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IMO NEWS & EVENTS

Maritime community explores ocean opportunities in Dubai

World Maritime Day Parallel Event focuses on advancing innovation and growth while protecting the ocean.

Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates, was the stage to exchange ideas, showcase innovation and strengthen international cooperation during the celebration of the 2025 World Maritime Day Parallel Event (WMDPE) this week.

The event (30 September – 1 October) was hosted by the United Arab Emirates Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure in collaboration with the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

Welcoming delegates, the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, H.E Suhail bin Mohamed Al Mazrouei, said: “This gathering gives us an opportunity to unite our efforts toward achieving that balance of economic growth with protecting the oceans which connect us together and keeping them healthy for the next generation.”

IMO Secretary-General Mr. Arsenio Dominguez said: “By facing environmental challenges, we can unlock a plethora of opportunities for everyone. The shipping sector, for instance, creates a stream of jobs and training prospects not only for seafarers on the ship, but in logistics, law, new technologies and AI, economics and others.”

He highlighted that IMO continuously updates its global regulations to keep up with changes in the industry, while carefully considering their impact on Member State economies. [More...](#)

The ocean takes centre stage on World Maritime Day 2025

Global maritime community celebrates “Our Ocean, Our Obligation, Our Opportunity”.

The international shipping industry, which carries over 80% of global trade and uses more ocean space than any other sector, is stepping up action to protect the ocean.

This year’s World Maritime Day, observed globally on 25 September, focuses on the sector’s impact on the marine environment, and what it can do to reduce pollution, curb greenhouse gas emissions and prevent biodiversity loss.

Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization Mr. Arsenio Dominguez said:

“IMO has, for many decades, worked to strike the right balance to ensure that the shipping industry is not the problem but the solution. Whether it is through international regulations to protect the environment and support seafarers, technical support to Member States, or bringing together all the key stakeholders - governments, industry, academia, civil society - we always find a way to global solutions.” [More...](#)

[**MEETING SUMMARIES AND SCHEDULE**](#) [**Programme of Meetings for 2025**](#) **Previous Meetings**

Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC 10) 08-12 September

Forthcoming Meetings

Marine Environment Protection Committee 2nd Extraordinary Session (MEPC/ES.2) 14 -17 October

Consultative Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Convention 1972) and Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Protocol 1996) 27 – 31 October

NEW IMO PUBLICATIONS

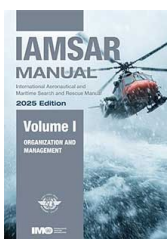


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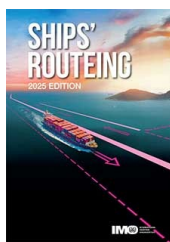
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The *Organization and Management* volume discusses the global search and rescue (SAR) system concept, establishment and improvement of national and regional SAR systems, and cooperation with neighbouring States to provide effective and economical SAR services.

A new edition of the IAMSAR Manual is published every three years. The 2025 edition includes amendments, adopted by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and approved by the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 109th session in December 2024 by means of MSC.1/Circ.1686, which become applicable on **1 January 2026**.



Ships' Routeing, 2025 Edition

Digital format: K1927E (English, digital)
ISBN: 978-92-801-1835-3

Both the safety of shipping and the cleanliness of oceans are promoted in many ways, one of which is the continuing development of routeing measures to organize the navigation of vessels and to monitor their progress. This publication presents individual descriptions of the following routeing measures:

- traffic separation schemes and inshore traffic zones;
- deep-water routes;
- areas to be avoided;
- no anchoring areas;
- other routeing measures, such as recommended tracks, two-way routes and recommended directions of traffic flow;
- associated rules and recommendations on navigation;
- archipelagic sea lanes; and ship reporting systems.

This edition incorporates routeing measures that have been adopted before September 2025.



Model Course 3.20: Company security officer, 2025 Edition

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ISBN: 978-92-801-1809-4

This course aims to facilitate the training for company security officers so they can meet the mandatory minimum standards of competence in training and certification in accordance with *Guidelines on training and certification for company security officers* (MSC.1/Circ.1154) and the ISPS Code, Part A.

UNITED NATIONS

Guterres condemns detention of more UN staff in Yemen. *UN News*. 1 September 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/09/1165753> He said the Houthis entered the premises of the World Food Programme (WFP) in the capital, Sana'a, and seized UN property, in addition to attempting to enter other UN premises in the city.

UN Climate Week kicks off in Addis Ababa to boost solutions and speed up real-world climate actions. *News Ghana*. 1 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.newsghana.com.gh/un-climate-week-kicks-off-in-addis-ababa-to-boost-solutions-and-speed-up-real-world-climate-actions/> Today marks the start of Climate Week – a milestone United Nations event to boost real-world climate solutions, and advance crucial climate issues, ahead the COP30 global climate conference in Brazil, this November.

Leadership of women crucial to UN's reinvention at 80, says former Assembly President. Felipe de Carvalho. *UN News*. 8 September 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/09/1165800> On Tuesday, Germany's Annalena Baerbock will become the first European woman to hold the post and only the fifth female President in the Assembly's history.

'No ordinary session': Baerbock opens UN General Assembly with call for courage and reform. Vibhu Mishra. *UN News*. 9 September 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/09/1165812> This will be "no ordinary session," she pledged, with the multilateral system beset by overlapping crises and heightened disunity .

WIMAC Antigua and Barbuda launches first maritime essay competition. *Antigua News Room*. 10 September 2025. Available from: <https://antiguanewsroom.com/wimac-antigua-and-barbuda-launches-first-maritime-essay-competition/> The Women in Maritime Association Caribbean (WIMAC) – Antigua and Barbuda Chapter has announced the launch of its inaugural Maritime Essay Competition, aimed at inspiring young people to explore the role they play in shaping a sustainable ocean future.

United Nations revises 2026 regular budget proposal, pairing cost reductions with initial reform measures. *UN News*. 15 September 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/09/1165850> The revised estimates, communicated on Monday to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ), propose reductions of 15.1 per cent of resources and 18.8 per cent of posts in the regular budget compared with 2025.

Ahead of high-stakes General Assembly week, Guterres urges world leaders to 'get serious – and deliver'. Vibhu Mishra. *UN News*. 16 September 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/09/1165859> Speaking at a press conference at the UN Headquarters on Tuesday in New York, he warned that global divisions, conflicts and crises have taken the very principle of international cooperation to its most fragile inflection point in decades.

UN must evolve to 'stand strong' for the next 80 years: General Assembly president. *UN News*. 17 September 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/09/1165868> Speaking ahead of the start of high-level week, Annalena Baerbock underscored the importance of the UN Charter, the Organization's founding document, and the need for reform and greater inclusivity .

‘Tidal wave of emotion’ secures win for young Turkish writer in UN competition. *UN News.* 19 September 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/09/1165895> Fifteen-year-old Reyhan Demiriz from Türkiye has been awarded first prize in a UN young writers’ competition which garnered a staggering 1.6 million entries from 65 different countries .

UN marks 80th anniversary of its founding. *UN News.* 22 September 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/09/1165910> Music, memories and messages of peace filled the UN General Assembly Hall on Monday as the world body commemorated 80 years since its founding.

Ghana Maritime Authority begins celebration of World Maritime Day. Nii Martey M. Botchway. *Ghana News Agency.* 23 September 2025. Available from: <https://gna.org.gh/2025/09/ghana-maritime-authority-begins-celebration-of-world-maritime-day/> The Ghana Maritime Authority (GMA), has joined the global community to celebrate this year’s World Maritime day.

New national climate plans unveiled at high-level summit ahead of COP30 conference. *UN News.* 24 September 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/09/1165943> From accelerating the move to clean energy to planting acres of trees, leaders from nearly 100 countries announced or reiterated new national climate action plans during a meeting on Wednesday as part of the high-level week of the UN General Assembly.

UN moves to close dangerous void in AI governance. Conor Lennon. *UN News.* 25 September 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/09/1165898> Investment, optimism and anxiety: these are three of the big drivers of interest in artificial intelligence and its implications.

Ship source pollution – learning from experience. Kim Jefferies. *Gard.* 25 September 2025. Available from: <https://gard.no/insights/ship-source-pollution-learning-from-experience/> 25 September is the UN World Maritime Day, and the theme in 2025 is “Our Ocean, Our Obligation, Our Opportunity”. In recognition, we are taking a closer look at accidental pollution – a subject of concern both to the public and to P&I insurers like Gard that insure shipowners against pollution liabilities.

MOT celebrates World Maritime Day 2025. *Gulf Times (Qatar).* 26 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.gulf-times.com/article/711520/qatar/mot-celebrates-world-maritime-day-2025> The Ministry of Transport today celebrated the World Maritime Day, which is observed on September 25 annually.

Greece calls for coordinated action on maritime security. *Safety4Sea.* 29 September 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/greece-calls-for-coordinated-action-on-maritime-security/> Greece has highlighted during the 80th Session of the UN General Assembly the need for coordinated action for maritime security.

CASUALTIES

Singapore-flagged tanker and Malta ship collide off Tanah Merah, 'light oil sheens' sighted.

Ng Hong Siang. *Channel News Asia*. 1 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/tanah-merah-vessel-collision-marine-dynamo-flag-gangos-5326341>

A Singapore-flagged tanker collided with a Malta-registered bulk carrier on Monday morning (Sep 1) about 8km south of Tanah Merah, resulting in marine gas oil spilling into the sea.

Fatal fire on the *Grande Costa D'Avorio*. Rob Hutchins. *Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST)*. 2 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.imarest.org/resource/mp-fatal-fire-on-the-grande-costa-d-avorio.html> As early details emerged of the fire on Grimaldi's *Grande Costa D'Avorio* in Port Newark in 2023, following a spate of ro-ro fires originating from battery electric vehicles (BEVs) including the *Felicity Ace* near the Azores and the *Höegh Xiamen* in Florida, the public were primed to hear that New Jersey might be a similar case.

Five killed in migrant boat crash off western Türkiye. *Daily Sabah (Türkiye)*. 7 September 2025.

Available from: <https://www.dailysabah.com/politics/five-killed-in-migrant-boat-crash-off-western-turkiye/news> Five people were killed and another one was seriously injured on Sunday when a boat carrying irregular migrants crashed into a Turkish Coast Guard Command boat in western Türkiye.

'Ice-class' cargo ship runs aground in Northwest Passage. Jorge Antunes.

Nunatsiaq News (Canada). 8 September 2025. Available from:

<https://nunatsiaq.com/stories/article/ice-class-cargo-ship-runs-aground-in-northwest-passage/>

"The exact cause of the incident is yet unknown, with a full investigation into the exact circumstances leading to the grounding to follow," said Richard Batema, spokesperson for Royal Wagenborg, the ship's owner, in an email Monday.

How chronic boredom is driving maritime casualties. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*.

9 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/special-reports/how-chronic-boredom-is-driving-maritime-casualties/2-1-1855190> Shipping's tech revolution has spawned a new generation of watchkeepers with too little to do, according to the UK's chief marine accident investigator.

Berthed containership loses 67 boxes overboard at Port of Long Beach. Mike Schuler.

gCaptain. 9 September 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/over-50-boxes-topple-from-containership-at-port-of-long-beach/>

U.S. Coast Guard units and local emergency responders have established a safety zone at Pier G in the Port of Long Beach following a significant container collapse incident aboard the *MV Mississippi*.

Lawlessness in the Mediterranean continues with attack on *Ocean Viking*. *Human Rights at Sea (HRAS)*. 11 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/news/lawlessness-mediterranean-continues-attack-ocean-viking>

The *Ocean Viking* had 87 survivors and 34 humanitarian and maritime workers onboard and was in radio contact with its attackers when, without warning, its bridge was showered with bullets.

***Wan Hai 503* finally finds refuge in Dubai.** Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*.

11 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/salvage/wan-hai-503-finally-finds-refuge-in-dubai>

Over three months after a deadly fire erupted on the Singapore-registered *Wan Hai 503* off the coast of Kerala, India it has finally reached a port of refuge.

Ferry crew often breached safety rules, court told. Georgina Barnes. *BBC News*.

12 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ce32004v177o>

Lewis Carr and Artur Sevash-Zade deny three counts of gross negligence manslaughter following the deaths of skipper Michael Michieli and his *L'Ecume II* crew members Larry Simyunn and Jervis Baligat in December 2022.

At least 50 dead after vessel carrying Sudanese refugees catches fire. Caolán Magee.

Al Jazeera. 16 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/9/16/at-least-50-dead-after-vessel-carrying-sudanese-refugees-catches-fire> At least 50 people have died after a vessel carrying 75 Sudanese refugees caught fire near the Libyan coast on Sunday, according to the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Chinese and Philippine ships collide near disputed shoal in South China Sea.

Associated Press. 17 September 2025. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/philippines-south-china-sea-scarborough-shoal-collision-fc31a170189e4747b8314fb605ca7d0c> 🇨🇳 China's coast guard accused a Philippine ship of deliberately ramming one of its vessels on Tuesday near the disputed Scarborough Shoal in the South China Sea.

New missile strike targets ship in feared Houthi attack. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*.

23 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/new-missile-strike-targets-ship-in-feared-houthi-attack/2-1-1875405> A ship has been targeted in the first attack in the Gulf of Aden for several weeks, its master reported.

Ferry crew member not guilty of killing fishermen. Georgina Barnes, Gemma Daubeney and George Thorpe. *BBC News*. 26 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c4g923w9lewo> Artur Sevash-Zade and Lewis Carr stood trial at Jersey's Royal Court accused of three charges of gross negligence manslaughter after Condor's *Commodore Goodwill* collided with trawler *L'Ecume II* in December 2022, killing Michael Michieli, Larry Simyunn and Jervis Baligat.

Ship on fire in the Gulf of Aden after Houthi attack. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*.

29 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/ship-on-fire-in-the-gulf-of-aden-after-houthi-attack/2-1-1878426> Helicopters were airlifting crew from a burning Dutch general cargo ship in the Gulf of Aden on Monday after it was hit and badly damaged in a Houthi missile strike.

Dutch-flagged cargo ship on fire after suspected attack off Yemen. *ShippingWatch*.

30 September 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Bulk/article18586828.ece>

A cargo ship has been hit by a projectile approximately 120 nautical miles from the port city of Aden in Yemen.

ENVIRONMENT

Ship at centre of Tobago oil spill escapes Angolan custody. Elizabeth Gonzales.

Guardian (Trinidad & Tobago). 1 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.guardian.co.tt/news/ship-at-centre-of-tobago-oil-spill-escapes-angolan-custody-6.2.2389547.40a8a89cf2>

The *Solo Creed* tug, the vessel at the centre of Tobago's 2024 oil spill disaster, broke free from custody in Angola last year, in an escape that was never disclosed to the public.

IAEA to conduct third extensive sampling of marine environment near Fukushima Daiichi since start of ALPS treated water discharge. *International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)*.

2 September 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/377wbctw> The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is in Japan this week to conduct marine sampling near the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (FDNPS).

Russian Black Sea terminal suspends operations after oil spill from tanker. Gary Dixon.

TradeWinds. 2 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/russian-black-sea-terminal-suspends-operations-after-oil-spill-from-tanker/2-1-1865545>

Tanker operations were halted at part of the Caspian Pipeline Consortium (CPC) terminal in Russia following a minor oil spill.

Ukrainian Navy confirms oil spill in Black Sea: Details revealed. *RBC-Ukraine*.

3 September 2025. Available from: <https://newsukraine.rbc.ua/news/ukrainian-navy-confirms-oil-spill-in-black-1756901570.html>

In a comment to RBC-Ukraine, Ukrainian Navy Spokesperson Dmytro Pletenchuk has confirmed an oil spill in the Black Sea in waters controlled by Russia.

Rising Arctic shipping threatens fragile ecosystem. Gulseli Kenarli and Emir Yildirim.

Anadolu Agency (Türkiye). 3 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/environment/rising-arctic-shipping-threatens-fragile-ecosystem/3677279>

Shipping traffic in the Arctic increased sharply between 2013 and 2023, driving up greenhouse gas and black carbon emissions in the region, according to a new report by Istanbul University.

Korea Coast Guard apprehends oil-spill vessel off Busan. Kim Mi-hee.

Chosun Daily (South Korea). 3 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.chosun.com/english/national-en/2025/09/03/ODUAWO5TY5AD7PEMNN4FFLQTFA/>

A vessel that spilled oil in the middle of the night in the sea off Busan and fled was apprehended after an investigation by the Korea Coast Guard.

WMO Air Quality and Climate Bulletin highlights vicious cycle.

World Meteorological Organization (WMO). 5 September 2025. Available from:

<https://wmo.int/news/media-centre/wmo-air-quality-and-climate-bulletin-highlights-vicious-cycle>

A new WMO report traces the complex interplay between air quality and climate, highlighting the role of tiny particles called aerosols in wildfires, winter fog, shipping emissions and urban pollution.

[WMO Air Quality and Climate Bulletin No. 5 - September 2025](#)

Experts warn Russian shadow fleet puts Baltic Sea at major oil spill risk. Melike Pala.

Anadolu Agency (Türkiye). 8 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/environment/experts-warn-russian-shadow-fleet-puts-baltic-sea-at-major-oil-spill-risk/3680884>

Maritime analysts have warned that Russia's growing "shadow fleet" of oil tankers in the Baltic Sea poses an imminent threat of a multibillion-dollar environmental disaster.

