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed.

UN development conference backs innovative ways to boost climate finance. Vivian Chime. *Climate Home News*. 3 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.climatechangenews.com/2025/07/03/un-development-conference-backs-innovative-ways-to-boost-climate-finance/> UN Secretary-General António Guterres told journalists in the southern of city of Seville – sweltering in a heatwave with temperatures topping 40 degrees Celsius – that countries must now put their minds to implementing new ways to mobilise money, including carbon taxes and levies on flying and shipping.

Human rights must anchor the digital age, says UN's Türk. *UN News*. 7 July 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/07/1165338> Digital technologies have the potential to drive progress and strengthen rights, including connecting people, improving access to health and education, and much more.

UN chief condemns latest Houthi attacks on Red Sea shipping. *UN News*. 11 July 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/07/1165378> According to news reports, the Yemen-based rebel group – which has been battling the internationally-recognised Government for control of the country since the early 2010s – attacked the Liberian-flagged, Greek-operated *Eternity C* on Monday and again on Tuesday, causing it to sink on Wednesday morning.

UN80 initiative should be 'inclusive and transparent', recognises General Assembly. Vibhu Mishra. *UN News*. 18 July 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/07/1165436> The text, introduced by Russia and adopted without a vote, "welcomes the efforts of the Secretary-General to strengthen the United Nations in order to keep pace with a changing world" and calls on UN entities and specialised agencies to align their reform efforts "as appropriate".

Deep dive into the International Seabed Authority: Why it matters now. Eileen Travers. *UN News*. 22 July 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/07/1165464> At a time when the international community seeks to regulate the rich tapestry of the planet's ocean floors while countries and corporations speed towards deep-sea mining opportunities, here's what you need to know about ISA and why it matters now: ISA manages the mineral resources of the seabed beyond national jurisdiction, which covers 54 per cent of the world's oceans, for "the shared benefit of all humankind".

Gaza: UN staff now fainting from hunger, exhaustion; WHO worker detained. *UN News*. 22 July 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/07/1165457> "Doctors, nurses, journalists, humanitarians, among them UNRWA staff, are hungry...fainting due to hunger and exhaustion while performing their duties," said Juliette Touma, Director of Communications with the UN agency for Palestine refugees, UNRWA.

UN's Guterres declares fossil fuel era fading; presses nations for new climate plans before COP30 summit. Vibhu Mishra. *UN News*. 22 July 2025. Available from:

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/07/1165460> In a special address at UN Headquarters in New York, Mr. Guterres cited surging clean energy investment and plunging solar and wind costs that now outcompete fossil fuels.

Deep-sea must not turn into 'Wild West' of rare minerals exploitation, agency head says.

Eileen Travers. *UN News*. 24 July 2025. Available from:

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/07/1165482> Marking its 30th anniversary, ISA is the world's authority on the deep-sea beyond national jurisdiction.

Pollution, melting microbes, undamming rivers, risks for elders: 4 key climate issues.

Eileen Travers. *UN News*. 26 July 2025. Available from:

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/07/1165501> From ancient microbes awakening in melting glaciers to toxic pollutants unleashed by floods, the dangers are no longer distant or theoretical. They are here, and they are growing.

Türk hails landmark ICJ ruling affirming States' human rights obligations with respect to climate change. *Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)*.

24 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/07/turk-hails-landmark-icj-ruling-affirming-states-human-rights-obligations> The Advisory Opinion issued by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on States' obligations regarding climate change is a sweeping victory for all those who are fighting to protect a safe climate and planet for all humanity, UN Human Rights Chief Volker Türk said today.

Tsunami alert highlights worth of global early warning system. *UN News*. 30 July 2025.

Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/07/1165529> While the UN-backed International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) reported that there had been no damage to Japan's nuclear facilities after an 8.8 magnitude quake was recorded off Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula, coastal communities have been taking no chances and evacuating to higher ground or moving further inland.

CASUALTIES

Suez Canal shipping traffic 'not affected' as drillship capsizes in Red Sea. Kamal Tabikha.

The National (UAE). 1 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/news/2025/07/01/oil-rig-gulf-of-suez-capsize/> Marine traffic through Egypt's Suez Canal has not been affected by the capsizing of a drillship in the Red Sea, the waterway's authority said.

Fatal Red Sea rig accident: 4 dead, 6 crew members missing. *Egypt Independent*. 2 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.egyptindependent.com/fatal-red-sea-rig-accident-4-dead-6-crew-members-missing/>

Egypt's Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources announced it received a report from OSCO, an oil exploration and extraction company, regarding the capsizing of the marine barge "Adam Marine 12" in the Gabal El Zeit area.

MSC tells Kerala HC no oil spill threat from capsized vessel. *Economic Times (India)*.

2 July 2025. Available from: <https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/ports-shipping/msc-tells-kerala-hc-no-oil-spill-threat-from-capsized-vessel/122201092>

Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC), owner of the cargo vessel *MSC ELSA 3*, which capsized off Kerala coast on May 25, informed high court that no significant pollution or environmental damage has been caused by the incident so far.

Twin Maritime Tragedies: A Grim Reminder of Shared Oceanic Vulnerabilities.

Greenpeace International. 2 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.greenpeace.org/southasia/story/2089/twin-maritime-tragedies-a-grim-reminder-of-shared-oceanic-vulnerabilities/>

In late May this year, the disaster involving the Liberian-flagged container ship *MSC ELSA 3*, located 14.6 nautical miles off the Thottappally Spillway in Kochi, Kerala, caused a complex situation, posing environmental risks and resulting in socioeconomic distress for the affected coastal communities.

4 dead, 30 missing after ferry sinks on way to Bali. *Jakarta Post*. 3 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.thejakartapost.com/indonesia/2025/07/03/4-dead-30-missing-after-ferry-sinks-on-way-to-bali.html>

Four people died, 30 were missing and 31 survived after a ferry carrying 65 people sank near Bali, the National Search and Rescue agency said on Thursday, as rescuers raced to find victims in the rough sea.

Rescuers find more than 30 survivors after Bali-bound ferry sinking leaves four dead.

ABC (Australia). 3 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-07-03/65-people-on-board-ferry-sinks-bali/105489754>

The *KMP Tunu Pratama Jaya* sank almost half an hour after leaving East Java's Ketapang port late on Wednesday.

Russian missile strike on Ukrainian port kills dockers and injures seafarers. Gary Dixon.

TradeWinds. 3 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/bulkers/russian-missile-strike-on-ukrainian-port-kills-dockers-and-injures-seafarers/2-1-1841859>

Two dock workers have been killed and two crew members injured in a Russian missile attack on the Ukrainian port of Odesa.

Incident on board *Berge Mawson* leads to loss of three lives.

Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST). 4 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.imarest.org/resource/mp-incident-on-board-berge-mawson-leads-to-loss-of-three-lives.html> In June 2022, three stevedores succumbed to a noxious atmosphere in an enclosed cargo hold space. A subsequent UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) investigation, conducted on behalf of the Isle of Man Ship Registry, laid bare a sobering pattern of safety breaches that allowed this incident to occur.

Search continues for 3 missing as Red Sea drilling rig disaster enters third day.

Al-Masry Al-Youm. *Egypt Independent*. 4 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.egyptindependent.com/search-continues-for-3-missing-as-red-sea-drilling-rig-disaster-enters-third-day/> Search and rescue efforts by specialized authorities and GUPCO teams continued for a third consecutive day in the waters of the Gulf of Suez, looking for three missing individuals from the Admarine 12 marine drilling rig.

X-Press *Pearl* disaster: Doubts over receiving Rs. 6.4 b compensation. Faizer Shaheid.

The Morning (Sri Lanka). 6 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.themorning.lk/articles/L198BuciZL9EHA3Bb7I8> Sri Lanka is uncertain about the receipt of Rs. 6.4 billion as compensation for the environmental damage caused by the X-Press *Peal* ship disaster as legal complications deepen, The Sunday Morning learns

Yemen's Houthis say Liberian-flagged bulk carrier sinks in Red Sea. *China Daily*. 7 July 2025.

Available from: <https://global.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202507/07/WS686be6c5a31000e9a573aa18.html> Yemen's Houthi group said Monday that the Liberian-flagged bulk carrier *MAGIC SEAS* it attacked on Sunday sank completely in the Red Sea.

Ship attacked in the Red Sea after a bulk carrier sinking claimed by Yemen's Houthi rebels.

Jon Gambrell. *Associated Press*. 8 July 2025. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/mideast-wars-yemen-houthis-israel-15edf75586540201f63b7c33348fb737> A Liberian-flagged cargo ship came under fire from Houthi rebels Monday in the Red Sea, with two on board reported to be hurt and two others missing in an assault a day after the Yemen-based rebels sunk another vessel.

'Three dead' in ongoing Houthi attack on 'surrounded' Greek bulker in Red Sea.

Harry Papachristou and Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 8 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/three-dead-in-ongoing-houthi-attack-on-surrounded-greek-bulker-in-red-sea/2-1-1843339> Three people are feared dead in a Houthi attack against a Greek-managed bulker that has been ongoing for 16 hours.

Yemen's Houthis claim latest deadly attack on Red Sea merchant ship. *France 24*. 9 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20250709-six-rescued-from-cargo-ship-attacked-in-red-sea-eu-naval-force> Yemen's Houthi rebels claimed responsibility Wednesday for a deadly attack that sank a merchant vessel earlier this week, their second attack on Red Sea shipping in 24 hours as they resumed their campaign in the key waterway.

Ship attacked by Yemen's Houthi rebels sinks in the Red Sea, 6 of 25 aboard rescued.

Jon Gambrell. *Associated Press*. 9 July 2025. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/mideast-wars-yemen-houthis-israel-eternity-c-0ada222883158dd248b0d844543736c7> A Liberian-flagged cargo ship attacked by Yemen's Houthi rebels sank Wednesday in the Red Sea, and a European naval force in the Mideast said only six of the 25 people who were on board have been rescued.

Magic Seas confirmed sunk in Houthi video. Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 9 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/security/magic-seas-confirmed-sunk-in-houthi-video> A video released by the Houthi shows the attack on the bulker Magic Seas in the Red Sea.

Houthi video shows second ship sinking in three days as deadly campaign restarts. Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds*. 9 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/houthi-video-shows-second-ship-sinking-in-three-days-as-deadly-campaign-restarts/2-1-1844250> A second Greek bulker attacked by the Houthis late on Monday has sunk after a ferocious 16-hour battle, naval authorities confirmed.

Extreme weather, safety lapses: Bali ferry tragedy spotlights maritime risks in Southeast Asia. Nivell Rayda and Izzah Aqilah Norman. *Channel News Asia*. 12 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/asia/southeast-asia-ferry-capsize-tragedy-malaysia-indonesia-maritime-safety-5233401> With storm clouds brewing and waters churning, the *Tunu Pratama Jaya* set sail from the eastern tip of Java on the evening of Jul 2.

Wan Hai 503 struggles to secure port of refuge. Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 16 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/accidents/wan-hai-503-struggles-to-secure-port-of-refuge> Over a month after an explosion and fire ripped through the Singapore-registered *Wan Hai 503* off the coast of Kerala on 9 June the smouldering vessel remains in limbo.

300 rescuers join overnight search for victims of capsized Ha Long Bay cruise boat. *VN Express International (Vietnam)*. 19 July 2025. Available from: <https://e.vnexpress.net/photo/news/300-rescuers-join-overnight-search-for-victims-of-capsized-ha-long-bay-cruise-boat-4916527.html> The *Vinh Xanh 58* (Sea Wonder) ship carrying 53 passengers, including more than 20 children, was suddenly hit by a thunderstorm and flipped at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Navy confirms all KM III Barcelona passengers evacuated. *Antara News (Indonesia)*. 20 July 2025. Available from: <https://en.antaranews.com/news/367673/navy-confirms-all-km-iii-barcelona-passengers-evacuated> The Indonesian Navy (TNI-AL) confirmed that all passengers aboard the *KM III Barcelona* passenger ship that caught fire in North Sulawesi waters on Sunday afternoon have been safely evacuated.

6-year-old's body found, Ha Long Bay cruise disaster death toll rises to 36. Le Tan. *VN Express International (Vietnam)*. 21 July 2025. Available from: <https://e.vnexpress.net/news/news/6-year-old-s-body-found-ha-long-bay-cruise-disaster-death-toll-rises-to-36-4916979.html> The body of a six-year-old Vietnamese boy has been found near Ti Top Island, taking the death toll from the Ha Long Bay cruise disaster to 36.

Indonesia ferry fire kills 3, more than 500 rescued. *Straits Times*. 21 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/indonesia-ferry-fire-kills-3-more-than-500-rescued> Three people died and more than 500 others were rescued after a ferry caught fire off the Indonesian island of Sulawesi, emergency officials said on July 21

MO-2023-205 - Bulk carrier, Achilles Bulker, Loss of rudder, Off the Port of Tauranga, 24 July 2023. *New Zealand Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC)*. 24 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.taic.org.nz/inquiry/mo-2023-205> On 24 July 2023, the fully loaded *Achilles Bulker* was under pilotage outbound from the Port of Tauranga. Shortly after clearing the harbour entrance, the ship's heading began to swing to port and deviate from its intended track in the centre of the channel.

Three killed after explosion rips through dredger in suspected mine blast. Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds*. 25 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/three-killed-after-explosion-rips-through-dredger-in-suspected-mine-blast/2-1-1850248> Three crew members of a dredger belonging to the Ukrainian Sea Ports Authority (USPA) died in an explosion late on Tuesday, which caused traffic disruption in the Danube Delta.

BBC uncovers lasting toxic legacy of cargo ship disaster off Sri Lanka.

Leana Hosea and Saroj Pathirana. *BBC News*. 27 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cly8y5kmlrlo> Billions of plastic nurdles, as they are called, are thought to have washed up after the *X-Press Pearl* disaster in 2021, along with tonnes of engine fuel, acid, caustic soda, lead, copper slag, lithium batteries and epoxy resin - all toxic to aquatic life.

ENVIRONMENT

Blog: Benefits from the high seas must be shared fairly and equitably. *The Commonwealth*. 7 July 2025. Available from: <https://thecommonwealth.org/news/blog-benefits-high-seas-must-be-shared-fairly-and-equitably> The Apia Commonwealth Ocean Declaration, agreed to at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Samoa last year, sounded a clarion call for the restoration and protection of the ocean.

Why Africa must secure its share of shipping's \$13 billion climate fund. Eldine Chilemba Glee. *Modern Ghana*. 14 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.modernghana.com/news/1416686/why-africa-must-secure-its-share-of-shippings.html> The UN Ocean Conference in Nice delivered a sobering diagnosis: ocean protection remains “the least financed” of all global development goals, with a \$150 billion funding gap blocking progress on marine conservation.

Port of Oakland Joins Effort to Protect Whales and the Environment. *Port of Oakland*. 21 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.portofoakland.com/port-of-oakland-joins-effort-to-protect-whales-and-the-environment> The Port of Oakland is joining Protecting Blue Whales and Blue Skies (BWBS) as one of its Program Ambassadors to help protect migrating whales and coastal air quality.

COP30 chief warns of legal reckoning over climate failures. Ryan Bachoo. *Guardian (Trinidad & Tobago)*. 26 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.guardian.co.tt/news/cop30-chief-warns-of-legal-reckoning-over-climate-failures-6.2.2362885.fe05b1efd0> As Conference of Parties (COP30) president, André Corrêa do Lago, was preparing to fly to Guyana on Wednesday for the Global Biodiversity Alliance Summit, news broke around the world of the International Court of Justice's (ICJ) landmark advisory opinion.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

More than one tonne of fishing gear to be recycled. Neve Gordon-Farleigh. *BBC News*. 1 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cev00lr8kw3o> An appeal to collect fishing gear at the end of its useable life saw more than one tonne of equipment dropped off at a dock.

Welsh marine environment boosted by pioneering fishing gear recycling scheme. *Welsh Government*. 4 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.gov.wales/welsh-marine-environment-boosted-pioneering-fishing-gear-recycling-scheme> Deputy First Minister with Responsibility for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, Huw Irranca-Davies, today visited a collection station in Aberystwyth to see firsthand how the End of Life (EoL) Fishing Gear Scheme is transforming waste management in coastal communities.

Oil and plastic pollution from shipwreck raises concerns, legal scrutiny in India. Max Martin. *Mongabay*. 9 July 2025. Available from: <https://news.mongabay.com/2025/07/oil-and-plastic-pollution-from-shipwreck-raises-concerns-legal-scrutiny-in-india/> As shiny, pearl-like white plastic pellets rode wave after wave and piled up on the beaches of Thiruvananthapuram in India's southern state of Kerala, local residents were first bemused, then baffled.

