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## **IMO NEWS & EVENTS**

### **IMO launches new Regional Presence Office to boost maritime cooperation in the Pacific**

#### **New base in Suva, Fiji aims for deeper engagement with Pacific countries.**

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) inaugurated a new Regional Presence Office (RPO) in Suva, Fiji, marking a milestone for regional maritime cooperation and capacity development in the Pacific.


The Regional Presence Office, hosted by the Government of Fiji and initially based at the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) buildings, will support Pacific nations with implementing global regulations and standards in maritime safety and environmental protection, while advancing their maritime sectors.

IMO Secretary-General Mr. Arsenio Dominguez, on his first official mission to the Pacific, underlined the central role of shipping and the wider blue economy in the region, especially for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) which are heavily reliant on maritime transportation. [Read more ...](#)

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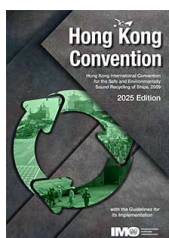


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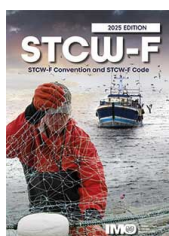
### Hong Kong Convention, 2025 Edition

Digital format: KA683S (Spanish, digital only)

ISBN: 978-92-801-3230-4

This publication presents:

- the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009, which will enter into force on 26 June 2025;
- 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



### STCW-F, 2025 Edition

Printed format: IA915E (English)

ISBN: 978-92-801-1832-2

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*.



### Anti-Fouling Systems (AFS) Convention, 2023 Edition, Russian Edition

Digital format: KB680R (Russian, digital only)  
ISBN: 978-92-801-4280-8

Anti-fouling systems are coatings, treatments or devices that keep the hulls of ships free from the attachment of unwanted organisms.

In response to a recognized need to control the environmental impact of harmful substances used in anti-fouling systems, in 2001 the International Maritime Organization adopted the *International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships* (AFS Convention), which has been in force since 2008.

This third edition of the AFS Convention publication includes the updated text of the AFS Convention, including the amendments to annexes 1 and 4 concerning the introduction of controls on cybutryne and other consequential amendments that entered into force on 1 January 2023, and the revised guidelines that support the implementation of the amended Convention.



### SOLAS Consolidated Edition, 2024, Chinese Edition

Digital format: KH110C (Chinese, digital only)  
ISBN: 978-92-801-6132-8

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

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

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


## **UNITED NATIONS**

### **Press Conference by Security Council President on Programme of Work for August.**

*United Nations.* 1 August 2025. Available from: [https://press.un.org/en/2025/250801\\_sc.doc.htm](https://press.un.org/en/2025/250801_sc.doc.htm)

The Security Council will hold a signature event on 11 August — a high-level open debate on maritime security — its President for the month told reporters at a United Nations Headquarters press conference today.

### **Maintenance of international peace and security - Security Council, 9977th meeting.**

*United Nations.* 11 August 2025. Available from: <https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k1d/k1d7rfgl99> 

Open debate in connection with "Maritime security: prevention, innovation, and international cooperation to address emerging challenges" under the agenda item "Maintenance of international peace and security" [S/2025/483].

### **Safe seas key to global prosperity, Security Council told.** *UN News.* 11 August 2025.

Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/08/1165627> Keeping sea routes safe today while also addressing emerging challenges was the focus of a debate in the UN Security Council on Monday which was convened by Panama, president for the month of August.

### **Plastic pollution treaty talks adjourn, but countries want to 'remain at the table': UNEP chief.**

*UN News.* 15 August 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/08/1165658>

"This has been a hard-fought 10 days against the backdrop of geopolitical complexities, economic challenges and multilateral strains," said Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP.

### **UNGA80 Is Around the Corner: Here's the Lineup So Far.** Damilola Banjo. *PassBlue.*

18 August 2025. Available from: <https://passblue.com/2025/08/18/unga80-is-around-the-corner-heres-the-lineup-so-far/> Every September for as long as anyone can remember, the United Nations General Assembly turns New York City into an epicenter of diplomacy, advocacy, deal-making, global partying and Midtown traffic jams.

### **Momentum builds towards marine biodiversity treaty, as experts convene in New York.**

*UN News.* 22 August 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/08/1165706>

Formally titled the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction, it was adopted in June 2023 after years of negotiation, and is open for signature until 20 September.

## CASUALTIES

### **Coast Guard Marine Board of Investigation releases report on *Titan* submersible.**

*United States Coast Guard*. 5 August 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/y7yaddh8>

The U.S. Coast Guard Marine Board of Investigation (MBI) released its Report of Investigation (ROI) Tuesday on the loss of the *Titan* submersible, which imploded during a June 2023 dive to the *Titanic*, killing five people. [Implosion of the Submersible TITAN - Report of Investigation](#) 📄

### ***Titan* Tragedy Spurs Sweeping Safety Overhaul: USCG Issues 17 Recommendations Following Fatal Implosion.**

Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*. 5 August 2025. Available from:

<https://gcaptain.com/titan-tragedy-spurs-sweeping-safety-overhaul-uscg-issues-17-recommendations-following-fatal-implosion/>

The U.S. Coast Guard Marine Board of Investigation has released its long-awaited Report of Investigation (ROI) into the catastrophic implosion of the *Titan* submersible, which killed five people during a 2023 dive to the *Titanic* wreck.

### **Two Chinese nationals dead, one Indonesian missing after Bali boat accident.**

*Straits Times*. 5 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/two-chinese-nationals-dead-in-bali-boat-accident-authorities>

Two Chinese nationals were killed, and an Indonesian was missing on Aug 5 after a boat sailing to the popular island of Bali with dozens onboard sank and ran aground, the rescue authorities said.

### **Fire on one of Maersk's mega ships off the coast of Liberia.**

Tomas Kristiansen. *ShippingWatch*. 14 August 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article18436171.ece>

A fire broke out yesterday on one of the largest container ships in the Maersk fleet, the Danish-flagged *Marie Maersk*, and although the crew has been trying to fight the flames, as of Thursday morning, they have not yet succeeded.

### ***Marie Maersk* fire under control says Maersk.**

Nick Savvides. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 18 August 2025. Available from:

<https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/accidents/speculation-grows-over-condition-of-marie-maersk> Maersk has issued an update on the 19,000 teu *Marie Maersk* which caught fire on 13 August, off the coast of Liberia.

### **Coast Guard, partners responding to explosion aboard vessel in Baltimore Harbor.**

*United States Coast Guard*. 18 August 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/32c7wx23> 📄

The Coast Guard and local partners are responding to reports of an explosion aboard the 751-foot merchant vessel *W-Sapphire* in Baltimore Harbor, Monday.

### **Video: Explosion rips through Greek bulker near Baltimore bridge disaster site.**

Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 19 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/video-explosion-rips-through-greek-bulker-near-baltimore-bridge-disaster-site/2-1-1859206> 📺

A Greek bulker was damaged by an explosion as it left the port of Baltimore in the US.

### **Sokoto boat mishap: 3 family members, 23 others missing.**

Abubakar AuwalRilwan Muhammad. *Daily Trust (Nigeria)*. 19 August 2025. Available from: <https://dailytrust.com/sokoto-boat-mishap-3-family-members-23-others-missing/>

The boat had set off from one of the communities and was en route Goronyo town where the people on board, who were mostly traders and women, were expected to attend a local weekly market when the disaster struck



**NSIB to take over maritime accident investigations from NIMASA – DG.** Dickson Omobola. *Vanguard (Nigeria)*. 19 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2025/08/nsib-to-take-over-maritime-accident-investigations-from-nimasa-dg/> Director-General of the Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau, Capt Alex Badeh, has said the full implementation of the Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau, NSIB, Establishment Act 2022 will reduce serious incidents, accidents and improve safety in all modes of transportation in Nigeria.

**Fire still burning on Marie Maersk despite firefighters on board.** Tomas Kristiansen. *ShippingWatch*. 20 August 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article18453971.ece> The crew on board the *Marie Maersk* has received assistance from firefighters on shore, but they have not yet managed to completely extinguish the fire on the large container ship.

**"It was an accident," says captain of anchor-dragging Eagle S tanker.** Yle (Finland). 21 August 2025. Available from: <https://yle.fi/a/74-20178643> 🇫🇮 As the trial into the *Eagle S* tanker incident begins at Helsinki District Court, a key question has emerged: should the crew have noticed that the ship's anchor was dragging behind the vessel for 90 kilometres?

**Grounded Greek cargo ship sinks off Crete.** Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 21 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/grounded-greek-cargo-ship-sinks-off-crete/2-1-1860465> *MN Kostas* began taking on water nearly a month ago near Kyriamadi.

**Marie Maersk Resumes Voyage with No Visible Damage From Container Fire.** *Maritime Executive*. 25 August 2025. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/marie-maersk-resumes-voyage-with-no-visible-damage-from-container-fire> The large Maersk containership, *Marie Maersk*, which has been battling a container fire for nearly two weeks, is reportedly back underway after teams determined it is safe for the vessel to proceed.

**Fire-hit Wan Hai ship heads for Middle East after Sri Lanka snub.** Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 28 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insurance/fire-hit-wan-hai-ship-heads-for-middle-east-after-sri-lanka-snub/2-1-1863783> A blaze-hit *Wan Hai* container ship is being towed to the Middle East after Sri Lankan authorities refused to allow it into its ports.

## ENVIRONMENT

**COP30 announces ambitious Thematic Days, invites the world to Belém.** *COP30 Brasil 2025*. 5 August 2025. Available from: <https://cop30.br/en/news-about-cop30/cop30-announces-ambitious-thematic-days-invites-the-world-to-belem> The Presidency of COP30 has unveiled the official Thematic Days calendar for the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference, to be held in Belém, Pará, from November 10 to 21, 2025.

**African penguin survival at risk despite ship-to-ship transfer laws.** Sheree Bega. *Mail & Guardian (South Africa)*. 26 August 2025. Available from: <https://mg.co.za/the-green-guardian/2025-08-26-african-penguin-survival-at-risk-despite-ship-to-ship-transfer-laws/> New regulations now manage offshore ship-to-ship transfers of liquid cargo such as chemicals, oil, petroleum products and liquid natural gas, as well as refuelling ships, which the environment department says will help protect the critically endangered African penguin and other marine species.



### **NGOs wary of Norway's world-first scheme to bury CO<sub>2</sub> under the North Sea.**

*Radio France Internationale (RFI)*. 29 August 2025. Available from:

<https://www.rfi.fr/en/environment/20250829-green-groups-challenge-norway-s-scheme-to-bury-co2-under-the-north-sea> Environmental groups are warning that Norway's Northern Lights project – the world's first commercial offshore carbon storage scheme – could end up masking continued fossil fuel use.

### **Climate change is driving fish stocks from countries' waters to the high seas: Study.**

Edward Carver. *Mongabay*. 29 August 2025. Available from:

<https://news.mongabay.com/2025/08/climate-change-is-driving-fish-stocks-from-countries-waters-to-the-high-seas-study/> Fish and other marine organisms, though deeply affected by human activities, don't respect human borders.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION**

### **Global Trade Update (August 2025): Mobilising trade to curb plastic pollution.**

*UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)*. 31 July 2025. Available from:

<https://unctad.org/publication/global-trade-update-august-2025-mobilising-trade-curb-plastic-pollution> Plastics have fuelled global growth across various industries, but at an increasing environmental, economic, and social cost.

### **Why Are Blue Whales Going Silent? Scientists Reveal The Heartbreaking Reason.**

David Unyime Nkanta. *International Business Times*. 6 August 2025. Available from:

<https://www.ibtimes.co.uk/why-are-blue-whales-going-silent-scientists-reveal-heartbreaking-reason-1740407> Increasing noise pollution is forcing blue whales to reduce their haunting calls, potentially impacting breeding and communication.

### **Mermaid's tears: How tiny plastic pellets are flooding the environment.**

Lara Bullens. *France 24*. 13 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.france24.com/en/environment/20250813-mermaid-s-tears-how-tiny-plastic-pellets-are-flooding-the-environment> Although it took place more than two years ago, an environmental disaster that hit the Atlantic coast in northwestern France is still having ripple effects today.

### **Talks stall on world's first plastic pollution treaty one day before deadline.**

Karen McVeigh and Emma Bryce. *The Guardian*. 13 August 2025. Available from:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/aug/13/plastic-pollution-treaty-talks-stall-one-day-before-deadline> Talks on the world's first legally binding treaty to end plastic pollution have stalled just one day before the negotiations are due to end.