Corals growing on North Sea oil rigs rehomed on artificial reef. Kevin Keane. *BBC News*. 11 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cx257lelew3o>
They have been growing on the legs of subsea structures for decades but are now under threat as old rigs are being decommissioned.

EU citizens demand slower ships to help save whales.
International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW). 15 September 2025.
Available from: <https://www.ifaw.org/international/press-releases/eu-citizens-demand-slower-ships-to-help-save-whales> Over a quarter of a million people across the EU have called on the European Commission to reduce ship speeds in its waters, to protect marine life such as whales.

UN Sessions on solar geoengineering trigger unease. Bob Berwyn. *Inside Climate News*. 15 September 2025. Available from: <https://insideclimatenews.org/news/15092025/un-solar-geoengineering-climate-change/> The top scientist for the Geneva-based United Nations Environmental Programme said the organization is exploring the topic of climate engineering because “growing concerns about the lack of global efforts to cut emissions” is driving more interest in technological fixes that have been discredited by recent research.

Climate change is fast shrinking the world’s largest inland sea. Simon Goodman. *The Conversation*. 15 September 2025. Available from: <https://theconversation.com/climate-change-is-fast-shrinking-the-worlds-largest-inland-sea-265239> Once a haven for flamingos, sturgeon and thousands of seals, fast-receding waters are turning the northern coast of the Caspian Sea into barren stretches of dry sand.

Healing the ozone layer: ‘Guided by science, united in action’. *UN News*. 16 September 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/09/1165861> Last century, scientists confirmed the alarming reality of a significant depletion in the ozone layer – an invisible shield of gas which surrounds the earth and protects it from the sun’s UV rays.

Pacific leaders secure ocean protection funding. Apenisa Waqairadovu. *FBC News (Fiji)*. 17 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.fbcnews.com.fj/news/pacific-leaders-secure-ocean-protection-funding/> A landmark regional initiative to safeguard the Pacific Ocean has received a major boost, with the Bezos Earth Fund announcing over \$84 million in grants to support marine protection across 12 countries and territories.

Suez Canal Authority reviews progress of ‘Antipollution Egypt’ in pioneering green transformation. *Egypt Today*. 18 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.egypttoday.com/Article/1/142351/Suez-Canal-Authority-reviews-progress-of-%E2%80%98Antipollution-Egypt%E2%80%99-in-pioneering> Admiral Osama Rabie, Chairman of the Suez Canal Authority (SCA), chaired a shareholders’ meeting on September 18, 2025 to review the latest developments of Antipollution Egypt, a company specializing in safe and sustainable waste collection and removal services for ships transiting the Canal.

Ship noise from possible Churchill port expansion could drive belugas away, experts fear. Justin Fiacconi. *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)*. 21 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/churchill-belugas-expansion-tourism-inuit-1.7639037> Proposals to expand the Port of Churchill in northern Manitoba could bring an increase in shipping traffic and commercial activity — and some experts suggest that could affect the behaviour of the whales that are not only a major draw in the area’s nearly \$100-million tourism industry, but an important food source for some in the North.

International group starts process for \$38M compensation for Tobago oil spill. Elizabeth Gonzales. *Guardian (Trinidad & Tobago)*. 23 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.guardian.co.tt/news/international-group-starts-process-for-38m-compensation-for-tobago-oil-spill-6.2.2407118.eff24a7066> The International Oil Pollution Compensation (IOPC) Fund has estimated the payout for the *Gulfstream* oil spill at £4.2 million, or \$38 million (TT).

Vanuatu working toward UN vote aimed at fighting fossil-fuel industry influence.

Nina Lakhani. *The Guardian*. 24 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/sep/24/vanuatu-climate-change-fossil-fuel-industry-influence> Vanuatu is working on securing a UN vote to turn a landmark ruling on the climate crisis by the international court of justice (ICJ) into concrete political action that will fight the influence of the fossil-fuel industry and protect the globe from environmental catastrophe.

Researchers highlight risks in expanding shipping routes in the Arctic. Alex Karpa.

CTV News (Canada). 25 September 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/2pr9bjn5> For centuries, ice has covered Hudson Bay for most of the year. Now researchers at the University of Manitoba say climate change is melting the ice at an unprecedented rate, opening the door for more ships to pass through for longer periods throughout the year.

Global marine experts convene in Mombasa to tackle overfishing, pollution, climate threats.

Farhiya Hussein. *Eastleigh Voice (Kenya)*. 29 September 2025. Available from: <https://eastleighvoice.co.ke/coast/218095/global-marine-experts-convene-in-mombasa-to-tackle-overfishing-pollution-climate-threats> Experts warn that unless urgent action is taken, the region's food security, economic growth, and biodiversity will face severe risks.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

Ship at centre of Tobago oil spill escapes Angolan custody. Elizabeth Gonzales.

Guardian (Trinidad & Tobago). 1 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.guardian.co.tt/news/ship-at-centre-of-tobago-oil-spill-escapes-angolan-custody-6.2.2389547.40a8a89cf2> The *Solo Creed* tug, the vessel at the centre of Tobago's 2024 oil spill disaster, broke free from custody in Angola last year, in an escape that was never disclosed to the public.

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Ukrainian Navy confirms oil spill in Black Sea: Details revealed. RBC-Ukraine.

3 September 2025. Available from: <https://newsukraine.rbc.ua/news/ukrainian-navy-confirms-oil-spill-in-black-1756901570.html> In a comment to RBC-Ukraine, Ukrainian Navy Spokesperson Dmytro Pletenchuk has confirmed an oil spill in the Black Sea in waters controlled by Russia.

Korea Coast Guard apprehends oil-spill vessel off Busan. Kim Mi-hee.

Chosun Daily (South Korea). 3 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.chosun.com/english/national-en/2025/09/03/ODUAWO5TY5AD7PEMNN4FFLQTFA/> A vessel that spilled oil in the middle of the night in the sea off Busan and fled was apprehended after an investigation by the Korea Coast Guard.

Experts warn Russian shadow fleet puts Baltic Sea at major oil spill risk. Melike Pala.

Anadolu Agency (Türkiye). 8 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/environment/experts-warn-russian-shadow-fleet-puts-baltic-sea-at-major-oil-spill-risk/3680884>

Maritime analysts have warned that Russia's growing "shadow fleet" of oil tankers in the Baltic Sea poses an imminent threat of a multibillion-dollar environmental disaster.

Suez Canal Authority reviews progress of 'Antipollution Egypt' in pioneering green transformation. *Egypt Today*. 18 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.egypttoday.com/Article/1/142351/Suez-Canal-Authority-reviews-progress-of-%E2%80%98Antipollution-Egypt%E2%80%99-in-pioneering>

Admiral Osama Rabie, Chairman of the Suez Canal Authority (SCA), chaired a shareholders' meeting on September 18, 2025 to review the latest developments of Antipollution Egypt, a company specializing in safe and sustainable waste collection and removal services for ships transiting the Canal.

International group starts process for \$38M compensation for Tobago oil spill.

Elizabeth Gonzales. *Guardian (Trinidad & Tobago)*. 23 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.guardian.co.tt/news/international-group-starts-process-for-38m-compensation-for-tobago-oil-spill-6.2.2407118.eff24a7066>

The International Oil Pollution Compensation (IOPC) Fund has estimated the payout for the *Gulfstream* oil spill at £4.2 million, or \$38 million (TT).

HEALTH & SAFETY

Crew Welfare Week: Leadership onboard is vital to drive seafarers' mental wellbeing.

Safety4Sea. 3 September 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/cm-crew-welfare-week-leadership-onboard-is-vital-to-drive-seafarers-mental-wellbeing/>

When we prioritize the welfare of those steering the ship, both the vessel, and the industry, run stronger.

Red Sea incidents prompt renewed focus on duty of care for crews.

American Journal of Transportation (AJOT). 3 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.ajot.com/news/red-sea-incidents-prompt-renewed-focus-on-duty-of-care-for-crews>

Recent attacks in the Red Sea have prompted renewed calls for stronger leadership and greater care for the mental wellbeing of seafarers.

Maritime Cadet awareness film on bullying, harassment and exploitation launched.

Human Rights at Sea (HRAS). 6 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/news/maritime-cadet-awareness-film-bullying-harassment-and-exploitation-launched>

The need to provide education and awareness for prospective maritime cadets on all issues that may affect them is being consistently addressed across the maritime welfare sector, most recently by the Sailors Society.

"Please save us" – plea from abandoned seafarers on sanctioned ship in UAE. *ITF Seafarers*.

6 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/please-save-us-plea-abandoned-seafarers-sanctioned-ship-uae>

Desperate seafarers abandoned on a sanctioned ship in the Persian Gulf are now out of fuel and are burning wood to cook what food they have left – and they have reached out to the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) with their plea for help.

Seafarers 2040: Understanding UK demographics and welfare needs. *Maritime Charities Group (MCG)*. 8 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.maritimecharitiesgroup.org/en/news/publications/seafarers2040-understanding-uk-demographics-and-welfare-needs/> A report commissioned by the Maritime Charities Group has found that the number of UK seafarers could fall dramatically by 2040.

Marine insurers must play a role in eradicating sexual misconduct at sea. *International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI)*. 8 September 2025. Available from: <https://iumi.com/news/press-release/marine-insurers-must-play-a-role-in-eradicating-sexual-misconduct-at-sea/> Marine insurers must take an active role in eradicating sexual misconduct at sea, delegates at the International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI) annual conference in Singapore heard today.

GMDSS calls rise during a turbulent year for international shipping. *Martyn Wingrove. Riviera Maritime*. 11 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/gmdss-calls-rise-during-a-turbulent-year-for-international-shipping-86098> Maritime emergency communications are rising, with more seafarers requiring response services as the number of casualties and incident rates are climbing.

Calling time on silence, injustice, and exploitation. *Nautilus International*. 17 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/telegraph/unrest-at-sea-calling-time-on-silence-injustice-and-exploitation/> At a conference hosted by the Seafarers' Guild of Benevolence on 3 July 2025, powerful anonymous testimonies from seafarers highlighted the continuing gaps in the maritime industry's duty of care.

Cyprus places seafarers' welfare at the heart of maritime policy, says minister. *Kyriacos Nicolaou. Cyprus Mail*. 22 September 2025. Available from: <https://cyprus-mail.com/2025/09/22/cyprus-to-prioritise-shipping-and-training-during-eu-presidency> Deputy Shipping Minister Marina Hadjimanolis on Monday said that the welfare of seafarers is at the top of the ministry's priorities.

Maritime leaders hold the power to improving seafarers' lives, advises InterManager as World Maritime Day approaches. *All About Shipping*. 23 September 2025. Available from: <https://allaboutshipping.co.uk/2025/09/23/maritime-leaders-hold-the-power-to-improving-seafarers-lives-advises-intermanager-as-world-maritime-day-approaches/> With the theme of this year's International Maritime Organization event being 'Our Ocean, Our Obligation, Our Opportunity', Capt Kuba Szymanski says the future of the ocean as a place of work puts serious obligations on maritime leaders to adopt a different approach to seafarer welfare.

IMO

ICS gives backing to IMO Net-Zero Framework to provide clarity, simplicity, and detail on rewards. *International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)*. 17 July 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/3xh3fy24> In April, the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) member states took a historic step by agreeing to the Net-Zero Framework (NZF) – the world's first global emissions price for an entire industry.

IMO Secretary-General addressed the challenges facing the maritime industry in a discussion with WISTA Panama. *MundoMaritimo*. 1 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.mundomaritimo.net/noticias/imo-secretary-general-addressed-the-challenges-facing-the-maritime-industry-in-a-discussion-with-wista-panama> WISTA Panama celebrated 15 years of constant work in promoting female leadership in the maritime industry with a discussion with Arsenio Domínguez, Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), who was also honored by the organization for being the first Panamanian to hold this position and for his contribution to the development of the maritime sector.

Can watered-down fossil fuel and tidal power decarbonise shipping? Nick Savvides. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 1 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/green-shipping/can-watered-down-fossil-fuel-and-tidal-power-decarbonise-shipping-> The IMO's extraordinary decarbonisation meeting is due to start in less than two months, but as the path to green Nirvana remains muddled, here two innovation pathways light the way.

IMO Secretary-General pays official visit to the Panama Maritime Authority. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 2 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/imo-secretary-general-pays-official-visit-to-the-panama-maritime-authority/> Arsenio Domínguez, Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), carried out an official visit to the Panama Maritime Authority (PMA) as part of his first mission to the country since taking office in January 2024.

Countdown: How the IMO Process Works for the NZF. *Maersk Mc-Kinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping*. 3 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.zerocarbonshipping.com/news/countdown-how-the-imo-process-works-for-the-nzf> This time, we're diving deep into the International Maritime Organization Net-Zero Framework (IMO NZF), starting with what it is, how it works, and what it will mean for the industry.

US tells countries to reject UN ship fuel emissions deal or face tariffs, sources say. *Reuters*. 3 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/legal/litigation/us-tells-countries-reject-un-ship-fuel-emissions-deal-or-face-tariffs-sources-2025-09-03/> The United States has told countries to reject a United Nations' marine fuel emissions-cutting deal or face tariffs, visa restrictions and port levies, U.S. and European officials and sources told Reuters.

6PAC+ prepares IMO submissions, demands just transition. *Pacific Islands News Association (PINA)*. 3 September 2025. Available from: <https://pina.com.fj/2025/09/03/6pac-prepares-imo-submissions-demands-just-transition> "We want to ensure the International Maritime Organisation is in alignment with principles of international environmental law and advances a just and equitable transition in the decarbonisation of international shipping."

Brussels opposes US bid to sink global maritime emissions deal. Nikolaus J. Kurmayer.

EurActiv. 3 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.euractiv.com/section/eet/news/brussels-opposes-us-bid-to-sink-global-maritime-emissions-deal/> In April, IMO members agreed to begin pricing CO2 emissions from cargo ships in 2028 – the EU called the deal a “significant milestone”, especially given the challenging international context.

US is trying to halt new IMO climate deal with threats of punitive tariffs.

Liv Almer. *ShippingWatch*. 4 September 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article18502031.ece> The US State Department is currently touring a number of countries, urging them to reject the climate agreement for shipping that IMO member states will vote on in October, as they will otherwise risk being subject to punitive tariffs or other reprisals.

US threatens Netherlands with retaliatory tariffs if it supports IMO’s net-zero drive. Karen Ng.

TradeWinds. 4 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/us-threatens-netherlands-with-retaliatory-tariffs-if-it-supports-imo-s-net-zero-drive/2-1-1866802> The US has reportedly threatened the Netherlands with tariffs and other retaliatory measures if it supports the International Maritime Organization’s Net-Zero Framework.

IMO member states tire of US threats over climate rules. Nick Savvides.

Seatrade Maritime News. 4 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulations/imo-member-states-tire-of-us-threats-over-climate-rules> African member states are said to be tiring of US machinations, including the tariff wars and cutting of USAID, as Washington seeks to reverse the IMO’s moves to meet its climate targets.

Saudi Arabia hosts first Arab maritime meeting. *Arab News (Saudi Arabia)*. 7 September 2025.

Available from: <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2614444/saudi-arabia> Saudi Arabia hosted the first meeting of Arab maritime authorities, in coordination with the International Maritime Organization, on the sidelines of the second Sustainable Maritime Industry Conference in Jeddah, the Saudi Press Agency reported on Sunday.

IMO’s Net-Zero Framework is too much for some, not enough for others, but likely to work.

Joe Kramek. *TradeWinds*. 9 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/imo-s-net-zero-framework-is-too-much-for-some-not-enough-for-others-but-likely-to-work/2-1-1869069> In the run-up to the International Maritime Organization’s Net-Zero Framework vote in October, the headlines seem impossible to reconcile.

Targeted distribution of revenues from shipping emissions pricing could help reduce global inequality. *UCL Energy Institute. Shipping and Oceans Research Group*. 10 September 2025.

Available from: <https://www.shippingandoceans.com/post/targeted-distribution-of-revenues-from-shipping-emissions-pricing-is-essential> A new study from UCL’s Ocean and Shipping Group reveals that the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Net Zero Framework could help reduce global inequalities, provided that the revenue generated is strategically distributed to support vulnerable nations.

Maersk calls for support for IMO’s decarbonization deal in October. Tomas Kristiansen.

ShippingWatch. 10 September 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article18519474.ece> Danish transport and logistics powerhouse Maersk calls for support for IMO’s comprehensive and ambitious decarbonization accord set to be adopted at a meeting in London in October.

Ocean talks in London signal TZ's maritime ambitions. Esther Takwa. *Daily News (Tanzania)*. 10 September 2025. Available from: <https://dailynews.co.tz/ocean-talks-in-london-signal-tzs-maritime-ambitions/> Tanzania is set to deepen its cooperation with the United Kingdom and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in key maritime areas, including safety, security, environmental protection, and capacity building.

Panama Maritime Authority outlines decarbonization roadmap. *Port News*. 11 September 2025. Available from: <https://en.portnews.ru/news/381767/> Panama is developing a national plan to decarbonize its maritime sector as part of its commitment to International Maritime Organization (IMO) standards.