Research project at Churchill facility raises alarm about potential impact of oil spill in Arctic waters. Justin Fiacconi. *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)*. 13 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/churchill-arctic-oil-spill-research-1.7583907> A natural remedy that has previously helped counter oil spills will be too slow to "do any useful work" if there's a spill in the Canadian Arctic, increasing chances of "catastrophic" harm, researchers say.

Kerala's wake-up call and a global crisis unfolding. Praveen Garg and Sudheer Kumar Shukla. *New Indian Express*. 14 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.newindianexpress.com/xplore/2025/Jul/14/keralas-wake-up-call-and-a-global-crisis-unfolding> The world's oceans—critical conduits of global commerce, reservoirs of marine biodiversity, and regulators of Earth's climate—are confronting threats of unprecedented scale and complexity.

The science behind cutting shipping emissions and short-term global warming. Arindam Roy. *Clean Air Fund*. 14 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.cleanairfund.org/news-item/cutting-shipping-emissions-and-global-warming/> Recent scientific debates highlight a paradox in pollution reduction. Reducing certain air pollutants, particularly sulphur emissions from shipping, is hugely beneficial for people's health.

Micronesia leaders renew urgent call for 'fast-acting cuts in short-lived super pollutants'. *Pacific Islands News Association (PINA)*. 28 July 2025. Available from: <https://pina.com.fj/2025/07/28/micronesia-leaders-renew-urgent-call-for-fast-acting-cuts-in-short-lived-super-pollutants/> Leaders from the Micronesia region meeting in Majuro in early July called climate change the "most significant threat" to the islands and renewed calls for urgent climate action.

Ottawa stalls while cruise ships dump toxic wastewater along West Coast. Rochelle Baker. *Prince Albert Daily Herald (Canada)*. 29 July 2025. Available from: <https://paherald.sk.ca/ottawa-stalls-while-cruise-ships-dump-toxic-wastewater-along-west-coast/> Cruise vessels are leaving billions of litres of wastewater in their wake despite longtime promises of action by the federal government.

Only 0.5% of 90,000 oil slicks reported over five-year period, analysis finds.

Leana Hosea and Saroj Pathirana. *The Guardian*. 29 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/jul/29/only-05-of-90000-oil-slicks-reported-over-five-year-period-analysis-finds> Just 474 out of more than 90,000 oil slicks from ships around the world were reported to authorities over a five-year period, it can be revealed, and barely any resulted in any punishment or sanctions.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Ignored: the silent tide of suicide at sea. Martin Conway.

Royal Institution of Naval Architects (RINA). 10 July 2025. Available from:

<https://rina.org.uk/publications/the-naval-architect/ignored-the-silent-tide-of-suicide-at-sea/>

Maritime healthcare provider VIKAND has cited disturbing statistics from Gard's 2025 Crew Claims Report to raise awareness of the importance of safeguarding seafarer mental health.

Trinity House Grant Boosts Service at Seafarers Advice & Information Line.

Maritime Executive. 24 July 2025. Available from: [https://maritime-executive.com/corporate/trinity-](https://maritime-executive.com/corporate/trinity-house-grant-boosts-service-at-seafarers-advice-information-line)

[house-grant-boosts-service-at-seafarers-advice-information-line](https://maritime-executive.com/corporate/trinity-house-grant-boosts-service-at-seafarers-advice-information-line) The Seafarers Advice and Information Line (SAIL) has been granted an extra £30k by leading maritime charity, Trinity House.

Marking 10 Years of Sailors' Society's Crisis Response Network: A Beacon of Hope for Seafarers in Crisis. Shahjahan Ahmed. Sea News. 28 July 2025. Available from:

<https://seanews.co.uk/maritime/marking-10-years-of-sailors-society-s-crisis-response-network-a-beacon-of-hope-for-seafarers-in-crisis> Our seafarers navigate both literal and metaphorical storms to transport goods, sustain global trade, and support economies.

IMO

EU prepared to align landmark climate rules – but only if IMO delivers.

Tomas Kristiansen and Mette Grube Condrup. *ShippingWatch*. 3 July 2025.

Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article18297755.ece> "We are not there yet," Magda Kopczynska diplomatically underlines before responding to how and if EU should align its decarbonization efforts with the international ones set out by the UN's IMO.

Georgia, IMO Strengthen Maritime Ties. Zurab Kvaratskhelia. *Georgia Online*. 3 July 2025.

Available from: <https://georgiaonline.ge/georgia-imo-strengthen-maritime-ties/>

The Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia Mariam Kvrivishvili held a meeting with Arsenio Dominguez, Secretary General of the IMO, who is visiting Georgia.

Shipping is flying the flag for multilateral climate action: why aren't we celebrating yet?

Williams Todts. *Transport & Environment*. 4 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.transportenvironment.org/articles/shipping-is-flying-the-flag-for-multilateral-climate-action-why-arent-we-celebrating-yet> On the banks of the River Thames in London, the headquarters of the IMO sits quietly, largely unnoticed by passers-by, much like the shipping industry that it regulates.

Shipping's Climate Reckoning: The IMO's \$36 Billion Pivot. Michael Barnard. *CleanTechnica*. 5 July 2025. Available from: <https://cleantechnica.com/2025/07/05/shippings-climate-reckoning-the-imos-36-billion-pivot/> 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: MEPC 83 brings a new era of maritime data demands. Tommi Vihavainen. *MARINE LOG*. 7 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.marinelog.com/views/op-eds/mepc-83/> From granular fuel consumption metrics to monitoring non-CO2 emissions and ballast water activity, the scale of regulatory reporting is higher than ever.

India urges IMO to review maritime incidents involving foreign-flagged container vessels. *Economic Times (India)*. 9 July 2025. Available from: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/india-urges-imo-to-review-maritime-incidents-involving-foreign-flagged-container-vessels/articleshow/122345115.cms> India on Wednesday highlighted recent maritime incidents involving foreign-flagged container vessels operating in Indian waters and urged the International Maritime Organization to review all such incidents, according to an official statement.

'This will devastate us'. Janet Silvera. *The Gleaner (Jamaica)*. 9 July 2025. Available from: <https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/lead-stories/20250709/will-devastate-us> The CARICOM Private Sector Organisation (CPSO) is warning that the region faces a looming economic threat from the IMO global carbon tax, which could significantly increase the cost of shipping and severely impact the tourism and export sectors.

UN aviation and maritime agencies pledge to collaborate to boost safety, tackle challenges. Esther Loi. *Straits Times*. 14 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/un-aviation-and-maritime-agencies-pledge-to-collaborate-to-boost-safety-tackle-challenges> The United Nations' aviation and maritime agencies have pledged to collaborate with each other to tackle common challenges at a global conference held in Singapore on July 14.

'Shipping should not be collateral damage': IMO Secretary-General. Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 15 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/security/-shipping-should-not-be-collateral-damage-imo-secretary-general> In an opening address to the Safety@Sea conference on Tuesday Murali Pillai, Singapore's Senior Minister of State Ministry of Law & Ministry of Transport noted the heightened geopolitical tensions that shipping faces and the attacks by the Houthi on the bulkers *Magic Seas* and *Eternity C* last week in the Red Sea.

Inuit Circumpolar Council granted permanent status at International Maritime Org. Eilís Quinn. *Radio Canada International (RCI)*. 15 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.rcinet.ca/eye-on-the-arctic/2025/07/15/inuit-circumpolar-council-granted-permanent-status-at-international-maritime-org/> "This milestone affirms the critical role Inuit play as ship owners, operators, coastal residents, and knowledge holders in shaping international shipping decisions," Herb Nakimayak, Executive Council Member and lead representative at the IMO for the Inuit Circumpolar Council, said.

Decarbonisation déjà-vu. Philippos Ioulilianou. *Splash 247.com*. 16 July 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/decarbonisation-deja-vu/> Shipping is no stranger to regulatory upheaval. But as the IMO's net-zero targets could soon converge with FuelEU, ship owners and operators are staring down a reality that feels like decarbonisation déjà vu, paying not once, but twice, to comply with overlapping regulatory requirements.

Experts' latest responses as IMO's climate deal sets course for net zero shipping.

Amy McLellan. *Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST)*. 17 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.imarest.org/resource/mp-expert-s-latest-responses-as-imo-s-climate-deal-sets-course-for-net-zero-shipping.html> At a time when the net zero agenda faces new headwinds around the world, the shipping industry continues to follow a compass heading to a more sustainable future.


'Ambition and pragmatism': LNG needs a clearer role in IMO's net-zero policies.

Knut Orbeck-Nilssen. *TradeWinds*. 17 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/-ambition-and-pragmatism-lng-needs-a-clearer-role-in-imo-s-net-zero-policies/2-1-1842777> The International Maritime Organization's net-zero framework marks a pivotal milestone in shipping's decarbonisation journey.


Shipowners: 'industry needs clarity' on IMO and regional fuel and emissions policies.

Jamey Bergman. *Riviera Maritime*. 18 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/news-content-hub/ecsa-eu-must-harmonise-fuel-and-emissions-policy-with-imo-85515> The European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA) is urging the EU Commission to prioritise a review of FuelEU Maritime and EU ETS regulations to bring them in line with International Maritime Organization regulations when IMO adopts the Net-Zero Framework.

On thin ice: Why shipping's black carbon emissions demands urgent action.

Pacific Environment. 20 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.pacificenvironment.org/press-releases/on-thin-ice-why-shippings-black-carbon-emissions-demands-urgent-action/> A new report released today lays out the case for why the IMO should immediately act on reducing black carbon pollution — a climate super-pollutant. [Report](#) 

All hands on deck: the challenge of decarbonising international shipping by 2050.

Iain Mowat, Alan Gelder, Tommaso Pellegrinelli and Gordon McManus. *Wood Mackenzie*. 21 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.woodmac.com/news/opinion/all-hands-on-deck-the-challenge-of-decarbonising-international-shipping-by-2050/> With global maritime trade set to grow by around 50% by mid-century, we have analysed the outlook for global marine fuels in the context of IMO commitments to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from international shipping to net zero by around 2050. [IMO 2050 Outlook for global marine fuels](#) 

International Maritime Organization looks forward to China's continued support: secretary-general.

Xinhuanet (China). 22 July 2025. Available from: <https://english.news.cn/20250722/09e302b7fa854462a06993a4cd3b3899/c.html> IMO Secretary-General Arsenio Dominguez said Monday that he appreciates China's participation in the organization's work and looks forward to China's continued support.

Equity in Motion: Revenue Disbursement for a Just and Equitable Maritime Transition Under the IMO'S Net-Zero Framework.

Sebastiano Gianino and Ludovic Laffineur. *Forum on Trade, Environment, & the SDGs (TESS)*. 28 July 2025. Available from: <https://tessforum.org/latest/equity-in-motion-revenue-disbursement-for-a-just-and-equitable-maritime-transition-under-the-imo-s-net-zero-framework> In 2023, the IMO adopted its Revised Strategy on the Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Ships, setting an aspirational course towards the full decarbonization of international shipping by approximately 2050.

Ensuring That Arctic Indigenous Voices Are Heard.

Friends of the Earth. 30 July 2025. Available from: <https://foe.org/impact-stories/inuit-circumpolar-council/> Warming at nearly four times the global rate, the Arctic is undergoing rapid transformation as melting sea ice unveils previously inaccessible shipping routes.

LAW & POLICY

Red-state agriculture commissioners push to end funding for certain UN groups. *The Hill (US).*

1 July 2025. Available from: <https://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/5378582-red-state-agriculture-commissioners-net-zero-funding/> Nearly a dozen agriculture commissioners from red states wrote to top Trump administration officials and Republican lawmakers on Tuesday calling for the elimination of federal funding to organizations that promote “net-zero” climate policies.

The European Union Unveils New Strategy for a Stable and Secure Black Sea Region.

European Commission. 1 July 2025. Available from: <https://black-sea-maritime-agenda.ec.europa.eu/european-union-unveils-new-strategy-stable-and-secure-black-sea-region> This new policy framework elevates the Black Sea as a pivotal geopolitical bridge – linking Europe with the South Caucasus, Central Asia, and beyond – and outlines a long-term vision for shared prosperity and connectivity.

EU's Climate Law presents a new way to get to 2040. *European Commission.* 2 July 2025.

Available from: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1687 The European Commission today proposed an amendment to the EU Climate Law, setting a 2040 EU climate target of 90% reduction in net greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, compared to 1990 levels, as requested by the Commission Political Guidelines for 2024-2029.

Treasury Targets Diverse Networks Facilitating Iranian Oil Trade.

US Department of the Treasury. 3 July 2025. Available from: <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sb0188> Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is taking action against networks that have collectively transported and purchased billions of dollars’ worth of Iranian oil, some of which has benefited Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-Qods Force (IRGC-QF), a designated Foreign Terrorist Organization.

Türk hails stance by Inter-American Court of Human Rights on States’ obligations to tackle climate crisis. *Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).*

4 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/07/turk-hails-stance-inter-american-court-human-rights-states-obligations> The Inter-American Court of Human Rights’ Advisory Opinion on the human rights obligations of States in the Americas to tackle the climate emergency is a landmark step forward for the region – and beyond.

Latin America’s top human rights court says countries have a duty to act on climate change.

Steven Grattan. *Euronews.* 4 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.euronews.com/green/2025/07/04/latin-americas-top-human-rights-court-says-countries-have-a-duty-to-act-on-climate-change> The Inter-American Court of Human Rights on Thursday issued a landmark advisory opinion linking governments’ human rights obligations to their responsibility to address the threat of climate change.

Kerala High Court orders conditional arrest of cargo ship in Rs 9,531 crore damage case.

Deccan Herald (India). 7 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.deccanherald.com/india/kerala/kerala-high-court-orders-conditional-arrest-of-cargo-ship-in-rs-9531-crore-damage-case-3619682> The Kerala High Court on Monday ordered the conditional arrest of a cargo ship anchored at Vizhinjam Port in connection with a Rs 9,531 crore compensation case filed by the State of Kerala over a major shipwreck and environmental damage.

Sweden to ban bottom trawling in marine protected areas. *Oceanographic*. 8 July 2025.

Available from: <https://oceanographicmagazine.com/news/sweden-to-ban-bottom-trawling-in-marine-protected-areas/> Sweden is to implement a general ban on bottom trawling in its marine protected areas, a move it hopes signifies an important step “towards long-term sustainable fishing for generations to come.”

Global Trade Update (July 2025): Global trade endures policy changes and geoeconomic risks. *UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)*. 8 July 2025. Available from:

<https://unctad.org/publication/global-trade-update-july-2025-global-trade-endures-policy-changes-and-geoeconomic-risks> This edition of the Global Trade Update presents key trade trends for the first half of 2025 and offers an outlook for the months ahead.

Kerala govt sues MSC over oil spill, seeks \$1.1 billion in compensation. Swati Gandhi.

Business Standard (India). 8 July 2025. Available from: https://www.business-standard.com/india-news/kerala-govt-sues-msc-capsizing-incident-compensation-vizhinjam-kochi-125070800647_1.html

The Kerala government has sued Swiss-based Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC), seeking \$1.1 billion in compensation after one of its container vessels sank and leaked fuel into the Arabian Sea in May, news agency Reuters reported.

Pacific islands push back against growing climate threats.

Pacific Islands News Association (PINA). 11 July 2025. Available from:

<https://pina.com.fj/2025/07/11/pacific-islands-push-back-against-growing-climate-threats/>

The Cook Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia are separated by around 6,000 kilometres of Pacific Ocean. Despite the vast stretch of water between them, the two small island nations share a common challenge: how to protect their people from rising seas and extreme weather.

UK Supreme Court provides clarification on charterers' liability limit under the 1976 Limitation Convention. *Norton Rose Fulbright*. 11 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.nortonrosefulbright.com/en/knowledge/publications/1193515a/uk-supreme-court-provides-clarification-on-charterers-liability-limit>

In July 2012, owing to cargo containing a chemical prone to self-reaction, a fire broke out on “*MSC Flaminia*”, resulting in the death of a number of crew members and extensive damage to the vessel and its cargo.

Oceans minister nominee vows to create 'strategic base' for Arctic shipping route era.

Korea Times (South Korea). 14 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/southkorea/politics/20250714/south-koreas-oceans-minister-nominee-vows-to-create-strategic-base-for-arctic-shipping-route-era>

Oceans Minister nominee Chun Jae-soo on Monday pledged to ensure the smooth relocation of the ministry's headquarters to the southeastern port city of Busan, and to work toward attracting major shipping companies there in preparation for an envisioned expansion of Arctic shipping routes.

