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## IMO NEWS & EVENTS

### 2026-2027 IMO Council elected

The IMO Assembly has elected the following Member States to serve on three categories of the IMO Council. The newly elected Council will meet for its 136th session on 4 December and will elect its Chair and Vice-Chair for the next biennium.

#### Category (a): 10 States with the largest interest in providing international shipping services:

-  China
-  Greece
-  Italy
-  Japan
-  Liberia
-  Norway
-  Panama
-  Republic of Korea
-  United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
-  United States of America

#### Category (b): 10 States with the largest interest in international seaborne trade:

-  Australia
-  Brazil
-  Canada
-  France
-  Germany
-  India
-  Netherlands (Kingdom of the)
-  Spain
-  Sweden
-  United Arab Emirates

#### Category (c): 20 States not elected under (a) or (b) above, which have special interests in maritime transport or navigation and whose election to the Council will ensure the representation of all major geographic areas of the world:

-  Bahamas
-  Belgium
-  Chile
-  Cyprus
-  Egypt
-  Finland
-  Indonesia
-  Jamaica
-  Malaysia
-  Malta
-  Mexico
-  Morocco
-  Nigeria
-  Peru
-  Philippines
-  Qatar
-  Türkiye

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### **Dr. Rosalie Balkin receives IMO International Maritime Prize**

**Dr. Rosalie Balkin, Secretary-General of the Comité Maritime International (CMI), has been presented with the prestigious International Maritime Prize.**

Dr. Balkin, who was nominated by the Government of Australia, was honoured at the annual IMO Awards Ceremony, held in London on 24 November 2025. The ceremony followed the first day of the 34th session of the IMO Assembly, taking place from 24 November to 3 December 2025.

Handing Dr. Balkin the silver dolphin trophy, IMO Secretary-General Mr. Arsenio Dominguez commended her five-decade career, in which she has broken new ground, including as the first woman to lead the CMI - the world's oldest organization focused on unifying international maritime law - since it was founded in 1897.

He stated: "Dr. Balkin life's work reflects an exceptional combination of excellence, integrity, and a firm commitment to advancing the global maritime community."

Accepting the Prize, Dr. Balkin reflected on her achievements: "May I say how very proud and lucky I feel to have been given the opportunity to participate in the work of IMO and its related organisations. It is indeed a wondrous thing to be so richly rewarded for doing the work I still love to do." [More...](#)

### **"A single lapse in vigilance can take a life": IMO Bravery Award recipient**

**Acts of exceptional bravery at sea honoured at annual awards ceremony.**

Officer Lee Tae Young, a first mate from the Republic of Korea, has been awarded the IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea, in recognition of his heroic actions that saved 12 fellow crew members from the Geum Seong No. 135 when it sunk in November 2024.

He was honoured during a special ceremony recognizing seafarers held in London on 24 November 2025, in the margins of the IMO Assembly taking place from 24 November to 3 December 2025.

IMO Secretary-General Mr. Arsenio Dominguez applauded Mr. Lee "for the extraordinary leadership, courage and selflessness" he displayed, adding that the safety of seafarers remains paramount at IMO.

Ms. Lydia Ferrad of the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF), which had nominated Mr. Lee, accepted the award on his behalf. [More...](#)

## **IMO Assembly, 34th session, opens**

### **New 40-member Council to be voted in for the 2026-2027 biennium.**

The IMO Assembly is holding its 34th session at IMO headquarters in London from 24 November to 3 December.

The Assembly is the highest Governing Body of the Organization, consisting of all Member States, responsible for approving the work programme and deciding on the budget. The Assembly also elects the Council.

In his [welcome remarks](#), Secretary-General Dominguez stated: "We meet today at a time when the maritime sector continues to navigate a complex international environment marked by geopolitical tensions, evolving trade patterns, and an accelerating global transition towards decarbonization and digitalization."

"The successes still ahead of us will depend on your decisions and your collective action in bringing together this diverse community," he said.

Secretary-General Dominguez highlighted the Organization's achievements during the current biennium, including work to promote maritime safety, ocean protection and digitalization, address fraudulent ship registration, support seafarers, and strengthen capacity development.