### **Poison in the wake: When shipping plastic escapes justice.**

Luke McMillan. *Oceanographic*. 15 August 2025. Available from: <https://oceanographicmagazine.com/features/poison-in-the-wake-how-shipping-and-plastic-escape-justice/> In this special report for Oceanographic Magazine, Luke McMillan investigates the *X-Press Pearl* disaster and the poison pollution of plastic it has left in its wake not only for the Sri Lankans cleaning up after it every day, but the biodiversity that has suffered because of it.

### **Plastic pollution talks fail as negotiators in Geneva reject draft treaties.**

Karen McVeigh and Emma Bryce. *The Guardian*. 15 August 2025. Available from:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/aug/15/plastic-pollution-talks-geneva-treaty> Global talks to reach agreement on a treaty aimed at ending the growing scourge of plastic pollution have collapsed, with no deal agreed and no clear path forward.

**Protecting our oceans from pollution.** Rachel Williams. *Friends of the Earth*. 21 August 2025. Available from: <https://foe.org/blog/what-are-pssas/> On land, environmental protection is usually well-defined. Parks and reserves have clear boundaries, and it's easy to tell which places are regulated.

**Scrubbers shift pollution from air to sea as Cyprus tightens rules.** Souzana Psara. *Cyprus Mail*. 27 August 2025. Available from: <https://cyprus-mail.com/2025/08/27/scrubbers-shift-pollution-from-air-to-sea-as-cyprus-tightens-rules> Shipowners are facing mounting scrutiny over scrubber technology, which while curbing sulphur oxides in the air, discharges harmful contaminants into the sea.

**Chocked Seas: Plastic pollutions toll on SDG 14 and coastal livelihoods.** Emmanuel Gamson. *Ghana News Agency*. 28 August 2025. Available from: <https://gna.org.gh/2025/08/chocked-seas-plastic-pollutions-toll-on-sdg-14-and-coastal-livelihoods/> Pollution along the world's coastal lines has become a major environmental crisis that is posing a silent but serious threat to marine biodiversity, coastal economies, and global efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14: "Life Below Water."

## HEALTH & SAFETY

**Social media reliance poses risk to seafarers with access to toxic online content, warns industry experts.** *Hellenic Shipping News*. 5 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/social-media-reliance-poses-risk-to-seafarers-with-access-to-toxic-online-content-warns-industry-experts-2/> Over-reliance on social media and digesting toxic content could end up spilling into real life behaviour onboard as users struggle to balance reality and online worlds, industry experts told delegates at the inaugural Mental Health Support Solutions (MHSS) global conference.

**OPINION: Seafarer welfare must be central to global shipping.** Sue Dight. *DCN - Daily Cargo News (Australia)*. 21 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.thedcn.com.au/news/opinion-seafarer-welfare-must-be-central-to-global-shipping> Earlier this month in Sydney, I had the privilege of meeting Mr Arsenio Dominguez, Secretary-General of the IMO, during his Pacific tour.

**ITF leads inaugural mental health and wellbeing training in the Philippines.** *ITF Seafarers*. 22 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/itf-leads-inaugural-mental-health-and-wellbeing-training-philippines> Mental health and wellbeing training for seafarers and cadets will be rolled out across the Philippines after a first cohort of maritime faculty members attended 'training of the trainer' sessions in Manila this week.

**FOMO could become a growing theme for seafarers, VIKAND says.** *Safety4Sea*. 27 August 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/fomo-could-become-a-growing-theme-for-seafarers-vikand-says/> While innovations such as telehealth and remote counselling have expanded access to care, VIKAND cautions that the long-term effects on crew well-being remain unclear — with "Fear of Missing Out" (FOMO) emerging as a growing concern.

**Still sleepless at sea: worrying health research findings from SIRC.** *Nautilus International*. 28 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/telegraph/still-sleepless-at-sea-worrying-health-research-findings-from-sirc/> Seafarers have never been more exhausted, according to new research into crew health by the Seafarers International Research Centre (SIRC) at Cardiff University.

**Crew Welfare Week: Connectivity onboard can't be optional.** *Safety4Sea*. 28 August 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/cm-crew-welfare-week-connectivity-onboard-cant-be-optional/> The message during the Industry Stakeholders Panel was clear: crew welfare cannot stop at regulatory minimums.

## **IMO**

**From Words to Action: Making the ISM Code Fit for Today's Seafarers.** *Maritime Executive*. 3 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/editorials/from-words-to-action-making-the-ism-code-fit-for-today-s-seafarers> The IMO's Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) has sent a clear message: the ISM Code is overdue for serious reform.

**Urgent Calls for IMO to Cut Black Carbon Emissions as Arctic Shipping Traffic Doubles.** Malte Humpert. *High North News (Norway)*. 4 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.highnorthnews.com/en/urgent-calls-imo-cut-black-carbon-emissions-arctic-shipping-traffic-doubles> A new report by Pacific Environment sheds new light on the impact of black carbon emissions on the Arctic region and local communities.

**International Maritime Organization Secretary-General visits Australia.** David Sexton. *DCN - Daily Cargo News (Australia)*. 4 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.thedcn.com.au/news/international-maritime-organization-secretary-general-visits-australia> Australia has welcomed the Secretary-General of the IMO, Arsenio Dominguez, as part of his tour of the Pacific region.

**Vietnam becomes partner country in Norway's GreenVoyage2050 initiative.** Alexander Vittrup. *ScandAsia*. 4 August 2025. Available from: <https://scandasia.com/vietnam-becomes-partner-country-in-norways-greenvoyage2050-initiative/> Vietnam has been announced as a new partner country in the GreenVoyage2050 project, a global initiative launched in 2019 by the Government of Norway and the IMO.

**World's first industry-wide climate mandate could be launched with shipping vote.** Edward Carver. *Mongabay*. 7 August 2025. Available from: <https://news.mongabay.com/2025/08/worlds-first-industry-wide-climate-mandate-could-be-launched-with-shipping-vote/> Since the Paris climate agreement was signed in 2015, no industry has been governed by a global treaty that sets enforceable decarbonization standards.

**To decarbonize shipping, we must move forward together.** Arsenio Dominguez. *Solomon Business Magazine Online (Solomon Islands)*. 8 August 2025. Available from: <https://sbm.sb/to-decarbonize-shipping-we-must-move-forward-together/> As I set foot on Pacific soil for the first time in my role as Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), I do so with deep sense of respect and humility.

**IMO opens first pacific regional office in Fiji.** Antonia Saratsopoulou. *Container News*. 8 August 2025. Available from: <https://container-news.com/imo-opens-first-pacific-regional-office-in-fiji/> The IMO has opened a new Regional Presence Office (RPO) in Suva, Fiji.

**Joint Statement on Protecting American Consumers and Shipping Industries by Defeating the International Maritime Organization's "Net-Zero Framework" aka Global Carbon Tax.** *US Department of State*. 12 August 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/ytbc8ffi> President Trump has made it clear that the United States will not accept any international environmental agreement that unduly or unfairly burdens the United States or harms the interests of the American people.

**Documents one, reality nil: the challenges today's seafarers face in complying with the ISM Code [Grey Power].** Michael Grey. *Baird Maritime*. 12 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.bairdmaritime.com/shipping/column-documents-one-reality-nil-the-challenges-todays-seafarers-face-in-complying-with-the-ism-code-grey-power> Now the International Safety Management Code (ISM Code) has become long in the tooth and according to the IMO, requires updating and reform.

**ICJ ruling puts legal heat on global shipping – Pacific leads the call.** *Pacific Islands News Association (PINA)*. 14 August 2025. Available from: <https://pina.com.fj/2025/08/14/icj-ruling-puts-legal-heat-on-global-shipping-pacific-leads-the-call> The recent International Court of Justice (ICJ) advisory opinion has shifted climate justice from a political ambition to a binding legal obligation — raising the stakes for the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and the global shipping industry.

**Could IMO's Global Maritime Climate Plan Redefine Sourcing.** Aaron McMillan. *Procurement Magazine*. 17 August 2025. Available from: <https://procurementmag.com/news/will-trump-block-imo-global-maritime-climate-plan> The IMO is progressing towards implementing the first legally-binding climate framework for a whole industry sector, focusing on mandatory greenhouse gas (GHG) limits and global emissions pricing.

**OPINION: Green wave rising.** *DCN - Daily Cargo News (Australia)*. 18 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.thedcn.com.au/news/opinion-green-wave-rising> Australia has always depended on global shipping to keep our economy moving—mostly without thinking too much about the emissions involved.

**‘Strong opposition’: Trump administration fires torpedo at IMO’s carbon deal.** Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds*. 18 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/strong-opposition-trump-administration-fires-torpedo-at-imo-s-carbon-deal/2-1-1858516> The US has formally urged International Maritime Organization member nations to vote down a climate policy framework aimed at pushing shipping towards net-zero greenhouse gas emissions.

**Trump’s new use for tariffs: Thwarting climate policy.** Heather Richards. *POLITICO*. 18 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.politico.com/newsletters/power-switch/2025/08/18/trumps-new-use-for-tariffs-thwarting-climate-policy-00513533> The Trump administration hopes to kill a carbon fee on global shipping by using one of the president’s favorite international cudgels: tariffs.

**Loopholes in IMO’s net-zero framework risk derailing transition – WinGD.** *Engine Technologies*. 19 August 2025. Available from: <https://engine.online/news/regulations/loopholes-in-imos-net-zero-framework-risk-derailing-transition-wingd-700b> The IMO’s newly approved net-zero framework still contains critical gaps that could potentially undermine its overall effectiveness, Dominik Schneider has warned.

**New Zealand welcomes first-ever visit from IMO Secretary-General.** *Maritime New Zealand*. 20 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/public/news/2025/august/new-zealand-welcomes-first-ever-visit-from-imo-secretary-general/> The IMO is the United Nations' specialised agency responsible for the safety and security of shipping, as well as the prevention of marine and atmospheric pollution by ships.

**US rejection could ‘derail’ IMO net-zero framework, sector figures say.** Jenny Messenger. *Global Trade Review*. 20 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.gtreview.com/news/global/us-rejection-could-derail-imo-net-zero-framework-sector-figures-say/> The US’ rejection of the International Maritime Organization’s (IMO) net-zero framework has put its overall adoption at risk and could jeopardise decarbonisation targets, industry figures have said.

**Brazil seeks China’s support to salvage maritime emissions pact opposed by Trump.** Igor Patrick. *South China Morning Post*. 21 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy/article/3322577/brazil-seeks-chinas-support-salvage-maritime-emissions-pact-opposed-trump> Brazil is banking on China to support a landmark UN effort to cut greenhouse gas emissions generated by international shipping as governments prepare for a decisive October vote on the plan.

**The Energy-Efficient Route to Maritime Decarbonization.** Ulrik Sanders, Peter Jameson, Laurids Schack and Henrik Møller Nielsen. *Boston Consulting Group (BCG)*. 21 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.bcg.com/publications/2025/energy-efficient-route-maritime-decarbonization> Pressure is mounting on the global shipping industry to improve its ships’ energy efficiency in the face of new greenhouse gas regulations.

**A wood-panelled world order in a silicon age.** *Lloyd’s List*. 22 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1154607/A-wood-panelled-world-order-in-a-silicon-age> A walk through the headquarters of the IMO in London, or even the Norwegian Shipowners’ Association in Oslo, is a glorious trip back in time.

**Environmental law group pours cold water on latest attempts to derail climate talks.** Craig Eason. *TradeWinds*. 22 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/environmental-law-group-pours-cold-water-on-latest-attempts-to-derail-climate-talks/2-1-1860912> A claim by Saudi Arabia that maritime regulators do not have the authority to create a climate levy for shipping has been dismissed by green campaign group Opportunity Green.

**Why the IMO GHG Reduction Conversation Matters for Ghana; From Energy, Economic and Foreign Policy Perspectives.** *Business & Financial Times (Ghana)*. 25 August 2025. Available from: <https://thebftonline.com/2025/08/25/why-the-imo-ghg-reduction-conversation-matters-for-ghana-from-energy-economic-and-foreign-policy-perspectives/> The IMO has set the global shipping industry on a course toward net-zero emissions by around 2050, backed by binding interim checkpoints of 20–30% emissions reductions by 2030 and 70–80% reductions by 2040, relative to 2008 levels.