Open call for evidence - Decarbonising smaller vessels. *UK Government*. 14 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/decarbonising-smaller-vessels/decarbonising-smaller-vessels>

The new maritime decarbonisation strategy sets out the government's aim for UK domestic maritime to achieve net zero fuel lifecycle greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2050.

ICJ Climate Opinion a defining moment for global justice: Vanuatu PM Napat. Pita Ligaiula. *Pacific Islands News Association (PINA)*. 14 July 2025. Available from: <https://pina.com.fj/2025/07/14/icj-climate-opinion-a-defining-moment-for-global-justice-vanuatu-pm-napat/> Vanuatu Prime Minister Jotham Napat says the upcoming climate opinion from the International Court of Justice (ICJ) will be a “defining moment in the global climate justice movement,” as the world awaits the court’s ruling on 23 July.

Ship Manager Pleads Guilty to Dumping Oily Waste into U.S. Waters Off Coast of New Orleans. *US Department of Justice*. 16 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/ship-manager-pleads-guilty-dumping-oily-waste-us-waters-coast-new-orleans> Eagle Ship Management LLC (ESM), based in Stamford, Connecticut, pleaded guilty yesterday to violating the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (APPS) by deliberately polluting U.S. waters off the coast of New Orleans from the *M/V Gannet Bulker*, a foreign-flagged bulk carrier.

Tanzania Shipping Agency visits KMA to Boost Regional Maritime Ties. Abygael Mwashighadi Samba. *The Coast (Kenya)*. 16 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.thecoast.co.ke/2025/07/16/tanzania-shipping-agency-visits-kma-to-boost-regional-maritime-ties/58/54/business-news/thecoast/10093/15/> Kenya Maritime Authority hosted a delegation from the Tanzania Shipping Agencies Corporation (TASAC) on July 8, 2025 for benchmarking aimed at fostering mutual learning and cooperation in the maritime sector.

EU’s 18th sanctions package targets flag registry and ‘shadow fleet’, cuts oil price cap. Georgios Georgiou. *Riviera Maritime*. 18 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/eus-18th-sanctions-package-targets-flag-registry-and-shadow-fleet-cuts-oil-price-cap-85521> The new measures expand the list of ‘shadow’ vessels under sanctions, lower the oil price cap, and – for the first time – target a national flag registry.

To combat climate change, Norway wants to be Europe’s carbon dump. Nicolás Rivero. *Washington Post*. 21 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-solutions/2025/07/21/carbon-capture-northern-lights-terminal/> Europe’s top oil producer has backed a project aiming to capture carbon dioxide from European factories and bury it beneath the North Sea.

Trump administration withdraws from UNESCO again, only 2 years after US rejoined. Farnoush Amiri and Samuel Petrequin. *Associated Press*. 22 July 2025. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/unesco-trump-withdraw-paris-united-nations-israel-129a4ffbce562e1aa497231e0bdd55a5> The Trump administration announced Tuesday that it will once again withdraw from the U.N. cultural agency UNESCO, an expected move that has the U.S. further retreating from international organizations.

Dutch MPs demand action on fake St. Maarten ship flags. Jacqueline Hooftman. *Daily Herald (St. Maarten)*. 22 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.thedailyherald.sx/islands/dutch-mps-demand-action-on-fake-st-maarten-ship-flags> Members of the Dutch House of Representatives have raised urgent questions in Parliament about the fraudulent use of St. Maarten’s name in international ship registration – an issue first reported by “The Daily Herald” more than seven months ago.

Yemen: Houthis' Attacks on Cargo Ships Apparent War Crimes. *Human Rights Watch (HRW)*. 23 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.hrw.org/news/2025/07/23/yemen-houthis-attacks-on-cargo-ships-apparent-war-crimes> The Houthi armed group in Yemen attacked two commercial cargo vessels in the Red Sea between July 6 and 9, 2025, violations of the laws of war amounting to war crimes, Human Rights Watch said today.

£30 million to decarbonise shipping, boost careers and deliver growth across the UK.

UK Government. 24 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/30-million-to-decarbonise-shipping-boost-careers-and-deliver-growth-across-the-uk> Coastal communities across the UK are to benefit from £30 million funding to decarbonise shipping and power up local economies the Maritime Minister will announce today (24 July 2025) during a visit to Clydeport in Glasgow.

‘Landmark Moment For Climate Justice’: Reactions Pour in After ICJ Delivers Historic Opinion on States’ Climate Change Obligations.

Martina Igini. *Earth.Org*. 24 July 2025. Available from: <https://earth.org/landmark-moment-for-climate-justice-reactions-pour-in-after-icj-delivers-historic-opinion-on-states-climate-change-obligations/> The International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, delivered its long-anticipated advisory opinion on the obligations of states in respect of climate change on Wednesday.

The ‘world court’ and climate change.

Jorge Viñuales. *University of Cambridge*. 24 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.cam.ac.uk/stories/icj-climate-opinion-cambridge-expert> A Cambridge professor and counsel team member for Vanuatu gives his initial views on the landmark ICJ Advisory Opinion.

Global deep-sea mining talks yield mixed verdict: No mining for now but no reform either.

Seas at Risk. 26 July 2025. Available from: <https://seas-at-risk.org/general-news/global-deep-sea-mining-talks-yield-mixed-verdict-no-mining-for-now-but-no-reform-either/> As the International Seabed Authority (ISA) concluded its July 2025 Council and Assembly meetings in Kingston, one clear message stood out: deep-sea mining in international waters remains off limits – for now.

EIA podcast – Science in the crosshairs as Global Plastic Treaty talks go down to the wire.

Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA). 28 July 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/mrx8pucc> The final round of talks in pursuit of a Global Plastics Treaty is due to get under way in Geneva shortly and there’s everything still to play for.

WWF: Ambitious majority must translate their strength in numbers to forge a strong global plastics treaty, or risk a weak treaty through consensus.

WWF. 28 July 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/2dnu8tjb> Next week, governments from around the world will meet in Geneva for the final global plastics treaty negotiations (INC-5.2).

NATO strengthens maritime presence in the Arctic and High North.

NATO Allied Maritime Command (MARCOM). 28 July 2025. Available from: <https://mc.nato.int/media-centre/news/2025/nato-strengthens-maritime-presence-in-the-arctic-and-high-north> NATO’s maritime presence in the region reflects growing international focus in the Arctic, where melting sea ice is opening new shipping lanes and access to natural resources.

How the world’s highest court bolstered the fight for climate reparations.

Anita Hofschneider. *Grist*. 28 July 2025. Available from: <https://grist.org/global-indigenous-affairs-desk/the-worlds-highest-court-bolstered-the-fight-for-climate-reparations/> As global inaction over the climate crisis has mounted and Pacific islands nations have watched in frustration as their calls for decisive action have gone unheeded, a growing number of them, led by Vanuatu, have turned to the courts.

International Seabed Authority holds a landmark 30th session: the Assembly adopts historic decisions as negotiations on the Mining Code progress.

International Seabed Authority (ISA). 30 July 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/2tpfd5y4> The International Seabed Authority (ISA) has concluded its 30th session of the Assembly held from 21 to 25 July at its headquarters in Kingston, Jamaica.

Lawsuit Launched to Protect Whales in California From Ship Strikes.

Center for Biological Diversity. 30 July 2025. Available from:

<https://biologicaldiversity.org/w/news/press-releases/lawsuit-launched-to-protect-whales-in-california-from-ship-strikes-2025-07-30/>

The Center for Biological Diversity and Friends of the Earth sent a notice today of their intent to sue the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Coast Guard for failing to consult on how California shipping lane designations contribute to whale and sea turtle vessel strikes.

Pacific applauds ICJ Climate ruling as a “legal roadmap” for global action: Forum SG.

Pita Ligaiula. *Pacific Islands News Association (PINA)*. 30 July 2025. Available from:

<https://pina.com.fj/2025/07/30/pacific-applauds-icj-climate-ruling-as-a-legal-roadmap-for-global-action-forum-sg/>

Forum Secretary General, Baron Waqa has welcomed the International Court of Justice's (ICJ) Advisory Opinion on climate obligations as a 'historic milestone' and a major win for the region's fight for climate justice.

X-Press Pearl marine environment pollution case: A Sri Lankan Maritime Authority would be beneficial.

Buddhika Samaraweera. *The Morning (Sri Lanka)*. 30 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.themorning.lk/articles/Xesle0qz5LxhUBkmVt57>

Maritime law expert Dr. Dan Malika Gunasekera clarifies that the \$ 1 b compensation ordered by the SC was not awarded through the civil case but as compensation for the violation of Fundamental Rights (FR).

MARINE TECHNOLOGY

Cruise Industry Faces Renewed Calls for Man Overboard Tech After Father-Daughter Rescue.

Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*. 3 July 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/cruise-industry-faces-renewed-calls-for-man-overboard-tech-after-father-daughter-rescue/>

A dramatic rescue aboard the *Disney Dream* cruise ship has reignited the debate over man overboard (MOB) detection technology in the cruise industry.

Why The Maersk Institute Was Right About Ship Batteries But Wrong On Price.

Michael Barnard. *CleanTechnica*. 7 July 2025. Available from:

<https://cleantechnica.com/2025/07/05/why-the-maersk-institute-was-right-about-ship-batteries-but-wrong-on-price/>

The September 2024 pre-feasibility study from the Maersk McKinney Møller Center on battery-powered vessels that crossed my screen today provides a welcome and thoughtful addition to the critical discussion of maritime electrification.

Q&A: Bio-bunkers pivotal to low-carbon transition.

Mahua Mitra. *Argus Media*. 7 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.argusmedia.com/en/news-and-insights/latest-market-news/2707318-q-a-bio-bunkers-pivotal-to-low-carbon-transition>

Equatorial believes that bio-bunkers will continue to play a pivotal role in the maritime industry's transition towards low- and zero-carbon marine fuels.

AI versus AI: keep humans in the loop.

Martyn Wingrove. *Riviera Maritime*. 7 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/ai-versus-ai-keep-humans-in-the-loop-85345>

Artificial intelligence (AI) can help shipping companies improve their defences against cyber threats and attacks by improving their detection and providing insight on vulnerabilities.

Policy briefing on ammonia as a shipping fuel. *Opportunity Green*. 8 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.opportunitygreen.org/publication-policy-briefing-ammonia-shipping-fuel>

The shipping industry urgently needs to reduce its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Measures including demand reduction, energy efficiency improvements, use of wind-assisted propulsion, speed reduction and electrification must play an important role.

[Ammonia as a shipping fuel: how can we avoid swapping one pollution problem for another?](#) 

8 smart buoys in S'pore waters from 2026 to enhance sea safety. Vanessa Paige Chelvan.

Straits Times. 15 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/transport/8-smart-buoys-in-spore-waters-from-2026-to-enhance-sea-safety> Eight smart buoys will be installed progressively in Singapore's waterways from 2026, as part of a push by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) to use technology to boost safety at sea.

Autonomous Ships Will be Reality Before the Industry is Ready. Yarden Gross.

Transport & Logistics Magazine. 15 July 2025. Available from: <https://tandlonline.com/shipping-ports-marine/ports/autonomous-ships-will-be-reality-before-the-industry-is-ready/>


The reality is this: autonomous ships are not coming – they're already here.

Biofuel for ships yields promise. Yuthana Praiswan. *Bangkok Post*. 17 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/general/3070554/biofuel-for-ships-yields-promise> Major energy companies are interested in launching biofuel for ships as demand for this cleaner fuel is expected to rise, following a requirement issued by the IMO.

The LNG Pathway: Mid-Year Market Review. *SEA-LNG*. 21 July 2025.

Available from: <https://sea-lng.org/2025/07/the-lng-pathway-mid-year-market-review/>

Industry coalition, SEA-LNG has published a new report titled 'The LNG Pathway: Mid-Year Market Review' – evaluating the state of play for LNG, liquefied biomethane (LBM), and e-methane – as well as presenting initial analysis of why LNG dual-fuel engines offer the best returns under the IMO Net-Zero Framework. [Report](#) 

TotalEnergies and CMA CGM to Launch LNG Bunkering Logistics Joint Venture to Accelerate Maritime Decarbonization. *TotalEnergies*. 23 July 2025. Available from:

<https://totalenergies.com/news/press-releases/totalenergies-and-cma-cgm-launch-lng-bunkering-logistics-joint-venture> TotalEnergies, a global integrated energy company, and CMA CGM Group, a global player in sea, land, air and logistics solutions, have entered into an agreement to develop a 50/50 logistics joint venture dedicated to the implementation and operation of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) bunker supply solution at the port of Rotterdam, in the Netherlands.

Safe implementation of decarbonization technologies. *DNV*. 23 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.dnv.com/expert-story/maritime-impact/safe-implementation-of-decarbonization-technologies/> Safety considerations should be part of every decision to adopt a particular technology or modify a vessel.

Where does ammonia stand in the maritime industry's increasingly urgent call for decarbonisation? Stone Zhang. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 23 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/alternative-fuels/where-does-ammonia-stand-in-the-maritime-industry-s-increasingly-urgent-call-for-decarbonisation> Maritime decarbonisation has been a core priority of the industry for a handful of years now, dating back to 2018, where we saw a rise in strategic commitments, including the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) initial greenhouse gas strategy to cut GHG emissions by at least half by 2050.

Wärtsilä retrofit package cuts fuel and emissions for Corsica ferry.

Clean Shipping International. 24 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.cleanshippinginternational.com/wartsila-retrofit-package-cuts-fuel-and-emissions-for-corsica-ferry/>

Wärtsilä's retrofit package for the Corsica Linea ferry 'Pascal Paoli' has resulted in fuel savings of up to 22%, a gain in energy efficiency which has been made possible by the installation of a new twin screw CP propeller system with blades optimised for the ship's operating profile, the Wärtsilä EnergoProFin energy saving propeller cap, a controls retrofit, and combinator curves for the ship's various operating modes.

Scrubbers: Cleaning the air, polluting the sea. *Drewry Shipping Consultants*. 24 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.drewry.co.uk/maritime-research-opinion-browser/scrubbers-cleaning-the-air-polluting-the-sea>

The concern about air pollution by ships has forced the IMO to come up with the designation of sulphur emission control areas (SECAs)¹ to mitigate the regional environmental impact of sulphur oxides (SOx) and particulate matter (PM).

IBIA joins UK-backed consortium to advance skills for low-carbon maritime fuels.

International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA). 25 July 2025. Available from: <https://ibia.net/test/>

We are thrilled to share that IBIA is part of a collaborative consortium that has been awarded funding through the UK Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition for its Skills 4 Future Maritime Fuels initiative.

HD Hyundai Partners with Korean Shipping Firm to Develop AI-powered Autonomous Ships.

Jung Suk-ye. *Business Korea (South Korea)*. 30 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.businesskorea.co.kr/news/articleView.html?idxno=248388>

HD Hyundai announced on July 30 that it had signed a strategic memorandum of understanding (MOU) on July 28 with H-Line Shipping at the HD Hyundai Global R&D Center in Pangyo, Gyeonggi Province.

MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING

Regional Maritime University to introduce four-year mandatory cadetships for all students.

Ghana Business News (GBN). 1 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.ghanabusinessnews.com/2025/07/01/regional-maritime-university-to-introduce-four-year-mandatory-cadetships-for-all-students/>

Effect from the 2025/2026 academic year, the Regional Maritime University (RMU) will introduce a four-year mandatory cadetship for all students pursuing sea-going programmes as well as other interested students.

MoT undersecretary inaugurates Qatar's 1st maritime training, simulation centre at UDST.

Qatar Tribune. 3 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.qatar-tribune.com/article/183969/latest-news/mot-undersecretary-inaugurates-qatars-1st-maritime-training-simulation-centre-at-udst>

Undersecretary of the Ministry of Transport HE Mohammed Abdullah Al Maadeed and President of University of Doha for Science and Technology Dr Salem bin Nasser Al Naemi have inaugurated the Maritime Training and Simulation Center (MTSC) at the UDST.

Kenya host training to boost maritime disaster readiness. Charles Mghenyi. *The Star (Kenya)*.

9 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.the-star.co.ke/counties/coast/2025-07-09-kenya-host-training-to-boost-maritime-disaster-readiness>

Kenya is stepping up its efforts to protect the region's marine environment with a large-scale oil spill simulation exercise taking place in Mombasa this week.