### **Key speakers**

The Right Honourable Heidi Alexander, Secretary of State for Transport for the United Kingdom, welcomed delegates to the Assembly, as the representative of the Host State.

The outgoing President of the Assembly, His Royal Highness Prince Khalid Bin Bandar Bin Sultan Al-Saud, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Saudi Arabia, and the incoming President, Her Excellency Mrs. Marine de Carné de Trécesson de Coëtlogon, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of France to IMO, addressed the Assembly. [More...](#)

## **IMO Gender Equality Award to go to Professor Momoko Kitada**

### **Renowned World Maritime University Professor has inspired generations of students.**

Professor Momoko Kitada, Nippon Foundation Professorial Chair in Gender and Innovation; Head, Maritime Education & Training at the World Maritime University (WMU), has been selected to receive the 2025 IMO Gender Equality Award, following her nomination by Japan.

The Award is bestowed on individuals who have made significant contributions to advancing gender equality and the empowerment of women in the maritime sector.

The IMO Council endorsed Professor Kitada as the recipient during its [135th session](#) held in London (20-21 November 2025), to receive the award in May 2026, alongside celebrations for the International Day for Women in Maritime (18 May). [More...](#)

## **IMO Assembly to elect new Council and set strategic directions**

**Thirty-fourth regular session of the Assembly will approve 2026-2027 work programme and budget.**

The Assembly of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) will meet for its 34th regular session from 24 November to 3 December 2025, to elect Members of the IMO Council and approve the Organization's work programme and budget.

The [Assembly](#) is the highest Governing Body of the IMO, consisting of all Member States. The Assembly session will be preceded by the [135th session of the IMO Council](#) (19-21 November).

### **Strategic plan, budget and work programme**

The Assembly is expected to adopt the revised Strategic Plan for the six-year period 2024 to 2029 and the Organization's budget and work programme for 2026 and 2027.

### **Other resolutions**

The Assembly will adopt several resolutions on key aspects of the Organization's work, including those covering:

- IMO Capacity Development Strategy
- Procedures for port State control, 2025
- Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC), 2025
- 2025 Non-exhaustive list of obligations under instruments relevant to the IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code)
- Framework and procedures for the IMO Member State Audit Scheme
- Code on Alerts and Indicators, 2025
- Criteria for the provision of mobile satellite communication systems in the global maritime distress and safety system (GMDSS)
- Charges for distress, urgency and safety communications through recognized mobile satellite services in the GMDSS
- Consolidated Text of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization
- Progressive use of Arabic as a working language of the Organization
- Criteria and procedures for live streaming to the public of IMO Assembly plenary meetings
- Rules of Procedure of the Assembly
- Relations with non-governmental organizations

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## **MEETING SUMMARIES AND SCHEDULE**

**[Programme of Meetings for 2025](#)**  **[Preliminary programme of meetings for 2026](#)** 

### **Previous Meetings**

**[IMO Council](#)** (C 135) 19-21 November 2025 IMO

Assembly (A 34) 24 November-3 December 2025

### **Forthcoming Meetings**

IMO Council (C 136) 4-4 December 2025

## NEW IMO PUBLICATIONS

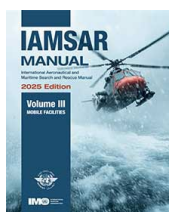


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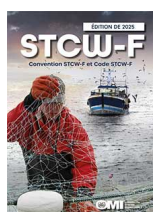


### IMSBC Code, 2025 Edition

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The *International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code* (IMSBC Code), adopted on 4 December 2008 by resolution MSC.268(85), entered into force on 1 January 2011, from which date it was made mandatory under the provisions of the SOLAS Convention. The present edition incorporates **Amendment 08-25**, which may be applied from **1 January 2026** on a voluntary basis, anticipating its envisaged official entry into force on **1 January 2027**.

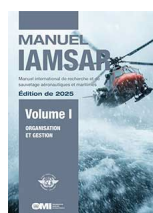
This publication also presents additional information that supplements the IMSBC Code, such as the Code of Practice for the Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers (BLU Code), BLU Manual and recommendations on the safe use of pesticides in ships applicable to the fumigation of cargo holds. The IMSBC Code and supplement is commended to Administrations, shipowners, shippers and masters and all others concerned with the standards to be applied in the safe stowage and shipment of solid bulk cargoes, excluding grain.