DNV: Fleet readiness surges ahead of fuel supply - green transition at a tipping point. *DNV*. 11 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.dnv.com/news/2025/dnv-fleet-readiness-surges-ahead-of-fuel-supply-green-transition-at-a-tipping-point/> By 2030, the alternative-fuelled fleet will be able to burn up to 50 million tonnes of oil equivalent (Mtoe) of low-greenhouse gas (GHG) fuels annually, double the estimated volume needed to meet the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) 2030 emissions target. [Maritime Forecast to 2050](#) 📄

UCL's Tristan Smith criticises DNV maritime chief for LNG comments. Craig Eason. *TradeWinds*. 12 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/interviews/ucl-s-tristan-smith-criticises-dnv-maritime-chief-for-lng-comments/2-1-1871024> 📢 Tristan Smith, professor of energy and transport at the UCL Energy Institute, has criticised seemingly pro-LNG comments made by DNV Maritime chief executive Knut Orbeck-Nilssen.

Maritime decarbonization – US moves pale next to IMO's. Rebecca Higgins. *Eno Center for Transportation*. 12 September 2025. Available from: <https://enotrans.org/article/maritime-decarbonization-us-moves-pale-next-to-imos/> The global maritime sector underpins international trade, transporting over 80 percent of the world's goods. Marine shipping is highly efficient, but the sector is still responsible for 3 percent of all global GHG emissions and ships burn approximately 300 million tons of fossil fuels every year.

ABS Chairman and CEO urges IMO to pause and rethink the Net Zero Framework. *ABS (American Bureau of Shipping)*. 15 September 2025. Available from: <https://ww2.eagle.org/en/newsdetail.ff9dc898.html> "Shipping and the IMO are on different trajectories. There is no clear pathway for green fuel availability and scalability and infrastructure support. [2025 Sustainability Outlook](#) 📄

A call for Member States to support the adoption of the IMO's Net-Zero Framework in October. *Global Maritime Forum*. 15 September 2025. Available from: <https://globalmaritimeforum.org/news/a-call-for-member-states-to-support-the-adoption-of-the-imos-net-zero/> As a global regulator, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) plays a crucial role in shaping the shipping industry's current and future choices.

US shipowners endorse IMO's decarbonization deal. Tomas Kristiansen. *ShippingWatch*. 15 September 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article18534574.ece> US shipowners declare they support the decarbonization deal expected to be inked during the extraordinary MEPC session at IMO's headquarters in London in October.

2030 shipping goal at risk despite historic progress made by IMO: New report.

Global Maritime Forum. 16 September 2025. Available from:

<https://globalmaritimeforum.org/press/2030-shipping-goal-at-risk-despite-historic-progress-made-by-imo-new-report/> The shipping sector is still off track to meet its climate target of having at least 5-10% of the fuel used in international shipping come from scalable zero-emission sources by 2030, according to a new progress report. [Climate Action in Shipping; Progress towards shipping's 2030 breakthrough; 2025 edition](#) 

Kikilias: We support the IMO framework for energy transition but improvements needed for its realistic implementation. *Athens News Agency - Macedonian Press Agency (ANA-MPA)*.

16 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.amna.gr/en/article/933192/Kikilias-We-support-the-IMO-framework-for-energy-transition-but-improvements-needed-for-its-realistic-implementation>

The Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy, Vassilis Kikilias, held a meeting with the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), Arsenio Dominguez, in the presence of the Greek Ambassador to the United Kingdom, Yannis Tsaousis, in London, as part of the "London International Shipping Week".

Arsenio Dominguez confident of IMO carbon vote success in October. *Craig Eason*.

TradeWinds. 16 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/arsenio-dominguez-confident-of-imo-carbon-vote-success-in-october/2-1-1872489> Despite recent criticism and threats, new decarbonisation regulations for shipping will be agreed, according to International Maritime Organization general secretary Arsenio Dominguez.

'Investing on quicksand': Owners call for rules clarity as decarbonisation deadline looms.

Ian Lewis. TradeWinds. 16 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/-investing-on-quicksand-owners-call-for-rules-clarity-as-decarbonisation-deadline-looms/2-1-1872683> Regulators at the International Maritime Organization hope to push forward next month with a global regulatory framework to head off patchwork rules.

Shipping companies support a first-ever global fee on greenhouse gases, opposed by Trump officials. *Jennifer McDermott. Associated Press*. 16 September 2025.

Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/shipping-emissions-climate-change-green-levy-trump-51028a815be06deb2ad83f3ac2a75b1d> Nearly 200 shipping companies said Monday they want the world's largest maritime nations to adopt regulations that include the first-ever global fee on greenhouse gases to reduce their sector's emissions.

Calls for net-zero pause brushed aside by IMO. *Nick Savvides. Seatrade Maritime News*.

16 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulations/calls-for-net-zero-pause-brushed-aside-by-imo> International Maritime Organization (IMO) Secretary General Arsenio Dominguez said he is confident that the UN body will approve the net zero framework (NZM) at next month's extraordinary meeting at IMO's London HQ.

IAPH calls out for IMO NZF adoption at MEPC ES.2. *American Journal of Transportation (AJOT)*.

17 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.ajot.com/news/iaph-calls-out-for-imo-nzf-adoption-at-mepc-es.2> As IMO Member States are set to vote in the week of 13 October on crucial amendments to the MARPOL Convention, IAPH Managing Director urges all stakeholders to support a global economic measure, warning that a mixture of national and regional measures could spell a "disaster for the maritime energy transition."

Shipping bosses fear choice between two IMO devils they don't know. Declan Bush.

Lloyd's List. 17 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1154853/Shipping-bosses-fear-choice-between-two-IMO-devils-they-don%E2%80%99t-know> Shipping leaders are struggling to reconcile their reservations with the International Maritime Organization's new green rules with the possible "disaster" they face if the international framework fails to pass next month.

With global rules pending, can the shipping industry get more carbon efficient?

Edward Carver. *Mongabay*. 17 September 2025. Available from:

<https://news.mongabay.com/2025/09/with-global-rules-pending-can-the-shipping-industry-get-more-carbon-efficient/> This is Part 2 of a short series on efforts to decarbonize the global shipping industry. Part 1 discussed international policy and politics. This part looks at efficiency measures.

LISW delegates reach nervy consensus on IMO net zero meeting. Paul Bartlett.

Seatrade Maritime News. 18 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulations/lisw-delegates-reach-nervy-consensus-on-imo-net-zero-meeting>

President Trump's presence at Windsor Castle this week, just a few miles from the IMO headquarters in central London, only served to stir the fears of shipping executives over the outcome of the IMO's Extraordinary MEPC meeting in October.

Shelve the IMO net-zero plan and decarbonise without punishing small islands and developing nations. Eric Dawicki. *TradeWinds*. 18 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/shelve-the-imo-net-zero-plan-and-decarbonise-without-punishing-small-islands-and-developing-nations/2-1-1873653> The International Maritime

Organization's new net-zero package — comprising a fuel greenhouse gas standard, emissions pricing and a central fund — has been sold as "historic."

IMO's global net zero ambitions on a knife edge. Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*.

18 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulations/imo-s-global-net-zero-ambitions-on-a-knife-edge> The battle lines are being drawn ahead of next month's critical meeting and vote at the IMO on its Net Zero Framework.

Shipowners Frontline, Bahri and more unite to express 'grave concerns' with IMO carbon deal. Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds*. 18 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/shipowners-frontline-bahri-and-more-unite-to-express-grave-concerns-with-imo-carbon-deal/2-1-1874279> A group of prominent shipowners jointly

expressed "grave concerns" about the greenhouse gas regulation scheduled for an October vote at the International Maritime Organization.

ICS and IBIA push for significant green fuels rewards at IMO. *Ship & Bunker*.

19 September 2025. Available from: <https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/972106-ics-and-ibia-push-for-significant-green-fuels-rewards-at-imo> The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)

and bunker industry body IBIA are urging the IMO to establish robust financial incentives for ships powered by zero and near-zero (ZNZ) marine fuels.

Top shipping players want overhaul of UN ship fuel emissions deal. *Straits Times*.

19 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.straitstimes.com/world/europe/Top-shipping-players-want-overhaul-of-UN-ship-fuel-emissions-deal?ref=search-results> A group of top shipping companies including leading Greek players said on Thursday they want changes to a United Nations deal tabled for adoption in October that seeks to cut marine fuel emissions, adding complications to the draft accord after U.S. opposition.

Fredriksen and Greece's top shipowners spearhead revolt against IMO's Net Zero Framework. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 19 September 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/fredriksen-and-greeces-top-shipowners-spearhead-revolt-against-imos-net-zero-framework/> Some of the biggest names in world shipping are rallying against the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) flagship Net-Zero Framework (NZF), just weeks before it comes up for adoption in October.

Shipping's big climate moment is here, but will it live up to its promise? Emma Fenton. *Splash 247.com*. 19 September 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/shippings-big-climate-moment-is-here-but-will-it-live-up-to-its-promise/> Emma Fenton, senior director of global diplomacy at Opportunity Green, explains the significance of the IMO Net-Zero Framework.

IMO Secretary General: 'you're going to get bored of me'. Gary Howard. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 19 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulations/imo-sec-gen-you-re-going-to-get-bored-of-me-> Arsenio Dominguez doubles down on leading by example when it comes to empowering women in shipping and decarbonisation..

Maria Angelicoussis' coalition against IMO greenhouse gas proposals grows to 1,200-ship common front. Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds*. 19 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/maria-angelicoussis-coalition-against-imo-greenhouse-gas-proposals-grows-to-1-200-ship-common-front/2-1-1874663> A Maria Angelicoussis-led group of six Greek shipowners opposing the International Maritime Organization's proposed greenhouse gas regulations has swelled to a 1,200-ship coalition of leading names in the industry.

IMO and DNV double act can't hide the divide. Nick Savvides. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 19 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulations/imo-and-dnv-double-act-can-t-hide-the-divide> Knut Ørbeck-Nilssen hosted Arsenio Dominguez on stage in what was billed as a fireside chat, but was, at times, more Laurel and Hardy than the serious business of decarbonising shipping.

UAE to bring together global maritime leaders at World Maritime Day Parallel Event. *Emirates News Agency (UAE)*. 22 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.wam.ae/en/article/blu53ag-uae-bring-together-global-maritime-leaders-world> The UAE is gearing up to host the World Maritime Day Parallel Event 2025, organised by the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure in collaboration with the International Maritime Organisation, from 30th September to 1st October, under the theme: "Our Ocean – Our Obligation – Our Opportunity."

Shipping's net zero crossroads: ambition meets a credibility test. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 22 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulations/shipping-s-net-zero-crossroads-ambition-meets-a-credibility-test> In a matter of days, what had been a technical debate about fuels and vessel design has turned into a public stress test of the International Maritime Organization's Net Zero Framework (NZF).

'Exactly what we need': Norden CEO praises IMO proposal to derisk green freight. Holly Birkett. *TradeWinds*. 22 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/bulkers/-exactly-what-we-need-norden-ceo-praises-imo-proposal-to-derisk-green-freight/2-1-1873461> Agreeing on a carbon policy for shipping next month would shift some of the stalemate between the carriers able to offer lower-carbon transport and charterers who are ready to pay for it.

Analyst firm expects growing opposition to IMO deal ahead of key vote.

Kit Lindhart. *ShippingWatch*. 22 September 2025. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article18559968.ece>

Recent weeks have seen several examples of criticism of the upcoming climate agreement for shipping, on which members of the UN Maritime Organization (IMO) will vote in mid-October.

Arsenio Dominguez: We believe in multilateral partnerships and we believe in global shipping regulations.

Maritimes.gr (Greece). 23 September 2025. Available from:

<https://maritimes.gr/en/arsenio-dominguez-we-believe-in-multilateral-partnerships-and-we-believe-in-global-shipping-regulations/>

Capital Link had the honor to host as a Keynote Speaker Mr. Arsenio Dominguez, Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at the 17th Annual Capital Link Shipping & Marine Services Forum, which was held with great success and participation on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 in London.

IMO chief on criticism of climate plan: "I am positive and have confidence in the members".

Dag Holmstad. *ShippingWatch*. 23 September 2025. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article18562528.ece> Criticism is growing at the eleventh hour against the IMO's new climate plan, which aims to move the global shipping industry towards greener fuels and climate neutrality by 2050.

INSIGHT: Net Zero shipping, a tax game disguised as climate policy? Rob Mortimer.

Ship & Bunker. 23 September 2025. Available from: <https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/661141-insight-net-zero-shipping-a-tax-game-disguised-as-climate-policy>

The US warning countries to reject the IMO's so-called Net Zero shipping deal or face tariffs sounds brutal on the surface.

IBIA supports the adoption of the IMO Net-Zero Framework at MEPC/ES.2.

International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA). 24 September 2025. Available from:

<https://ibia.net/ibia-supports-the-adoption-of-the-imo-net-zero-framework-at-mepc-es-2/>

Next month the International Maritime Organization will consider one of the most important decisions in its history: the adoption of the IMO Net-Zero Framework.

Familiar pushback campaign against IMO legislation enters high gear. Sam Chambers.

Splash 247.com. 24 September 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/familiar-pushback-campaign-against-imo-legislation-enters-high-gear/>

No piece of legislation that comes out of the International Maritime Organization – or any multilateral body for that matter – is perfect. Compromises have to be sought – disappointment will be voiced at whatever the outcome.

'Do not make the IMO the biggest commercial bank in the world': ICS pleads. Craig Eason.

TradeWinds. 24 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/-do-not-make-the-imo-the-biggest-commercial-bank-in-the-world-ics-pleads/2-1-1875741>

Do not be surprised that shipowners raise concerns about proposed international carbon rules, said the International Chamber of Shipping's Thomas Kazakos.

Laurence Odfjell lashes out: "Shame on American Bureau of Shipping".

Tomas Kristiansen and Mette Grube Condруп. *ShippingWatch*. 24 September 2025.

Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article18558051.ece>

With only few weeks left until the pivotal vote on IMO's 2050 carbon deal, a heated debate about the pros and cons has erupted.

Securing offtake for green hydrogen.

Simon Flowers, Gavin Thompson, Murray Douglas and Alan Gelder. *Wood Mackenzie*. 25 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.woodmac.com/blogs/the-edge/securing-offtake-for-green-hydrogen/> The ability to deliver almost carbon-free hydrogen through renewables put electrolytic green hydrogen at the heart of net-zero ambition at the turn of the decade.

Sparks fly as shipowners and Trump push back in race to decarbonise.

Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 25 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/sparks-fly-as-shipowners-and-trump-push-back-in-race-to-decarbonise/2-1-1876428> Shipping's ambitious plan to become one of the world's first decarbonised industries has been rocked by a last-gasp demand from prominent shipowners to delay the process in a dispute over new fuels.

Shipping alliance disagrees with member criticism of IMO climate agreement.

Mette Grube Condrup. *ShippingWatch*. 26 September 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article18577056.ece> The Global Maritime Forum interest group is disagreeing with members who have publicly criticized the draft IMO agreement, which aims to move the global shipping industry toward greener fuels and climate neutrality by 2050, says the organization's director of decarbonization, Jesse Fahnestock, to ShippingWatch.

IMO net-zero shipping Framework: A crossroads for global shipping regulations.

Jeanne M. Grasso and Holli B. Packer. *National Law Review*. 26 September 2025. Available from: <https://natlawreview.com/article/imo-net-zero-shipping-framework-crossroads-global-shipping-regulations> The International Maritime Organization's ("IMO") Marine Environment Protection Committee approved a sweeping package of draft regulations known as the "IMO Net-Zero Shipping Framework" (the "Framework") in April 2025.

Estimating the maximum potential vegetable oil demand for international shipping under the International Maritime Organization's Net-Zero Framework.

Gonca Seber and Nikita Pavlenko. *International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT)*. 26 September 2025. Available from: <https://theicct.org/publication/estimating-the-maximum-potential-vegetable-oil-demand-for-international-shipping-under-the-imo-net-zero-framework-sept25/> The International Maritime Organization (IMO) is about to vote for the adoption of its Net-Zero Framework that, if adopted, would apply to ships weighing 5,000 tons or more and which travel internationally. [Research Brief](#) 

Net zero shipping: Tax game disguised as climate policy, says expert.

Maritime Fairtrade. 29 September 2025. Available from: <https://maritimefairtrade.org/net-zero-shipping-tax-game-disguised-as-climate-policy-says-expert/> The U.S. warning countries to reject the International Maritime Organization (IMO)'s so-called Net Zero shipping deal or face tariffs sounds brutal on the surface. But look a little deeper and you can see why Washington might be pushing back.

Op-Ed: Green shipping requires giga-scale projects and regulatory certainty.

Isabelle Ireland. *Maritime Executive*. 29 September 2025. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/editorials/op-ed-green-shipping-requires-giga-scale-projects-and-regulatory-certainty> The shipping industry stands at a decisive moment.

World Maritime Day 2025 – committed to safety, security and the environment.

Cyprus Shipping News. 30 September 2025. Available from: <https://cyprusshippingnews.com/2025/09/29/world-maritime-day-2025-committed-to-safety-security-and-the-environment/> Our Ocean, Our Obligation, Our Opportunity – that's the theme for this year's World Maritime Day.

LAW & POLICY

Cruise industry group sues to challenge Hawaii's tourism tax designed to deal with climate change.