Japanese Shipping Industry Begins Consideration of Donating a New Training Vessel to JMETS. *Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd ("K" LINE)*. 21 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.kline.co.jp/en/news/csr/csr-20250721.html> Recognising the critical importance of training and securing highly skilled Japanese seafarers to maintain and further develop maritime transport, which is a vital infrastructure for Japan's economy and daily life, major Japanese ocean-going shipping companies, NYK Line, MOL, and "K" LINE, along with the Japanese Shipowners' Association (JSA), have initiated concrete discussions regarding the donation of a large-sized training vessel to the Japan Agency of Maritime Education and Training for Seafarers (JMETS) from the Japanese ocean-going shipping industry.

IMO Secretary-General Unveils State-of-the-Art Maritime Experiential Learning Centre at

ALAM. *MISC Group*. 18 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.miscgroup.com/media/media-releases/imo-secretary-general-unveils-state-of-the-art-maritime-experiential-learning-centre-at-alam> Akademi Laut Malaysia (ALAM - part of the MISC Group), Malaysia's leading Maritime Education and Training (MET) institution, marked a major milestone on 17 July 2025 with the launch of its Maritime Experiential Learning Centre, a state-of-the-art simulator training hub aimed at advancing maritime education and shaping future-ready seafarers.

129 Maritime Specialists Graduate from RTU Latvian Maritime Academy and Maritime School.

Riga Technical University (Latvia). 23 July 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/4xh66m85> Among the new maritime professionals are 58 bachelor's graduates from study programmes such as «Port and Shipping Management», «Maritime Transport – Ship Navigation», «Maritime Transport – Ship Mechanics», and «Maritime Transport – Ship Electro-Automation».

Filipino migrant fishers face critical training gaps. Carmela I. Huelar and Genivi Factao.

Manila Times. 23 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2025/07/23/business/maritime/filipino-migrant-fishers-face-critical-training-gaps/2154066> A study by the National Maritime Polytechnic (NMP) highlights the urgent need for enhanced training and stronger protections for Filipino migrant fishers, a vulnerable population facing dangerous working conditions and limited legal safeguards abroad.

National Oil Spill Contingency Plan Training concludes.

Antigua Observer (Antigua and Barbuda). 26 July 2025. Available from: <https://antiguaobserver.com/national-oil-spill-contingency-plan-training-concludes/>

Participants in a National Oil Spill Contingency Plan Workshop, held at the National Office of Disaster Services (NODS), concluded their training Thursday eager to move forward on a number of initiatives, a release said.

STCW at a Crossroads: Will the IMO Finally Deliver Real Reform? *Maritime Cyprus*.

29 July 2025. Available from: <https://maritimecyprus.com/2025/07/29/stcw-at-a-crossroads-will-the-imo-finally-deliver-real-reform/> It has been nearly 15 years since the Manila Amendments of 2010 attempted to drag the STCW Convention into the 21st century.

The case for rethinking career pathways in shipping. Claudia Paschkewitz.

Cyprus Shipping News. 30 July 2025. Available from: <https://cyprusshippingnews.com/2025/07/30/the-case-for-rethinking-career-pathways-in-shipping/> Despite the industry's evolution in many aspects, representation and inclusion still have a long way to go.

MARITIME SAFETY

AI-driven MOB system wins British Safety Council Award. Mariska Buitendijk.

SWZ Maritime (Netherlands). 1 July 2025. Available from:

<https://swzmaritime.nl/news/2025/07/01/ai-driven-mob-system-wins-british-safety-council-award/>

ZOE was chosen from a shortlist of ten organisations worldwide, including energy companies Saudi Aramco and Pertamina and leading safety body the Universities Safety and Health Association (USHA), highlighting its global relevance and transformational impact across the maritime, offshore, and defence sectors.

ITF raises alarm over rising dangers to seafarers in Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman and Israeli waters. *ITF Seafarers*. 3 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/itf-raises-alarm-over-rising-dangers-seafarers-in-strait-hormuz-gulf-oman-and-israeli-waters>

The ITF voiced its concern this week to the Joint Negotiating Group (JNG) regarding the Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman and Israeli ports and asked that these areas be designated as Warlike Operations Areas (WOA).

AMPI: Seafarers face critical risks in pilot transfer rigging. Josephine Clark. *Safety4Sea*.

3 July 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/cm-ampi-seafarers-face-critical-risks-in-pilot-transfer-rigging/> AMPI remains concerned about the physical risks faced by seafarers involved in rigging certain pilot transfer arrangements.

Engine room fires are still a major concern. *International Institute of Marine Surveying (IIMS)*.

10 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.iims.org.uk/engine-room-fires-are-still-a-major-concern/> Gard saw five fires originating in the main and auxiliary engines in the first month of 2025 alone.

New law to mandate ship tracking to align Fiji with global safety standards. *Fiji Times*.

14 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.fijitimes.com.fj/new-bill-mandates-ship-tracking-to-align-fiji-with-global-safety-standards/> Fiji is set to enhance maritime safety and compliance with international standards through the Maritime Transport (Budget Amendment) Bill 2025.

Perils of the sea and seafarers' safety. Ambassador Carlos Salinas. *Manila Times*. 16 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2025/07/16/business/maritime/perils-of-the-sea-and-seafarers-safety/2149416> Recent reports of Houthi rebels' attacks on Liberian-flagged bulk carriers *MV Magic Seas* and *MV Eternity C* last week were received with dread and trepidation by families of Filipino seafarers.

Singapore Strengthens Maritime Safety with Multi-Agency Chemical Spill Exercise and Safety Forums at International Safety@Sea Week 2025. *Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)*.

15 July 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/5envya9s> The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) is organising the 12th edition of the Safety@Sea Week, with this year's event being the international edition, taking place from 15 to 18 July 2025.

U.S. Coast Guard Issues Lithium-Ion Battery Warning After Passenger Vessel Fire.

Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*. 14 July 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/u-s-coast-guard-issues-lithium-ion-battery-warning-after-passenger-vessel-fire/> A recent fire aboard an inspected passenger vessel has prompted the U.S. Coast Guard to issue a comprehensive safety alert regarding lithium-ion battery installations on vessels.

South Africa's dangerous fishing vessels spark urgent safety audit. Don Pinnock.

Daily Maverick (South Africa). 21 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2025-07-21-fishing-vessel-crisis-sparks-urgent-safety-audit/>

A shipping shakedown is imminent as the SA Maritime Safety Authority finds many ships in South Africa's national fleet are unsafe and in poor condition.

Safety issue investigation into vessel fires and emergency response.

Transportation Safety Board of Canada. 23 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tsb.gc.ca/eng/medias-media/fiches-facts/m24a0348/m24a0348-20250623.html>

On July 23, 2025, the Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB) launched a safety issue investigation (SII) (M24A0348) into shipboard fires on commercial vessels and the effectiveness of emergency response in Canada.

Matson Suspends Shipping EVs Citing Hazards of Lithium-ion Batteries. *Maritime Executive*.

18 July 2025. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/matson-suspends-shipping-evs-citing-hazards-of-lithium-ion-batteries> Matson surprised customers this week with an announcement that, effective immediately, it would suspend transporting battery-powered electric or plug-in hybrid electric vehicles due to the hazardous material classification of their lithium-ion batteries.

Excess, unidentified baggage in containers is breaking the back of shipowners.

Naveen Singhal and M.M. Saggi. *Splash 247.com*. 30 July 2025. Available from:

<https://splash247.com/excess-unidentified-baggage-in-containers-is-breaking-the-back-of-shipowners/> Containerisation has been a game-changer in the carriage of goods.

MARITIME SECURITY

Sea robberies in Singapore Strait quadruple this year. Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*.

3 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/security/sea-robberies-in-singapore-strait-quadruple-this-year>

Sea robberies on ships transiting the Singapore Strait, already at 10 year-high, have continued unabated with the equivalent of nearly one incident every two days so far this year, with a total of 81 incidents in the busy shipping lane.

Houthi resume strikes on commercial shipping with prolonged attack on bulker.

Jamey Bergman. *Riviera Maritime*. 7 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/houthi-resume-strikes-on-commercial-shipping-in-prolonged-attack-on-bulker-85397>

Bulk carrier *Magic Seas* has been attacked while transiting the Red Sea near Yemen.

Vessel Attack in the Southern Red Sea: MARINE SECURITY BULLETIN – 06/2025.

Government of Liberia. 7 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.liscr.com/getattachment/FF6B8480-EB97-43A1-BF0C-D36F756B8F9E/MSB-06-2025.pdf> On July 06, a cargo vessel was targeted by multiple skiffs in position 14-28.24N 042-08.57E approximately 51 nautical miles southwest of Al Hudaydah, Yemen.

Minister Derjacques Opens National Tabletop Exercise and Workshop to Strengthen Maritime Security Governance in Seychelles. *Government of Seychelles*. 8 July 2025.

Available from: <https://transport.gov.sc/news-centre/press-releases/minister-derjacques-opens-national-tabletop-exercise-and-workshop-to-strengthen-maritime-security-governance-in-seychelles>

The Minister for Seychelles yesterday reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening national maritime security governance with the official launch of the National Tabletop Exercise and Workshop on the Development of the National Maritime Security Committee (NMSC), opened by the Minister for Transport, Mr. Antony Derjacques, at the Seychelles Coast Guard Base, Ile Perseverance.

Cabinet approves: Sri Lanka Navy to conduct maritime security operations.

Daily Mirror (Sri Lanka). 8 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.dailymirror.lk/latest-news/Cabinet-approves-Sri-Lanka-Navy-to-conduct-maritime-security-operations/342-313656>

The Cabinet of Ministers has granted approval for the Sri Lanka Navy to independently conduct maritime security operations under the supervision of the Ministry of Defence.

Spike in armed robbery incidents raises concerns for vital Singapore Strait trade route.

Josh Lamorena. *International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)*. 9 July 2025.

Available from: <https://icc-ccs.org/spike-in-armed-robbery-incidents-raises-concerns-for-vital-singapore-strait-trade-route/> Critical shipping route handling 30% of global trade flows sees surge in armed robbery incidents.

Greek tanker fleet boosts security amid limpet mine fears. *Safety4Sea*. 10 July 2025.

Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/greek-tanker-fleet-boosts-security-amid-limpet-mine-fears/>

According to Reuters, these precautionary measures include underwater inspections by divers to detect any foreign objects, as confirmed by two Greek sources familiar with the strategy.

Red Sea update: Resumption of Houthi campaign. *Gard*. 11 July 2025. Available from:

<https://gard.no/insights/red-sea-update-resumption-of-houthi-campaign/> With Vanguard's permission, we've reproduced below their comprehensive risk analysis and mitigation measures for our clients.

Somalia and Yemen warn of Houthi-backed arms, piracy in Gulf of Aden. *Hiiraan Online (Somalia)*. 15 July 2025. Available from:

https://www.hiiraan.com/news4/2025/July/202215/somalia_and_yemen_warn_of_houthi_backed_arm_piracy_in_gulf_of_aden.aspx Somalia and Yemen have warned of a growing security threat posed by links between Yemen's Houthi rebels and extremist groups operating in Somalia, following a high-level diplomatic meeting in London on Tuesday.

Indonesian Police Bust Pirate Gang in Riau Islands. *Maritime Executive*. 15 July 2025.

Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/indonesian-police-bust-pirate-gang-in-riau-islands> Police in Indonesia's Riau Islands have broken up a ring of pirates who were allegedly engaged in serial armed robberies in the Phillips Channel, a notorious hotspot for criminal activity.

GPHA, Navy strengthens port, maritime security alliance. *Laudia Sawyer. Ghana News Agency*.

15 July 2025. Available from: <https://gna.org.gh/2025/07/gpha-navy-strengthens-port-maritime-security-alliance/> The Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority (GPHA) and the Ghana Navy, have strengthened their strategic alliance to ensure port and maritime security in Ghana.

Atlantic piracy, current threats, and maritime governance in the Gulf of Guinea. *Maisie Pigeon. Atlantic Council*. 21 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/issue-brief/atlantic-piracy-current-threats-and-maritime-governance-in-the-gulf-of-guinea/> Increased onboard security measures and other steps have reduced the incidence of piracy, but captains and crews must remain vigilant in the face of what is now a widespread, complex security challenge rooted in persistent poverty and onshore insurgencies, particularly in oil-rich Nigeria.

Enhancing Global Maritime Security Through Cooperation. *International Registries, Inc.*

23 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.register-iri.com/blog/enhancing-global-maritime-security-through-cooperation/> Over the past decade, the maritime industry has shown remarkable adaptability — navigating shifting global markets, a pandemic and its aftermath, and volatile geopolitical challenges worldwide.

Solomon Islands Advances Maritime Security Strategy with Regional Collaboration and National Commitment. *Solomon Islands Government*. 24 July 2025. Available from:

<https://solomons.gov.sb/solomon-islands-advances-maritime-security-strategy-with-regional-collaboration-and-national-commitment/> The Solomon Islands is progressing steadily toward finalizing its Maritime Security Strategy (SI MSS) 2024–2027, a key national initiative aligned with both the Solomon Islands National Strategy 2025–2028 and the National Development Strategy 2016–2035.

Livestock ship from Somalia comes under attack in Red Sea, briefly detained in Yemen.

Garowe Online (Somalia). 26 July 2025. Available from:

<https://garoweonline.com/en/news/somalia/livestock-ship-from-somalia-comes-under-attack-in-red-sea-briefly-detained-in-yemen> A Comoros-flagged livestock vessel was intercepted and temporarily detained in the Red Sea on July 24, 2025, after unidentified individuals in a wooden boat opened fire and ordered it to divert to the Yemeni port city of Mocha, maritime officials and security sources said.

Houthis pledge to escalate attacks on shipping companies trading with Israel.

Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds*. 27 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/bulkers/houthis-pledge-to-escalate-attacks-on-shipping-companies-trading-with-israel/2-1-1850685> Yemen's Houthi group has fleshed out a new policy of attacking any vessel owned by any company that calls at Israeli ports.

3 threats for Ireland's new maritime security strategy to examine. Giovanni Parente.

RTÉ (Ireland). 30 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.rte.ie/brainstorm/2025/0730/1526028-ireland-maritime-security-strategy-challenges-cyber-threats-undersea-cables/> By the end of

2025, Ireland will have its first ever National Maritime Security Strategy, intended to set the country's priorities in this domain for the next five years

NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS

Shadow Fleet Exposed by Sanctions and Sensors. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 2 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/shadow-fleet-exposed-by-sanctions-and-sensors/> Russia's shadow tanker fleet has at least tripled since the 2022 invasion.

'Unusual' AIS messages spread to Middle East Gulf ships as security threat lingers.

Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 2 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/-unusual-ais-messages-spread-to-middle-east-gulf-ships-as-security-threat-lingers/2-1-1840795>

Tankers and other vessels transiting the Strait of Hormuz have begun displaying "atypical" messages on their AIS in a bid to avoid any attacks, as tensions remain high in the region.

Opinion: Methane-fuelled tanker traffic to soar this summer.

Andrew Dumbrille and Elissama Menezes. *Vancouver Sun (Canada)*. 4 July 2025.

Available from: <https://vancouversun.com/opinion/op-ed/opinion-methane-fuelled-tanker-traffic-to-soar-this-summer> Tanker traffic on B.C.'s northern coast will increase dramatically now that tankers carrying liquefied natural gas — the province's newest fossil-fuel energy export — are arriving in and leaving Kitimat every few days.

The Shipping Forecast – A century of safety partnerships and a future of innovation.

UK Met Office. 4 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/blog/2025/the-shipping-forecast---a-century-of-safety-partnerships-and-a-future-of-innovation> The Shipping Forecast is produced by the Met Office on behalf of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) as part of the UK's statutory obligations to provide Maritime Safety Information to seafarers via approved broadcasting methods.

Greek seafarers' federation calls for Red Sea to be declared 'war zone' after latest attacks.

Ekathimerini (Greece). 9 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.ekathimerini.com/politics/foreign-policy/1274822/greek-seafarers-call-for-red-sea-to-be-declared-war-zone-after-latest-attacks/>

The Panhellenic Seamen's Federation (PNO) has called for the Red Sea to be officially designated a war zone, following recent attacks on two Greek-owned cargo ships, *Magic Seas* and *Eternity C*, by suspected Houthi militants based in Yemen.

Coastguard responded to 'multiple incidents' involving small boats in Channel.

Sky News. 11 July 2025. Available from: <https://news.sky.com/story/coastguard-responding-to-multiple-incidents-involving-small-boats-in-the-channel-13395301>

HM Coastguard said Border Force and RNLI vessels had been deployed as part of the response.