**OPINION: IMO MEPC and the Net-Zero Framework.** *DCN - Daily Cargo News (Australia)*. 25 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.thedcn.com.au/news/opinion-imo-mepc-and-the-net-zero-framework> This week, I delivered a lecture on Green Logistics at the University of Sydney’s Global Distribution Strategy class.

**Impact and motives of Trump opposition to IMO net-zero framework.** Barry Parker. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 25 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulations/impact-and-motives-of-trump-opposition-to-imo-net-zero-framework> As the summer days are waning, shipping participants will soon be focusing on the upcoming Extraordinary Session of IMO’s Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC), to be held in October.



**Ukraine's Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemns inclusion of ports of Berdiansk, Mariupol in list of Russian ports, urges IMO to respond.** *Interfax-Ukraine*. 26 August 2025.

Available from: <https://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/1099364.html> The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine strongly condemns the inclusion of the seaports of the temporarily occupied Ukrainian cities of Berdiansk and Mariupol in the list of ports of the Russian Federation and urges the IMO to immediately draw their attention to this violation, the press service of the Ministry reported.

**Arsenio Domínguez defends IMO global measures against U.S. opposition and rejects claims they are a tax.** Alma Solís. *SNIP Noticias Panamá*. 26 August 2025. Available from:

<https://noticiasdepanama.com/economia/arsenio-dominguez-defends-imo-global-measures-against-u-s-opposition-and-rejects-claims-they-are-a-tax/> The Secretary-General of the IMO, Arsenio Domínguez, said during his first official visit to Panama that the economic measures agreed by the organization to reduce shipping emissions do not constitute a tax, but rather a global mechanism aimed at preventing unilateral regulations by individual countries or regions.

**IMO's net zero framework: A turning point for global shipping.** Nichole Allem. *Maersk*.

29 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.maersk.com/insights/sustainability/2025/08/29/imo-net-zero-framework> Every year, 100,000 commercial vessels cross the world's oceans, powered by 300 million tonnes of fuel.

**Dark fleet – IMO cannot regulate ship registration.** Michele Labrut. *Seatrade Maritime News*.

29 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulations/dark-fleet-imo-cannot-regulate-ship-registration> IMO Secretary-General Arsenio Dominguez highlighted the shadow fleet and plans to improve practices for ship flagging in his first official visit to Panama.

## LAW & POLICY

**Countries gather to thrash out deal on 'plastic crisis'.** Esme Stallard. *BBC News*. 5 August 2025.

Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cm2kem4plr5o> Scientists have estimated that there are nearly 200 trillion pieces floating in the world's oceans, and this could triple if no action is taken.

**Stakeholders rally on Hawaii plan to cut cruise calls for CO2 goals.** Anne Kalosh.

*Seatrade Cruise News*. 8 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-cruise.com/environmental-health/stakeholders-rally-on-hawaii-plan-to-cut-cruise-calls-for-co2-goals> Many small family-run businesses are worried about losing their livelihoods if Hawaii enacts a plan to slash cruise calls to meet greenhouse-gas emissions targets.

**A new global ruling shows states are legally responsible for tackling climate change.**

Amelia Hadfield. *The Conversation*. 9 August 2025. Available from: <https://theconversation.com/a-new-global-ruling-shows-states-are-legally-responsible-for-tackling-climate-change-261896> Sovereign states are not only responsible for tackling fossil fuel damage, they have to make redress, according to a recent ground-breaking ruling by the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

**Trinidad and Tobago signs on to ocean governance pact.** Paula Lindo.

*Newsday (Trinidad and Tobago)*. 12 August 2025. Available from: <https://newsday.co.tt/2025/08/12/trinidad-and-tobago-signs-on-to-ocean-governance-pact/> Trinidad and Tobago is now better positioned to attract investment, foster job creation in coastal communities, and ensure long-term economic benefits from its marine resources, all while safeguarding biodiversity and ecosystem health.

**The Bahamas joins IHO, setting course for national hydrographic service.** *Hydro International*. 14 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.hydro-international.com/content/news/the-bahamas-joins-iho-setting-course-for-national-hydrographic-service> “As new members of the IHO, we look forward to collaborating with other Member States and the Organization to enhance hydrographic capabilities, share knowledge and contribute to global maritime safety and efficiency,” said Kimberley Lam, head of the Maritime & Ocean Affairs Bureau at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**X-Press Feeders fires back in \$1bn Sri Lankan court fight.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 15 August 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/x-press-feeders-fires-back-in-1bn-sri-lankan-court-fight/> Singapore's X-Press Feeders has hit back at the Sri Lankan Supreme Court's order to pay \$1bn within a year over the 2021 *X-Press Pearl* casualty, warning the decision tramples on due process, scapegoats its crew, and poses a dangerous precedent for global shipping.

**X-Press Pearl judgement ignores international maritime law.** Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 15 August 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/bddz5bsp> Responding to a Sri Lankan court judgement on the *X-Press Pearl* sinking former operators X-Press Feeders highlighted that it ignores accepted international maritime law and effectively finds the vessel's Master guilty before criminal proceedings have concluded.

**Ocean-based carbon storage ramps up, bringing investment and concern.** Sean Mowbray. *Mongabay*. 19 August 2025. Available from: <https://news.mongabay.com/2025/08/ocean-based-carbon-storage-ramps-up-bringing-investment-and-concern/> Capturing carbon to ship or funnel it offshore for storage in depleted marine oil and gas wells is gaining momentum as a proposed climate solution, even as it faces criticism.

**Planning for climate change in Africa's maritime transport sector.** Judy Beaumont. *Institute for Security Studies (ISS)*. 20 August 2025. Available from: <https://issafrica.org/research/policy-briefs/planning-for-climate-change-in-africa-s-maritime-transport-sector> A two-pronged, adaptive and proactive approach to addressing climate change in Africa's maritime transport and ports sector is needed. [Policy Brief](#) 📄

**Coast Guard achieves historic milestone with offload over 76,140 lbs. in illegal narcotics at Port Everglades.** *United States Coast Guard*. 25 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.news.uscg.mil/Press-Releases/Article/4285029/coast-guard-achieves-historic-milestone-with-offload-over-76140-lbs-in-illegal/> 🇺🇸 The U.S. Coast Guard achieved a historic milestone with the offload of 76,140 pounds of illicit narcotics, valued at \$473 million, marking the largest quantity of drugs offloaded in Coast Guard history, in Port Everglades, Monday.

**Shipping Company Fined \$2M for Maritime Pollution Offense.** *US Department of Justice*. 27 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/shipping-company-fined-2m-maritime-pollution-offense> V.Ships Norway A.S. (V.SHIPS) pleaded guilty today to violating the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships and was sentenced to pay a \$2 million fine.

**Palau and Pacific Islands push for Equity, funding in High-Seas Biodiversity Treaty.** Leilani Reklai. *Island Times (Palau)*. 29 August 2025. Available from: <https://islandtimes.org/palau-and-pacific-islands-push-for-equity-funding-in-high-seas-biodiversity-treaty/> As the world negotiates the future of life in the oceans beyond national borders, small island developing states are making their voices heard.



## MARINE TECHNOLOGY

**Safety of ammonia as a fuel in shipping: new reports.** *European Maritime Safety Agency.*

31 July 2025. Available from: <https://www.emsa.europa.eu/newsroom/latest-news/item/5532-safety-of-ammonia-as-a-fuel-in-shipping-new-reports.html> EMSA has published the third, fourth, and fifth parts of its study series on the safety of ammonia as a fuel in shipping.

**AI Frenzy is Challenging Sustainability Goals in the Shipping Industry.** *Transport & Logistics Middle East.*

4 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.transportandlogisticsme.com/smart-technology-innovation/how-ai-frenzy-is-challenging-sustainability-goals-in-the-shipping-industry> Artificial Intelligence (AI) is no longer a futuristic concept for the shipping and maritime sector.

**ZESTAs, SASHA Coalition collaborate on sustainable maritime solutions.** *ShipTechnology.*

6 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.ship-technology.com/news/zestas-sasha-sustainable-maritime-solutions/> Zero Emissions Ship Technology Association (ZESTAs) and the Skies and Seas Hydrogen-fuels Accelerator (SASHA) Coalition have announced collaboration for the development and implementation of green shipping technologies.

**Autonomous navigation system installed on river vessel.** *Safety4Sea.* 6 August 2025.

Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/autonomous-navigation-system-installed-on-river-vessel/> Mythos AI has completed the first installation of its Advanced Pilot Assist System (APAS) on a Southern Devall tow vessel, the first deployment of this type of technology on the Mississippi River.

**Ammonia as marine fuel? Benefits, challenges, and smart adoption.** *Hellenic Shipping News.*

11 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/ammonia-as-marine-fuel-benefits-challenges-and-smart-adoption/> Ammonia has emerged as a promising alternative as the shipping industry looks for more sustainable fuel options.

**Partnership Formed to Accelerate Green Hydrogen Solutions for Indonesia's Maritime Decarbonisation.** *Fuel Cell Works.*

11 August 2025. Available from: <https://fuelcellworks.com/2025/08/11/green-hydrogen/partnership-formed-to-accelerate-green-hydrogen-solutions-for-indonesia-s-maritime-decarbonisation> Neuman & Esser (NEA) Ltd., Hydrogen de France (HDF) Energy, and GIZ have signed a letter of intent to jointly explore green hydrogen applications for decarbonizing maritime transport across Indonesia's small islands.


**DARPA christens unmanned ship aimed at revolutionizing naval capability.** *US Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA).*

11 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.darpa.mil/news/2025/nomars-christening> DARPA has marked a traditional naval milestone with the christening of *USX-1 Defiant*, a first-of-its-kind autonomous, unmanned surface vessel designed from the ground up to never accommodate a human aboard.


**The case for Energy Saving Devices as GHG emission taxation increases.** *Hellenic Shipping News.*

12 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/the-case-for-energy-saving-devices-as-ghg-emission-taxation-increases/> In an era of tightening environmental regulations, energy efficiency of marine assets is a growing concern for leading ship management companies.

**Fuelling the Future: Practical considerations for low-carbon Ammonia adoption in the Maritime sector.** Nesrine Souissi. *Oxford Institute for Energy Studies.*

12 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.oxfordenergy.org/publications/fueling-the-future-practical-considerations-for-low-carbon-ammonia-adoption-in-the-maritime-sector/> The use of low-carbon ammonia as a maritime fuel offers a potential for decarbonising the shipping sector. [Report](#) 

**Japan to begin development of its 'first' fully battery-powered tugboat.** Sara Kosmajac. *Offshore Energy*. 14 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.offshore-energy.biz/japan-to-begin-development-of-its-first-fully-battery-powered-tugboat/> As disclosed, the electric harbor tugboat is set to be operated in the ports of Yokohama and Kawasaki, with the goal of contributing to the ports' net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions target(s), in accordance with the Japanese government's Carbon Neutral Port (CNP) policy.

**Methanol and ammonia progressing rapidly as zero-emission shipping fuels, but extra push needed to scale.** *Global Maritime Forum*. 19 August 2025. Available from: <https://globalmaritimeforum.org/press/methanol-and-ammonia-progressing-rapidly-extra-push-needed-to-scale/> Both ammonia and methanol have moved from theory to reality as zero-emission shipping fuels, according to a new report from the Global Maritime Forum's Getting to Zero Coalition. [From pilots to practice: Methanol and ammonia as shipping fuels](#) 

**MOL Announces Conclusion of Joint Development Agreement with ITOCHU Corporation for Ammonia Bunkering Demonstration.** *Mitsui O.S.K. Lines (MOL)*. 19 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.mol.co.jp/en/info/article/2025/0819.html> Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd. today announced that it has concluded a joint development agreement (hereinafter the "JDA") with ITOCHU Corporation for ammonia bunkering demonstrations.

**Bio-LNG in Shipping: Turning Palm Waste into a Carbon-Negative Fuel.** Ansuman Ghosh. *UK P&I Club*. 19 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.ukpandi.com/news-and-resources/news/article/bio-lng-in-shipping-turning-palm-waste-into-a-carbon-negative-fuel/> Earlier this year, Ansuman engaged in a comprehensive discussion with Yiyong He (Yiyong), Founder/Director of Straits Bio LNG, to explore the topic of Bio-LNG.