Jennifer Sinco Kelleher. *Associated Press*. 30 August 2025.

Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/hawaii-tourist-tax-green-free-cruise-ceb0ef21eaed2a390e45a052a951ea61> A lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Hawaii imposing a tourist tax to deal with consequences of climate change seeks to stop officials from enforcing the new law on cruise ship passengers.

Global Trade Update (September 2025): Trade policy uncertainty looms over global markets.

UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD). September 2025. Available from:

<https://unctad.org/publication/global-trade-update-september-2025-trade-policy-uncertainty-looms-over-global-markets> Trade policy uncertainty has become a major source of global instability. Sudden shifts in tariffs, subsidies or restrictions fuel volatility.

Right whale feeding zone discovery sparks new protection call.

Rob Hutchins. *Oceanographic*. 1 September 2025. Available from: <https://oceanographicmagazine.com/news/right-whale-feeding-zone-discovery-sparks-new-protection-call/> The discovery of a key feeding location used by New Zealand southern right whales just 500 kilometres south of Australia has sparked calls for enhanced protection measures to be implemented across the region under the United Nations' High Seas Treaty.

Ghana charts path for blue economy with new Sustainable Ocean Plan.

GhanaWeb. 1 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/business/Ghana-charts-path-for-blue-economy-with-new-Sustainable-Ocean-Plan-1998796> The SDG Advisory Unit and the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) have organised a workshop to validate Ghana's Sustainable Ocean Plan (SOP), engaging key stakeholders in a comprehensive review process.

PH takes lead in pushing for seafarers' rights, safety, well-being.

Marita Moaje. *Philippine News Agency (PNA)*. 1 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1257718> The Philippines, through the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), takes the lead in advancing the protection of the rights and welfare of seafarers as it hosts the first International Conference on Seafarers' Human Rights, Safety, and Well-being in Manila.

Endorsing the Manila Declaration for seafarers human rights, safety and wellbeing.

Human Rights at Sea (HRAS). 2 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/news/endorsing-manila-declaration-seafarers-human-rights-safety-and-wellbeing> On the final day of the 2025 International Conference held at The Diamond Hotel, Manila Bay, Philippines, alongside state authorities, diplomatic corps, embassy staff, commercial, legal, academic and civil society entities - consensus appeared to have been reached reflecting collective support for the intent and scope of the new Manila Declaration.

All Aboard Alliance report reveals progress on diversity, equity, and inclusion in shipping.

Global Maritime Forum. 2 September 2025. Available from: <https://globalmaritimeforum.org/news/all-aboard-alliance-insights-2025-report-dei-progress/> The All Aboard Alliance has launched the third edition of its annual review of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) efforts across the maritime industry. [Report](#) 

US Federal Maritime Commission's "Flags of Convenience" investigation advances.

Utsav Mathur, Lindsey F. Swiger and Matthew Melbourn. *Norton Rose Fulbright*. 2 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.nortonrosefulbright.com/en-us/knowledge/publications/5a39d8e6/us-federal-maritime-commission-flags-of-convenience-investigation-advances> On May 22, 2025, the Federal Maritime Commission (the FMC) initiated a nonadjudicatory investigation into whether the vessel flagging laws of certain foreign countries, including jurisdictions colloquially referred to as "flags of convenience," and competitive methods employed by owners, operators, agents or masters of foreign-flagged vessels, are creating unfavorable shipping conditions in United States foreign trade (the Investigation).

Int'l declaration on seafarers' rights adopted in PH. Joyce Ann L. Rocamora.

Philippine News Agency (PNA). 2 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1257866> A milestone declaration seeking stronger protection for seafarers was adopted in a Philippine government-led conference in Manila on Tuesday.

Thailand launches first blue bonds to support sustainable coastal and ocean economy.

The Nation (Thailand). 3 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.nationthailand.com/business/economy/40054907> Thailand boasts 23 coastal provinces and over 3,000 kilometres of coastline, with marine resources playing a crucial role in the economy, contributing to almost 30% of the GDP and about 26% of employment.

Maritime Intelligence Brief: Expanding Risks in the Red Sea and Black Sea. *Dryad Global*.

3 September 2025. Available from: <https://channel16.dryadglobal.com/maritime-intelligence-brief-expanding-risks-in-the-red-sea-and-black-sea> On 31 August 2025, the Liberia-flagged tanker *Scarlet Ray* was targeted by a missile off Yanbu, Saudi Arabia.

Transportation Minister: Bahrain committed to supporting international initiatives to enhance maritime transport sustainability. *Bahrain News Agency*. 3 September 2025. Available from:

<https://tinyurl.com/mr3rp4bc> Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, participated in the second Sustainable Maritime Industry Conference (SMIC 2025), hosted in Jeddah on September 3–4 under the theme "Sailing Towards a Sustainable Future".

Shipping minister urges cooperation and vision for sustainable industry. Souzana Psara.

Cyprus Mail. 3 September 2025. Available from: <https://cyprus-mail.com/2025/09/03/shipping-minister-urges-cooperation-and-vision-for-sustainable-industry> Cyprus' Shipping Deputy Minister Marina Hadjimanolis took part in a ministerial panel at the 2nd Sustainable Maritime Industry Conference (SMIC) in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, addressing global leaders on 'Resilience, Cooperation, and Vision in a Changing World'.

Singapore and India formalise collaboration on green and digital shipping corridor.

Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA). 4 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.mpa.gov.sg/media-centre/details/singapore-and-india-formalise-collaboration-on-green-and-digital-shipping-corridor> Singapore and India have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on establishing the Singapore-India Green and Digital Shipping Corridor (GDSC).

Africa's blue economy and climate change: status and emerging pathways.

Judy Beaumont, Shannon Hampton and David Willima. *Institute for Security Studies (ISS)*.

4 September 2025. Available from: <https://issafrica.org/research/monographs/africas-blue-economy-and-climate-change-status-and-emerging-pathways> The blue economy, defined as the sustainable use of ocean and aquatic resources for economic growth while preserving aquatic ecosystems, represents a significant opportunity for Africa's development under Agenda 2063. [Report](#) 📄

Governing the melting Arctic: Geopolitical tensions and legal gaps. Upamanya Dutta.

Earth.Org. 4 September 2025. Available from: <https://earth.org/governing-the-melting-arctic-geopolitical-tensions-and-legal-gaps/>

2024 was the first officially recorded calendar year to breach the Paris Agreement warming threshold, with global average surface temperatures reaching 1.55C above pre-industrial levels.

New maritime minister for the UK in reshuffle. Nidaa Bakhsh. *ShippingWatch*. 9 September 2025.

Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/people/article18518671.ece> Keir Mather has been appointed a junior minister in the Department for Transport.

Top court delivers a 'huge' climate win for island nations. Mike DiGirolamo. *Mongabay*.

9 September 2025. Available from: <https://news.mongabay.com/podcast/2025/09/top-court-delivers-a-huge-climate-win-for-island-nations/> 🎧 The recent advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on states' obligations regarding climate change was celebrated globally for providing clarity on countries' legal obligation to prevent climate harm, but was also appreciated by island nations for its additional certainty on their maritime boundaries remaining intact regardless of sea level rise.

Pacific voices concern over carbon market impacts on oceans and communities.

Pita Ligaiula. *Pacific Islands News Association (PINA)*. 9 September 2025. Available from:

<https://pina.com.fj/2025/09/09/pacific-voices-concern-over-carbon-market-impacts-on-oceans-and-communities/> Marshall Islands Climate Envoy Tina Stege says the International Court of Justice (ICJ) advisory opinion on climate change reinforces Pacific leadership and regional solidarity in the global fight for climate justice.

Shipping's outdated paper chase. *Baltic Exchange*. 10 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.balticexchange.com/en/news-and-events/news/baltic-magazine/2025/Shipplings-outdated-paper-chase.html> In an age defined by ultra-fast digital transformation, the global trade landscape remains anchored in a bygone era of paper.

UK introduces landmark legislation to protect world's ocean. *UK Government*.

10 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-introduces-landmark-legislation-to-protect-worlds-ocean> The UK government today (10 September) will introduce a landmark bill to protect two-thirds of the world's ocean, a key source of food and oxygen for people in the UK and all over the world.

Taxing carbon on the border and at sea. Antony Funnell. *ABC (Australia)*. 11 September 2025.

Available from: <https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/futuretense/taxing-carbon-on-the-border-and-at-sea/105717126> 🎧 The European Union is implementing a groundbreaking new tax: a carbon border tax.

Africa calls for homegrown climate solutions in Just Transition. Isaiah Esipisu.

Inter Press Service (IPS). 12 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.ipsnews.net/2025/09/africa-calls-for-homegrown-climate-solutions-in-just-transition/>

African climate negotiators and civil society organizations at the second Africa Climate Summit (ACS 2) have called on governments to include sustainable farming approaches and other Africa-led solutions in their revised Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) and National Adaptation Plans (NAP) ahead of COP 30, as the only way to have their priorities on the global climate negotiation agenda.

More resources and a defined roadmap: Anave's demands for Spain's Maritime Strategy.

David Rodriguez. *Naucher Global (Spain)*. 12 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.naucher.com/mas-recursos-y-una-hoja-de-ruta-definida-las-demandas-de-anave-para-la-estrategia-maritima-de-espana/>

On June 10, the Council of Ministers approved the Spanish Maritime Strategy 2025-2050, an ambitious national project led by the Ministry of Transport and Sustainable Mobility (Mitma), with the participation of 11 other ministries.

Govt joins global green corridor projects. *Business Ghana*. 14 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.businessghana.com/site/news/general/334503/Govt-joins-global-green-corridor-projects>

The government has taken initial action to join the more than 50 green corridor projects, a global decarbonisation agenda to help mitigate emissions of greenhouse gases contributing to climate change, the Deputy Minister of Transport has said.

The future of UK Shipping Office for Reducing Emissions (UK SHORE). *UK Government*.

15 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/the-future-of-uk-shipping-office-for-reducing-emissions-uk-shore>

In March 2025, the Department for Transport (DfT) published the maritime decarbonisation strategy (MDS), which set out the pathway for our domestic maritime sector to reach zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and included policies and regulations to drive emissions reductions.

One Tribunal, two Courts, one message: Equity is key to climate justice and shipping transition is no exception. Micronesian Centre for Sustainability (MCST). *Hellenic Shipping News*. 16 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/one-tribunal-two-courts-one-message-equity-is-key-to-climate-justice-and-shipping-transition-is-no-exception/>

Significant opinions from three international judicial bodies over the past year might be shifting the legal landscape on climate change.

Forum Leaders push urgency on maritime boundaries, Back BBNJ treaty ratification.

Pita Ligaiula. *Pacific Islands News Association (PINA)*. 17 September 2025. Available from:

<https://pina.com.fj/2025/09/17/forum-leaders-push-urgency-on-maritime-boundaries-back-bbnj-treaty-ratification/>

Pacific Islands Forum Leaders have reaffirmed their commitment to finalising all outstanding maritime boundaries and continental shelf submissions, calling the move critical to protecting sovereignty and resources in the face of rising seas.

Nations ratify the world's first treaty to protect international waters. Annika Hammerschlag.

Associated Press. 19 September 2025. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/high-seas-treaty-marine-diversity-15061c0624d8e472603401b479870904>

A major agreement to protect marine diversity in the high seas was struck Friday when Morocco became the 60th nation to sign on, paving the way for the treaty to take effect next year.

UN 'high seas' treaty clears ratification threshold, to enter into force in January. Vibhu Mishra. *UN News*. 20 September 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/09/1165901>
A landmark UN treaty to safeguard marine biodiversity on the high seas has now met the required 60 ratifications for entry into force, clearing the way for it to take effect in January 2026.

X-Press Feeders declines to pay Sri Lankan court judgment. *Maritime Executive*. 22 September 2025. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/x-press-feeders-declines-to-pay-sri-lankan-court-judgment> X-Press Feeders has declined to pay an initial judgment ordered by the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka for damages from the loss of the *XPress Pearl*, which burned and sank off Colombo with disastrous effects in 2021.

Sri Lanka to seek legal advice on \$1 bn unpaid marine disaster claim. *Ada Derana (Sri Lanka)*. 23 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=112836>
The Sri Lankan government on Tuesday said it will consult the Attorney General on the next course of action after the owning company of a vessel failed to honour a court order directing it to pay USD 1 billion in compensation for a mishap, considered to be the worst marine disaster in the Indian Ocean.

Will NZ's net zero 2050 climate targets include shipping and aviation emissions? Monique Steele. *Radio New Zealand*. 23 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/country/573830/will-nz-s-net-zero-2050-climate-targets-include-shipping-and-aviation-emissions> The climate change minister is considering whether greenhouse gas emissions from international aviation and shipping should be included in the net zero 2050 climate targets to limit global warming.

Episode 57 - International Obligations with Respect to Climate Change. *American Society of International Law*. 24 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.asil.org/resources/podcast/ep57> © (ICJ), the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACHR)—have issued advisory opinions on the obligations of countries with respect to climate change.

French navy seizes almost 10 tonnes of cocaine off coast of West Africa. Rory Sullivan. *Euronews*. 25 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.euronews.com/2025/09/25/french-navy-seizes-almost-10-tonnes-of-cocaine-off-coast-of-west-africa> Two French navy ships seized almost 10 tonnes of cocaine valued at €519 million off the coast of West Africa on Monday, France's Atlantic Maritime Prefecture has said.

COP30 Presidency Launches Maloca, Opening a New Era of Global Climate Participation. *United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)*. 26 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.undp.org/press-releases/cop30-presidency-launches-maloca-opening-new-era-global-climate-participation> Today, the Brazilian Presidency of COP30 launched Maloca, a pioneering digital platform designed to broaden and amplify opportunities for participation in climate action.

Shipwreck and showdown: The *MSC Elsa-3* case and the test of India's maritime law and coastal protection. K. M. Seethi. *The Wire (India)*. 26 September 2025. Available from: <https://thewire.in/environment/shipwreck-and-showdown-the-msc-elsa-3-case-and-the-test-of-indias-maritime-law-and-coastal-protection> The Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) *Elsa-3* shipwreck has grown into a test of India's coastal governance and legal reach.

Egypt rejects Libya-Türkiye Mediterranean maritime deal, cites sovereignty violations.

Türkiye Today. 27 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.turkiyetoday.com/region/egypt-rejects-libya-turkiye-mediterranean-maritime-deal-cites-sovereignty-violations-3207624>

Egypt formally rejected a June 2025 memorandum of understanding between Libya's National Oil Corporation (NOC) and Türkiye's petroleum company for Mediterranean offshore exploration, telling the United Nations the agreement violates Egyptian maritime boundaries.

Cambodia receives High Seas Treaty Champion Award. Sen David. *Khmer Times (Cambodia)*.

30 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501764197/cambodia-receives-high-seas-treaty-champion-award/>

Cambodia has been honoured with the High Seas Treaty Champion Award in recognition of its commitment to the Agreement on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ).

MARINE TECHNOLOGY

The world's first complete commercial ammonia fuelled engine has been accomplished.

Japan Engine Corporation (J-ENG). 1 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.j-eng.co.jp/en/news/20250901.html> Japan Engine Corporation (J-ENG) accomplished the first fully-functional full-scale commercial engine 7UEC50LSJA-HPSCR (50 cm bore, 7 cylinders, with High Press. SCR) on August 30, 2025. which has been developed as a part of "Next-Generation Ship Development" of Green Innovation Fund Project administered by New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO).

World's largest facility to remove ocean CO2 to open in Singapore: How does it work?

Chin Hui Shan. *Straits Times*. 1 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/environment/what-tech-will-spore-geoengineering-facility-set-to-be-worlds-largest-use-for-ocean-co2-removal> The largest facility in the world that can help to remove planet-warming carbon dioxide (CO2) from the ocean, located in Singapore in Tuas, is expected to begin operations in the first quarter of 2026.

Promise and peril of AI in maritime. Carly Fields. *Baltic Exchange*. 2 September 2025.

Available from: <https://www.balticexchange.com/en/news-and-events/news/baltic-magazine/2025/promise-and-peril-of-ai-in-maritime.html> For years, the conversation around artificial intelligence in maritime has been dominated by a mixture of cautious optimism and technological trepidation.

Green Technology Tracker: Record Investments in Alternative Fuel. *Clarksons*. 3 January 2025.

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

Ammonia in shipping: Tracing the emergence of a new fuel. *DNV*. 3 September 2025.

Available from: <https://www.dnv.com/maritime/publications/ammonia-in-shipping-download/> The IMO's enhanced GHG strategy and new EU regulations are driving shipping toward net-zero emissions by 2050, and hydrogen and ammonia are carbon-free options in the fuel transition. [Report](#) 

Switching safely to low-GHG fuels and technologies. DNV. 8 September 2025.

Available from: <https://www.dnv.com/expert-story/maritime-impact/switching-safely-to-low-ghg-fuels-and-technologies/> Orderbooks are increasingly filled with LNG and methanol fuelled vessels as well as first ammonia ones, as shipowners respond to current emissions regulations and aim to lower carbon intensity in the near term.

GCMD details how onboard captured CO₂ was successfully offloaded, transported and utilised.

Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation (GCMD). 9 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.gcformd.org/gcmd-project-captured-report-part-1/> The Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation (GCMD) today published its report on Project CAPTURED, presenting findings from the world's first demonstration of a complete carbon value chain for onboard captured carbon dioxide (CO₂).