Minimising ship and whale collisions.

John Barnes. *Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST)*. 11 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.imarest.org/resource/mp-inimising-ship-and-whale-collisions.html>

The news of the death of two sperm whales in the Canary Island waters in May 2025 brought this ongoing issue into the spotlight.

What is the Strait of Hormuz and why is it so important for global shipping?

Belinda Clarence. *The Conversation*. 11 July 2025. Available from: <https://theconversation.com/what-is-the-strait-of-hormuz-and-why-is-it-so-important-for-global-shipping-260920>

During the recent conflict between Iran and Israel, Iran threatened to block the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's major shipping routes.

Dispatch from Svalbard: Tensions are simmering in the High North.

Tressa Guenov and Ian Brzezinski. *Atlantic Council*. 9 July 2025. Available from:

<https://tinyurl.com/9anzc94j> Even in summer, the air is clear and cold in Longyearbyen, the world's northernmost inhabited town, which is located above the Arctic Circle in Norway's Svalbard archipelago.

The Daily View: Red Sea risk remains, so does the traffic.

Richard Meade. *Lloyd's List*. 16 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1154228/The-Daily-View-Red-Sea-risk-remains-so-does-the-traffic>

On July 6, as rocket-propelled grenades exploded into the hull of the bulker *Magic Seas* (IMO: 9736169), 31 ships passed through the Bab el Mandeb.

Greek-Managed Tankers Divert Around Africa to Avoid Red Sea Attacks.

MarineLink. 18 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.marinelink.com/news/greekmanaged-tankers-divert-around-africa-528118>

Several Greek-managed tankers transporting Russian oil to Asia are increasingly avoiding the Red Sea, opting instead for the longer route around Africa, due to escalating security threats from Houthi attacks, three oil traders and LSEG shipping data show.

Why Korea is suddenly talking about Arctic shipping route.

Lim Jae-seong. *Korea Herald* (South Korea). 20 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.koreaherald.com/article/10535436> Amid intensifying climate shifts, geopolitical tensions and a scramble for new trade corridors, the Arctic shipping route is quickly emerging as a key part of South Korea's maritime strategy — touted as both a paradigm-shifting opportunity and a logistical gamble.

Trickle of Containerships Return to Suez Canal Under Discount Program. *Maritime Executive*. 21 July 2025. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/trickle-of-containerships-return-to-suez-canal-under-discount-program> Two months into its special discount program to draw containerships back to the Suez Canal, the authority reports that 10 of the large vessels have now completed the transit.

MCA safety spotlight: Bridge navigational safety and risk of collision.

UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency. 22 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mca-safety-spotlight-bridge-navigational-safety-and-risk-of-collision/mca-safety-spotlight-bridge-navigational-safety-and-risk-of-collision>

There have been several recent incidents where failing to keep a proper lookout and poor navigational watchkeeping practices have led to collisions and groundings involving fatalities, and serious injuries.

Data flags hundreds of Russian 'shadow fleet' visits to Irish EEZ. Jackie Fox. *RTÉ (Ireland)*.

25 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.rte.ie/news/primetime/2025/0724/1525050-shadow-fleet-irish-eez/> Some 245 so-called 'shadow fleet' vessels passed through Ireland's maritime Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) more than 450 times in the first seven months of this year, according to data obtained by RTÉ News.

Mystery AIS circles blamed on GPS jamming and spoofing. Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds*.

29 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/technology/mystery-ais-circles-blamed-on-gps-jamming-and-spoofing/2-1-1845459> A clutch of vessels north of the major Iranian port of Shahid Rajaee might be easy to overlook until you notice two impossibilities. On vessel tracking platforms, the ships appear in a circle and, in this case, appear to be on land.

Greek bulker majors continue to avoid Red Sea as Houthis parade hostages.

Joshua Minchin and Nigel Lowry. *Lloyd's List*. 29 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.loydslist.com/LL1154350/Greek-bulker-majors-continue-to-avoid-Red-Sea-as-Houthis-parade-hostages>

Crew members of the now-sunk bulk carrier *Eternity C* (IMO: 9588249) have featured in the latest Houthi propaganda video, seemingly alive and well, and urging vessel owners not to call at Israeli ports.

Sanctioned Tanker Spoofs Location in Indonesian Waters Transmitting Fraudulent Flag.

Windward Ltd. 30 July 2025. Available from: <https://windward.ai/blog/sanctioned-tanker-spoofs-location-in-indonesian-waters/> A US-sanctioned tanker transmitting its flag as the fraudulent Curaçao registry is now spoofing its location in Indonesia's territorial waters.

PORT STATE CONTROL

2024 Performance lists Paris MoU. *Paris MoU on Port State Control*. 1 July 2025.

Available from: <https://parismou.org/2025/07/2024-performance-lists-paris-mou>

The Paris MoU Committee approved at its 58th meeting the 2024 inspection results and adopted new performance lists for flag States and Recognized Organizations. [White List](#) 📄

German Government increases vigilance in the Baltic Sea. *Government of Germany*.

1 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/2725506-2725506> Since 1 July 2025, German authorities have been questioning passing tankers about their insurance cover against oil pollution damage.

Germany and Sweden Join in Crackdown on Shadow Fleet Vessels in Baltic.

Maritime Executive. 1 July 2025. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/germany-and-sweden-join-in-crackdown-on-shadow-fleet-vessels-in-baltic> The efforts to identify and crack down on shadow fleet vessels breaking maritime regulations are increasing with Germany announcing that along with Sweden it will begin asking passing vessels about insurance coverage.

'Less numerous, less big, less polluting': Cannes to ban big cruise ships and limit passenger visits. *Euronews*. 2 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.euronews.com/travel/2025/06/30/less-numerous-less-big-less-polluting-cannes-to-ban-cruise-ships-with-over-1000-passengers>

The French Riviera resort of Cannes is imposing what its city council calls “drastic regulation” on cruise ships, halving the number of very large ships allowed in its harbour and capping the daily number of passenger visits at 6,000 starting next year.

False flag checks on key Russia tanker route hampered by unresponsive registries.

Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 3 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/false-flag-checks-on-key-russia-tanker-route-hampered-by-unresponsive-registries/2-1-1841375> A promised crackdown by European nations against falsely flagged tankers hauling Russian oil is being hampered by difficulties in checking the status of shadow fleet vessels.

Yemen: Security Council extends UN mission in crucial port city amid escalating Red Sea strife. Vibhu Mishra. *UN News*. 14 July 2025. Available from:

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/07/1165395> Adopted unanimously, the resolution extending the UN Mission to support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA) until 28 January 2026, underscores the Mission’s critical role in maintaining fragile stability amid signs of renewed military escalation and deepening humanitarian need.

Iran seizes foreign oil tanker in Sea of Oman (+PHOTOS). *MEHR News Agency (Iran)*.

16 July 2025. Available from: <https://en.mehrnews.com/news/234361/Iran-seizes-foreign-oil-tanker-in-Sea-of-Oman-PHOTOS> According to Mehr News Agency, the Chief Justice of Hormozgan Province, Mojtaba Ghahremani, has announced the seizure of a foreign oil tanker on charges of smuggling 2 million liters of fuel in the Sea of Oman.

Iran seizes tanker close to key maritime chokepoint. Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds*.

16 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/iran-seizes-tanker-close-to-key-maritime-chokepoint/2-1-1846658> Iranian forces have seized yet another small tanker in the Islamic Republic’s widening campaign against what its authorities describe as fuel smuggling close to its waters.

PORTS & HARBOURS

TT Talk: What autonomous ships mean for ports. *TT Club*. 1 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.ttclub.com/news-and-resources/news/article/tt-talk-what-autonomous-ships-mean-for-ports/> Autonomous ships are set to have a major impact on the world’s ports. But while they promise increased efficiency, and safety, and a nice fit with port automation technologies and smart mooring systems, they also raise questions about regulation, liability and cyber security.

Limpet mines - the new maritime threatscape. Ruby Hassan. *Skuld*. 3 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.skuld.com/topics/port/port-news/europe/limpet-mines---the-new-maritime-threatscape/> A series of suspected limpet mine attacks and unexplained blasts targeting commercial tankers in the Mediterranean has reignited global concern over the evolving nature of maritime threats.


Papers, Please: How Europe Is Cracking Down on Russia's Shadow Fleet. Keith Johnson. *Foreign Policy*. 3 July 2025. Available from: <https://foreignpolicy.com/2025/07/03/baltic-states-russia-denmark-europe-shadow-fleet-oil/> Baltic coastal states are stepping up their legal enforcement measures to further pressure Russia's continued use of a so-called shadow fleet of tankers to circumvent Western sanctions and fund its war on Ukraine.

AfCFTA: NPA berths first wholly Nigerian-owned container vessel. Tola Adenubi. *Nigerian Tribune*. 6 July 2025. Available from: <https://tribuneonline.ng.com/afcfta-npa-berths-first-wholly-nigerian-owned-container-vessel/> In a development that signposts readiness to maximize the gains derivable from the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) has deployed its state-of-the-art marine crafts to berth the first wholly Nigerian-owned container vessel.

Israel strikes Yemen ports after ship attack by Houthis in Red Sea. *The National (UAE)*. 7 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.thenationalnews.com/news/mena/2025/07/07/israel-strikes-yemen-ports-after-ship-attack-in-red-sea/> The Israeli military launched a wave of strikes on Houthi-controlled ports in Yemen overnight, hours after the rebels attacked a ship in the Red Sea.

DP World signs \$800m deal to redevelop Syria's Port of Tartus. Rajiv Pillai. *Gulf Business (UAE)*. 14 July 2025. Available from: <https://gulfbusiness.com/dp-world-signs-800m-deal-to-redevelop-syrias-port-of-tartus/> DP World has entered into a 30-year concession agreement with Syria's General Authority for Land and Sea Ports to develop and operate the Port of Tartus.

Europe's ports not doing enough to tackle toxic air pollution - study. *Transport & Environment*. 15 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.transportenvironment.org/articles/europes-ports-not-doing-enough-to-tackle-toxic-air-pollution-study> Europe's ports are failing to tackle toxic air pollution, a new study looking at major European ports shows.
[European ports unplugged: The state of shore power infrastructure](#)

NATO CCDCOE publishes new policy brief on cyber threats to maritime port infrastructure. *NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE)*. 18 July 2025. Available from: <https://ccdcoe.org/news/2025/nato-ccdcoe-publishes-new-policy-brief-on-cyber-threats-to-maritime-port-infrastructure/> The NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE) has published a new policy brief, "Addressing State-Linked Cyber Threats to Critical Maritime Port Infrastructure," which assesses the cybersecurity posture and challenges facing maritime port infrastructure and offers recommendations for strengthening NATO's maritime cyber defence.
[Policy Brief: Addressing State-Linked Cyber Threats to Critical Maritime Port Infrastructure](#) 

Stakeholders advocate urgent reforms to boost ports efficiency. David Adekunle. *Voice of Nigeria (VON)*. 19 July 2025. Available from: <https://von.gov.ng/stakeholders-advocate-urgent-reforms-to-boost-ports-efficiency> Stakeholders in the Nigerian Maritime Sector have advocated urgent reforms on sustaining innovative narrative and build human capital development and overhaul regulatory functions to enhance Ports efficiency in the nation's seaports.

Karachi port fees slashed 50 percent to boost trade and sustainability. *Daily Times (Pakistan)*. 20 July 2025. Available from: <https://dailytimes.com.pk/1339391/karachi-port-fees-slashed-50-percent-to-boost-trade-and-sustainability/> The federal government has announced a major 50% reduction in port charges at Karachi Port to improve trade efficiency and promote environmentally friendly practices in maritime logistics.

Ships warned of fresh Red Sea risk as Israel bombs key Houthi port. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 21 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/ports/ships-warned-of-fresh-red-sea-risk-as-israel-bombs-key-houthi-port/2-1-1848332> Israel has launched airstrikes on the key Houthi-controlled port of Hodeidah in Yemen on Monday.

Critical Changes Needed Before Ports in the Caribbean Can Meet Digital Revolution Requirements. *Caribbean Export Development Agency*. 21 July 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/2yfdx3jr> Darwin Telemaque, Port Manager at the Antigua Port Authority, has issued a strong call for regional port authorities to come together to advance the modernization and digitization of Caribbean ports.

Minister wants closer partnership with carriers to combat drug smuggling. Liv Almer. *ShippingWatch*. 22 July 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/Ports/article18378661.ece> Drug smugglers transporting illegal drugs into the EU using merchant ships and ports have recently turned their attention to the Nordic and Scandinavian countries.

Port saves nearly £140,000 in electricity costs thanks to solar. *Portsmouth International Port (UK)*. 24 July 2025. Available from: <https://portsmouth-port.co.uk/news/port-saves-nearly-140000-in-electricity-costs-thanks-to-solar/> Thanks to its 2,200, 1.2MW solar panels, which cover all available roof space on its terminals and a canopy over its car lanes, the port's bill has been cut by £138,058 since 2023/24.

China: World's first green ammonia bunkering operation carried out in Dalian Port. *Manifold Times (Singapore)*. 28 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/china-worlds-first-green-ammonia-bunkering-operation-carried-out-in-dalian-port/> Green technology company Envision Energy on Friday (25 July) announced that green ammonia fuel produced from its world's largest green hydrogen and ammonia plant in Chifeng has successfully powered the world's first green marine ammonia bunkering operation.

EU ports lose ground as carriers reroute to cut carbon charges. Souzana Psara. *Cyprus Mail*. 28 July 2025. Available from: <https://cyprus-mail.com/2025/07/28/eu-ports-lose-ground-as-carriers-reroute-to-cut-carbon-charges> The European Union's extension of its Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) to shipping has sent ripples across Mediterranean ports, and even Cyprus is feeling the undercurrents.

APMT rolls out green roadmap, targets net-zero emissions by 2040. Adaku Onyenucheya. *Guardian (Nigeria)*. 30 July 2025. Available from: <https://guardian.ng/business-services/maritime/apmt-rolls-out-green-roadmap-targets-net-zero-emissions-by-2040/> In line with the IMO net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions target by 2050, APM Terminals Apapa has unveiled a one-year roadmap to transition from diesel to gas and ultimately to solar and battery-powered solutions.

REGULATIONS

New OSPAR Restrictions on Scrubbers in Ports: Rush to Judgment.

Clean Shipping Alliance 2020. 1 July 2025. Available from:

<https://cleanshippingalliance2020.org/new-ospar-restrictions-on-scrubbers-in-ports-rush-to-judgment/>


Last week's OSPAR decision to restrict the use of Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems ("scrubbers") in the North Atlantic ports and inland waters of the Contracting Parties (member states) in OSPAR, projected to start in 2027, has created a questionable precedent.

Double compliance, double cost? FuelEU vs IMO's Net-Zero Framework. Andy Wibroe.

Lloyd's Register. 1 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.lr.org/en/knowledge/horizons/july-2025/double-compliance-double-cost-fueleu-vs-imos-net-zero-framework/>

Draft regulations approved by the IMO at the recent Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) 83rd session raise a question for the maritime sector – will there soon be two similar and overlapping sets of regulation: the International Maritime Organisation's Net-Zero Framework (IMONZF), and the EU's FuelEU Maritime (FuelEU)?

GHG regulations: What's the state of play? DNV. 3 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.dnv.com/expert-story/maritime-impact/ghg-regulations-whats-the-state-of-play/>  In his last episode before the summer, Eirik Nyhus provides a round up of global

greenhouse gas regulatory action, cutting through the complexity of maritime decarbonization policy to deliver a much-needed status check on FuelEU Maritime, UK ETS and IMO.

INTERVIEW: Oil bunker costs to double by 2035 on IMO rules, says Wartsila. Max Lin.

S&P Global. 3 July 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/3sfwyecf>

Oil-based bunker costs will double over the next decade due to the IMO's upcoming regulation on greenhouse gas emissions, Finland-based Wartsila's CEO Hakan Agnevall told Platts while laying out a low-carbon fuel transition pathway for shipping.

Health and air pollution benefits of a global 0.1% fuel sulfur limit on marine fuels.

Tom Decker, Zhihang Meng and Bryan Comer. *International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT)*. 8 July 2025. Available from: <https://theicct.org/publication/health-and-air-pollution-benefits-of-a-global-fuel-sulfur-limit-on-marine-fuels-jul25/>

The IMO has progressively tightened global limits on the sulfur content of marine fuels to protect human health and the environment, including by implementing stricter sulfur limits in designated emission control areas (ECAs).