**UK Funds Project to Combine Carbon and Emission Capture in Southampton.** *Maritime Executive*. 20 August 2025. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/uk-funds-project-to-combine-carbon-and-emission-capture-in-southampton> The UK is supporting the next step in emission capture systems that can be deployed in ports as a cost-effective means of reducing emissions.

**Do dual-fuel engines bring dual trouble or double opportunity?** Philippos Ioulilianou. *Splash 247.com*. 20 August 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/do-dual-fuel-engines-bring-dual-trouble-or-double-opportunity/> As the clock ticks down to FuelEU enforcement in January and the IMO's 2050 net-zero target looms, dual-fuel engines have become the frontline tool for navigating tightening emissions rules.

**World's first third-party CO2 storage facility begins operating as first injection takes place.** Nadja Skopljak. *Offshore Energy*. 25 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.offshore-energy.biz/worlds-first-third-party-co2-storage-facility-begins-operating-as-first-injection-takes-place/> The first CO2 volumes were transported by vessel from Heidelberg Materials' cement factory in Brevik, Norway, to Northern Lights' facilities in Øygarden, then injected and stored in the Aurora reservoir 2,600 meters under the North Sea seabed.

**Beyond the hype: What the maritime industry really thinks about AI.... and where they're making it work.** Fiona Macdonald. *Thetius*. 27 August 2025. Available from: <https://thetius.com/beyond-the-hype-what-the-maritime-industry-really-thinks-about-ai-and-where-theyre-making-it-work/> Our latest report, produced in partnership with Marcura, explores the gap between AI's promise and its reality in shipping.

## MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING

**BSM launches methanol bunkering simulator in Kochi, India.** *ShipTechnology*. 4 August 2025.

Available from: <https://www.ship-technology.com/news/bsm-methanol-bunkering-simulator-india/>

Bernhard Schulte Shipmanagement (BSM) has opened a methanol bunkering simulator at the Maritime Training Centre in Kochi, India, in collaboration with Wartsila.

**Saudi Arabia, IMO partner on global projects for underwater noise reduction, seafarer training.** *Saudi Gazette*. 4 August 2025. Available from:

<https://www.saudigazette.com.sa/article/653914/SAUDI-ARABIA/Saudi-Arabia-IMO-sign-global-maritime-projects-deal-on-noise-reduction-seafarer-training>

The Transport General Authority has signed a cooperation agreement with the IMO to launch two global initiatives aimed at reducing underwater noise and training the next generation of maritime professionals.

**SC eyes maritime law tie-up with World Maritime University.** Alvin Murcia.

*Daily Tribune (Philippines)*. 5 August 2025. Available from: <https://tribune.net.ph/2025/08/05/sc-eyes-maritime-law-tie-up-with-world-maritime-university>

The Supreme Court is exploring the possibility of launching joint training programs and academic partnerships with the World Maritime University (WMU) to modernize the country's admiralty court system and raise judicial expertise in maritime law.

**CIMAC representative highlights urgency of crew training for new bunker fuels.**

*Manifold Times (Singapore)*. 6 August 2025. Available from:

<https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/cimac-representative-highlights-urgency-of-crew-training-for-new-bunker-fuels/>

Philippe Lecloux, Council member of CIMAC, an association that speaks for the global interests of power, drive and propulsion industries, stressed the urgency of seafarer training for new marine fuels during a presentation to delegates at Poly Marina Singapore Polytechnic on 14 July.

**The Nautical Institute and The Seafarers' Charity Expand Leadership & Well-being Training for Seafarers.** *Nautical Institute*. 8 August 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/xwr4ha34>

This collaboration enables a number of fully funded scholarships on two of The Nautical Institute Academy most impactful courses, aimed at improving leadership and team dynamics at sea, while fostering a safer and more supportive working environment.

**IMO Secretary General Commends FNU's Facilities.** *Fiji National University*. 11 August 2025.

Available from: <https://www.fnu.ac.fj/blog/news/imo-secretary-general-commends-fnus-facilities/>

The Secretary General of the IMO, Arsenio Dominguez, visited the Fiji National University's Pacific Centre for Maritime Studies (PCMS) Campus in Nasese last Friday and was impressed by the centre's world-class, state-of-the-art facilities and highly qualified teaching staff.

**AMC Showcases IAMU Engagement During IMO Secretary-General's Visit to Australia.**

*International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU)*. 18 August 2025. Available from:

<https://iamu-edu.org/amc-showcases-iamu-engagement-during-imo-secretary-generals-visit-to-australia/>

The Australian Maritime College (AMC), a valued member of the International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU), recently took part in a series of high-level events hosted by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) to welcome the IMO Secretary-General, Mr. Arsenio Dominguez, during his official visit to Australia.

**World Maritime University President Calls for Joint Action on Blue Economy.**

*Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (Kenya).* 19 August 2025.

Available from: <https://www.jkuat.ac.ke/world-maritime-university-president-calls-for-joint-action-on-blue-economy/> The President of the World Maritime University (WMU), Prof. Maximo Mejia, has urged African nations to unite their efforts and pool resources in order to deepen their understanding of shared maritime challenges and craft collective solutions.

**New Horizon: Bandari Maritime Academy's Partnership with the World Maritime University.**

Andrew Mwangura. *The Coast (Kenya).* 21 August 2025. Available from:

<https://www.thecoast.co.ke/2025/08/21/new-horizon-bandari-maritime-academys-partnership-with-the-world-maritime-university/28/58/business-news/thecoast/10878/00> In a landmark moment for Kenya's maritime education, Bandari Maritime Academy (BMA) recently welcomed Prof. Maximo Mejia Jr., President of the World Maritime University (WMU), and Dr. Jens-Uwe Schroder-Hinrichs, WMU's Vice President, to its Mombasa campus.

**Why hands-on training outperforms e-learning for ship crews.** Craig Eason. *TradeWinds.*

27 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/technology/why-hands-on-training-outperforms-e-learning-for-ship-crews/2-1-1861626> Richard Turner is a former Shell ship management executive who describes himself as maritime Marmite: people in shipping either love him or hate him, mostly for his outspoken views on e-learning for seafarers.

**Two workshops held as part of GCC Green Mobility Forum.** *Times of Oman.* 31 August 2025.

Available from: <https://timesofoman.com/article/162214-two-workshops-held-as-part-of-gcc-green-mobility-forum> The Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology today organised two workshops as part of the activities of the GCC Green Mobility Forum.

## MARITIME SAFETY

**Warning: Members risk voiding P&I cover through incorrect stowage and handling of jumbo bags.** *London P&I Club.* 30 July 2025. Available from:

<https://www.londonpandi.com/knowledge/news-alerts/warning-members-risk-voiding-pi-cover-through-incorrect-stowage-and-handling-of-jumbo-bags/> Ship owners, operators and charterers must address potential risks when loading Flexible Intermediate Bulk Containers (FIBCs), or 'jumbo bags' containing dry chemicals.


**U.K. pilots launch interactive aid to compliance with new SOLAS pilot transfer reg.**

Nick Blenkey. *MARINE LOG.* 8 August 2025. Available from:


<https://www.marinelog.com/legal/safety-and-security/u-k-pilots-launch-interactive-aid-to-compliance-with-new-solas-pilot-transfer-reg/> As well as being potentially deadly, deficiencies in pilot ladders and pilot transfer arrangements can carry serious operational and financial consequences for the supply chain.

**Addressing the challenges of lithium-ion battery fires on board ships: A collaborative approach.** *International Maritime Rescue Federation.* 13 August 2025. Available from:

<https://www.international-maritime-rescue.org/news/addressing-the-challenges-of-lithium-ion-battery-fires-on-board-ships-a-collaborative-approach> A groundbreaking international project led by the University of Queensland (UQ) and funded by Lloyd's Register Foundation is addressing the growing challenges posed by lithium-ion battery fires aboard ships.

**SAFETY BULLETIN 02/2025: Proper Maintenance and Rigging of Pilot Transfer Arrangements.** Tokyo MoU on Port State Control. 25 August 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/3byxcp39>  In 2020, there were 197 deficiencies, and 1 detention related to pilot transfer arrangements. By 2024, these numbers had risen sharply to 523 deficiencies and 12 detentions.

**Fires at sea, a new landscape - risk mitigation strategies for safe transport.**

Global Shipping Business Network (GSBN). 28 August 2025. Available from: [https://www.gsbn.trade/files/ugd/25cc01\\_d348f660330446a5bbafb4688ed46cb5.pdf](https://www.gsbn.trade/files/ugd/25cc01_d348f660330446a5bbafb4688ed46cb5.pdf)  The safe transport of dangerous goods has long posed significant challenges for the shipping industry.

## MARITIME SECURITY

**Cyber criminals and bad actors roam on the high seas.** John Snyder. *Riviera Maritime*. 1 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/news-content-hub/cybercriminals-and-bad-actors-roam-on-the-high-seas-85653> Shipping is in the crosshairs of hackers, cyber criminals and bad actors.

**Houthis send threatening warnings to 64 shipowners.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 7 August 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/houthis-send-threatening-warnings-to-64-shipowners/> Yemen's Houthi rebel group has issued formal warnings to 64 global shipowners, signalling a new phase in its campaign against Red Sea shipping.

**No global security without maritime security, UN maritime chief says.** Merve Aydogan. *Anadolu Agency (Türkiye)*. 11 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/world/no-global-security-without-maritime-security-un-maritime-chief-says/3656853#> The head of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) on Monday warned that global security cannot be achieved without safeguarding the seas, stressing the need for stronger cooperation against piracy, cyber threats, and environmental risks.

**UN Security Council Sounds Alarm on Rising Threats to Maritime Security.** Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*. 12 August 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/un-security-council-sounds-alarm-on-rising-threats-to-maritime-security/> The United Nations Security Council convened Monday for a critical debate on maritime security, highlighting the escalating challenges facing global shipping lanes amid geopolitical tensions, piracy, and emerging cyber threats.

**Vietnam calls for enhanced substantive cooperation to ensure maritime security.** *Vietnam.vn*. 14 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.vietnam.vn/en/viet-nam-keu-goi-tang-cuong-hop-tac-thuc-chat-nham-bao-dam-an-ninh-bien> As a coastal country, Vietnam affirms its consistent stance of resolving all disputes by peaceful means, in accordance with international law, including UNCLOS.

**Houthis seek to legitimise maritime role with 'Safe Transit' service.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 14 August 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/houthis-seek-to-legitimise-maritime-role-with-safe-transit-service/> The Houthi-run Humanitarian Operations Coordination Center (HOCC) has released a new set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) assuring safe passage to vessels transiting through the Gulf of Aden, Bab el Mandeb, the Arabian Sea and the Red Sea if they are not related to the "sanctioned entities of companies".



### **NIMASA Responds Swiftly to Attempted Boarding of Maltese Tanker in Gulf of Guinea.**

*Ships & Ports*. 29 August 2025. Available from: <https://shipsandports.com.ng/nimasa-responds-swiftly-to-attempted-boarding-of-maltese-tanker-in-gulf-of-guinea/> At 20:53 hours on Thursday, 28th August 2025, the C4i Centre of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency received an alert from the Maritime Domain Awareness for Trade Gulf of Guinea Watchkeepers concerning an attempted boarding of the Malta-flagged chemical tanker, *ENDO PONENTE*.

## **NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Pakistan grants first-ever ferry service license for routes to Iran, GCC countries.**

Ismail Dilawar. *Arab News (Saudi Arabia)*. 4 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2610614/pakistan> Pakistan has granted its first-ever ferry service license to an international operator, Sea Keepers, for routes connecting Pakistan with Iran and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, the Pakistani maritime affairs ministry said on Monday.

### **Jamming and Spoofing - Responding to GNSS and AIS Interference.** *Shipowners' Club*.

7 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.shipownersclub.com/latest-updates/news/jamming-and-spoofing-responding-gnss-and-ais-interference/> Deliberate interference with GNSS and AIS navigational systems typically falls into two categories: jamming or spoofing.

### **Electronic interference in Red Sea, Hormuz as Houthis renew threats to shipping.** Max Lin.

*S&P Global*. 8 August 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/4z3kcu7j> Electronic interference has posed threats to navigational safety in certain areas of Middle Eastern waters, the UK Maritime Trade Operations said, as persistent Houthi threats keep Red Sea traffic far below normal levels.

### **GPS spoofing incidents might not be covered by insurance.** Nidaa Bakhsh. *ShippingWatch*.

11 August 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article18419192.ece> GPS spoofing is becoming a big worry for shipowners who may find that their insurance policies don't cover incidents such as groundings if caused by this activity, warns the Association of Average Adjusters, a London-based group.