CLIA releases annual environmental technologies and practices report.

Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA). 10 September 2025. Available from: <https://cruising.org/news/cruise-lines-international-association-clia-releases-annual-environmental-technologies> Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), the leading voice of the global cruise industry, today released its annual Environmental Technologies and Practices (ETP) report.

ABB and Blykalla move to bring nuclear propulsion closer to shipping. Adis Ajdin.

Splash 247.com. 10 September 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/abb-and-blykalla-move-to-bring-nuclear-propulsion-closer-to-shipping/> Swiss technology group ABB has strengthened its collaboration with Swedish nuclear developer Blykalla to fast-track the use of small modular reactors (SMRs) in the maritime sector.

Sanctions trigger surge in bunker fuel quality issues. Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*.

10 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/bunkering/sanctions-trigger-surge-in-bunker-fuel-quality-issues> Integr8's half year bunker quality trends highlighted an unexpected impact of sanctions against Russia on bunker fuel quality.

Nuclear 'only viable tech able to deliver' clean shipping. John Bensalhia.

Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST). 11 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.imarest.org/resource/mp-nuclear-only-viable-tech-able-to-deliver-clean-shipping.html> "This is the year that nuclear for maritime went mainstream," summarised Mikal Bøe, CEO of CORE POWER at the New Nuclear for Maritime European Summit.

The great LNG shipping reset: how geopolitics is rewriting maritime energy rules.

Fraser Carson. *Wood Mackenzie*. 12 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.woodmac.com/news/opinion/great-lng-shipping-reset-how-geopolitics-is-rewriting-maritime-energy-rules/> What began as a predictable point-to-point trade has transformed into a complex web of geopolitical calculations, environmental compliance, and strategic fleet planning that will define energy security for the next decade.

Autonomous shipping: A futuristic concept or a present-day reality? BIMCO.

17 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.bimco.org/news-insights/video/2025/09/17-autonomous-ships/> As AI continues to reshape industries, the maritime world stands on the cusp of a major transformation. But how close are we really to fully autonomous shipping?

GCMD's Project LOTUS confirms long-term operational feasibility of B24 biofuel blend in vessels. *Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation (GCMD)*. 18 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.gcformd.org/gcmds-project-lotus-confirms-long-term-operational-feasibility-of-b24-biofuel-blend-in-vessels/> The Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation (GCMD) today released its Project LOTUS (Long-term impact of continuous use of biofuels on vessel operations) report. [Report](#) 

AI isn't coming for your jobs, ship managers tell seafarers. Ian Lewis. *TradeWinds*. 19 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/ship-management/ai-isn-t-coming-for-your-jobs-ship-managers-tell-seafarers/2-1-1874511> AI will not replace seafarers; it will only empower them, according to leading ship managers.

Fortescue takes Green Pioneer to New York. *Fortescue*. 21 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.fortescue.com/en/articles/fortescue-green-pioneer-in-new-york> The Fortescue Green Pioneer has sailed into New York for Climate Week NYC, the world's largest annual climate event.

P&O Ferries powers cleaner future with North Sea's first biofuel ferry. *Biofuels International*. 22 September 2025. Available from: <https://biofuels-news.com/news/po-ferries-powers-cleaner-future-with-north-seas-first-biofuel-ferry/> P&O Ferries has made history on the North Sea, with its vessel, the *Pride of Hull*, becoming the first ferry on the busy Hull–Rotterdam route to permanently run on lower-carbon biofuel.

Deltamarin: Wind, batteries and AI set to reshape ship design as owners ramp up tech spend. *Splash 247.com*. 24 September 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/deltamarin-wind-batteries-and-ai-set-to-reshape-ship-design-as-owners-ramp-up-tech-spend/> Deltamarin's head of research and development, Mia Elg, believes the next 12 months will bring steady but important steps for shipping technology rather than sudden leaps.

Dutch lead charge on electric inland vessels. *France 24*. 25 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20250925-dutch-lead-charge-on-electric-inland-vessels> The ship, the *MS Den Bosch Max Groen*, will ply the waterways between the ports of Rotterdam and Den Bosch using a pioneering system of swappable batteries, hailed as the world's first commercial deployment of the technology.

World's first methanol dual-fuel car carrier vessel visits Hong Kong. Emily Hung and Eric Ng. *South China Morning Post*. 28 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/transport/article/3327141/worlds-first-methanol-powered-car-carrier-vessel-sets-sail-hong-kong> The world's first methanol dual-fuel-powered car carrier vessel has visited Hong Kong on its maiden voyage to Europe, as the city moves towards becoming a green maritime fuel bunkering centre.

Onboard Carbon Capture and Storage highlighted as possible climate technology solution. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 29 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/onboard-carbon-capture-and-storage-highlighted-as-possible-climate-technology-solution> Onboard Carbon Capture and Storage (OCCS) is emerging as a potential technology to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from shipping.

NYK and Neptune sign memorandum of understanding to drive decarbonisation in the maritime industry through hull cleaning. *NYK Line*. 29 September 2025. Available from: https://www.nyk.com/english/news/2025/20250929_02.html Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha (NYK Line), one of the world's largest shipping companies, and Neptune Robotics (Neptune), a pioneer in robotics-driven vessel cleaning, today announced to sign the memorandum of understanding which expand their partnership to accelerate fuel efficiency and decarbonisation across NYK's global fleet.

MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING

Indonesia offers \$1.3m maritime scholarship to boost seafarers' competence in West, Central Africa. Promise Eze. *Daily Times (Nigeria)*. 1 September 2025. Available from: <https://dailytimesng.com/indonesia-offers-1-3m-maritime-scholarship-to-boost-seafarers-competence-in-west-central-africa/> The government of Indonesia has approved maritime training scholarships worth \$1.3 million for the Maritime Organisation of West and Central Africa (MOWCA).

Sailing for a brighter maritime future: Kenya's first cadets to Wilhelmshaven Ship Management. Andrew Mwangura. *The Coast (Kenya)*. 9 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.thecoast.co.ke/2025/09/09/sailing-for-a-brighter-maritime-future-kenyas-first-cadets-to-wilhelmshaven-ship-management/16/28/international-news/thecoast/11315/14/> In the bustling ports of Mombasa, where the Indian Ocean laps against the shores of opportunity, a quiet revolution is underway in Kenya's maritime sector.

UK government maritime investment must include seafarer training. *Nautilus International*. 15 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/government-maritime-investment-must-include-seafarer-training/> Nautilus International has urged the UK government to match infrastructure investment with commitment to maritime skills and seafarer development.

Barque to the future: Navy looks to tall ship to enhance officer training. *Royal Navy*. 16 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/news/2025/september/16/20250916-sailing-ship-pelican> Experts believe the unique experience of crewing a traditional sailing vessel around the British Isles will teach vital navigational skills and nurture a strong bond of teamwork and community spirit integral to life in the Royal Navy.

Wärtsilä and GigaMare sign training deal to boost crew skills in the Philippines. *Wärtsilä Corporation*. 16 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.wartsila.com/dnk/media/news/16-09-2025-wartsila-and-gigamare-sign-training-deal-to-boost-crew-skills-in-the-philippines-3655600> Technology group Wärtsilä has signed a strategic training partnership agreement with GigaMare Inc., a leading provider of tailor-made training in maritime operations, repairs and maintenance.

Maritime Just Transition Task Force launches first interim seafarer training frameworks for the use of ammonia, methanol and hydrogen as fuel. *Maritime Just Transition Task Force (MJTTF)*. 17 September 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/ydcnmvav> 📖 The Maritime Just Transition Task Force (MJTTF) has today (17 September) released industry-first training frameworks designed to facilitate the development of training programmes for seafarers for working on ships powered by ammonia, methanol and hydrogen.

Lloyd's Register and NSML to boost maritime skills and training in West Africa. Jessica Casey. *LNG Industry*. 19 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.lngindustry.com/lng-shipping/19092025/lloyds-register-and-nsml-to-boost-maritime-skills-and-training-in-west-africa/> Lloyd's Register (LR) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with NLNG Shipping and Marine Services Ltd (NSML) to expand access to maritime training and advisory services across West Africa.

Apprentices travel 4,000 miles for maritime skills. Leanne Harper. *BBC News*. 20 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cwynpnqkv20o> That is the distance travelled by 20 apprentices at The Engineering College in the Wirral town, which works with Cammell Laird.

New deal to anchor next generation of marine experts. Bose Vavataga. *Fijian Broadcasting Corporation (FBC)*. 22 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.fbcnews.com.fj/news/new-deal-to-anchor-next-generation-of-marine-experts/> Fiji is set to strengthen maritime and marine science training through a new partnership between the University of Fiji and Captain Cook Cruises Fiji.

World Maritime University alumni Gambia chapter officially launched. Yunus S. Saliu. *The Voice (Gambia)*. 23 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.voicegambia.com/2025/09/23/world-maritime-university-alumni-gambia-chapter-officially-launched/> The event brought together both long-time and recent graduates of the university, providing an opportunity for members to reconnect and strengthen ties after years of separation.

New report highlights barriers and bridges to diversifying maritime leadership. *Global Maritime Forum*. 25 September 2025. Available from: <https://globalmaritimeforum.org/news/new-report-barriers-and-bridges-diversifying-maritime-leadership/> A new Global Maritime Forum report reveals how outdated norms and exclusionary practices prevent the maritime sector from realising the full potential of its leadership talent. [Diversifying Maritime Leadership](#) 

Union Minister Shri Sonowal inaugurates India's First Maritime Simulation Centre at AMET University. *Maersk*. 26 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.maersk.com/news/articles/2025/09/26/union-minister-inaugurates-indias-first-maritime-simulation-centre-at-amet-university> Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, today inaugurated India's first-of-its-kind Maritime Simulation Centre at AMET Knowledge Park, Maersk's Centre of Excellence, Thenpattinam near Chennai.

MARITIME SAFETY

Russian 'shadow fleet' LNG carrier without ice-class stops, reverses on Northern Sea route near ice edge. Malte Humpert. *gCaptain*. 2 September 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/russian-shadow-fleet-lng-carrier-without-ice-class-stops-reverses-on-northern-sea-route-near-ice-edge/> A Russian liquefied natural gas carrier without ice protection has reversed course and remains stopped near the edge of the sea ice on the Northern Sea Route.

Strengthening maritime safety frameworks: lessons and reforms since the Beirut blast. *Stephenson Harwood LLP*. 3 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.stephensonharwood.com/insights/strengthening-maritime-safety-frameworks-lessons-and-reforms-since-the-beirut-blast> At 6:08 pm on 4 August 2020, over 2,750 tonnes of ammonium nitrate, which had been improperly stored at the Port of Beirut, detonated, causing one of the largest non-nuclear explosions in history.

IUMI publishes “risk mitigation for the safe ocean and short-sea carriage of electric vehicles”. *International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI)*. 3 September 2025. Available from: <https://iumi.com/news/press-release/iumi-publishes-risk-mitigation-for-the-safe-ocean-and-short-sea-carriage-of-electric-vehicles/> In 2023, the International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI) published a set of best practice and recommendations for the safe carriage of electric vehicles. [Risk mitigation for the safe ocean and short sea carriage of electric vehicles \(EVs\)](#) 📄

NTSB issues safety alert for land-based firefighters responding to marine vessel fires. *US National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)*. 10 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.nts.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/nr20250910.aspx> The National Transportation Safety Board issued a safety alert Wednesday urging greater awareness and training for land-based firefighters who may be called to fight fires aboard vessels in local ports.

Cayman concludes International Maritime Safety Audit. *iNews (Cayman Islands)*. 10 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.leyenews.com/cayman-concludes-international-maritime-safety-audit/> The Cayman Islands Government today completed the Cayman Islands III Code Proxy Audit and Red Ensign Group Monitoring Visit 2025, a rigorous seven-day assessment evaluating the territory’s implementation of International Maritime Organisation (IMO) safety and environmental protection standards.

A 20-year-old 'shadow fleet' oil tanker without ice-class is entering icy Arctic route. *Atle Staalesen. Barents Observer (Norway)*. 11 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.thebarentsobserver.com/news/a-20yearold-shadow-fleet-oil-tanker-without-iceclass-is-entering-icy-arctic-route/436774> “Unfortunately, there appears to be an increasing number of ships without ice-class sailing on the Northern Sea Route (NSR),” says Professor in ice navigation Norvald Kjerstad.

Accident Investigation Report 13/2025: Auxiliary engine room fire on board the ro-ro cargo ship. *UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB)*. 18 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/maib-reports/auxiliary-engine-room-fire-on-board-the-ro-ro-cargo-ship-finnmaster> At 2013 on 19 September 2021, a fire broke out in the auxiliary engine room on the Finland registered roll-on/roll-off cargo ship *Finnmaster* during departure from Hull, England. [Report](#) 📄

Preventing the next lithium fire at sea: A data-driven blueprint for safer transportation. *Alicia Lee. Safety4Sea*. 22 September 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/preventing-the-next-lithium-fire-at-sea-a-data-driven-blueprint-for-safer-transportation/> On a summer morning in June 2025, a carrier vessel called the Morning Midas caught fire in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

MARITIME SECURITY

Baltic Sea countries enhance information exchange to manage security risks. *Finnish Border Guard*. 1 September 2025. Available from: <https://raja.fi/en/-/baltic-sea-countries-enhance-information-exchange-to-manage-security-risks> The security situation in the Baltic Sea has deteriorated.

Piracy, Illegal Fishing and Smuggling Still a Menace and Maritime Threats. *George Otieno. The Coast (Kenya)*. 2 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.thecoast.co.ke/2025/09/02/piracy-illegal-fishing-and-smuggling-still-a-menace-and-maritime-threats/32/51/news/thecoast/11091/03/> Piracy, illegal fishing, smuggling, and environmental degradation remain significant threats to maritime security in the Western Indian Ocean and beyond.

Houthi claim attack on boxship in Red Sea. *Ship & Bunker*. 3 September 2025.

Available from: <https://shipandbunker.com/news/emea/673404-houthi-claim-attack-on-boxship-in-red-sea> Yemen's Houthi movement has claimed an attack on a container ship, *MSC Aby*, in the northern Red Sea, citing alleged links between the vessel and Israel.

Missile lands close to ship in Red Sea. Nidaa Bakhsh. *ShippingWatch*. 4 September 2025.

Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article18504547.ece> A missile has landed near a ship in the Red Sea, just days after a similar incident took place, according to the UK Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO), a body that monitors maritime security.

Bab el Mandeb transits hit highest level since Red Sea exodus.

Joshua Minchin and Bridget Diakun. *Lloyd's List*. 4 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.loydslist.com/LL1154707/Bab-el-Mandeb-transits-hit-highest-level-since-Red-Sea-exodus> Transits through the Bab el Mandeb last month hit their highest level since January 2024, when shipping decided to leave the region en masse following the first Houthi attacks in late 2023.

US State Department 'closely monitoring' Red Sea internet cable cuts. Cody Combs.

The National (UAE). 8 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.thenationalnews.com/future/technology/2025/09/09/red-sea-internet-cable-cut/> The US State Department said on Monday that it is "closely monitoring" the situation after severed cables in the Red Sea significantly slowed internet speeds in parts of the Middle East, India and Pakistan at the weekend.

Undersea cables cut in the Red Sea, disrupting internet access in Asia and the Mideast.

Jon Gambrell. *Associated Press*. 8 September 2025. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/red-sea-undersea-cables-cut-internet-disruption-yemen-b79fe7b9764647ac0851b9390a313e70> Undersea cable cuts in the Red Sea disrupted internet access in parts of Asia and the Middle East, experts said Sunday, though it wasn't immediately clear what caused the incident.

Updated threats to shipping in the Red Sea. *Skuld*. 9 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.skuld.com/topics/port/piracy/updated-threats-to-shipping-in-the-red-sea/> On 7 September 2025, multiple undersea telecommunications cables, including SMW4, IMEWE, and FALCON GCX, were severed near Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, causing widespread internet disruptions across regions, including India, Pakistan, Kuwait, and the UAE.

Commercial shipping likely cut Red Sea cables that disrupted internet access, experts say.

Jon Gambrell. *Associated Press*. 9 September 2025. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/red-sea-undersea-cables-cut-internet-disruption-0b08fc5f02daf72710e0010c11ea21ae> A ship likely cut cables in the Red Sea that disrupted internet access in Africa, Asia and the Middle East, experts said Tuesday, showing the lines' vulnerability over a year after another incident severed them.

Why hackers are targeting the world's shipping. Emma Woollacott. *BBC News*.

15 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c36k01513l4o> Mr Clack, a solicitor at London-based commercial law firm HFW, has to deal with them when he is representing global shipping firms that have found themselves victims of cyber attacks.

With three bold moves, maritime security in Africa could be plain sailing.

Timothy Walker and Denys Reva. *Institute for Security Studies (ISS)*. 16 September 2025. Available from: <https://issafrica.org/iss-today/with-three-bold-moves-maritime-security-in-africa-could-be-plain-sailing> Maritime issues are on the African Union's radar, but member states must push for a shift from ambition to action.

Pulling the trigger on shipping's security concerns. Carly Fields. *Baltic Exchange*.