[Report](#) 

Fouling control gains importance following MEPC 83. *Clean Shipping International*. 10 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.cleanshippinginternational.com/fouling-control-gains-importance-following-imo-mepc-83/>

Chris Birkert, Marine Segment Manager, AkzoNobel, said: "These fouling control systems help reduce fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions, enabling vessels to maintain favourable efficiency ratings and avoid penalties.

Saudi Red Sea Authority Unveils Inaugural Cruise Ship Regulations.

Saudi Press Agency (SPA). 11 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2355743>

The Saudi Red Sea Authority (SRSA) unveiled Saudi Arabia's first-ever framework for cruise-ship operations.

Decarbonization Déjà Vu: Columbia Group warns ship owners risk paying twice to go green.

American Journal of Transportation (AJOT). 16 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.ajot.com/news/decarbonization-deja-vu-columbia-group-warns-ship-owners-risk-paying-twice-to-go-green>

The global shipping industry faces the prospect of "decarbonization déjà vu" as it braces for overlapping climate regulations that could leave shipowners footing the bill twice, warns EmissionLink Managing Director Philippos Ioulianos, part of Columbia Group.

Unprecedented Maritime Compliance Challenges Emerge from EU's 18th Sanctions Package.

Windward Ltd. 23 July 2025. Available from: <https://windward.ai/blog/eus-18th-sanctions-package-the-new-maritime-reality/>

The European Union's 18th sanctions package on Russia recalibrates global oil trades once again and intensifies shipping risk and compliance complexity across the maritime domain.

Opinion: Abandoning EU's maritime ETS would leave a EUR 10bn funding gap.

Agathe Peigney. *ShippingWatch*. 24 July 2025. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article18381639.ece>

April's landmark climate deal at the IMO was notable for one particular reason. Ships that don't comply with the IMO's fuel standards would be subject to penalties.

Expanded UK Sanctions Heighten Maritime Risk and Compliance Pressure. *Windward Ltd.*

28 July 2025. Available from: <https://windward.ai/blog/expanded-uk-sanctions-heighten-maritime-risk-and-compliance-pressure/>

On Monday, June 21st, the UK added another 135 tankers to its Russia sanctions list, bringing the total number of banned ships over the past 13 months to approximately 424.

Interferry Demands EU Harmonization with IMO Global GHG Regulations to Prevent Double Taxation and Protect Critical Ferry Services. *Interferry*. 29 July 2025. Available from:

https://interferry.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/20250729_GHG-position_final.pdf

Interferry considers it fundamentally unacceptable for ferry operators to be forced into double payment for the same emissions under both EU ETS / FuelEU Maritime and the new IMO Net-Zero framework.

SALVAGE

Steady as she goes: Ship salvage nears milestone as hurricane season looms. Gary Kean.

The Telegram (Canada). 9 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.saltwire.com/newfoundland-labrador/grounded-nl-cargo-ship-salvage-nears-milestone>

Salvage crews have begun pumping the last of the main heavy fuel tanks aboard the *MSC Baltic III*, but there are still a lot more potential pollutants to be removed from the wrecked cargo ship in western Newfoundland.

Disabled Eimskip Vessel to be Towed to Port by Iceland's Coast Guard. *Maritime Executive*.

10 July 2025. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/disabled-eimskip-vessel-to-be-towed-to-port-by-iceland-s-coast-guard>

Icelandic shipping company Eimskip confirmed that one of its newest and largest containerships, *Dettifoss* (25,690 dwt), is currently disabled and drifting in the Atlantic.

Indian navy undertakes daring aerial insertion of salvage team onboard *MV Wan Hai 503*.

Government of India. 14 June 2025. Available from:

<https://www.pib.gov.in/Pressreleaseshare.aspx?PRID=2136309>

In the ongoing salvage operations of *MV WAN Hai 503*, which is under massive fire, the Indian Navy augmented the efforts with the aerial insertion of salvage team on 13 Jun 2025.

India stands down from *Wan Hai 503* salvage operation. Marcus Hand and Nick Savvides. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 25 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/accidents/india-stands-down-from-wan-hai-503-salvage-operation>
Nearly two months after a cargo fire and explosion left four crew either dead or missing off the coast of Kerala the Indian authorities have stood down from the salvage operation.

SEAFARERS

13 stranded seafarers rescued after 2 months. Rjay Zuriaga Castor. *Manila Times*. 1 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2025/07/02/regions/13-stranded-seafarers-rescued-after-2-months/2141308> Thirteen seafarers, stranded for over two months aboard an international cargo ship anchored off Iloilo City, were finally rescued on Monday evening.

Greek female seafarers on the rise as maritime workforce grows. Georgios Georgiou. *Rivera Maritime*. 1 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/greek-women-seafarers-on-the-rise-as-maritime-workforce-grows-85303> According to the annual review by the Seamen's Pension Fund, the total number of women working as seafarers reached 2,048 in 2024, marking an 11% increase compared with 2023.

The Philippines Launches Upcoming International Seafarers' Rights Conference at the United Nations in Geneva. *Government of the Philippines*. 2 July 2025. Available from: <https://dfa.gov.ph/dfa-news/news-from-our-foreign-service-postupdate/36844-the-philippines-launches-upcoming-international-seafarers-rights-conference-at-the-united-nations-in-geneva>
The Philippines formally launched the International Conference on Seafarers' Human Rights, Safety, and Welfare, which it will host on 01 to 03 September 2025 in Manila, through a panel discussion on the sidelines of the ongoing 59th Session of the Human Rights Council held on 19 June 2025.

Oman marks Seafarers' Day with focus on maritime growth and reforms. *Muscat Daily (Oman)*. 2 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.muscatdaily.com/2025/07/02/seafarers-day-marked-with-focus-on-maritime-growth-and-reforms/> Oman observed International Day of the Seafarer with a ceremony on Wednesday recognising the vital role of maritime professionals and reaffirming the sultanate's commitment to expanding its shipping and logistics capabilities.

2 crew members charged over oil tanker collision near Pedra Branca that killed 1. Lydia Lam. *Channel News Asia*. 2 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/pedra-branca-oil-tanker-collision-charged-killed-5215516> Two crew members on a Singapore-registered oil tanker have been charged over a collision that killed a man on the other vessel and badly injured another.

NYK Line's First Female Chief Engineer: A Role Model for Future Generations. *NYK Line*. 3 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.nyk.com/english/stories/02/01/20250509.html>
Marine engineers are integral to the safe operation of vessels by overseeing complex mechanical systems, including engines, generators, boilers, and more.

Chinese captain in Baltic sea cable damage case appears in Hong Kong court. *Straits Times*. 5 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/east-asia/chinese-captain-in-baltic-sea-cable-damage-case-appears-in-hong-kong-court> The captain of a Hong Kong-registered ship alleged to have damaged undersea cables in the Baltic Sea was assigned a lawyer in a Hong Kong court on July 4, with the case adjourned until September to allow the prosecution to gather more evidence.

Crew abandons cargo ship in Red Sea after drone, grenade attack. *Al Jazeera*. 6 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/7/6/gunmen-target-shipping-vessel-in-red-sea> Crew members onboard a Liberian-flagged, Greek-owned ship that was set ablaze in an attack in the Red Sea have abandoned the vessel and were rescued, according to a British maritime agency.

Crew abandons Liberian-flagged, Greek-owned ship attacked in the Red Sea, UK military says. Jon Gambrell. *Associated Press*. 6 July 2025. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/yemen-red-sea-ship-attacked-2f10bed442ebca4aa026b5dc67a05b76> Crew members aboard a Liberian-flagged ship set ablaze by a series of attacks in the Red Sea abandoned the vessel Sunday night as it took on water, marking the first serious assault in the vital corridor for trade after a monthslong campaign by Yemen's Houthi rebels there.

Greek bulkier evacuated after gunfire exchange with attackers as Red Sea lull breaks. Harry Papachristou and Matt Coyne. *TradeWinds*. 6 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/bulkers/greek-bulkier-evacuated-after-gunfire-exchange-with-attackers-as-red-sea-lull-breaks/2-1-1842554> Seafarers have evacuated a Greek-controlled bulkier on fire and taking on water in the Red Sea, in what may mark the Houthi rebels' first strike against a commercial ship in months.

21 crew members rescued after blast damages chemical tanker at Kandla. *Times of India*. 7 July 2025. Available from: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/rajkot/21-crew-members-rescued-after-blast-damages-chemical-tanker-at-kandla/articleshow/122303301.cms> Twenty-one crew members were rescued safely after an explosion damaged a chemical tanker en route to Oman, outside the navigation channel at the Deendayal Port (formerly Kandla), on Sunday.

Sea Sunday 2025: Vatican calls seafarers and fishers 'Pilgrims of Hope, Prophets of Peace'. Nathaniel Xavier. *Independent Catholic News (ICN)*. 7 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/52770> Seafarers and fishers are in the heart of the Church and serve as "pilgrims of hope" and "prophets of peace", the Vatican has said in a message released ahead of Sea Sunday, which will be marked on 13 July this year.

All 11 Stranded Vessels with Indian Seafarers sailed from Ras Isa Port, Yemen : DG Shipping. *India Shipping News*. 8 July 2025. Available from: <https://indiashippingnews.com/all-11-stranded-vessels-with-indian-seafarers-sailed-from-ras-isa-port-yemen-dg-shipping/> The Directorate General of Shipping informs that all 11 vessels stranded at Ras Isa Port, Yemen, carrying over 150 Indian seafarers, have successfully sailed out after the completion of cargo discharge operations.

DMW warns shipowners: No more Filipino crew on ships crossing Red Sea. Marita Moaje. *Philippine News Agency (PNA)*. 8 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1253847> The Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) reiterated its warning to shipowners and manning agencies with vessels traversing the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden to divert voyages or not deploy Filipino seafarers on their ships.

Majority of crew missing from Greek bulkier attacked by Houthis. Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds*. 9 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/majority-of-crew-missing-from-greek-bulkier-attacked-by-houthis/2-1-1843969> Nineteen seafarers are unaccounted for from a Greek-managed bulkier attacked by the Houthis in the Red Sea on Monday.

5 of 21 Filipinos in Houthi-hit ship in Red Sea rescued – DFA.

Joyce Ann L. Rocamora and Marita Moaje. *Philippine News Agency (PNA)*. 9 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1253961> Five of the 21 Filipino seafarers manning the cargo vessel *Eternity C*, which sank in the Red Sea following a reported attack by Houthi rebels, have been rescued, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) confirmed Wednesday night.

What the Philippines teaches us about seafarers. Mission to Seafarers. 10 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/news/what-the-philippines-teaches-us-about-seafarers> I thought I knew all about seafarers. After all, I've been working with the Mission for six years now, but nothing prepared me for the Philippines, where seafaring is a way of life.

Jamaica and Sweden Ink Reciprocal Recognition Maritime Agreement. Peta-Gay Hodges.

Jamaica Information Service. 10 July 2025. Available from: <https://jis.gov.jm/jamaica-and-sweden-ink-reciprocal-recognition-maritime-agreement/> The Governments of Jamaica and Sweden have signed a Reciprocal Recognition Agreement that allows Jamaican seafarers to work on Swedish ships and vice versa.

London P&I boss says crew safety a real concern in Red Sea conflict. Nidaa Bakhsh.

ShippingWatch. 11 July 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/article18350708.ece> Crew safety concerns are once again coming to the fore following two bulkier attacks in the Red Sea in the past week.

Houthis hit back at kidnap claims: Survivors of bulkier sinking treated with 'utmost respect'.

Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 11 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insurance/houthis-hit-back-at-kidnap-claims-survivors-of-bulkier-sinking-treated-with-utmost-respect-2-1-1845048> The Houthis claimed on Friday that the seafarers plucked from the Red Sea after their ship was attacked and sunk are being treated with the "utmost respect".

'All crew Muslim': ships look to dodge Red Sea attacks with messages. Dawn (Pakistan).

12 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1923628> The Red Sea is a critical waterway for oil and commodities but traffic has dropped sharply since Houthi attacks off Yemen's coast began in Nov 2023 in what the Iran-aligned group said was in solidarity with Palestinians in the Gaza war.

All Filipino crew of attacked MV Magic Seas back home, aid given.

Darryl John Esguerra. *Philippine News Agency (PNA)*. 13 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1254185> All 17 Filipino crew members of the *MV Magic Seas* —a cargo vessel recently attacked by Houthi rebels in the Red Sea— have been safely repatriated and are now receiving comprehensive support from the government.

The Moral Imperative: Protecting Seafarers in War-Torn Waters. Andrew Mwangura.

The Coast (Kenya). 13 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.thecoast.co.ke/2025/07/13/the-moral-imperative-protecting-seafarers-in-war-torn-waters/43/40/business-news/thecoast/10011/08/>

The time has come for the international maritime community to acknowledge an uncomfortable truth that the Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, and Israel's ports have become maritime war zones where merchant seafarers face unacceptable risks to their lives and safety.

Search ends for missing seafarers from Houthi-struck Greek bulk. Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds*. 13 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/search-ends-for-missing-seafarers-from-houthi-struck-greek-bulker/2-1-1845566> Maritime security firms Ambrey and Diaplous have stopped searching the Red Sea for missing crew members of the 36,800-dwt *Eternity C* (built 2012), which sank after a Houthi attack four days ago.

Crew rescued from Red Sea ship attacked by Houthis arrive in Saudi Arabia. *The National (UAE)*. 14 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.thenationalnews.com/news/mena/2025/07/14/crew-rescued-from-red-sea-ship-attacked-by-houthis-arrive-in-saudi-arabia/> Ten crew members rescued after Yemen's Houthi rebels sank a Greek-owned ship last week have arrived in Saudi Arabia, Reuters quoted maritime security sources as saying.

Seafarers and high-risk areas. Carl Martin Faannessen. *Splash 247.com*. 15 July 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/seafarers-and-high-risk-areas/> Spare a thought for the Philippines' Department of Migrant Workers (DMW). They are handling a diaspora of millions of Filipinos working overseas.

Seafarer abandonments cases surge by 30% in 2025. *ITF Seafarers*. 15 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/seafarer-abandonments-cases-surge-30-2025> New figures released today by the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) reveal yet another disturbing surge in the abandonment of seafarers worldwide.

8 Filipino *Eternity C* crew now in PH custody – DFA. Joyce Ann L. Rocamora. *Philippine News Agency (PNA)*. 15 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1254284> The eight Filipino seafarers rescued from the ill-fated *M/V Eternity C* are now under custody of the Philippine government, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said Tuesday.

IMO chief calls for better crew accommodation and connectivity. Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 16 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/crewing/imo-chief-calls-for-better-crew-accommodation-and-connectivity> Much of the discussion around improving safety on board vessels revolves around training and practices but IMO Secretary-General Arsenio Dominguez believes it should also encompass factors such living conditions and communications for seafarers.

Flag states blamed as crew abandonments keep rising amid 'pattern of abuse'. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 16 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/flag-states-blamed-as-crew-abandonments-keep-rising-amid-pattern-of-abuse-2-1-1847105> The number of seafarers stranded with unpaid wages has risen sharply this year, with more vessels abandoned than ever before.

The disease of seafaring. Steven Jones. *Splash 247.com*. 17 July 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/the-disease-of-seafaring/> A groundbreaking new report on fatalities onboard ships has revealed that illness and disease are the leading killers of seafarers worldwide.

'I thought I was going to die': sailor recounts Huthi attack in Red Sea. *France 24*. 17 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20250717-i-thought-i-was-going-to-die-sailor-recounts-huthi-attack-in-red-sea> The 38-year-old realised what sounded like a "knock" from inside the vessel was gunfire being exchanged by ship security and Huthi rebels swarming the ship in small boats.

Red Sea sinking: Crewing agency cooperating with Filipino probe after losing licence.

Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 17 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/red-sea-sinking-crewing-agency-cooperating-with-filipino-probe-after-losing-licence/2-1-1847260>

The crewing agency for the 21 Filipinos on board a bulk carrier attacked and sunk by the Houthis says it is cooperating with an investigation into alleged breaches of rules designed to protect seafarers.

Risking seafarers lives in the Red Sea ‘shameful’ and ‘disgusting’. Marcus Hand.

Seatrade Maritime News. 18 July 2025. Available from: [https://www.seatrade-](https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/crewing/risking-seafarers-lives-in-the-red-sea-shameful-and-disgusting)

[maritime.com/crewing/risking-seafarers-lives-in-the-red-sea-shameful-and-disgusting](https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/crewing/risking-seafarers-lives-in-the-red-sea-shameful-and-disgusting)

In a keynote address to the Nautical Institute (Singapore) Conference on Thursday Mark Cameron, Executive Vice President and COO of Ardmor, and a former seafarer, spoke about crew welfare and the need to have fun on board vessel.