### STCW-F, 2025 Edition, French Edition

Digital format: KL960F (French, digital only)  
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This publication contains the *International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 1995*, including amendments that enter into force on **1 January 2026**, and introduces the new *Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel (STCW-F) Code*.



### IAMSAR Manual Volume I, 2025 Edition, French Edition

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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**.

## UNITED NATIONS

**EU climate chief says US absence from COP30 is 'watershed moment'.** Laura Kayali. *POLITICO*. 2 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.politico.eu/article/eu-climate-chief-wopke-hoekstra-says-us-absence-from-cop30-watershed-moment/> The U.S.'s likely absence from the upcoming COP30 is a "watershed moment," according to EU Climate Commissioner Wopke Hoekstra. "We're talking about the largest, the most dominant, most important geopolitical player from the whole world. It is the second-largest emitter," Hoekstra told Bloomberg in an interview published Sunday.

**UN called to create Ocean Agency to address triple planetary crisis.** Rob Hutchins. *Oceanographic*. 4 November 2025. Available from: <https://oceanographicmagazine.com/news/un-called-to-create-ocean-agency-to-address-triple-planetary-crisis/> A Keele University academic has issued a powerful call for the creation of a United Nations Ocean Agency – a new global body designed to unite fragmented efforts to protect the ocean and address what he calls the "triple planetary crisis" of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution.

**COP30: UN chief urges 'credible plan' for climate change.** *BBC News*. 6 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQMshpUMepw> Climate change refers to long-term shifts in temperatures and weather patterns. Such shifts can be natural, due to changes in the sun's activity or large volcanic eruptions. But since the 1800s, human activities have been the main driver of climate change, primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas.

**UN chief urges world leaders to drive down global warming.** *UN News*. 6 November 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/11/1166292> As world leaders gather in Brazil for the COP30 climate summit, UN Secretary-General António Guterres on Thursday called for urgent action to drive down global temperatures and keep the 1.5°C goal within reach.

**Here's what to know about the COP30 climate talks in Brazil.** David Gelles. *New York Times*. 6 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/11/06/climate/what-is-cop30-belem.html> Diplomats and leaders from around the world are gathering on the edge of the Amazon rainforest for annual talks on how to limit global warming.

**Diplomats worry absent US could still seek to influence COP30 climate summit.** *Straits Times*. 7 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.straitstimes.com/world/diplomats-worry-absent-us-could-still-seek-to-influence-cop30-climate-summit> Governments heading to the UN COP30 climate summit in Brazil are bracing themselves for the possibility that the Trump administration may seek to disrupt negotiations at the event – even without any US officials showing up.

**At UN climate summit, world leaders say time is running short to stop the worst effects of warming.** Isabel Debre and Mauricio Savarese. *Associated Press*. 7 November 2025. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/climate-cop30-brazil-belem-united-nations-lula-f8eabaf096fd5e0ab58dba001b5486e6> World leaders warned Thursday that time is running short for urgent and decisive action to prevent the worst effects of climate change, and blasted the United States for its retreat from those efforts, as they gathered at the edge of Brazil's Amazon rainforest for the annual United Nations climate summit.

**COP30 kicks off with urgent call to deliver on climate promises and scale up finance.**

Felipe de Carvalho. *UN News*. 8 November 2025. Available from:

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/11/1166313> Thousands of diplomats and climate experts are heading to Belém, in Brazil's Amazon, for COP30 – the latest round of UN climate talks. Their task couldn't be clearer: turn promises into action and agree on tougher plans to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

**COP 30 convenes in Belém to accelerate climate talks and action.** *Safety4Sea*.

10 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/cop-30-convenes-in-belem-to-accelerate-climate-talks-and-action/> COP30 is scheduled to take place from 10 to 21 November 2025, with a preliminary Heads-of-State Summit on 6–7 November 2025, also in Belém. The conference will be closely watched for key decisions on how countries are meeting their Paris Agreement commitments, mobilizing climate finance, and turning pledges into concrete action.