23 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.balticexchange.com/en/news-and-events/news/baltic-magazine/2025/Pulling-the-trigger-on-shippings-security-concerns.html>

The post-Cold War era of maritime security is over, and the industry must adapt or risk being swept away by a tide of new threats and shifting power dynamics – that was the message from a London International Shipping Week panel from last week's headline conference.

Reinforcing cooperation to achieve a secure and stable maritime domain.

US Department of State. 25 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.state.gov/releases/2025/09/reinforcing-cooperation-to-achieve-a-secure-and-stable-maritime-domain/>

On September 24, Secretary Rubio co-hosted a ministerial meeting on "Reinforcing Cooperation to Achieve a Secure and Stable Maritime Domain," alongside his counterparts from Australia, Estonia, Greece, Japan, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Romania, and the UK, among others.

Houthi free LPG tanker and crew following attack at Ras Isa port. *Safety4Sea*.

29 September 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/houthi-free-lpg-tanker-and-crew-following-attack-at-ras-isa-port/> The vessel, carrying 27 crew members (including 24 Pakistanis, 2 Sri Lankans and 1 Nepali), suffered an explosion in one of its LPG tanks, the Pakistani Interior Minister said in a statement on social media.

West Africa must take the helm in the fight against piracy. Timothy Walker.

Institute for Security Studies (ISS). 29 September 2025. Available from: <https://issafrica.org/iss-today/west-africa-must-take-the-helm-in-the-fight-against-piracy> With their strong track record of naval engagement, Gulf of Guinea states can achieve greater self-reliance on maritime security.

MIGRANTS

Sea Watch ship in Lampedusa with 41 rescued migrants, 7 missing. *InfoMigrants*.

5 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/66797/sea-watch-ship-in-lampedusa-with-41-rescued-migrants-7-missing> The rescue vessel *Aurora SAR*, operated by Sea-Watch, arrived in Lampedusa on Wednesday, September 3, carrying 41 migrants.

D'Amico ship rescues migrants in Aegean Sea. Daniela De Lorenzo. *ShippingWatch*.

5 September 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article18507316.ece> The product tanker *High Fidelity* from Italy's d'Amico International Shipping (DIS) carried out a rescue operation in Greek waters saving 38 people after it saw a rubber dinghy adrift on September 4, the company writes.

NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS

The Northwest Passage: Transit realities. Lawson W. Brigham. *Proceedings: US Naval Institute*.

1 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.usni.org/magazines/proceedings/2025/september/northwest-passage-transit-realities>

The historic definition of the Northwest Passage (NWP) is an east or west voyage between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans through the Canadian Arctic Archipelago.

Exclusive: North Korea jammed South's GPS for 329 straight days.

Yang Ji-ho and Park Su-hyeon. *Chosun Daily (South Korea)*. 1 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.chosun.com/english/north-korea-en/2025/09/01/WDLXCEVEA5EOTFVE5YVHZJPOMA/>

North Korea conducted GPS jamming for 329 consecutive days, from Oct. 2, 2024, to Aug. 26 this year, disrupting thousands of flights and maritime voyages and even causing South Korean military drones to crash, according to newly disclosed government data.

BIMCO Webinar: Lost at Sea: Confronting GPS jamming and spoofing in maritime operations.

BIMCO. 3 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.bimco.org/news-insights/video/2025/09/03-gps/>

The ocean is vast, but GPS makes it navigable – until it doesn't. Increasingly, maritime operations face a hidden threat: GPS jamming and spoofing.

Advanced spoofing hides Russian oil transfers in Gulf of Oman. Bridget Diakun. *Lloyd's List*.

5 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1154719/Advanced-spoofing-hides-Russian-oil-transfers-in-Gulf-of-Oman>

Russia's shadow fleet tankers are using sophisticated spoofing methods to disguise ship-to-ship transfers in the Gulf of Oman to circumvent sanctions and avoid detection by watchful regulators.

'There are hundreds in the Baltic': tracking Russia's 'shadow fleet' of oil tankers.

Miranda Bryant. *The Guardian*. 13 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/sep/13/hundreds-baltic-tracking-russia-shadow-fleet-oil-tankers>

In front of a bank of screens on the boat's bridge, the Swedish coastguard Jan Erik Antonsson shows on a live map on a laptop how many vessels of Russia's "shadow fleet" there are in the area.

US Coast Guard proposes new shipping route along Alaska's Arctic coast. Alena Naiden.

Alaska Public Media. 19 September 2025. Available from: <https://alaskapublic.org/news/alaska-desk/2025-09-19/us-coast-guard-proposes-new-shipping-route-along-alaskas-arctic-coast>

With more ships traveling in the Arctic, the U.S. Coast Guard is proposing a new two-way shipping route along the northern Alaska coast.

China's Fujian launches first Arctic shipping route to Europe. *Xinhuanet (China)*.

22 September 2025. Available from:

<https://english.news.cn/20250922/95dbd004c32a4084a5f83e37ffd81a55/c.html>

East China's Fujian Province on Sunday launched its first "Polar Silk Road" shipping route to Europe.

Departure of container ship for Arctic crossing sets off alarm bells. *Clean Arctic Alliance.*

24 September 2025. Available from: <https://cleanarctic.org/2025/09/24/departure-of-container-ship-for-arctic-crossing-sets-off-alarm-bells/> Responding to reports that the Liberian-flagged Istanbul Bridge panamax container vessel has departed the port of Ningbo-Zhoushan to cross the Arctic's Northern Sea Route as part of China's Sea Legend (aka Haijie) shipping company's "18-Day Arctic Express Containership Route To Europe", followed by stops in the UK, Netherlands Germany and Poland, Dr Sian Prior, Lead Advisor to the Clean Arctic Alliance said: "With the Arctic already under severe stress, warming faster than the global average and acidifying faster than the global average due to global climate change, sending container ships across the Arctic sets off alarm bells."

MSC maintains Arctic Shipping ban while Chinese carriers increase activity on Northern Sea route. *India Seatrade News.* 30 September 2025. Available from:

<https://indiaseatradenews.com/msc-maintains-arctic-shipping-ban-while-chinese-carriers-increase-activity-on-northern-sea-route/> MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company has reaffirmed its commitment to avoid the Northern Sea Route, citing environmental concerns and operational challenges, even as Chinese shipping companies increasingly capitalize on the Arctic passage that offers significantly shorter transit times between Asia and Europe.

PIRACY

Togo Navy foils piracy attempt on oil tanker in Gulf of Guinea. *Ships & Ports.*

1 September 2025. Available from: <https://shipsandports.com.ng/togo-navy-foils-piracy-attempt-on-oil-tanker-in-gulf-of-guinea/> The Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) has confirmed that an attempted piracy attack on the oil tanker *MT Endo Ponente* in the Gulf of Guinea was successfully thwarted.

Amid crackdown, Gulf of Guinea pirates turn to kidnapping for ransom. *Africa Defense Forum.*

2 September 2025. Available from: <https://adf-magazine.com/2025/09/amid-crackdown-gulf-of-guinea-pirates-turn-to-kidnapping-for-ransom/> Seven armed pirates attacked and boarded a cargo ship sailing from Cameroon to the Democratic Republic of Congo on May 29.

Liberia: Judge to rule in Liberia's first-ever piracy case involving Nigerian nationals.

Willie N. Tokpah. *Front Page Africa (Liberia)*. 15 September 2025. Available from: <https://frontpageafricaonline.com/legal-issues/liberia-judge-to-rule-in-liberias-first-ever-piracy-case-involving-nigerian-nationals/> The case involves two Nigerian nationals accused of hijacking a commercial vessel on the high seas, a crime that has drawn both national and international attention.

Pirate attacks and sea robberies surge in key South-East Asian shipping lane. Libby Hogan.

ABC (Australia). 20 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-09-21/piracy-sea-robberies-rise-malacca-strait-asia/105736740> A poop deck — the highest, rearmost platform of a ship — is the perfect vantage point to survey the seas. But it's not every day you spot an armed robber or pirate in the distance.

PORT STATE CONTROL

Finnish authorities impose travel bans on seven crew on *Eagle S*. Major Chinese oil import terminals to ban shadow fleet tankers. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 29 September 2025.

Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/major-chinese-oil-import-terminals-to-ban-shadow-fleet-tankers/2-1-1877997> Russian and Iranian oil exports could plummet as terminals in China take measures against shadow fleet tankers.

PORTS & HARBOURS

Karachi port deepens for bigger ships. Usman Hanif. *Express Tribune (Pakistan)*.

4 September 2025. Available from: <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2564963/karachi-port-deepens-for-bigger-ships> Karachi Gateway Terminal Limited (KGTL), a joint venture of AD Ports Group and Kaheel Terminals, a UAE-based company, has launched an ambitious dredging programme at the East Wharf of the Port of Karachi.

GCA launches landmark report revealing climate risks to African ports, urges urgent investment in resilient trade infrastructure. *Global Center on Adaptation*. 5 September 2025.

Available from: <https://gca.org/news/gca-launches-landmark-report-revealing-climate-risks-to-african-ports-urges-urgent-investment-in-resilient-trade-infrastructure/> The Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) today launched the inaugural edition of its new Adaptation Insights series, focusing on the climate resilience of African ports.

Mormugao port declared as first green port of country. *Times of India*. 14 September 2025.

Available from: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/goa/mormugao-port-declared-as-first-green-port-of-country/articleshow/123885819.cms> The Mormugao Port has been declared the first accredited green port in India under the Green Port Certification Programme.

Protecting trade, protecting lives: strengthening port security in Mexico.

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). 18 September 2025.

Available from: https://www.unodc.org/unodc/frontpage/2025/September/protecting-trade--protecting-lives_-strengthening-port-security-in-mexico.html 13,000 kg of avocado oil contaminated with methamphetamine. 787 kg of methamphetamine itself. 25,080 kg of chemical precursors used in the production of fentanyl or other synthetic drugs. These are just some examples of the illicit shipments intercepted in 2024 by the Mexican Navy.

Timelines for change: Timing issues in port reforms.

Mary R. Brooks, Rico Salgmann and Jaqueline Herrmann. *World Bank*. 18 September 2025.

Available from:

https://blogs.worldbank.org/en/transport/Timing_Issues_in_Port_Reforms?CID=WBW_AL_BlogNotification_EN_EXT In port reform, timing isn't just another detail — it represents the difference between a smooth transition and a stalled project.

ADNOC unveils AI smart port system. Arnel Murga. *Digital Ship*. 18 September 2025.

Available from: <https://thedigitalship.com/news/electronics-navigation/adnoc-unveils-ai-smart-port-system/> ADNOC Logistics and Services has rolled out the Gulf Cooperation Council's first artificial intelligence-driven Smart Port Solution, introducing a new level of efficiency to petroleum port operations in the United Arab Emirates.

Port performance varies across the globe amid continuing shocks. *World Bank*.

22 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2025/09/22/port-performance-varies-across-the-globe-amid-continuing-shocks>

Port performance across the world declined between 2020 and 2024 due to the Red Sea Crisis, challenges at the Panama Canal, and pandemic-related shocks, according to a new report released today.

Publication: [The Container Port Performance Index 2020 to 2024: Trends and Lessons Learned](#)

Denmark's top container port tightens surveillance after drone activity at airports.

Kit Lindhart, Jens Thomsen and Liv Almer. *ShippingWatch*. 25 September 2025.

Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article18573917.ece>

Luminous drones over Denmark's airports resulting in numerous canceled flights have put Denmark's largest container port on high alert.

IMO supports Mauritania to advance digitalization in the port of Nouakchott.

Hellenic Shipping News. 29 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/imo-supports-mauritania-to-advance-digitalization-in-the-port-of-nouakchott/>

A needs assessment mission carried out in Mauritania is assessing the current situation in the Member State and will lay the groundwork to set up a maritime single window system in the Port of Nouakchott (Nouakchott Friendship Port).

REGULATIONS

Systemic enforcement gaps let shadow fleet operate with impunity.

Declan Bush. *Lloyd's List*. 1 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1154668/Systemic-enforcement-gaps-let-shadow-fleet-operate-with-impunity>

The growth of the shadow fleet is the fault of structural flaws and weak oversight that needs urgent reform to fix, according to the RUSI think tank.

Shadow tanker operators swing between sanctioned countries to support oil flows.

Hellenic Shipping News. 2 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/shadow-tanker-operators-swing-between-sanctioned-countries-to-support-oil-flows/>

Russia, Iran and Venezuela — all under various US and EU sanctions targeting their energy exports — are increasingly sharing the same pool of vessels to maintain their overseas oil sales, aided by an emerging class of shipping companies controlled by shadowy businessmen, some of them with strong ties to the West.

Treasury intensifies pressure on Iranian oil smuggling and sanctions evasion schemes in Iraq.

US Department of the Treasury. 2 September 2025. Available from:

<https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sb0233> Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) sanctioned a network of shipping companies and vessels led by Iraqi-Kittitian businessman Waleed al-Samarra'i (al-Samarra'i) for smuggling Iranian oil disguised as Iraqi oil.

Sanctioned tankers ship 36% of Russian oil.

Windward Ltd. 2 September 2025. Available from:

<https://windward.ai/blog/sanctioned-tankers-ship-russian-oil/>

Sanctioned tankers lifted 36% of all oil shipped from Russia in July, underscoring the sustained pressure Western regulators have placed on the dark fleet over most of 2025.

Dark fleet doubles down with false flags as regulators left chasing shadows.

Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 2 September 2025. Available from:

<https://splash247.com/dark-fleet-doubles-down-with-false-flags-as-regulators-left-chasing-shadows/>

The number of ships flying false flags brazenly around the world's shipping lanes continues to rise exponentially, with seemingly very little that regulators can do to clamp down on the scourge.

Countering shadow fleet activity through flag state reform.

Gonzalo Saiz Erasquin and Tom Keatinge. *Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)*.

2 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.rusi.org/explore-our-research/publications/insights-papers/countering-shadow-fleet-activity-through-flag-state-reform>

The shadow fleets of Russia, Iran and North Korea are in the international spotlight, but efforts to counter their operations will fail while these vessels can so easily obtain new flags.

The Daily View: A new sheriff in town.

Richard Meade. *Lloyd's List*. 2 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1154670/The-Daily-View-A-new-sheriff-in-town>

The ubiquity of fake ship registers and illusory insurance is such that it is now difficult for governments to tell the difference between the endemic lack of regulatory oversight from the worst ship registers, and entirely fictional flags.

Green claims about LNG on MSC Cruises are likely to mislead, rules UK's advertising watchdog. *Opportunity Green*. 3 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.opportunitygreen.org/press-release-asa-upholds-lng-greenwashing-claims-msc-cruises-ticket-sellers> The Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) has upheld two complaints by climate change NGO Opportunity Green concerning environmental claims made by cruise travel agents Seascanner and Cruise Circle, about liquified natural gas (fossil LNG).

The 50% Rule: Why maritime sanctions compliance isn't always straightforward. *Windward Ltd*. 3 September 2025. Available from: <https://windward.ai/blog/the-fifty-percent-rule-in-maritime-sanctions-compliance-explained/> Sanctions lists, from OFAC, the EU, the UK, or the UN, are only the starting point. For compliance teams, the real complexity begins with what isn't written on the lists.

Q&A: Fuel Readiness – designing for flexibility in an uncertain fuel future. *Deltamarin*. 3 September 2025. Available from: <https://deltamarin.com/news/blog/article/qa-fuel-readiness-designing-for-flexibility-in-an-uncertain-fuel-future/> With multiple regulatory pressures accelerating the transition away from conventional fuels, shipowners are increasingly being asked to commit to fuel choices that may not remain viable for the full operational life of their vessels.

Maritime carbon emissions and the shipping industry's competitive edge. Kim Sung-woo. *Korea Times (South Korea)*. 7 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/amp/opinion/20250907/maritime-carbon-emissions-and-the-shipping-industrys-competitive-edge> Ships navigating the world's oceans emit a staggering one billion tons of carbon dioxide annually.

UK Government releases interim response to consultations regarding the UK Emissions Trading Scheme expansion to maritime. *Norton Rose Fulbright*. 8 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.nortonrosefulbright.com/en-vn/knowledge/publications/aa0ea1be/uk-government-releases-interim-response-to-consultations-regarding-the-uk-emissions-trading-scheme> The UK Emissions Trading Scheme Authority (consisting of the UK Government and relevant devolved administrations) (the Authority) has released an interim response (the Response) following its November 2024 consultation which considered implementing the UK Emissions Trading Scheme (the UK ETS) for the maritime sector and the potential further expansion of the UK ETS to additional maritime emissions.

Trafigura economist: Oil shadow fleet is growing due to sanctions. *MarineLink*. 8 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.marinelink.com/blogs/blog/trafigura-economist-oil-shadow-fleet-is-growing-due-to-103278> Saad Rahim is the chief economist at Trafigura, a major trading company. He said that the shadow fleet of oil tanks has grown following Western sanctions against Russia for its war in Ukraine.

World Shipping Council reinstates cargo inspection deficiency data, urges stronger safety measures. *World Shipping Council*. 8 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.worldshipping.org/news/world-shipping-council-reinstates-cargo-inspection-deficiency-data-urges-stronger-safety-measures> The World Shipping Council (WSC) released a new report summarising deficiencies found in government cargo inspection programmes, reviving a vital data series that the International Maritime Organization (IMO) discontinued last year.

Global Maritime Forum highlights Kenya's e-fuel potential in new insight brief.