DG Shipping cracks down on seafarers holding certificates through fraudulent practices.

P Manoj. *Economic Times (India)*. 21 July 2025. Available from:

<https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/ports-shipping/d-g-shipping-cracks-down-on-seafarers-holding-certificates-through-fraudulent-practices/122804512>

In what one industry official described as a “surgical strike” against competency and proficiency certificates fraudulently obtained by Indian seafarers, the Directorate General of Shipping has banned crew holding certificates issued by the maritime administration of countries that are not recognised by India from sailing.

Philippines launches Maritime Workforce Portal to bolster evidence-based policy, seafarer welfare. Liz Lagniton. *Maritime Fairtrade*. 21 July 2025. Available from:

<https://maritimefairtrade.org/philippines-launches-maritime-workforce-portal-to-bolster-evidence-based-policy-seafarer-welfare/>

In a move aimed at transforming maritime policymaking and boosting the welfare of Filipino seafarers and fishermen, the National Maritime Polytechnic (NMP) on July 15, formally launched the Philippine Maritime Workforce Portal (PMWP), a centralized digital database that consolidates information about the country’s maritime labor force.

Alarm raised over growing number of seafarers abandoned on sanctioned tankers.

Jonathan Boonzaier. *TradeWinds*. 22 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/ship-management/alarm-raised-over-growing-number-of-seafarers-abandoned-on-sanctioned-tankers/2-1-1848626>

The International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF) says a growing number of abandoned seafarers are stranded on board sanctioned tankers that have become too hot to handle.

No food, no pay, no liberty: marooned sailors plead with shipowners to be rescued.

Katie McQue. *The Observer*. 26 July 2025. Available from:

<https://observer.co.uk/news/international/article/no-food-no-pay-no-freedom-marooned-seafarers-call-out-rogue-shipowners>

Twelve seafarers have been stranded in a tanker off the coast of Beira in Mozambique for 10 months, with limited supplies of food, water and power, after a UK-registered shipping company refused to let them leave.

Ghana is one of seafarer-friendly ports – GMA. *GhanaWeb*. 27 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/business/Ghana-is-one-of-seafarer-friendly-ports-GMA-1993447>

Awudu Enusah, Principal Maritime Administrative Officer at the Ghana Maritime Authority (GMA), has disclosed that Ghana is one of the seafarer-friendly ports.

Houthi publish interviews with 'rescued' *Eternity C* seafarers. Gary Howard.

Seatrade Maritime News. 28 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/security/houthi-publish-interviews-with-rescued-eternity-c-seafarers>

The Houthi claim its forces "rescued" 11 missing seafarers from *Eternity C* after the rebel group attacked the bulker in the Red Sea.

Houthi propaganda video shows captive survivors of sunken Greek bulker. Eric Priante Martin.

TradeWinds. 28 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/people/houthi-propaganda-video-shows-captive-survivors-of-sunken-greek-bulker/2-1-1851074>

Houthi propaganda video and pictures show 11 crew members who survived the sinking of a Greek vessel and are now being held captive by the militant group in Yemen.

Houthis parade captive crew from sunken Greek ship in propaganda video. Sam Chambers.

Splash 247.com. 29 July 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/houthis-parade-captive-crew-from-sunken-greek-ship-in-propaganda-video/>

The Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen have released a propaganda video showing 10 surviving crewmembers from the *Eternity C*, a Greek-managed dry bulk vessel they attacked and sank in the Red Sea earlier this month.

Greek ship manager 'relieved' to see Houthi video showing missing seafarers alive.

Rene Maltezou and Jonathan Saul. *Ekathimerini (Greece)*. 29 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.ekathimerini.com/politics/foreign-policy/1276683/greek-ship-manager-relieved-to-see-houthi-video-showing-missing-seafarers-alive/>

The Greece-based manager of a vessel that sank after being attacked by Houthi militants off Yemen earlier this month expressed relief on Tuesday after seeing a video showing 11 missing crew members alive.

Crew Welfare Week: Resilience is a vital skill for seafarers that can be learned. *Safety4Sea*.

29 July 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/cm-crew-welfare-week-resilience-is-a-vital-skill-for-seafarers-that-can-be-learned/>

Crew Welfare Week, held from 24–26 June 2025, focused on ensuring safe and sustainable working and living conditions for seafarers.

Ukraine Rolls Out Remote IDs for Seafarers Stranded by War. Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*.

29 July 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/ukraine-rolls-out-remote-ids-for-seafarers-stranded-by-war/>

Ukraine is set to implement a pioneering pilot scheme allowing remote processing of Seafarers' Identity Documents (SIDs), providing critical relief to thousands of Ukrainian maritime professionals unable to return home due to the ongoing conflict.

Urgent issues in PH maritime workforce. *Manila Times*. 30 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2025/07/30/business/maritime/urgent-issues-in-ph-maritime-workforce/2157881> The preliminary findings of the Philippine Maritime Workforce Issues Monitor 2025 were presented as a key highlight of the 2025 Maritime Research Forum held on July 15 by the Department of Migrant Workers-National Maritime Polytechnic (DMW-NMP) in collaboration with the Maritime Industry Authority (Marina).

PH working on release of 9 Filipinos held captive by Houthis—DFA. Joyce Ann L. Rocamora.

Philippine News Agency (PNA). 30 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1255442> The Philippine government is exhausting all efforts to secure the release of nine Filipino crew members of the ill-fated *MV Eternity C* currently held captive by the Houthis, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said on Wednesday.

Panama Maritime Authority clarifies recognition of Indian Seafarer certificates.

India Shipping News. 31 July 2025. Available from: <https://indiashippingnews.com/panama-maritime-authority-clarifies-recognition-of-indian-seafarer-certificates/> The Panama Maritime Authority (PMA) has clarified that it has no restrictions or prohibitions on the recognition of Certificates of Competence or Proficiency Certificates issued by the Maritime Administration of the Republic of India.

SEARCH & RESCUE

UAE to lead new COSPAS-SARSAT International AI Committee for Search & Rescue Innovation.

Emirates News Agency (UAE). 6 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.wam.ae/en/article/bkjp0u-uae-lead-new-cospas-sarsat-international-committee> In a landmark decision during its virtual session on June 13, 2025, the global COSPAS-SARSAT organisation established a new international working group focused on artificial intelligence applications in satellite-aided search and rescue systems, with the UAE appointed as chair.

Search intensifies for 29 missing in Bali ferry disaster.

Antara News (Indonesia). 6 July 2025. Available from: <https://en.antaranews.com/news/364413/search-intensifies-for-29-missing-in-bali-ferry-disaster> The Indonesian government has intensified sea, air, and land searches for the 29 people still missing after the *Tunu Pratama Jaya* ferry capsized in Bali waters, as time runs short for rescuers.

UAE rescues 22 crew from ship after Red Sea attack.

The National (UAE). 7 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.thenationalnews.com/news/uae/2025/07/07/uae-rescues-22-crew-on-board-ship-after-red-sea-attack/> A UAE rescue mission brought the 22 crew members of a stricken commercial ship to safety after it came under attack in the Red Sea on Sunday.

Coordination to rescue the crew of a merchant vessel in the Red Sea.

EU NAVFOR Operation ATALANTA. 7 July 2025. Available from: <https://eunavfor.eu/news/coordination-rescue-crew-merchant-vessel-red-sea> EUNAVFOR Operation ATALANTA confirms the successful coordination and facilitation of the rescue of the *MV MAGIC SEAS* crew following an attack in the Southern Red Sea.

Kuwaiti tanker rescues 45 refugees.

Kuwait Times. 8 July 2025. Available from: <https://kuwaittimes.com/article/30490/kuwait/other-news/kuwaiti-tanker-rescues-45-refugees> Acting CEO of the Kuwait Oil Tanker Company Sheikh Khaled Ahmad Al-Sabah, announced on Tuesday that the company's oil tanker *Bahra* rescued 45 refugees from drowning in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Greece.

Red Sea rescue falls to private security in the absence of any naval assets.

Lloyd's List. 9 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1154159/Red-Sea-rescue-falls-to-private-security-in-the-absence-of-any-naval-assets> As the bulk carrier *Eternity C* (IMO: 9588249) finally sunk at 0750 hrs local time on Wednesday after two days of repeated Houthi attacks, a search and rescue operation was launched to find the 19 missing crew unaccounted for in the water.

Four more crew members saved from ship attacked by Houthis.

TradeWinds. 10 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/four-more-crew-members-saved-from-ship-attacked-by-houthis/2-1-1844484> Rescuers have recovered another four survivors of the 36,800-dwt *Eternity C* (built 2012), who had been in the water for nearly two days, as Yemen's Houthi rebels attacked and sank the Greek-managed ship.

Seafarers from cargo ship attacked by Houthis rescued after 48 hours in water.

William Christou. *The Guardian*. 10 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/10/another-four-people-rescued-in-red-sea-after-houthi-attack-on-greek-cargo-ship-eternity-c>

Four seafarers have been rescued after spending more than 48 hours in the waters of the Red Sea, as the search continued for the remaining crew of the Greek ship *Eternity C*, which was sunk by Houthi militants in an attack that killed at least four people.

10 seafarers rescued from *Eternity C* after Houthi attack. Gary Howard.

Seatrade Maritime News. 10 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/security/10-seafarers-rescued-from-eternity-c-after-houthi-attack>

EUNAVFOR Aspides said three Filipino crew members and a private maritime security contractor have been rescued from the waters around *Eternity C*, bringing to 10 the total number of souls onboard rescued since the ship was attacked.

Greek security officer rescued 48 hours after Red Sea attack. Yiannis Souliotis.

Ekathimerini (Greece). 10 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.ekathimerini.com/politics/foreign-policy/1274902/greek-security-officer-rescued-48-hours-after-red-sea-attack/>

A Greek armed security officer who was on board the Greek-owned *Eternity C* when it sank in a Houthi rebel attack in the Red Sea has been rescued after nearly two days at sea.

Joint Statement | The obstruction of search and rescue vessels causes hundreds of deaths at sea. EMERGENCY. 17 July 2025. Available from: <https://en.emergency.it/press-releases/joint-statement-the-obstruction-of-search-and-rescue-vessels-causes-hundreds-of-deaths-at-sea/>

Despite numerous alerts raised by SAR organisations, NGO vessels continue to be arbitrarily detained since the adoption of the “Piantedosi decree” in January 2023, aggravated by the conversion into law of the “Flussi decree” in December 2024.

SHIP RECYCLING

Need for reform of ship recycling sector in Turkey has never been more apparent after massive fire and waste dumping scandal revealed. NGO Shipbreaking Platform. 8 July 2025.

Available from: <https://shipbreakingplatform.org/upgrading-ship-recycling-practices-turkey/>

In recent months, Turkey’s ship recycling sector has experienced significant movements. From controversies surrounding the sale of shipbreaking yards to the arrival of a UK Navy vessel, and now the fire aboard the decommissioned *FSO Sloug*, public concern has been mounting over safety, transparency, and environmental standards in Aliağa.

Platform publishes South Asia Quarterly Update #42. NGO Shipbreaking Platform. 21 July 2025.

Available from: <https://shipbreakingplatform.org/platform-publishes-south-asia-quarterly-update-42/>

In this quarterly publication, the NGO Shipbreaking Platform informs about the shipbreaking industry in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan. [Report](#) 📄

Ship-breaking industry slows as regulatory hurdles mount. Monira Munni.

Financial Express (Bangladesh). 23 July 2025. Available from:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/ship-breaking-industry-slows-as-regulatory-hurdles-mount-1753205416>

Bangladesh's ship-breaking industry is facing significant headwinds, with imports of scrapped vessels plunging by 36 per cent in the first half of 2025.

14 ship-breaking yards receive green shipyard certificates, few in pipeline. *Bangladesh Post*.

27 July 2025. Available from: <https://bangladeshpost.net/posts/14-ship-breaking-yards-receive-green-shipyard-certificates-few-in-pipeline-157141>

A total of 14 ship-breaking yards in Chittagong have so far received green shipyard certificates by following the Hong Kong Convention while there are a few more in the pipeline, said Shipping Adviser Brigadier General (Retd) M Sakhawat Hossain.

GMS and Liberian Registry issue first International Ready for Recycling Certificate (IRRC) following entry into force of the Hong Kong Convention. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 29 July 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/p8z4jk29> GMS, the world's largest buyer of ships for recycling, has announced the issuance of the world's first International Ready for Recycling Certificate (IRRC) since the entry into force of the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships (HKC) on June 26, 2025.

SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR

Alternative fuels orderbook shows resilience amid overall decline in newbuild market. *DNV*. 1 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.dnv.com/news/2025/alternative-fuels-orderbook-shows-resilience-amid-overall-decline-in-newbuild-market/> A total of 151 alternative-fuelled vessels were ordered in the first half of 2025, slightly behind the 179 orders placed during the first six months of 2024.

Nuclear shipping inches closer to reality: Latest developments. *Safety4Sea*. 3 July 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/cm-nuclear-shipping-inches-closer-to-reality-latest-developments/> A wave of partnerships, regulatory initiatives, and technological advancements signal that momentum is building behind the use of next-generation reactors in commercial shipping.

HD Hyundai, India's Cochin Shipyard to pursue joint shipbuilding orders. *Sookyoung Seo. Korea Economic Daily (South Korea)*. 8 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.kedglobal.com/shipping-shipbuilding/newsView/ked202507070007> HD Hyundai Co., the world's largest shipbuilding group based in South Korea, has signed a memorandum of understanding with India's largest state-run shipbuilder, Cochin Shipyard Ltd., setting the stage for joint shipbuilding orders as the South Asian country is stepping up efforts to expand its global maritime footprint.

IACS progress on safe decarbonisation and safe digital transformation highlighted at Council meeting in Beijing. *International Association of Classification Societies (IACS)*. 8 July 2025. Available from: <https://iacs.org.uk/news/iacs-progress-on-safe-decarbonisation-and-safe-digital-transformation-highlighted-at-council-meeting-in-beijing> Three years after the launch of its Safe Decarbonisation Panel, the IACS Council welcomed the rapid progress made in developing technical guidance across a range of key technologies that support the introduction of new fuels and technologies on both new builds and the existing fleet.

Hit by geopolitical and economic headwinds, newbuild ordering slips 48% in a year. John Snyder. *Riviera Maritime*. 10 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/hit-by-geopolitical-and-economic-headwinds-newbuild-ordering-slips-48-y-o-y-85431> After hitting a 15-year high last year, newbuild contracting at mid-2025 slipped 48% year on year in terms of CGT, slowed by economic and geopolitical headwinds, strong prior ordering, and weaker market conditions in some segments.

ITOCHU Announces Newbuilding Order for Ammonia Bunkering Vessel. *ITOCHU Corporation*. 14 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.itochu.co.jp/en/news/press/2025/250714.html> ITOCHU Corporation (headquartered in Minato-ku, Tokyo; Keita Ishii, President & COO; hereinafter "ITOCHU") announced today that it recently signed a shipbuilding contract for the construction of a 5,000 m³ ammonia bunkering vessel (hereinafter the "Vessel") with Sasaki Shipbuilding Co., Ltd.

SHIPPING

RED ALERT: Shadow Fleet Sanctions Evasion and Avoidance Network.

UK National Crime Agency (NCA). July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/who-we-are/publications/753-red-alert-shadow-fleet-sanctions-evasion-and-avoidance-network/file>; PDF This Red Alert is issued by the United Kingdom's National Crime Agency (NCA), a member of the National Economic Crime Centre (NECC), and HM Treasury's Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI), working in conjunction with law enforcement and financial sector partners as part of the Joint Money Laundering Intelligence Taskforce (JMLIT+).

SIU, ITF Back Investigation into Flags of Convenience. *Seafarers International Union (SIU).*

1 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.seafarers.org/seafarerslogs/2025/07/siu-itf-back-investigation-into-flags-of-convenience/> The SIU in late May formally weighed in on a newly announced investigation by the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) "to examine whether the vessel flagging laws, regulations, or practices of certain foreign governments create unfavorable shipping conditions in the foreign trade of the United States."

\$75 million earmarked to level up Norwegian emission-free shipping game. Ajsa Habibic.