### **The potentially catastrophic threat of GPS spoofing in shipping.** Iain MacIntyre.

*Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST)*. 13 August 2025.

Available from: <https://www.imarest.org/resource/mp-the-potentially-catastrophic-threat-of-gps-spoofing-in-shipping.html> Recent research from cyber intelligence firm Cyble suggests that cyberattacks targeting the maritime and shipping industry are exploiting geopolitical tensions with: "The trend [becoming] particularly pronounced in the last year."

### **Study shows Bering Strait vessel traffic largely follows 2018 IMO safety guidelines.** *Port News*.

14 August 2025. Available from: <https://en.portnews.ru/news/380555/> A study of vessel movements in the Bering Strait found that mariners are largely complying with shipping lanes and protective measures adopted in 2018 under a joint U.S.-Russia initiative through the IMO, according to The Alaska Beacon.

### **AIS spoofing and jamming in the Persian Gulf: a growing maritime security concern.**

Ruby Hassan and Sergei Øien. *Skuld*. 18 August 2025. Available from:

<https://www.skuld.com/topics/ship/navigation/ais-spoofing-and-jamming-in-the-persian-gulf-a-growing-maritime-security-concern/> The Persian Gulf, a vital corridor for global energy and trade, is increasingly affected by a sophisticated threat to maritime safety: the manipulation and disruption of Automatic Identification System (AIS) signals.

**China Launches 18-Day Arctic Express Containership Route To Europe With Stops in UK, Germany, Poland.** Malte Humpert. *High North News (Norway)*. 18 August 2025.

Available from: <https://www.highnorthnews.com/en/china-launches-18-day-arctic-express-containership-route-europe-stops-uk-germany-poland> After several years of point-to-point container shipping operations connecting China and Russia via the Arctic, a Chinese operator is set to begin the first liner-type service to Western Europe.

**Houthis provide key tips for safe Red Sea transits.** *Safety4Sea*. 19 August 2025.

Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/houthis-provide-key-tips-for-safe-red-sea-transits/> Houthis have been targeting vessels in the Red Sea in support of Palestinians since November 2023.

**Clean Arctic Alliance Response to China's New Containership Route Through Arctic.**

*Clean Arctic Alliance*. 19 August 2025. Available from: <https://cleanarctic.org/2025/08/19/clean-arctic-alliance-response-to-chinas-new-containership-route-through-arctic/> Responding to reports that China's Haijie shipping company has launched an "18-Day Arctic Express Containership Route To Europe", with container vessels crossing the Northern Sea Route with stops in the UK, Germany and Poland, Dr Sian Prior, Lead Advisor to the Clean Arctic Alliance said: "The Arctic is already under severe stress – its waters are warming and acidifying faster than the global average due to global climate change. As a result, sending container ships across the Arctic raises a lot of red flags."

**Bright Ideas: Compliance standards shape navigation lights.** Eric Colby. *WorkBoat*.

20 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.workboat.com/bright-ideas-compliance-standards-shape-navigation-lights> If a navigation light on your tugboat goes out, do you know the standards or certifications to reference when procuring a new one?

**Shadow fleet tankers experiment with stateless identification numbers.** Bridget Diakun.

*Lloyd's List*. 21 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1154597/Shadow-fleet-tankers-experiment-with-stateless-identification-numbers> Automatic Identification System data manipulation is evolving rapidly, with the latest trend being shadow fleet\* tankers tinkering with their data to appear stateless while sailing.

**Wired for success? The double-edged sword of ship connectivity.** *Lloyd's List*. 26 August 2025.

Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1154622/Wired-for-success-The-double-edged-sword-of-ship-connectivity> ☎ Low Earth orbit connectivity doesn't occupy the same number of column inches as say Houthi terror in the Red Sea, or the climate regulatory tussles at the IMO, but it has arguably changed shipping just as much, if not more.

**Havila Voyages Plans First Climate-Neutral Norwegian Coastal Round Trip.** *Maritime Executive*.

26 August 2025. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/havila-voyages-plans-first-climate-neutral-norwegian-coastal-round-trip> Havila Voyages, which already operates four Norwegian coastal cruise ships fuelled with LNG and equipped with batteries, reports it is preparing to take the next step: a climate-neutral round trip along the Norwegian coast.

**Carriers reroute fleets to sidestep US levy.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 26 August 2025.

Available from: <https://splash247.com/carriers-reroute-fleets-to-sidestep-us-levy/> Global shipping is realigning fleets in anticipation of October's extra port fees to be levied by the US on China-linked tonnage.



**Sanctioned tankers continue to exploit Arctic route to sustain Russian oil exports to China.**

Bridget Diakun and Chichen Shen. *Lloyd's List*. 26 August 2025. Available from:

<https://www.loydslist.com/LL1154621/Sanctioned-tankers-continue-to-exploit-Arctic-route-to-sustain-Russian-oil-exports-to-China>

With the arrival of summer, at least five shadow fleet\* tankers have been tracked transiting the Arctic route to deliver Russian oil to China, despite tightened Western sanctions.

**'Radical rethink needed' over ship lookouts after North Sea crash.** Kevin Shoesmith.

*BBC News*. 31 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c39d8nl43z0o>

On 10 March, the Portuguese cargo ship *Solong* struck the US-flagged oil tanker *Stena Immaculate*, which was laden with jet fuel and anchored 13 miles (20km) off the East Yorkshire coast.

## PORT STATE CONTROL

**Joint concentrated inspection campaign on ballast water management.** *All About Shipping*.

1 August 2025. Available from: <https://allaboutshipping.co.uk/2025/08/01/joint-concentrated-inspection-campaign-on-ballast-water-management/>

The member Authorities of the Tokyo and the Paris Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) on Port State Control will launch a joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Ballast Water Management.

**Norway Joins Neighbours Targeting Shadow Tankers with Insurance Checks.**

*Maritime Executive*. 7 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/norway-joins-neighbors-targeting-shadow-tankers-with-insurance-checks>

The Norwegian government is the latest to announce that it is starting a program of insurance checks on tankers transiting its waters.

**One third of ballast water treatment systems fail PSC inspections.** *International Institute of Marine Surveying (IIMS)*.

8 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.iims.org.uk/one-third-of-ballast-water-treatment-systems-fail-psc-inspections/>

Over one third of ballast water treatment systems fail PSC inspections despite 95% of systems having successfully passed commissioning tests.

**Panama Canal to Launch Risk-Based Vessel Inspection Model from October 2025.**

*Ship & Bunker*. 21 August 2025. Available from: <https://shipandbunker.com/news/am/568300-panama-canal-to-launch-risk-based-vessel-inspection-model-from-october-2025>

The Panama Canal Authority has announced the rollout of its new risk-based vessel inspection model, effective October 1, 2025.

**Measures against the shadow fleet: Voluntary collection of insurance information from oil tankers.** *Norwegian Maritime Authority*.

28 August 2025. Available from:

<https://www.sdir.no/en/news/measures-against-the-shadow-fleet-voluntary-collection-of-insurance-information-from-oil-tankers/>

As part of Norway's efforts to counter the shadow fleet, the authorities launched a temporary scheme on 11 August 2025 for the voluntary collection of insurance information from foreign-flagged oil tankers operating in the Norwegian Economic Zone (NEZ).

## PORTS & HARBOURS

**Hamburg Port tests Shell-produced HVO 100 biofuel on three ships.** *Hellenic Shipping News*. 1 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/hamburg-port-tests-shell-produced-hvo-100-biofuel-on-three-ships/> Hamburg Port Authority's shipping subsidiary Flotte Hamburg has begun trials of a 100% hydrotreated vegetable oil marine fuel, or HVO 100, on three of its ships.

**VOC Port becomes the first Indian port to produce green hydrogen and surpass 1 MW solar power.** *The Hindu (India)*. 1 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Madurai/voc-port-becomes-the-first-indian-port-to-produce-green-hydrogen-and-surpass-1-mw-solar-power/article69883235.ece> V. O. Chidambaranar (VOC) Port in Thoothukudi has become the first Indian port to successfully produce green hydrogen and achieve over 1 MW of rooftop power generation, said Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson of VOC Port, while addressing the media here on Friday.

**The ports of Barcelona and Shanghai sign an agreement to strengthen their relationship and create a green corridor.** *Port de Barcelona*. 4 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.portdebarcelona.cat/en/communication/news/ports-barcelona-and-shanghai-sign-agreement-strengthen-their-relationship-and-create-green-corridor> The Port of Barcelona and Shanghai International Port Group (SIPG) have today signed an agreement to intensify the connections between both ports and share knowledge in the areas of digitalisation, standardisation and decarbonisation of maritime transport.

**Port of San Diego Releases Sixth Edition of its Blue Economy Incubator Highlights.** *Port of San Diego*. 13 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.portofsandiego.org/press-releases/general-press-releases/port-san-diego-releases-sixth-edition-its-blue-economy> The Port of San Diego has released the sixth edition of its Blue Economy Incubator (BEI) Highlights Report, which features the program's impact in numbers, a growing list of worldwide partnerships, and local, national and international media coverage, including coverage featuring the launch of one of the newest incubator businesses, HyperKelp.

**Antigua and Barbuda poised to become green shipping hub as it signs MOU with Veer.** Naida Hakirevic Prevljak. *Offshore Energy*. 18 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.offshore-energy.biz/antigua-and-barbuda-poised-to-become-green-shipping-hub-as-it-signs-mou-with-veer/> As informed, the parties intend to transform Antigua and Barbuda's port into the region's "first fully decarbonized facility" with the potential to become a green fuel transshipment hub.

**Turkish ports seek assurances ships not linked to Israel.** *Hürriyet Daily News (Türkiye)*. 21 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkish-ports-seek-assurances-ships-not-linked-to-israel-212772> Turkish port authorities have begun informally requiring shipping agents to provide written declarations that vessels using the country's harbors are not tied to Israel and are not transporting military or hazardous cargo bound for the country, two sources said on Aug. 21.

**Onshore Power supply: An opportunity of Green energy for Port Muhammad Bin Qasim.** *Pakistan Observer*. 24 August 2025. Available from: <https://pakobserver.net/onshore-power-supply-an-opportunity-of-green-energy-for-port-muhammad-bin-qasim/> Around the globe, ports are converting to Onshore Power Supply (OPS) also known as shore-to-ship power/cold ironing as a practical way to cut short emissions from ships.

**Fuelling the Future: The Case for Great Nicobar as a Strategic Bunkering Hub.**

Ketan Gore and Bryan Comer. *International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT)*.

24 August 2025. Available from: <https://theicct.org/publication/the-case-for-great-nicobar-as-a-strategic-bunkering-hub-aug25/> Great Nicobar Island is being developed by the Government of India as a major container transshipment hub approximately 40 nm from the Malacca Strait, which handles approximately 35% of global sea trade.

[The potential of Great Nicobar as a distribution hub for alternative marine fuels](#) 

**Port of Antwerp-Bruges starts works to provide shore power at Zeebrugge cruise terminal.**

Port of Antwerp-Bruges. 26 August 2025. Available from:

<https://newsroom.portofantwerpbruges.com/en/press-releases/port-of-antwerp-bruges-starts-works-to-provide-shore-power-at-zeebrugge-cruise-terminal> Today, work officially got under way to construct a shore power installation at the cruise terminal at the Zweedse Kaai in Zeebrugge.

**Protesters Try to Prevent Cruise Ship from Docking in Rotterdam.** *Cruise Industry News*.

26 August 2025. Available from: <https://cruiseindustrynews.com/cruise-news/2025/08/protesters-try-to-prevent-cruise-ship-from-docking-in-rotterdam/> A group of protesters tried to prevent P&O Cruises' *Ventura* from visiting Rotterdam on August 24, 2025.

**Pilbara Ports unveils new Climate Action Plan for a sustainable future.** *Pilbara Ports*.

26 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.pilbaraports.com.au/about-pilbara-ports/news,-media-and-statistics/news/2025/august/pilbara-ports-unveils-new-climate-action-plan-for-> Pilbara Ports has today released its first Climate Action Plan (2025-2030), outlining a clear pathway towards a sustainable future for its port operations and the wider Pilbara region.

**Giant fire breaks out at Hamburg port warehouse.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*.

26 August 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/giant-fire-breaks-out-at-hamburg-port-warehouse/> Firefighters are battling a major blaze at a warehouse complex in the port of Hamburg this morning, sending thick plumes of smoke across Germany's largest seaport.