Eleanor Criswell, Judith Musau and Lena Depner. *Global Maritime Forum*. 8 September 2025.

Available from: <https://globalmaritimeforum.org/news/global-maritime-forum-highlights-kenyas-e-fuel-potential-in-new-insight/>

A new insight brief published today by the Global Maritime Forum highlights Kenya's potential in the production and use of zero-emission fuels for the shipping industry. [Powering clean shipping: Kenya in the global power-to-x economy](#) 

Aging fleet, fires present challenges to marine insurers. Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*.

8 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/insurance/aging-fleet-fires-present-challenges-to-marine-insurers>

Presenting an analysis of marine market insurance trends at the IUMI annual conference in Singapore a relatively benign claims environment was highlighted, but this is starting to come under pressure with increased losses.

Govt plans to blacklist 86 foreign ships involved in abandonment of Indian seafarers.

P Manoj. *Economic Times (India)*. 8 September 2025. Available from:

<https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/ports-shipping/govt-plans-to-blacklist-86-foreign-ships-involved-in-abandonment-of-indian-seafarers/123755718>

The Director General of Maritime Administration (DGMA) will blacklist 86 foreign ships for their role in abandonment, detention, or arrest of Indian seafarers as India plans strong action on a human rights menace that has roiled the shipping industry before it begins to hurt the country's plan to become a much larger supplier of crew to global shipping.

Alternative marine fuels uptake will speed up after 2030, shipping executives say.

Jeslyn Lerh and Siyi Liu. *US News & World Report*. 9 September 2025. Available from:

<https://money.usnews.com/investing/news/articles/2025-09-09/alternative-marine-fuels-uptake-will-speed-up-after-2030-shipping-executives-say>

The use of alternative fuels in shipping will accelerate after 2030 as tighter emissions standards come into effect, in contrast to the stop-start transition for now, shipping executives told the APPEC conference in Singapore on Tuesday.

Mobster-like operations fuel flourishing false-flagging ruse. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*.

9 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/special-reports/mobster-like-operations-fuel-flourishing-false-flagging-ruse/2-1-1850192>

Corrupt administrators running small "mobster-like" operations are at the heart of shipping's growing problem with fraudulent flag states, according to a prominent academic.

New report targets trillion-plus finance gap that risks stalling shipping's energy transition.

Debora Schneider. *Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)*. 9 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.edf.org/media/new-report-targets-trillion-plus-finance-gap-risks-stalling-shippings-energy-transition>

Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) and Lloyd's Register Maritime Decarbonisation Hub (Decarb Hub), a partnership between Lloyd's Register Group and Lloyd's Register Foundation, have today published *Navigating the Net-Zero Transition* - exploring innovative concepts to close the trillion-plus investment gap threatening the sector's climate goals.

[Navigating the Net-Zero Transition: Insights and Concepts for Financing Shipping Decarbonisation](#) 

Maersk levy heavy charges for mis-declaring goods inside containers. *India Shipping News*.

10 September 2025. Available from: <https://indiashippingnews.com/maersk-levy-heavy-charges-for-mis-declaring-goods-inside-containers/>

Mis-declaring weight of cargo in a container will now attract charges of \$5,000 from the Danish shipping major Maersk.

INSIGHT: Med ECA impacts, now and next. *Ship & Bunker*. 10 September 2025.

Available from: <https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/956753-insight-med-eca-impacts-now-and-next> While much of the shipping industry has had its attention on how to cut GHG emissions, progress is still being made on the reduction of sulfur and other emissions.

India's largest terminal operator bans sanctioned vessels. *Maritime Executive*.

11 September 2025. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/india-s-largest-terminal-operator-bans-sanctioned-vessels> Adani Group, which is India's largest private terminal and port operator, has sent out a circular to all operators advising that it is banning all sanctioned vessels from all its operations, according to reports in the Indian media.

Treasury sanctions Houthi illicit revenue and procurement networks.

US Department of the Treasury. 11 September 2025. Available from: <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sb0243> <https://www.loydslist.com/LL1154798/US-sanctions-target-Houthi-maritime-network> Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is designating 32 individuals and entities and identifying four vessels in Treasury's largest sanctions action to date targeting Iran-backed Ansarallah, commonly known as the Houthis.

Private industry should step up to protect the global maritime order. Elisabeth Braw.

Atlantic Council. 11 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/issue-brief/private-industry-should-step-up-to-protect-the-global-maritime-order/> The global maritime order is an impressive but delicate construct.

US sanctions target Houthi maritime network. Richard Meade. *Lloyd's List*. 11 September 2025.

Available from: <https://www.loydslist.com/LL1154798/US-sanctions-target-Houthi-maritime-network> <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sb0243> The US Treasury has unveiled its largest sanctions action to date targeting the Iran-backed Houthi network in Yemen, designating networks of front companies and illicit shipping facilitators outside of Yemen used to manage their maritime operations.

UK ratchets up pressure on Putin's military machine as Foreign Secretary travels to Kyiv.

UK Government. 12 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-ratchets-up-pressure-on-putins-military-machine-as-foreign-secretary-travels-to-kyiv> The 100 sanctions further build economic pressure on Russia, targeting its military sector and illicit shadow fleet - as Putin continues to intensify his war, terrorising Ukrainians with missiles and drones, and killing innocent civilians.

UK blacklists 70 Russian shadow fleet ships in sweeping sanctions push. Mike Schuler.

gCaptain. 12 September 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/uk-blacklists-70-russian-shadow-fleet-ships-in-sweeping-sanctions-push/> The United Kingdom has delivered its latest significant blow against Russia's shadow fleet, sanctioning 70 additional vessels involved in transporting Russian oil exports.

FAO facilitates pioneering work on the coordinated implementation of 3 key international instruments. *Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)*. 12 September 2025.

Available from: <https://www.fao.org/port-state-measures/news-events/detail/en/c/1742240/> In collaboration with the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) facilitated an in-country training workshop in Kenya on the coordinated implementation of the FAO Agreement on Port State Measures to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing (PSMA), the IMO Cape Town Agreement on Fishing Vessel Safety (CTA), and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Work in Fishing Convention No. 188.

Antigua and Barbuda-flagged tankers named in U.S. sanctions on Houthi shipping network.

Cory Wayland. *Antigua News*. 13 September 2025. Available from:

<https://antigua.news/2025/09/13/antigua-and-barbuda-flagged-tankers-named-in-u-s-sanctions-on-houthi-shipping-network/> Two oil tankers flying the flag of Antigua and Barbuda have been swept up in the latest round of U.S. sanctions against the Iran-backed Houthi movement, raising questions about how vessels under the twin-island state's registry became entangled in a global smuggling and financing scheme.

H2C and Lloyd's Register join forces to accelerate maritime fuel switching. *Lloyd's Register*.

15 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.lr.org/en/knowledge/press-room/press-listing/press-release/2025/h2c-and-lloyds-register-join-forces-to-accelerate-maritime-fuel-switching/> Under this collaboration, LR will provide assurance that the claims rights embedded in Green Premium Certificates [GPCs] are valid, exclusive and appropriately priced, helping GPC buyers demonstrate compliance under schemes such as FuelEU Maritime, the IMO's Lifecycle Assessment Guidelines and the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD).

INSIGHT: Maritime leaders must act now to meet climate targets. Jari Yli-Tolppa. *Ship & Bunker*.

15 September 2025. Available from: <https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/705624-insight-maritime-leaders-must-act-now-to-meet-climate-targets> The global shipping industry stands at a decisive crossroads. Despite efforts to reduce emissions and improve sustainability, recent studies show that maritime carbon emissions has reverted to 2008 levels.

Comoros dark fleet purge sees more than 60 tankers listed as false flagged. *Windward Ltd*.

17 September 2025. Available from: <https://windward.ai/blog/comoros-dark-fleet-purge-sees-more-than-60-tankers-listed-as-false-flagged/> The government of Comoros has begun a clean-out of its international flag registry which has been central to sanctions-circumventing dark fleet tankers shipping Russian, Iranian and Venezuelan oil.

India's operations at Iran's Chabahar Port under threat as US ends sanctions waiver.

Jayanth Jacob. *New Indian Express*. 18 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/world/2025/Sep/18/indias-operations-at-irans-chabahar-port-under-threat-as-us-ends-sanctions-waiver> India's key strategic connectivity project to Afghanistan and Central Asia faces a new challenge as the United States announced it will revoke the sanctions exemption for operations at Iran's Chabahar Port from September 29.

EU targets Russian LNG, banks, crypto and 'shadow fleet' in new round of sanctions.

Jorge Liboreiro. *Euronews*. 19 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2025/09/19/eu-targets-russian-lng-banks-crypto-and-shadow-fleet-in-new-round-of-sanctions> The European Commission has unveiled a fresh round of sanctions on Russia just as the country intensifies its barrage of drones and missiles against Ukraine, hitting the bloc's own delegation, and Vladimir Putin ignores calls to sit at the negotiating table.

Shadow Fleet: How illicit shipping networks broke global oil trade. *S&P Global*.

22 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F0CREYIIHN8> 📺 The shadow fleet is by now a well-known tool for Russia and other petrostates to evade international sanctions.

Danish Shipping: The shipping industry's CO₂ payments should be used to build up green fuel production in the EU. *Danish Shipping*. 23 September 2025. Available from: <https://danishshipping.dk/en/latest-news/2025/danish-shipping-the-shipping-industry-s-co2-payments-should-be-used-to-build-up-green-fuel-production-in-the-eu/> Right now, the global shipping industry is holding its breath and looking to London, where the IMO's Net-Zero Framework will be put to a final vote on 17 October.

Bangladesh's ship recycling industry at a crossroads. Shaikh Md Mujahid Ul Islam. *Daily Star (Bangladesh)*. 24 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.thedailystar.net/law-our-rights/news/bangladeshs-ship-recycling-industry-crossroads-3993126> Bangladesh has missed the critical deadline to implement the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships (HKC 2009), which it ratified in June 2023, but enforcement is still pending as of June 2025.

Oman issues special Maritime Law to govern seafarer rights and duties. Mohammed Ibrahim Al Zadjali. *Times of Oman*. 27 September 2025. Available from: <https://timesofoman.com/article/163236-oman-issues-special-maritime-law-to-govern-seafarer-rights-and-duties> Oman has newly enacted the Maritime Labour Regulation under Ministerial Decision 313/2025, pursuant to Royal Decree 62/2021 on the Sultanate's accession to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006.

Reefer fleet on thin ice as majority fail carbon intensity tests. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 30 September 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/reefer-fleet-on-thin-ice-as-majority-fail-carbon-intensity-tests/> The reefer sector has the worst Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII) ratings, while boxships currently enjoy having the most vessels within the safe A to C bands, according to new data from VesselsValue.

'Go-to guy': US 'coalition builder' quits IMO role as Trump-IMO carbon showdown heats up. Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds*. 30 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/people/-go-to-guy-us-coalition-builder-quits-imo-role-as-trump-imo-carbon-showdown-heats-up/2-1-1878468> Jeffrey Lantz, who has spent roughly 20 years as director of commercial regulations and standards at the US Coast Guard, has retired, agency spokeswoman Melissa Leake confirmed to TradeWinds.

SALVAGE

Recovery begins of fallen containers at Port of Long Beach. *Port of Long Beach*. 10 September 2025. Available from: <https://polb.com/port-info/news-and-press/recovery-begins-of-fallen-containers-at-port-of-long-beach-09-10-2025/> Salvage operations have begun in order to open a channel to allow ships to safely transit to and from Pier G at the Port of Long Beach following an incident on Tuesday morning that caused an estimated 75 shipping containers to fall from the cargo ship *Mississippi*.

Weather delays efforts to salvage grounded ship in Franklin Strait. Randi Beers. *Nunatsiaq News (Canada)*. 17 September 2025. Available from: <https://nunatsiaq.com/stories/article/weather-delays-efforts-to-salvage-grounded-ship-in-franklin-strait/> Harsh weather in the Franklin Strait has delayed efforts to salvage the *Thamesborg*, a Dutch cargo ship that sat grounded for the 11th day Wednesday.

Salvage ships arrive to begin unloading *Thamesborg* cargo. Randi Beers.

Nunatsiaq News (Canada). 23 September 2025. Available from:

<https://nunatsiaq.com/stories/article/salvage-ships-arrive-to-begin-unloading-thamesborg-cargo/>

Two salvage vessels are now in the Franklin Strait where the cargo ship *Thamesborg* ran aground two and a half weeks ago.

Unified command completes salvage operations for Pier G container incident.

Port of Long Beach. 26 September 2025. Available from: <https://polb.com/port-info/news-and-press/unified-command-completes-salvage-operations-for-pier-g-container-incident-09-26-2025/>

The Unified Command announces all 95 containers that fell overboard from the vessel *Mississippi* at Pier G have been recovered in and around the Port of Long Beach Sept. 26, 2025.

SEAFARERS

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

Charting progress: CASA's impact on crewing in Sri Lanka. *Daily FT (Sri Lanka)*.

1 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.ft.lk/shippingaviation/Charting-progress-CASA-s-impact-on-crewing-in-Sri-Lanka/21-781029> Sri Lanka's crewing industry is undergoing a transformative revival, with ambitious plans to increase its seafarer workforce from 16,000 to 50,000 and grow the sector's economic contribution from \$ 400 million to \$ 1.5 billion within the next five years.

IMO Secretary-General addressed the challenges facing the maritime industry in a discussion with WISTA Panama. *MundoMarítimo*. 1 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.mundomaritimo.net/noticias/imo-secretary-general-addressed-the-challenges-facing-the-maritime-industry-in-a-discussion-with-wista-panama> WISTA Panama celebrated 15 years of constant work in promoting female leadership in the maritime industry with a discussion with Arsenio Domínguez, Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), who was also honored by the organization for being the first Panamanian to hold this position and for his contribution to the development of the maritime sector.

Heroic British Captain receives prestigious Merchant Navy Medal for saving 89 lives at sea.

UK Government. 3 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/heroic-british-captain-receives-prestigious-merchant-navy-medal-for-saving-89-lives-at-sea> Twelve British seafarers have today (3 September 2025) been recognised for going above and beyond the call of duty, receiving the prestigious Merchant Navy Medal for Meritorious Service, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary today on Merchant Navy Day.

'Ground-breaking' female ice captain honoured. Ethan Gudge. *BBC News*. 3 September 2025.

Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cdj2jn3dd9zo> Capt Philippa Bowden, from Portsmouth, has received the Merchant Navy Medal for going "above and beyond the call of duty".

Sanctioned dark fleet owner finally pays up after seafarer's death on Russian tanker.

Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 3 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insurance/sanctioned-dark-fleet-owner-finally-pays-up-after-seafarer-s-death-on-russian-tanker/2-1-1865972> The family of a Russian seafarer who died during a voyage on an uninsured sanctioned tanker has secured \$125,000 after a battle with the Turkish shipowner, according to union officials.

From deck to director: Lisa Holum on welcoming women seafarers.

Hiroka Suzuki and Kim Jefferies. *Gard*. 3 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.gard.no/insights/from-deck-to-director-lisa-holum-on-welcoming-women-seaferers/>

The maritime industry has long been a male-dominated field, but recent years have seen a growing recognition of the value of female seafarers.

Tide of anger rises around world as merchant sailors are abandoned at sea. Nick Webster.

The National (UAE). 4 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/news/uae/2025/09/04/tide-of-anger-rises-around-world-as-merchant-sailors-are-abandoned-at-sea/>

Merchant sailors are being stranded off the UAE's coast or in ports around the country as some operators refuse to pay debts and crew wages and concerns grow over a worldwide increase in abandoned vessels.

Filipino seafarers confront abandonment, abuse amid global shipping crisis. Liz Lagniton.

Maritime Fairtrade. 5 September 2025. Available from: <https://maritimefairtrade.org/filipino-seafarers-confront-abandonment-abuse-amid-global-shipping-crisis/>

At sea, silence can be as dangerous as a storm. For thousands of Filipino seafarers, silence has become a survival strategy — enduring abuse and abandonment on board vessels because speaking out could mean losing their livelihood.

From coin toss to command: Women seafarers navigate an ocean of barriers.

Malou Talosig-Bartolome. *Business Mirror (Philippines)*. 6 September 2025. Available from:

<https://businessmirror.com.ph/2025/09/06/from-coin-toss-to-command-women-seafarers-navigate-an-ocean-of-barriers/>

In the global maritime industry—long steered by tradition, hierarchy, and masculine norms—the presence of women has often been treated as an anomaly.

Seafarers 2040: Understanding UK demographics and welfare needs.

Maritime Charities Group (MCG). 8 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.maritimecharitiesgroup.org/en/news/publications/seafarers2040-understanding-uk-demographics-and-welfare-needs/>

<https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/crewing/charities-raise-alarm-on-falling-uk-seafaring-numbers> A report commissioned by the Maritime Charities Group has found that the number of UK seafarers could fall dramatically by 2040.

Understanding the changing career landscape of modern seafarers. *Anglo-Eastern*.

9 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.angloeastern.com/news-and-insights/understanding-the-changing-career-landscape-of-modern-seafarers/>

Seafaring has been a cornerstone of human civilisation since ancient times, with mariners navigating rivers and seas to facilitate trade and exploration.

Charities raise alarm on falling UK seafaring numbers. Gary Howard. *Seatrade Maritime News*.