Offshore Energy. 1 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.offshore-energy.biz/75-million-earmarked-to-level-up-norwegian-emission-free-shipping-game/> As revealed, four companies intending to construct hydrogen-powered ships will receive a total of \$50.5 million while the remaining amount of \$25 million is reserved for the construction of two ammonia-powered ships

Benin: Newest False Flag Used by Iran's Shadow Fleet. *Windward Ltd.* 2 July 2025.

Available from: <https://windward.ai/blog/benin-newest-false-flag-used-by-irans-shadow-fleet/> Benin has become the newest country exploited by Iran's dark fleet, with two very large crude carriers (VLCCs) falsely claiming its flag. *Azelia* (IMO 9365776), a 2009-built VLCC, is currently broadcasting Benin's flag — one designated as false by the IMO.

Allyship on show at annual WISTA event. *Nautilus International.* 3 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/prestigious-maritime-womens-event-aligns-with-nautilus-values/> Nautilus International represented members at the annual WISTA UK summer event at the IMO, reinforcing the Union's commitment to supporting women in the maritime sector.

Timor-Leste joins rapidly growing market of fake registries taking in sanctioned tonnage.

Bridget Diakun and Richard Meade. *Lloyd's List*. 3 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.loydslist.com/LL1154093/Timor-Leste-joins-rapidly-growing-market-of-fake-registries-taking-in-sanctioned-tonnage> Timor-Leste has become the target location of the latest fake flag operation registering sanctioned ships via an entirely fraudulent shipping registry.

Ships trigger high and unexpected emissions of the greenhouse gas methane.

Ida-Maja Hassellöv, Rickard Everyd Bensow and Johan Mellqvist.

Chalmers University of Technology (Sweden). 3 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.chalmers.se/en/current/news/m2-ships-trigger-high-and-unexpected-emissions-of-the-greenhouse-gas-methane/> "Our measurements show that ship passages trigger clear pulses of high methane fluxes from the water to the atmosphere." says Amanda Nylund, researcher at Chalmers University of Technology and the Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute, SMHI.

100 years on: How the Shipping Forecast won a place in the nation's heart. *BBC News*.

4 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/articles/c1mgyljr2yno>

July 4 2025 marks the centenary of its first BBC broadcast. In that time it has prevented the loss of countless lives at sea.

Tanker Market: US policies Having a Major Impact. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 7 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/tanker-market-us-policies-having-a-major-impact/> The tanker market has been impacted heavily by the US policies during the first half of 2025.

Red Sea disruptions reshaping global bunker demand as ships navigate longer routes.

Abhishek Anupam, Somesh Jain and Sai Deepak Tarlada. *S&P Global*. 7 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.spglobal.com/commodity-insights/en/news-research/latest-news/crude-oil/070725-red-sea-disruptions-reshaping-global-bunker-demand-as-ships-navigate-longer-routes> Red Sea disruptions lead to rerouting of vessels, spiking bunker demand at alternate ports.

The Daily View: Unintended consequences. Richard Meade. *Lloyd's List*. 8 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1154128/The-Daily-View-Unintended-consequences>

The sorry saga of *FSO Safer*, a near 50-year-old decaying husk of a tanker that has become a floating metaphor for Yemen's intractable political problems, is far from over.

Houthi resume attacks on shipping in the Red Sea. *BIMCO*. 9 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.bimco.org/news-insights/bimco-news/2025/07/09-houthi-attacks/>

After a hiatus of more than six months, the Houthis have resumed targeted attacks on commercial shipping in the Red Sea, escalating concerns over maritime security in the region.

WSC statement on Red Sea attacks. *World Shipping Council*. 9 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.worldshipping.org/news/wsc-statement-on-red-sea-attacks>

"What we're seeing unfold in the Red Sea is shocking and unacceptable. Seafarers are being killed while simply doing their jobs," WSC President & CEO Joe Kramek said today in response to attacks on commercial ships in the Red Sea over the past few days.

Joint industry statement from ICS, BIMCO, European Shipowners | ECSA, INTERCARGO and INTERTANKO on the latest developments in the Red Sea.

International Chamber of Shipping (ICS). 9 July 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/r3hz2p96>

In recent days, two ships have now been attacked in the Red Sea. One has sunk and the other has suffered extensive damage.

New Zealand invests millions in maritime digital transformation. *Hydro International*.

9 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.hydro-international.com/content/news/new-zealand-invests-millions-in-maritime-digital-transformation> Mariners will benefit from enhanced safety,

along with improved fuel efficiency and more optimized routing, thanks to these new digital products.

MISC Unveils Decarbonisation Plans Amid Industry's Net Zero Framework.

Business Today (Malaysia). 10 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.businesstoday.com.my/2025/07/10/misc-unveils-decarbonisation-plans-amid-industrys-net-zero-framework/>

MISC Berhad recently hosted its "MISC Up Close: Strategic Outlook & Engagement" investor day, providing stakeholders with an in-depth understanding of its direction within the evolving maritime industry.

Nuclear opportunity and challenges for the shipping industry. Jarek Klimczak.

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Premiums soar as deaths, kidnappings follow new Houthi attack. Matthew Sellers.

Insurance Business. 10 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.insurancebusinessmag.com/uk/news/breaking-news/premiums-soar-as-deaths-kidnappings-follow-new-houthi-attack-542180.aspx> Insurance costs for vessels transiting the Red Sea have spiked sharply in response to a fresh wave of attacks by Houthi militants, highlighting growing volatility in one of the world's most vital maritime trade corridors.

China stepping up efforts to make its vast shipping industry green. Luo Wangshu.

China Daily. 11 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202507/11/WS6870ccf3a31000e9a573b8b7.html> China is ramping up efforts to green its vast shipping industry, officials and business insiders said on Friday, as the country marked its 21st Maritime Day and reaffirmed its commitment to sustainable development in the transport sector.

Singapore Tops 2025 Xinhua-Baltic International Shipping Centre Development Index, Marking 12-Year Streak. Baltic Exchange. 11 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.balticexchange.com/en/news-and-events/news/press-releases-/2025/Singapore-Tops-2025-Xinhua-Baltic-International-Shipping-Centre-Development-Index-Marking-12-Year-Streak.html> Baltic Exchange, in collaboration with Xinhua News Agency, proudly announces the release of the 2025 Xinhua-Baltic International Shipping Centre Development Index (ISCDI) Report. [Report](#) 

Exploring the Peruvian tall ship on the Thames. Wendy Hurrell. BBC News. 13 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c8j1xwerv8yo> In recent months, I have boarded the *Nao Santa Maria* - a faithful replica of the vessel Christopher Columbus sailed upon when he first explored the Americas.

INTERVIEW: Skuld CEO worried about shadow fleet's lack of insurance cover. Max Lin.

S&P Global. 14 July 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/mrxh8tb7> Skuld CEO Ståle Hansen has called on Western sanction authorities to address shipping industry concerns over the growth of shadow fleet, which includes hundreds of tankers lacking proper insurance and maintenance.

Greek Shipowners Fill Russia's Tonnage Void to Blunt Sanctions Impact. Windward Ltd.

14 July 2025. Available from: <https://windward.ai/blog/greek-shipowners-fill-russias-tonnage-void-to-blunt-sanctions-impact> This not only blunts the impact of sanctions on Russia but introduces new trade patterns that require greater risk management for marine service providers, including insurers and charterers.

Houthis cause 18M tons of added emissions. Sea-Intelligence. 15 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.sea-intelligence.com/press-room/335-houthis-cause-18m-tons-of-added-emissions> In issue 723 of the Sea-Intelligence Sunday Spotlight, we analyse the dramatic reversal in years of progress in reducing the container shipping industry's carbon footprint.

Adopting Resolution 2787 (2025), Security Council Extends Reporting Requirement on Houthi Attacks against Merchant, Commercial Vessels in Red Sea. *United Nations*. 15 July 2025.

Available from: <https://press.un.org/en/2025/sc16120.doc.htm> The Security Council today extended the request to the Secretary-General to provide written monthly reports through 15 January 2026 on any further Houthi attacks on merchant and commercial vessels in the Red Sea.

Op-ed: New solution addresses historic inefficiencies in maritime operations. Nicolas Degorce. *Offshore Energy*. 15 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.offshore-energy.biz/op-ed-new-solution-addresses-historic-inefficiencies-in-maritime-operations/> As we approach the first of the IMO check points in 2030 – as outlined in their revised GHG strategy in 2023 – the pressure to evidence meaningful reductions in carbon emissions is increasing.

Houthi Purloin Crude Oil From UN-Funded Floating Storage Tanker. *Maritime Executive*.

15 July 2025. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/houthi-purloin-crude-oil-from-un-funded-floating-storage-tanker> In a story broken by Lloyds List and Yemeni journalists, evidence has emerged that the Houthi administration in Yemen is siphoning off crude oil from an oil storage facility maintained by the United Nations off Ras Isa.

New report highlights the important role of voluntary insetting in accelerating shipping's energy transition, with caveats. *UCL Energy Institute. Shipping and Oceans Research Group*.


17 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.shippingandoceans.com/post/new-report-highlights-the-important-role-of-insetting-in-accelerating-shipping-s-transition> New analysis by UCL Energy Institute, with the assistance of UMAS, analysing voluntary insetting schemes in the maritime sector suggests that they could play a vital role in catalysing shipping's decarbonisation during the critical period before regulation is driving key decarbonisation actions, provided they incorporate strong guardrails that lead to uptake of long-term fuel options.

RUSI Maritime Sanctions Taskforce: Insurance and Flag States. Gonzalo Saiz Erausquin.

Royal United Services Institute (RUSI). 18 June 2025. Available from: <https://www.rusi.org/explore-our-research/publications/conference-reports/rusi-maritime-sanctions-taskforce-insurance-and-flag-states> RUSI's Maritime Sanctions Taskforce convened again in May 2025 to examine the evolving threat posed by Russia's shadow fleet and identify policy initiatives to counter its oil-exporting operations aimed at funding Russia's military-industrial complex.

[Report](#) 

UK Emissions Trading Scheme Scope Expansion: Maritime – Interim Response.

UK Government. 18 July 2025. Available from: <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/687de724a5561a5a7e726bd9/uk-ets-maritime-interim-authority-response.pdf>  In the UK Emissions Trading Scheme Scope Expansion: Maritime consultation, published in November 2024, the UK ETS Authority consulted on technical implementation details in relation to the expansion of the existing UK Emissions Trading Scheme (UK ETS) to include emissions from the maritime sector.

EU and UK sanction UAE-based operator of the Gabon and Comoros flags. Sam Chambers.

Splash 247.com. 21 July 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/eu-and-uk-sanction-uae-based-operator-of-the-gabon-and-comoros-flags/> The European Union and the United Kingdom have sanctioned Intershipping Services, a UAE-based company that operates the flag registries of Gabon and Comoros, both of which have played a central role in supporting the opaque tanker network transporting sanctioned Russian crude.

Decarbonisation, digitalisation will redefine nation's maritime industry.

New Straits Times (Malaysia). 21 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.nst.com.my/opinion/letters/2025/07/1248037/decarbonisation-digitalisation-will-redefine-nations-maritime>

The Malaysia Maritime Week 2025 concluded successfully last week, marking a pivotal achievement in promoting national maritime agendas, encompassing sustainability, digital innovation and gender inclusivity within the industry.

UK announces huge sanctions package hitting 135 shadow fleet tankers. Nidaa Bakhsh.

ShippingWatch. 22 July 2025. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article18378170.ece>

The latest sanctions also hit Litasco Middle East, linked to Russian oil major Lukoil, and Intershipping Services for its role in registering shadow fleet vessels under the Gabon flag.

Cyprus joins EU-funded push to decarbonise global maritime transport. Souzana Psara.

Cyprus Mail. 22 July 2025. Available from: <https://cyprus-mail.com/2025/07/22/cyprus-joins-eu-funded-push-to-decarbonise-global-maritime-transport>

Cyprus took centre stage in a groundbreaking effort to decarbonise the shipping industry, as the island plays a key role in supporting a first-of-its-kind onboard carbon capture project.

The FSO Safer Story: How the world gave the Houthis an oil tanker. *Lloyd's List*. 22 July 2025.

Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1154294/The-FSO-Safer-Story-How-the-world-gave-the-Houthis-an-oil-tanker> © This is a story about a ship that has been used as a floating bomb,

as political leverage and as an environmental threat.

Sri Lanka orders Singapore shipowner to pay US\$1 billion over marine disaster.

Business Times (Singapore). 24 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/companies-markets/transport-logistics/sri-lanka-orders-singapore-shipowner-pay-us1-billion-over-marine-disaster>

The Supreme Court directed Express Feeders, the owners of the *MV X-Press Pearl* which sank off Colombo Port in June 2021 after a fire that raged for nearly two weeks, to pay the money within a year.

Massive fraudulent flag operation linking over 20 separate fake sites uncovered.

Richard Meade. *Lloyd's List*. 25 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1154326/Massive-fraudulent-flag-operation-linking-over-20-separate-fake-sites-uncovered>

At least 21 separate fraudulent ship registries and seafarer certification bodies created in the past year and half can all be linked back to a single source, according to a Lloyd's List investigation.

Lanka's worst-ever marine pollution: X-Press Pearl ordered to pay US\$ 1bn in initial compensation. *Sunday Times (Sri Lanka)*. 27 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.sundaytimes.lk/250727/news/lankas-worst-ever-marine-pollution-x-press-pearl-ordered-to-pay-us-1bn-in-initial-compensation-606775.html>

The Supreme Court this week held the Singapore-registered *MV X-Press Pearl* Group—owner, operator and local agent—jointly and severally responsible for the maritime disaster of May-June 2021 in Sri Lanka, and directed an initial payment of US\$ 1 billion as compensation for environmental pollution, to be paid within one year of the date of the judgement.

Churning up trouble: shipping and the climate crisis. Yasmine Marrero. *The Gleaner (Jamaica)*.

28 July 2025. Available from: <https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/commentary/20250728/yasmine-marrero-churning-trouble-shipping-and-climate-crisis>

In today's hyper-connected world, we can order goods from across the globe with a single click, and our economies are more intertwined through global trade than ever before.

Number of harassment cases in US shipping is skyrocketing. Dag Holmstad. *ShippingWatch*. 28 July 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/article18389359.ece>
Reports of sexual abuse, assault, and harassment aboard US-flagged merchant ships are pouring in at the US authorities like never before.

The Daily View: A spider's web of subterfuge. Richard Meade. *Lloyd's List*. 28 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1154329/The-Daily-View-A-spiders-web-of-subterfuge>
Alarming growth extrapolations are routinely nonsense.

African flags fly high with the dark fleet. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 29 July 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/african-flags-fly-high-with-the-dark-fleet/> Three African flags – Comoros, Gambia, Sao Tome – stand out in the July edition of Clarksons World Fleet Monitor for their extraordinary growth.

Shipping groups write to two presidents to voice concerns over carbon tax efforts in Africa. Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds*. 29 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/shipping-groups-write-to-two-presidents-to-voice-concerns-over-carbon-tax-efforts-in-africa/2-1-1851497> A coalition of shipping associations has written to the presidents of Djibouti and Gabon to express concerns about plans to impose a carbon tax across Africa.

Ship & Bunker Launches IMO 2028, EU-ETS and FuelEU Maritime Cost Comparison Tool. *Ship & Bunker*. 30 July 2025. Available from: <https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/570783-ship-bunker-launches-imo-2028-eu-ets-and-fueleu-maritime-cost-comparison-tool> Ship & Bunker has launched a new tool to calculate the approximate costs for shipping firms to comply with the current and upcoming decarbonization regulations impacting marine fuel - IMO 2028, the EU-ETS and FuelEU Maritime.

Making Waves: Could emissions capture at sea be the answer to low-carbon shipping? *University of Sheffield (UK)*. 30 July 2025. Available from: <https://sheffield.ac.uk/grantham-centre/green-watch/emissions-capture-sea-answer-low-carbon-shipping> At first glance a story about low carbon shipping is good news (and don't we all need one of those these days). This one offers an entrepreneurial approach to finding a climate friendly solution to a tricky to decarbonise sector.

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Dr. Prapisala Thepsithar leads the Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation assurance framework for drop-in green fuels initiative.

US slaps massive sanctions on Iran-linked shipping network. Nidaa Bakhsh. *ShippingWatch*. 31 July 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article18398137.ece>
The US has announced massive sanctions package against what it calls a high-profile Iranian network involving shipping.

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Environmental Sciences Europe. 26 July 2025. Available from:

<https://enveurope.springeropen.com/articles/10.1186/s12302-025-01178-7> Marine biofouling is associated with remarkable impacts for many maritime industries and is linked with major environmental concerns.

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