**Suez Canal continues to feel the pinch from Red Sea shipping disruption.** Stuart Todd.

*American Journal of Transportation (AJOT)*. 26 August 2025. Available from:

<https://www.ajot.com/insights/full/ai-suez-canal-continues-to-feel-the-pinch-from-red-sea-shipping-disruption> The Suez Canal, a critical artery of global commerce, has suffered a sharp decline in traffic since Houthi rebels in Yemen, backed by Iran, began targeting ships in the Red Sea in late 2023 in protest against Israel's actions in Gaza, which followed the 'October 7' atrocities.

**Somalia opens new Mogadishu port terminal, nearly doubling cargo capacity.**

*Hiiraan Online (Somalia)*. 30 August 2025. Available from:

[https://www.hiiraan.com/news4/2025/Aug/202735/somalia\\_opens\\_new\\_mogadishu\\_port\\_terminal\\_n\\_early\\_doubling\\_cargo\\_capacity.aspx](https://www.hiiraan.com/news4/2025/Aug/202735/somalia_opens_new_mogadishu_port_terminal_n_early_doubling_cargo_capacity.aspx) Somalia inaugurated a new container terminal at Mogadishu port this week, nearly doubling the country's cargo-handling capacity in a move officials say will spur economic growth and strengthen regional trade links.

## REGULATIONS

**More efficient ships will alleviate alarm on underwater noise.** *ABB*. 31 July 2025.

Available from: <https://new.abb.com/news/detail/127919/more-efficient-ships-will-alleviate-alarm-on-underwater-noise> The next phase of regulatory work covering maritime decarbonization will also be key for reducing the underwater radiated noise (URN) from ships that threatens over 130 marine species.

**Greek owners urge EU to scrap ship emission rules once global carbon tax is in place.**

Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds*. 1 August 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/greek-owners-urge-eu-to-scrap-ship-emission-rules-once-global-carbon-tax-is-in-place/2-1-1852853> The Union of Greek Shipowners (UGS) sees no reason for the European Union to keep regulating ships' carbon emissions after the IMO adopts global arrangements later this year.

**Lloyd's List Podcast: What next for the ETS?** *Lloyd's List*. 4 August 2025. Available from:

<https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1154411/What-next-for-the-ETS> ☎ The EU's two big green regulations on shipping have had many consequences, whether intended or otherwise.

**Panama cracks down on dark fleet with age restrictions.** Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*.

4 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/tankers/panama-cracks-down-on-dark-fleet-with-age-restrictions> From now on Panamanian Ship Registry will not accept tankers or bulkers that are greater than 15 years in age a move to improve detention rates and avoid the registration of dark fleet sanctions busting vessels.

**18/2025: New IMO Requirements for reporting loss of containers at sea.** *Lloyd's Register*.

6 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.lr.org/en/knowledge/class-news/18-25/> These changes require Masters to report both the loss and observation of containers without delay, ensuring timely communication with nearby vessels, coastal States, and flag Administrations.

**IMO Sulfur Cap and The Changing Dynamics of Global Shipping.** *Transport & Logistics*

*Middle East*. 6 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.transportandlogisticsme.com/smart-sea-freight/imo-sulphur-cap-and-the-changing-dynamics-of-global-shipping> What originally began as a compliance pivot has now reshaped shipping economics, fuel markets, operations, and the broader decarbonisation transition.

**EU, Korea discuss green shipping, emissions cuts.** Kim Hyun-bin. *Korea Times (South Korea)*.

6 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/foreignaffairs/20250806/eu-korea-discuss-green-shipping-emissions-cuts> European Union Ambassador to Korea Maria Castillo Fernandez met with Kim Sung-bum, Korea's vice minister of oceans and fisheries, on Monday to strengthen cooperation on maritime greenhouse gas reductions and the development of green shipping corridors.

**RMI outlines requirements for its vessels when operating in PSSAs.** *Safety4Sea*.

7 August 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/rmi-outlines-requirements-for-its-vessels-when-operating-in-pssas/> The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) has issued a notice outlining the requirements for RMI-flagged vessels operating in Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSAs) as designated by the IMO.

**19/2025: Electronic inclinometers for new bulk carriers and container ships.** *Lloyd's Register*. 8 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.lr.org/en/knowledge/class-news/19-25/> To enhance seafarer safety and prevent the loss and damage of bulk cargo due to strong movements at sea, the IMO is introducing amendments to SOLAS Chapter V.

**Tankers risk deflagging as Panama's oil transfer rules enter force.** Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 8 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/tankers-risk-deflagging-as-panama-s-oil-transfer-rules-enter-force/2-1-1855132> The Panama Ship Registry has become the first flag operation to tighten up controls on ship-to-ship (STS) transfers of oil.

**Panama Continues Shadow Fleet Crackdown with World-First Mandatory Traceability for Ship-to-Ship Transfers.** Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*. 8 August 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/panama-continues-shadow-fleet-crackdown-with-world-first-mandatory-traceability-for-ship-to-ship-transfers/> The Panama Ship Registry has become the first naval registry globally to implement mandatory traceability for ship-to-ship (STS) operations of hydrocarbons conducted on the high seas.

**False flag agent: Meet the man linked to a network of illicit ship registries.** Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds*. 14 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/false-flag-agent-meet-the-man-linked-to-a-network-of-illicit-ship-registries/2-1-1856733> When Matthew Island appeared to have launched its own shipping registry, it raised eyebrows because there are no people on the lonely dot of land in the South Pacific.

**Q&A: Palau pledges cleanup of abuse-riddled ship-flagging system.** Katie McQue. *Context News*. 14 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.context.news/money-power-people/palau-pledges-cleanup-of-abuse-riddled-ship-flagging-system> The leader of the island nation of Palau, whose ship registration system has come under fire for allowing rogue companies to fly its flag, has pledged to improve oversight of vessels to comply with international regulations.

**What is dark shipping, and why is it dangerous?** Katie McQue. *Context News*. 14 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.context.news/money-power-people/what-is-dark-shipping-and-why-is-it-dangerous> A shadow fleet of ships operating in legal and regulatory grey zones delivers much of the world's oil from countries under international sanctions and is linked to other risky or illicit activities that may threaten the stability of global trade.

**First EU ETS shipping payment due 30 Sept.** *Drewry Shipping Consultants*. 20 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.drewry.co.uk/maritime-research-opinion-browser/first-eu-ets-shipping-payment-due-30-sept> In this article, Drewry analyses the 2024 EU MRV data and attempts to answer some of the key questions arising: How much CO2 was emitted under the scope in 2024?

**How new rules and tools are reshaping bulk carrier safety and efficiency.** *DNV*. 21 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.dnv.com/expert-story/maritime-impact/how-new-rules-and-tools-are-reshaping-bulk-carrier-safety-and-efficiency/> From a regulatory perspective, some key developments have been introduced or taken effect over the past year, all of which will serve to enhance the safety of bulk carrier operations.

**Expansion of the Emissions Trading Scheme ("UK ETS") to the maritime sector.** Simone Vitzthum. *Skuld*. 25 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.skuld.com/topics/environment/air-pollution/europe/expansion-of-the-emissions-trading-scheme-uk-ets-to-the-maritime-sector/> The UK ETS Authority (the "UK Authority") released an interim response 21 July 2025 (the "UK Interim Response"), following its November 2024 consultation (the "UK Consultation"), about expanding the UK ETS to cover maritime emissions starting 1 July 2026.



**ZIM reports Turkish regulation banning ships linked to Israel.** Jamey Bergman. *Riviera Maritime*. 26 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/zim-reports-turkish-regulation-banning-ships-linked-to-israel-85920> Unconfirmed reports of a Turkish government ban on Israeli-linked shipping have been circulating over the last week, with local media in Turkey and Reuters reporting that port authorities have been verbally communicating to shipping agents and representatives of shipping lines the onset of a ban on direct shipping exchanges between Turkey and Israel.

**‘Zero-tolerance’: Dark fleet risk poses tough challenge for one of world’s biggest ship registries.** Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds*. 26 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/-zero-tolerance-dark-fleet-risk-poses-tough-challenge-for-one-of-world-s-biggest-ship-registries/2-1-1862180> When maritime lawyer Ramon Franco Mindreau took his new post as head of Panama’s merchant marine division in July last year, the country’s shipping flag faced three key challenges.

**New cleaning rules to minimise sulphur output.** DCN - *Daily Cargo News (Australia)*. 26 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.thedcn.com.au/news/new-cleaning-rules-to-minimise-sulphur-output> AMSA has issued new rules for vessels using exhaust gas cleaning systems in Australian waters.

**Countdown to October: Maritime decarbonization debate intensifies.** ABB. 27 August 2025. Available from: <https://new.abb.com/news/detail/127996/countdown-to-october-maritime-decarbonization-debate-intensifies> Shipping has often faced criticism for perceived slowness in its regulatory processes, but in October 2025 IMO finds itself at a rare crossroads — one that could redefine its climate trajectory for decades to come.

**Regulatory overlap looms for shipping’s carbon future.** *Splash 247.com*. 27 August 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/regulatory-overlap-looms-for-shippings-carbon-future/> The past few months have been a period of analysing the implications of different sets of regulations for emissions reduction in the maritime industry.

## SEAFARERS

**D G Shipping urged to roll back circular barring crew holding certificates through fraudulent means from sailing.** P Manoj. *Economic Times (India)*. 1 August 2025. Available from: <https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/ports-shipping/d-g-shipping-urged-to-roll-back-circular-barring-crew-holding-certificates-through-fraudulent-means-from-sailing/123032991> Pressure is building up on the Directorate General of Shipping to scrap its July 18 circular that barred Indian seafarers holding certificates issued by the maritime administration of countries that are not recognised by India from sailing on foreign flagged ships.

**St. Maarten warns on fraudulent seafarer credentials & documents.** *Safety4Sea*. 4 August 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/st-maarten-warns-on-fraudulent-seafarer-credentials-documents/> According to the statement, on 22 September 2020, the Ministry received a report from an Indian seafarer who raised concerns about the authenticity of his certification after facing issues verifying its legitimacy.

**Tanzania strengthens legal framework to protect seafarers’ rights, duties in 2025.** *Daily Focus (Nigeria)*. 5 August 2025. Available from: <https://dailyfocus.com.ng/tanzania-strengthens-legal-framework-to-protect-seafarers-rights-duties-in-2025/> As Tanzania’s maritime sector grows amid increasing demand for seafarers in offshore oil, cargo shipping, fishing, and cruise industries, the country continues to update its legal framework governing seafarers’ rights and obligations.

**Key measures to manage distractions by devices onboard ships.** *Safety4Sea*. 5 August 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/key-measures-to-manage-distractions-by-devices-onboard-ships/> In response to these concerns, the Guidelines for the Management of Distraction-Causing Devices on Board Ships have been developed by BIMCO, IMarEST, InterManager and the Nautical Institute, to help shipping companies effectively manage and reduce these risks.

**DGS begins verification drive for seafarer certificates issued overseas.** *Maritime Gateway*. 6 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.maritimegateway.com/dgs-begins-verification-drive-for-seafarer-certificates-issued-overseas/> Data collected by the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) from registered recruitment agencies shows that about 3,800 Indian seafarers hold certificates from maritime authorities without a mutual recognition agreement with India.

**Turkey Releases Captain Jailed for 30 Years for Cocaine in Cargo.** *Maritime Executive*. 11 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/turkey-releases-captain-jailed-for-30-years-after-finding-cocaine-in-cargo> Turkish authorities quietly late on Friday, August 8, released the Croatian Captain Marko Bekavac, who had been previously sentenced to 30 years in jail after authorities found cocaine aboard the bulk carrier he was commanding.

**Ship management firm calls for action on fatigue and crew harassment.** *Souzana Psara*. *Cyprus Mail*. 11 August 2025. Available from: <https://cyprus-mail.com/2025/08/11/ship-management-firm-calls-for-action-on-fatigue-and-crew-harassment> The IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) has called for a comprehensive overhaul of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code, warning that the rules no longer reflect the realities of life at sea.

**Iran arrests 17 seafarers as tanker seized in Middle East Gulf.** *Gary Dixon*. *TradeWinds*. 12 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/iran-arrests-17-seafarers-as-tanker-seized-in-middle-east-gulf/2-1-1856354> Iranian forces have seized a tanker suspected of smuggling cheap fuel out of the country.