9 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/crewing/charities-raise-alarm-on-falling-uk-seafaring-numbers>

Research commissioned by the Maritime Charities group (MCG) has shown that UK seafaring communities are under threat, according to the new Seafarers 2040 report.

'Blame game': Fresh push to protect ship captains caught up in international crime.

Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 10 September 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/special-reports/-blame-game-fresh-push-to-protect-ship-captains-caught-up-in-international-crime/2-1-1850185>

An aborted plan to protect shipmasters from unfair prosecutions is set to be revived amid growing industry concern about the scapegoating of seafarers unwittingly caught up in international crime.

‘Crying won’t save my husband’: The harrowing human impact of making seafarers scapegoats for crime. Craig Eason. *TradeWinds*. 12 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/interviews/-crying-won-t-save-my-husband-the-harrowing-human-impact-of-making-seafarers-scapegoats-for-crime/2-1-1865130> Elena Albokhari is alone in Helsinki; her seafarer husband, Ali, is locked up in a Turkish prison, having served nearly 24 months of a 30-year sentence.

Shipowners ‘airbrushing’ UK seafarers out of training and jobs. *National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT)*. 15 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.rmt.org.uk/news/shipowners-airbrushing-uk-seafarers-out-of-training-and-jobs/> Seafarers Union RMT has attacked a new report by the Chamber of Shipping which writes UK seafarers off as ‘uncompetitive’ whilst demanding easier access to cheap foreign labour on ferry and offshore energy routes.

Seafarers' union employees launch strike amid internal conflicts. Liv Almer. *ShippingWatch*. 16 September 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article18541701.ece> More than 100 employees of the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) went on strike on Monday in protest against redundancies.

What different countries are doing to attract and retain seafarers. Sam Andrews. *Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST)*. 17 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.imarest.org/resource/mp-what-different-countries-are-doing-to-attract-and-retain-seafarers.html> The global maritime industry, and particularly the seafaring sector, faces a workforce in constant flux, with Filipino seafarers currently dominating the labour market.

Sarawak needs more skilled seafarers to sustain maritime growth, says Transport Minister. Jude Toyat. *Borneo Post Online*. 18 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.theborneopost.com/2025/09/18/sarawak-needs-more-skilled-seafarers-to-sustain-maritime-growth-says-transport-minister/> Sarawak must intensify efforts to develop human capital in its maritime industry, particularly by producing more skilled seafarers and shipbuilding professionals, said State Transport Minister Dato Sri Lee Kim Shin.

Sailors abandoned at sea: Filipino crew among the worst affected worldwide. *Al Jazeera*. 20 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nD1CxYzspKE> 🇵🇭 Philippine crew members, who've faced recent attacks by Yemen's Houthi forces, are among the worst affected.

Nigeria risks indigenous seafarer deficit as seetime crisis deepens. Yusuf Babalola. *Leadership (Nigeria)*. 22 September 2025. Available from: <https://leadership.ng/nigeria-risks-indigenous-seafarer-deficit-as-seetime-crisis-deepens/> The collapse of the Nigerian National Shipping Line (NNSL) has once again raised fears of a looming shortage in the training of indigenous seafarers across the country, LEADERSHIP can report.

Young dockers and seafarers unite in Cyprus to build skills and solidarity. *ITF Seafarers*. 23 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/young-dockers-and-seafarers-unite-cyprus-build-skills-and-solidarity> Last week, young dockers and seafarers from across the globe came together in Cyprus for the ITF Maritime Roundtable – a space for young maritime trade unionists to learn, share and grow as leaders in our movement.

Sunshine and diplomacy in London. Despair and injustice in Turkey. *Human Rights at Sea (HRAS)*. 25 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/news/sunshine->

[and-diplomacy-london-despair-and-injustice-turkey](#) Ali is serving a 30-year sentence for alleged drugs offences, while his wife, Elena, tirelessly works seeking justice for her husband in a case which has been extensively covered in the maritime press circles.

World Maritime Day: what are the major challenges facing seafarers?

Institute for Human Rights & Business (IHRB). 25 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yeAputAOGaA> 📺 On World Maritime Day, join IHRB's Francesca Fairbairn and Ben Bailey and Father Stephen Thanapaul from Mission to Seafarers for a discussion on seafarers' rights.

World Maritime Day a reminder of the essential workers who keep New Zealand moving.

Scoop (New Zealand). 25 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/BU2509/S00442/world-maritime-day-a-reminder-of-the-essential-workers-who-keep-new-zealand-moving.htm> On World Maritime Day (Thursday 25 September), the Maritime Union of New Zealand (MUNZ) is calling for greater recognition for the invisible workforce of seafarers and waterfront workers who form the backbone of the nation's economy.

Three more seafarers arrested in Turkey. Nick Savvides. *Seatrade Maritime News*.

29 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/crewing/three-more-seafarers-arrested-in-turkey> Three seafarers, two South Korean and one Filipino have been detained on drug offences by Turkish police it has emerged, as maritime authorities seek a meeting with the ministry to resolve issues around the criminalisation of crew.

Liberian seafarers demand fair employment or face blockade. David A. Yates.

Liberian Observer. 29 September 2025. Available from: https://www.liberianobserver.com/news/liberian-seafarers-demand-fair-employment-or-face-blockade/article_0a607753-e81f-4474-a587-4c1d0c8cfcc0.html The United Seamen, Ports, and General Workers' Union of Liberia (USPOGUL) has issued a firm ultimatum to the Liberian government, demanding that Liberians be employed on vessels flying the Liberian flag by October 15, 2025, warning that failure to comply will trigger widespread solidarity action, including a global blockade of Liberian-flagged ships.

SEARCH & RESCUE

'Normalize human rights narrative' urges Manila Maritime SAR and HRAS Forum Participants.

Yrhen Bernard Sabanal Balinis. *Human Rights at Sea (HRAS)*. 5 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/news/normalize-human-rights-narrative-urges-manila-maritime-sar-and-hras-forum-participants> In an effort to identify current opportunities in the field of maritime search and rescue and support the safeguarding of human rights at sea for all ocean workers, the Ocean Centres Philippines conducted the "Pan Pan: Workshop on Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR) and Human Rights at Sea" last 02 September 2025.

Strengthening the shipping sector's lifesaving role at sea: IMRF at LISW25.

International Maritime Rescue Federation. 19 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.international-maritime-rescue.org/news/strengthening-the-shipping-sectors-lifesaving-role-at-sea-imrf-at-lisw25> IMRF was proud to be an official charity of London International Shipping Week 2025 (LISW25). To mark the occasion, we hosted a special reception on 16 September at Britannia P&I Club's new offices, bringing together industry leaders and maritime charities to spotlight the shipping industry's vital role in saving lives at sea.

Fake distress calls and spoofing putting search-and-rescue operations at risk. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 29 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/technology/fake-distress-calls-and-spoofing-putting-search-and-rescue-operations-at-risk/2-1-1878387> Maritime search-and-rescue teams should consider drawing up plans for operations with minimum technological help to prepare for a blackout caused by a cyber attack, according to the Australian government.

SHIP RECYCLING

Frontline boss calls on IMO to focus on shadow fleet scrapping. Daniela De Lorenzo. *ShippingWatch*. 2 September 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article18485906.ece> Frontline chief executive officer Lars Barstad wants more international focus on establishing methods for scrapping the shadow fleet - and he hopes to see results during the London International Shipping Week conference this month.

400 war-hit ships eyed for recycling. Zafar Bhutta. *Express Tribune (Pakistan)*. 9 September 2025. Available from: <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2565714/400-war-hit-ships-eyed-for-recycling> Officials said Pakistan expects a reasonable share of these vessels, abandoned due to the war in Eastern Europe, by aligning its shipbreaking industry with the Hong Kong Convention (HKC).

SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR

South Korea's Dongjin Shipping breaks ground with first Chinese newbuild order. Adis Ajdin. *Splash 247.com*. 10 September 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/south-koreas-dongjin-shipping-breaks-ground-with-first-chinese-newbuild-order/> South Korea's Dongjin Shipping has stepped outside its domestic market for its fleet expansion by ordering its first newbuilds from a Chinese yard.

SHIPPING

Corporate reports miss the mark on ocean health – new research. *Lancaster University*. 8 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/news/corporate-reports-miss-the-mark-on-ocean-health-new-research> A new paper published today - led by Stanford University and co-authored by Lancaster University - explores the industrial impacts on the ocean and compares them with what leading companies in the ocean economy disclose, underscoring the need for greater transparency and accountability.

Chokepoints under pressure: The fragile lifelines of global energy. Mrinal Bhardwaj and Laura R. Skaug. *Rystad Energy*. 8 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.rystadenergy.com/news/chokepoints-under-pressure-fragile-lifelines-global-energy> Rystad Energy's latest analysis reveals a growing threat to global energy security as the world's five most critical maritime chokepoints, narrow sea routes that handle the bulk of global oil and gas transit, face escalating risks from conflict, piracy and environmental hazards.

Shell and MSC back methane pathway to net-zero. Paul Bartlett. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 10 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/Ing/shell-and-msc-back-methane-pathway-to-net-zero> During a recent webinar, Shell Marine revealed how development of methane as fuel in forms such as synthetic LNG provides a path to net-zero, but the pathway will not be easy.

The intelligence revolution at sea: Why imagery alone isn't enough anymore. Ami Daniel. *Windward Ltd.* 10 September 2025. Available from: <https://windward.ai/blog/the-intelligence-revolution-at-sea-why-imagery-alone-isnt-enough-anymore/> A funny thing happened on the way to making the oceans safer: shipping became headline news.

A global blueprint for green shipping corridors. Izzy Fenwick and Anusha Kesarkar Gavankar. *Observer Research Foundation (ORF).* 10 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/a-global-blueprint-for-green-shipping-corridors> Shipping accounts for over 80 percent of world trade, making it a cornerstone of global economic resilience.

The Daily View: China rising. Richard Meade. *Lloyd's List.* 10 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1154768/The-Daily-View-China-rising> The volume of incredulous US headlines complaining about China's unfair overnight rise to maritime dominance over the past few decades have rather distracted many from the quite remarkable achievements of China's industry of late.

Inside the Panama Canal's mega-project plan to engineer its way through severe droughts of the future. Lori Ann LaRocco. *CNBC (US).* 13 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.cnn.com/2025/09/13/panama-canal-drought-el-nino-climate-change-shipping-trade.html> After a historic drought that paralyzed vessel transits through the Panama Canal, the Panama Canal Authority is moving ahead with major investments in new infrastructure to mitigate future droughts and the risk of low water levels that in recent years plagued the key global trade gateway.

UK shipping industry ranked 5th globally in new competitiveness index. *UK Chamber of Shipping.* 15 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.ukchamberofshipping.com/news/uk-shipping-industry-ranked-5th-globally-new-competitiveness-index> The report, launched at the start of London International Shipping Week, introduces the Shipping Competitiveness Index, a ground-breaking international benchmark assessing 44 maritime countries that together represent over 80% of globally owned deadweight tonnage.

41% of container transport is empty. Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com.* 15 September 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/41-of-container-transport-is-empty/> New analysis from Danish liner consultancy Sea-Intelligence shows the growing percentage of empty containers moving around the world.

Accelleron: Shipping must pool carbon-neutral fuel demand with other industries to hit net zero goal. *Accelleron.* 16 September 2025. Available from: <https://acceleron.com/press-releases/acceleron-shipping-must-pool-carbon-neutral-fuel-demand-with-other-industries-to-hit-net-zero-goal> Accelleron will unveil its maritime decarbonization report at London International Shipping Week (LISW25) today with a call on the shipping industry to join the global hydrogen economy by working with other sectors to pool demand for carbon-neutral fuels. [Report](#) 

Martin Stopford: Here's my vision for the future of shipping. Ian Lewis. *TradeWinds.* 16 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/people/martin-stopford-here-s-my-vision-for-the-future-of-shipping/2-1-1872334> Veteran maritime analyst Martin Stopford has urged the shipping industry to rethink its future by focusing not on ships themselves, but on the efficient transportation of cargo.

Dubai tops Arab region, ranks top 5 globally in 2025 shipping centre index. Justin Varghese. *Gulf News (UAE)*. 17 September 2025. Available from: <https://gulfnews.com/business/markets/dubai-tops-arab-region-ranks-top-5-globally-in-2025-shipping-centre-index-1.500272973> Dubai has strengthened its position as a leading global maritime hub, earning the title of “the crown jewel of the Middle East’s maritime sector,” according to the 2025 International Shipping Centre Development Index report, published by Xinhua News Agency in collaboration with the Baltic Exchange.

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Intertanko chief adds voice to heated fuel debate after week of ‘desire to polarise discussion’. Craig Eason. *TradeWinds*. 18 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/intertanko-chief-adds-voice-to-heated-fuel-debate-after-week-of-desire-to-polarise-discussion-/2-1-1873625> Intertanko boss Tim Wilkins has weighed into the LNG fuel debate, arguing that all pathways need to be on the table.

Shipowner warns: Green transition is far cheaper than inaction. Jens Thomsen. *ShippingWatch*. 18 September 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article18549084.ece> Shipping faces numerous major challenges and obstacles that can easily distract business leaders and policymakers from focusing on one major long-term task: The green transition.

Korea looks to add Arctic shipping routes amid global rush to the North. *Korea JoongAng Daily (South Korea)*. 22 September 2025. Available from: <https://koreajoongangdaily.joins.com/news/2025-09-22/business/economy/Korea-looks-to-add-Arctic-shipping-routes-amid-global-rush-to-the-North/2404875> Korea is accelerating efforts to join the Arctic shipping race, betting that shorter routes to Europe could cut costs and ease pressure on traditional trade lanes.

Maritime Clusters goes global marking an essential step toward maritime growth. *Ship Management International*. 22 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.shipmanagementinternational.com/news/maritime-clusters-goes-global> Senior maritime executives world-wide were spotted at London International Shipping Week on Thursday 18th September 2025 at the launch event of the putative International Association of Maritime Clusters (IAMC).

USD 48 billion at risk of being written off as gas tanker orders soar by 300% in five years, new research shows. *UCL Shipping and Oceans Research Group*. 22 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.shippingandoceans.com/post/USD-48-billion-at-risk-of-being-written-off-as-gas-tanker-orders-soar-by-300-in-five-years-new-res> USD 48 billion invested in LNG carriers could be written off by 2035 as they will be in oversupply in a 1.5°C climate scenario with declining fossil energy use, according to new research from UCL Energy Institute and Kuehne Climate Center (KCC). [Investment Risk Monitor \(IRM\)](#)

McCown: U.S. container imports face historic decline as tariff effects take hold. Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*. 22 September 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/mccown-u-s-container-imports-face-historic-decline-as-tariff-effects-take-hold/> The U.S. container shipping industry is heading toward what could be one of the most significant volume declines in its six-decade history, according to the latest analysis from shipping expert John McCown.

Panama Canal opens 'NetZero' transit slot for green ships. Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*.

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Valeria Mangiarotti is the Marketing Manager at the Port Network Authority of the Sardinian Sea (ADSP), a position she has held since 2002.

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Maritime trade under pressure – growth set to stall in 2025.

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Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1154943/The-last-thing-shipping-needs-is-a-shadow-fleet-20> The presidents of Ukraine and Panama got together on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly this week, with the shadow fleet inevitably the main topic up for discussion.

How the sinking of MS Estonia changed passenger ships forever. Silver Tambur.

Estonian World. 28 September 2025. Available from: <https://estonianworld.com/technology/how-the-sinking-of-ms-estonia-changed-passenger-ships-forever/> Thirty-one years ago, on 28 September 1994, the ferry *Estonia* vanished into the Baltic Sea, and passenger shipping has never been the same.

Shadow fleet sails under false flags of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Royal Association of Netherlands Shipowners. 29 August 2025. Available from:

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UK industry urges government to back CO₂ shipping for CCS expansion. *Port News*.

30 September 2025. Available from: <https://en.portnews.ru/news/382578/> On 29 September 2025, Ralph Windeatt, Group Head of Business Development at ABP, argued that carbon dioxide shipping must play a larger role in the UK's decarbonisation strategy.

Eastern Mediterranean shipping sector edges toward decarbonisation. Souzana Psara. *Cyprus Mail*. 30 September 2025. Available from: <https://cyprus-mail.com/2025/09/30/eastern-mediterranean-shipping-sector-edges-toward-decarbonisation> The Eastern Mediterranean's shipping community is moving, albeit unevenly, towards cutting greenhouse gas emissions, according to the first wave of the METAVASEA survey conducted between June and November 2024, just ahead of the IMO's Net-Zero Framework adoption at MEPC 83.

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Ellos DM and Bacosa HP. **A review of the multifaceted impact and implications of oil spills and marine disasters in Asia.** *Discover Oceans*. 23 September 2025. Available from: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s44289-025-00082-5> Marine environmental disasters, mostly oil spills and other chemical pollution, cause a negative impact on ecosystems, human health, and the economy throughout Asia.

Zhao P, Li Y, et al. **Arctic Sea Route access reshapes global shipping carbon emissions.** *Nature Communications*. 29 September 2025. Available from: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-025-64437-4> Climate-driven Arctic ice melt is opening the Arctic Sea Route (ASR), providing shorter paths for global trade while also raising critical environmental concerns.

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