**Mutual certificate recognition opens up global opportunities for seafarers.** *China Daily*. 12 August 2025. Available from: <https://global.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202508/12/WS689a96bfa310724b60021109.html> China is broadening international job opportunities for its more than 2 million seafarers through expanded cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative, officials said.

**X-Press Feeders Urges Fair Treatment for Detained Crew in Sri Lanka.** *X-Press Feeders*. 15 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.x-pressfeeders.com/news/x-press-feeders-urges-fair-treatment-for-detained-crew-in-sri-lanka> X-Press Feeders, the former operator of the container ship *X-Press Pearl*, is deeply concerned with the recent decision of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka, which orders an initial payment of USD 1 billion within a year, in relation to the vessel's casualty.

**Seafarers Hail Wi-Fi as a Lifeline at Sea.** *Arnel Murga*. *Digital Ship*. 18 August 2025. Available from: <https://thedigitalship.com/news/maritime-satellite-communications/seafarers-hail-welcome-wi-fi-as-a-lifeline-at-sea/> There is no question that seafarers need reliable internet onboard, both to support ship operations and to ease the loneliness of long voyages by staying connected with their families.

**Why India tops the list of abandoned sailors.** *Neyaz Farooquee*. *BBC News*. 19 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c3r4nr2zy2do> Manas Kumar has been abandoned on a cargo ship in Ukrainian waters since April.



**Why grief at sea needs to be taken seriously.** Gisa Paredes. *Splash 247.com*. 19 August 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/why-grief-at-sea-needs-to-be-taken-seriously/>  
At sea, stress is expected. Long hours, isolation, and operational pressures are part of the job.

**Plans underway to repatriate Indonesian crew on board stranded tanker *Gas Falcon*.** *The Star (Malaysia)*. 21 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2025/08/21/plans-underway-to-repatriate-indonesian-crew-onboard-stranded-tanker-gas-falcon> After being stranded for 10 months aboard the *Gas Falcon* in the waters off Beira, Mozambique, the Pakistani captain of the Gabon-flagged liquefied natural gas tanker has expressed concern over the mental health of his 12-strong crew, comprising nine Indonesian and three Pakistani sailors.

**Coast Guard arrests captain of container ship in Seattle for boating under the influence.** *United States Coast Guard*. 23 August 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/3n7vhhri>  
The Coast Guard Investigative Service (CGIS) arrested the captain of the motor vessel *MSC Jubilee IX* for suspicion of operating the vessel while intoxicated following a boarding at Terminal 5 in Seattle, Aug 20, 2025.

**TALKING POINT: Beyond training for decarbonisation: What seafarers say truly matters in social sustainability.** *International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN)*. 26 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.iswan.org.uk/news/talking-point-beyond-training-for-decarbonisation-what-seafarers-say-truly-matters-in-social-sustainability/> Sustainable development in the maritime industry is finally taking shape.

**Elinor Cheason: Protecting seafarers' rights as an ITF inspector.** *Nautilus International*. 26 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/telegraph/elinor-cheason-protecting-seafarers-rights-as-an-itf-inspector/> Elinor Cheason explains to Rob Coston how her background at sea and in the trade union movement led her to a new role – helping seafarers calling at ports in South Wales and the Southwest of England as an inspector for the International Transport Workers' Federation.

**UAE must act now to end shocking abandonment of seafarers on sanctioned ship.** *ITF Seafarers*. 29 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/uae-must-act-now-end-shocking-abandonment-seafarers-sanctioned-ship> The International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) is calling on maritime authorities in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to act now to save 19 seafarers abandoned in the Persian Gulf.

**7 Filipino crew of *MSC Elsa 3* return home.** Aric John Sy Cua. *Manila Times*. 31 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2025/08/31/news/national/7-filipino-crew-of-msc-elsa-3-return-home/2176402> The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration announced on Saturday the return of seven Filipino seafarers who were part of the crew of the sunken *MSC Elsa 3*.

## SHIP RECYCLING

**GMS and Liberian Registry is first Ready for Recycling Certificate.** Michele Labrut. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 5 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulations/gms-and-liberian-registry-is-first-ready-for-recycling-certificate>  
Dubai-based GMS and the Liberian Registry have issued the world's first International Ready for Recycling Certificate (IRRC).

**Shipbreaking goes green: What is green certification?** Mizanur Rahman Yousuf. *Business Standard (Bangladesh)*. 10 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/shipbreaking-goes-green-what-green-certification-1208626> In Bangladesh, home to the world's leading shipbreaking hub, a growing number of yards are now turning "green," adopting cleaner and safer practices in line with international standards.

**Containership Involved in North Sea Collision Arrives at Recycling Yard.** *Maritime Executive*. 12 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/containership-involved-in-north-sea-collision-arrives-at-recycling-yard> The *Solong*, the containership that hit the U.S. tanker *Stena Immaculate* on March 10 in the North Sea, has arrived in Belgium for recycling.

**Scrapping work at Turkish shipyard cost father of two his life.** Liv Almer. *ShippingWatch*. 15 August 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/people/article18439404.ece>  
When 50-year-old Ibrahim Karakaya went to work at the Turkish shipbreaking yard Işıksan for the last time in August 2024, he knew that he was risking his life.

**Recycling of sanctioned ships at Alang stalled as banks refuse letter of credit.** P Manoj. *Economic Times (India)*. 20 August 2025. Available from: <https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/ports-shipping/recycling-of-sanctioned-ships-at-alang-stalled-as-banks-refuse-letter-of-credit/123401905> Banks are refusing to open letter of credit for buying 'sanctioned ships' that are heading to recycling yards at Alang in Gujarat, blocking efforts by ship owners to dispose of some of their so-called 'dark fleet' in the face of stricter measures adopted by Western nations to deal with carriage of embargoed oil cargo from Russia and Iran, multiple sources said.

**Germany has its first green ship recycling facility.** Naida Hakirevic Prevljak. *Offshore Energy*. 21 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.offshore-energy.biz/germany-has-its-first-green-ship-recycling-facility/> EWD Benli Recycling, part of Emden-based shipyard Emden Werft und Dock (EWD), received necessary permits from the Oldenburg State Trade Supervisory Office (GAA Oldenburg) earlier this year.

**Green ship recycling to begin by June'26.** *Express Tribune (Pakistan)*. 30 August 2025. Available from: <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2564067/green-ship-recycling-to-begin-by-june26>  
The government is set to make 31 shipbreaking plots operational at Gadani by June 2026 in an effort to kick-start green recycling in compliance with the Hong Kong Convention.

## SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR


**EverWind: Low-emission tugboat fleet ready to serve green fuels hub.** Ajsa Habibic.

*Offshore Energy*. 1 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.offshore-energy.biz/everwind-low-emission-tugboat-fleet-ready-to-serve-green-fuels-hub/> EverWind ordered the tugboat fleet from Dutch defense, shipbuilding, and engineering conglomerate Damen in March this year in a move described as “one of the largest private sector investments in the Strait of Canso in the last 50 years”.

**China's CSDC Partners with Germany's TECHNOLOG for Joint Advancement in High-End Shipbuilding Technologies.** *iMarine*. 4 August 2025. Available from:

<https://www.imarinenews.com/25731.html> China Ship Design and Research Center Co., Ltd. (CSDC) and Germany's TECHNOLOG services GmbH (TECHNOLOG) signed a technical cooperation agreement on July 31, 2025 to jointly meet shipowners' needs for various ship types.

**DNV and RSI complete study on decarbonizing the short sea dry bulk fleet.** *DNV*.

7 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.dnv.com/news/2025/dnv-and-rsi-complete-study-on-decarbonizing-the-short-sea-dry-bulk-fleet/> Europe's short sea general cargo fleet is ageing rapidly, with many vessels nearing the end of their operational life and few replacements on order. [Decarbonising the general cargo fleet serving Swedish energy and industry sectors](#) 

**Imabari Shipbuilding rolls out the red carpet for energy-efficient 64,000 dwt bulker.**

Sara Kosmajac. *Offshore Energy*. 7 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.offshore-energy.biz/imabari-shipbuilding-rolls-out-the-red-carpet-for-energy-efficient-64000-dwt-bulker/> As disclosed, the newbuilding, named *Diamond Island*, was handed over at Imabari's Iwagi Zosen shipyard, headquartered in Ehime prefecture, on August 6.

**Smooth sailing in shipbuilding.**

Sven Siepen, Christian Vinck, Simone Schatto and Sebastian Koper. *Roland Berger GmbH*. 7 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.rolandberger.com/en/Insights/Publications/Smooth-sailing-in-shipbuilding.html> The global shipbuilding industry is in choppy waters. The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted operations and strained the traditional business models that many shipbuilders rely on.

**UK's first ROUV certified under Workboat Code 3 as LR awards compliance to ACUA Ocean's PIONEER.** *Lloyd's Register*. 12 August 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/335azw56>

Lloyd's Register (LR) has issued the UK's first certification for a remotely operated and unmanned vessel (ROUV) under the Maritime and Coastguard Agency's (MCA) Workboat Code Edition 3 (WBC3) Annex 2, with hydrogen-powered *PIONEER* from ACUA Ocean becoming the first vessel to achieve compliance.

**New methanol-powered vessels signal a sea change for green shipping.** Tom Cassauwers. *HORIZON - the EU Research & Innovation Magazine*. 12 August 2025. Available from:

<https://projects.research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/en/horizon-magazine/new-methanol-powered-vessels-signal-sea-change-green-shipping> In the busy Port of Oxelösund, south of Stockholm, a small orange pilot boat braves the waves and the weather to help incoming vessels manoeuvre into port.

**Ageing feeder fleet spurs newbuild orders.** Nidaa Bakhsh. *ShippingWatch*. 15 August 2025.

Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article18413975.ece> Feeder fever has gripped the market with 90 ships ordered in the first half of this year, the highest since the second quarter of 2022, according to Maritime Strategies International.

**Green shipbuilding could drive BD's next industry growth frontier: Experts.**

*Financial Express (Bangladesh)*. 17 August 2025. Available from:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/green-shipbuilding-could-drive-bds-next-industry-growth-frontier-experts-1755362321>

Bangladesh's emerging shipbuilding industry, already earning global recognition, could transform into a new engine of growth if the country embraces green shipbuilding, industry experts have said.

**How a ship that glides like a pelican could change travel and defense.** Matt O'Brien.

*Associated Press*. 20 August 2025. Available from:

<https://apnews.com/article/seaglider-flying-boat-regent-craft-fa6753aceb96a945f6a1f8855cc4e9c9>

The winged passenger ferry gliding over the surface of Narragansett Bay could be a new method of coastal transportation or a new kind of warship.

**South Korea revises regulations to encourage adoption of green ships.**

*Manifold Times (Singapore)*. 22 August 2025. Available from:

<https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/south-korea-revises-regulations-to-encourage-adoption-of-green-ships/>

South Korea's Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (MOF) on Tuesday (19 August) said it has revised the regulations on the standards and certification of environmentally friendly vessels to further promote and support green shipping and shipbuilding sectors.

**Egypt's Suez Canal Authority, Hyundai advance shipyard development plans.**

*State Information Service (Egypt)*. 24 August 2025. Available from:

<https://www.sis.gov.eg/Story/212622/Egypt%E2%80%99s-Suez-Canal-Authority%2c-Hyundai-advance-shipyard-development-plans?lang=en-us>

Egypt's Suez Canal Authority (SCA) held talks on Sunday, August 24th, 2025, with South Korea's Hyundai Corporation to advance joint projects in shipbuilding, repairs and clean energy, including plans to modernize the authority's shipyards and develop facilities for eco-friendly vessels.

**Fujian Shipbuilding Delivers Eco-Friendly Tanker Three Months Early, Strengthens Partnership with Seacon Shipping Group.** *iMarine*. 26 August 2025. Available from:

<https://www.imarinenews.com/26490.html> On August 25, Fujian Southeast Shipyard (Southeast Shipyard), a subsidiary of Fujian Shipbuilding Industry Group Corporation (Fujian Shipbuilding), successfully delivered an 18,500 DWT oil tanker (DN517-2) built for Seacon Shipping Group, three months ahead of schedule.

**A Shakeout in the Global Shipbuilding Industry is in Full Motion.** *Hellenic Shipping News*.

26 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/a-shakeout-in-the-global-shipbuilding-industry-is-in-full-motion/>

In a period when global shipping is looking to undertake its most ambitious fleet renewal programme ever, as a result of the sector's decarbonization process, shipbuilding is experiencing a major overhaul, as a result of US policies.

## SHIPPING

### **Arab women in maritime finalize strategy to advance gender equality.** *Safety4Sea.*

4 August 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/arab-women-in-maritime-finalize-strategy-to-advance-gender-equality/> Over 30 female maritime officials joined from across the Arab region, representing transport ministries, maritime authorities and training institutes, marking a milestone in embedding women's leadership in the region's maritime sector.

### **UAE charts course toward a sustainable maritime future.** *Economic Times (India).*

4 August 2025. Available from: <https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/ports-shipping/uae-leads-the-way-in-sustainable-maritime-innovation-and-practices/123089249> The UAE continues to solidify its position as a leading maritime power and a global model in the maritime sector through pioneering initiatives and projects that place sustainability at the core of its development policies.

### **July Sees Escalation of Red Sea Attacks and New Port Investments in Syria and Iraq.**

*Transport & Logistics Middle East.* 6 August 2025. Available from:

<https://www.transportandlogisticsme.com/smart-sea-freight/july-sees-escalation-of-red-sea-attacks-and-new-port-investments-in-syria-and-iraq> These incidents marked the first major Red Sea assaults in months and brought renewed scrutiny on shipping through Bab al-Mandeb.

### **Nation scores big in green shipping.** Zhou Mo. *China Daily.* 6 August 2025.

Available from: <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202508/06/WS6892b128a3108a99c190567e.html> China is making big strides in promoting green development of the global shipping industry, but closer international collaboration is needed to ensure the effectiveness of such a transformation, experts said.

### **Two Landmark Maritime Bills are passed in the Parliament in a single day, first time for Shipping Ministry.** *India Shipping News.* 7 August 2025. Available from:

<https://indiashippingnews.com/two-landmark-maritime-bills-are-passed-in-the-parliament-in-a-single-day-first-time-for-shipping-ministry/> In a historic development, Parliament on Wednesday passed two landmark maritime bills — a first for the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways — paving the way for a modern, efficient and globally aligned maritime policy framework in India.

### **Nigeria, China to unlock \$2b maritime investment.** *The Nation (Nigeria).* 7 August 2025.

Available from: <https://thenationonlineng.net/nigeria-china-to-unlock-2b-maritime-investment/> The Federal Government, through the Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy, is advancing a Nigeria–China Maritime Strategy aimed at unlocking over \$2 billion in shipping investment.

### **GCMD and INTERCARGO partner to advance decarbonisation in the dry bulk shipping sector.**

*Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation (GCMD).* 7 August 2025. Available from:

<https://gcformd.org/gcmd-and-intercargo-partner-to-advance-decarbonisation-in-the-dry-bulk-shipping-sector/> A two-year Coalition partnership to accelerate decarbonisation efforts in the dry bulk segment has been signed by the Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation (GCMD) and the International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (INTERCARGO).

### **Grey fleet grows faster than enforcement can keep up.** *Splash 247.com.* 7 August 2025.

Available from: <https://splash247.com/grey-fleet-grows-faster-than-enforcement-can-keep-up/>

Analysts at Kpler have been tracking the sanctioned fleet over the past five years. The count of vessels under sanction rose from about 370 in July 2020 to roughly 1,650 by July 2025, while the number of affected companies increased from around 60 to nearly 500, with the fastest growth coming after mid-2024.



**Sanctioned, Stateless and Falsely Flagged Tankers Test Europe's Resolve.** *Windward Ltd.* 7 August 2025. Available from: <https://windward.ai/blog/sanctioned-and-falsely-flagged-tankers-test-europes-resolve/> The dangers arising from falsely flagged, stateless and lawless ships sailing through European and UK territorial waters is something the region's governments grapple with daily.

**Contships hails 'historically tight' feeder market.** Nigel Lowry. *Lloyd's List*. 7 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1154458/Contships-hails-historically-tight-feeder-market> Contships Logistics, the largest owner of feeder containerships in the 900 teu-2,000 teu segment, has posted profits for the second financial quarter, as charter rates for such vessels continue to stand firm.

**Sanctions, tariffs and military flashpoints the 'new normal' for shipping insurance, says Swedish Club.** Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 11 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insurance/sanctions-tariffs-and-military-flashpoints-the-new-normal-for-shipping-insurance-says-swedish-club/2-1-1855970> Shipping insurers must accept that geopolitical instability is now a permanent part of their operating environments, according to the Swedish Club.

**India overhauls maritime laws with New Merchant Shipping & Carriage of Goods by Sea Acts.** Abhishek Law. *Hindu BusinessLine (India)*. 11 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/logistics/india-overhauls-maritime-laws-with-new-merchant-shipping-carriage-of-goods-by-sea-acts/article69918714.ece> In the biggest overhaul of India's maritime legal framework in a century, President Droupadi Murmu has signed into law two landmark legislations, the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, 2025 and the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025.

**Govt's bid to reform ship ownership and registration through new Merchant Shipping Bill wins Parliament backing.** P Manoj. *Economic Times (India)*. 11 August 2025. Available from: <https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/ports-shipping/govts-bid-to-reform-ship-ownership-and-registration-through-new-merchant-shipping-bill-wins-parliament-backing/123238758> The Rajya Sabha on Monday passed the new Merchant Shipping Bill, clearing the decks for the government to overhaul a more than six decades old law governing the nation's shipping sector that had restrictions on registering ships under the Indian flag and stalled growth.

**Decarbonizing industry: Carbon pricing forces shipping giants to choose different fuels.** Lin Bo-yu. *Necessary*. 13 August 2025. Available from: <https://reccessary.com/en/news/decarbonizing-industry-shipping-giants> The shipping industry, especially long-haul shipping, is classified as one of the hardest sectors to decarbonize, underscoring the importance of the IMO carbon fee.

**The cost of sanctions: Dark shipping fleet fuels human trafficking.** Katie McQue. *Context News*. 14 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.context.news/money-power-people/long-read/cost-of-sanctions-dark-shipping-fleet-fuels-human-trafficking> A clandestine network smuggling sanctioned oil around the globe has lured thousands of seafarers into dangerous jobs.

**FuelEU surplus market gets first index.** Adis Ajdin. *Splash 247.com*. 15 August 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/fueleu-surplus-market-gets-first-index/> Digital compliance platform BetterSea has launched the first FuelEU Index, offering a benchmark for pricing and trading dynamics in the emerging FuelEU Maritime surplus market.

**False flags: Why shipping's registry system is broken and how we fix it.** *Lloyd's List.*

18 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1154559/False-flags-Why-shippings-registry-system-is-broken-and-how-we-fix-it> When an oil tanker can trade internationally and switch between fictional flags and take on digital identities of ghost ships that were scrapped years ago, there is a problem.

**Malaysia's Shipping Industry Remains Resilient -- Shipping Association Malaysia.**

*Bernama (Malaysia).* 18 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.bernama.com/en/region/news.php/news.php?id=2457764> Malaysia's shipping industry remained resilient by meeting the rising global demand and generating profit despite the global trade uncertainties, said Shipping Association Malaysia chairman Ooi Lean Hin.

**Marine insurers must raise their awareness of modern slavery risks.**

*International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI).* 19 August 2025. Available from: <https://iumi.com/news/press-release/marine-insurers-must-raise-their-awareness-of-modern-slavery-risks/> Marine insurers are being called to widen their understanding of modern slavery and forced labour across the maritime and extended global supply chains as scrutiny intensifies from regulators, investors, and clients. [Modern slavery & forced labour: What marine insurers should be aware of](#)

**Order of Investigation and Request for Comments: Investigation into Flags of Convenience and Unfavorable Conditions Created by Certain Flagging Practices.** *World Shipping Council.*

19 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.worldshipping.org/regulatory-filings/order-of-investigation-and-request-for-comments?rq=Investigation%20into%20Flags%20of%20Convenience> The World Shipping Council (WSC), as the primary industry trade association representing international liner shipping, applauds the Commission for raising the important issues posed by vessels that are flagging under fraudulent registries, or nation States not adhering to international regulations for safety and security at sea. [Comments of the World Shipping Council](#)

**Unions, registry and NGOs clash on flags of convenience.** *Craig Jallal. Riviera Maritime.*

20 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/unions-registry-and-ngos-clash-on-flag-of-convenience-85855> The US Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) is set to rule after 20 August 2025, when the window for comments closes, on whether foreign flag practices constitute "unfavourable shipping conditions" in US foreign trade.

**The shipshape struggle in shipboard maintenance.** *Skuld.* 21 August 2025.

Available from: <https://www.skuld.com/topics/ship/safety/the-shipshape-struggle-in-shipboard-maintenance/> Shipboard maintenance is critical in maintaining the seaworthiness of a vessel.

**Nayara Energy navigates EU sanctions: Dark-fleet tankers keep operations flowing; government steps in to protect India's oil supply.** *Times of India.* 21 August 2025.

Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/4cytv982> India's Nayara Energy Ltd., facing EU sanctions, has adapted by utilizing dark-fleet tankers for transport and limiting its crude import options to maintain operations.

**Treasury Targets Iranian Oil Exports and Shadow Fleet.** *US Department of the Treasury.*

21 August 2025. Available from: <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sb0229> Today, the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is further disrupting Iran's oil exports by imposing sanctions on Greek national Antonios Margaritis, his network of companies, and nearly a dozen vessels involved in Iran's shadow fleet.



**African Nations Chart a New Course to Reclaim Their Shipping Lanes.** Henoc Dossa.

*Ecofin Agency*. 26 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.ecofinagency.com/news-infrastructures/2608-48155-african-nations-chart-a-new-course-to-reclaim-their-shipping-lanes>

The growing dominance of global shipping lines has reignited the debate over maritime sovereignty in Africa, where nations are seeking to decongest roads, boost intra-continental trade, and reduce foreign exchange outflows.

**The era of oil in maritime is ending, UK government's forecasts show.** Naida Hakirevic Prevljak.

*Offshore Energy*. 26 August 2025. Available from: <https://www.offshore-energy.biz/the-era-of-oil-in-maritime-is-ending-uk-governments-forecasts-show/>

Compared to 2023, total UK port traffic is forecast to grow by 1.2% in 2035 and by 7.8% in 2050, that is from 420.6 million tonnes in 2023 to 425.8M in 2035 and to 453.5M in 2050, the UK Port Freight Traffic Forecasts (2024–2050) predict.

**Baltic Cable Trial Exposes Fragility of Subsea Lifelines as Industry Warns of Global Stakes.**

*All About Shipping*. 28 August 2025. Available from: <https://allaboutshipping.co.uk/2025/08/28/baltic-cable-trial-exposes-fragility-of-subsea-lifelines-as-industry-warns-of-global-stakes/>

The trial now underway in Helsinki of the *Eagle S* oil tanker's captain and two officers has highlighted Europe's subsea vulnerabilities squarely.

**Shipowner denies Houthi 'war' against Red Sea shipping in insurance wrangle.** Paul Peachey.

*TradeWinds*. 28 August 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insurance/shipowner-denies-houthi-war-against-red-sea-shipping-in-insurance-wrangle/2-1-1863345>

The owner of the first ship sunk by the Houthis in their Red Sea campaign says insurers should pay out for the \$5m loss because the attack was not carried out by terrorists or driven by a political motive.

**Tanker Market Report: Cascading Costs.** Gibson Shipbrokers. 29 August 2025.

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Available from: <https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/marine-science/articles/10.3389/fmars.2025.1561737/full> The critical role of biology Essential Ocean Variables (EOVs) in advancing our understanding of marine ecosystems underscores the need for sophisticated observation tools like Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUVs), Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), Maritime Autonomous Vehicles (MAVs).

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21 August 2025. Available from:

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0304389425025415> The International Transport Forum projected that global demand for transport could triple by 2050, with shipping demand likely increasing even more rapidly.

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*Journal of International Maritime Safety, Environmental Affairs, and Shipping*. 27 May 2025.

Available from: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/25725084.2025.2504315> Seafarers make a critical contribution to civil society; however, they are exposed to various occupational health hazards on board ships and have historically not been granted fundamental rights.

Bottero M. **Social and environmental sustainability in EU maritime law.** *WMU Journal of*

*Maritime Affairs*. 28 August 2025. Available from: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s13437-025-00384-7> The European Union plays a pivotal role in the global maritime industry, which faces increasing pressure to balance economic performance with social and environmental sustainability.

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