**'It will never be forgiven': UN climate chief warns world to act or face disaster.** Fiona Harvey.

*The Guardian*. 10 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/nov/10/it-will-never-be-forgiven-un-climate-chief-warns-world-to-act-or-face-disaster> Governments failing to shift to a low-carbon economy will be blamed for famine and conflict abroad, and will face stagnation and rising inflation at home, the UN's climate chief warned on Monday at the start of the Cop30 climate talks.

**COP30: Trump and many leaders are skipping it, so does the summit still have a point?**

Justin Rowlett. *BBC News*. 10 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c205jvyg3wjo> Xi and Modi were no-shows, along with the leaders of around 160 other countries. And notably absent was the US President Donald Trump.

**Protesters break into COP30 venue in Brazil.** Georgia Rannard and Tabby Wilson. *BBC News*.

11 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c017yjgn050o>

Protesters carrying signs reading "our forests are not for sale" broke through security lines of the COP30 climate talks on Tuesday night in Belém, Brazil.

**COP30: Amid protests, a call for a global carbon tax.** Leanna Byrne. *BBC Sounds*.

12 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/w3ct88bq> ©

In Brazil, Indigenous protesters have stormed the COP30 venue in Belém over broken land rights promises. Inside, climate talks continue with shipping under scrutiny. Leanna Byrne chats with the secretary-general of the International Maritime Organisation, who's pushing for a global carbon levy despite US and Saudi opposition.

**Rebuilding trust in multilateral governance: Lessons from the seabed to COP 30.**

Carlos García-Soto. *United Nations*. 12 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.un.org/en/un-chronicle/rebuilding-trust-multilateral-governance-lessons-seabed-cop-30>

As the thirtieth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 30) opens in Belém, Brazil, trust has re-emerged as the defining currency of multilateral action.

**COP-30: UNECE pushes for low carbon, resilient transport and water cooperation among key issues.** *United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)*. 13 November 2025.

Available from: <https://unece.org/climate-change/press/cop-30-unece-pushes-low-carbon-resilient-transport-and-water-cooperation-among> As the international community convenes for the 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP-30, 10-21 November) in Belém, Brazil, UNECE is contributing its expertise to support urgently needed climate action.

### **Indigenous protesters block COP30 entrance, demand action from Brazilian Government.**

Felipe de Carvalho. *UN News*. 14 November 2025. Available from:

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/11/1166373> Around 90 Indigenous people from the Munduruku Indigenous group staged a peaceful protest early Friday, blocking the main entrance to the Blue Zone – the restricted area set aside for negotiators – at COP30 in Belém.

### **Cop30 was meant to be a turning point, so why do some say the climate summit is broken?**

Damien Gayle. *The Guardian*. 15 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/nov/15/cop30-was-meant-to-be-a-turning-point-so-why-do-some-say-climate-summit-broken> Swamped by lobbyists and hobbled by a lack of urgency, there are fears Cop could become a sprawling spectacle that betrays those who depend on it most.

### **More than 80 countries at Cop30 join call for roadmap to fossil fuel phase-out.**

Fiona Harvey and Jonathan Watts. *The Guardian*. 18 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/nov/18/more-than-80-countries-join-call-at-cop30-for-roadmap-to-phasing-out-fossil-fuels> More than 80 countries have joined a call for a roadmap to phasing out fossil fuels, in a dramatic intervention into stuck negotiations at the UN Cop30 climate summit.

### **COP30: Nations boost ocean ambition but skip key emissions cuts.** Rob Hutchins.

*Oceanographic*. 18 November 2025. Available from:

<https://oceanographicmagazine.com/news/cop30-nations-boost-ocean-ambition-but-skip-key-emissions-cuts/> A new analysis released today at the COP30 climate summit in Belém, Brazil shows that while ocean issues are finally rising on the global climate agenda, most countries are still overlooking the most potent ocean-based tools available to slash emissions and strengthen climate resilience.

### **UN presents UN80 Initiative Action Plan, setting coordinated path for system-wide reforms.**

*UN News*. 21 November 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/11/1166429>

The plan brings the Secretary-General's major UN80 reform proposals into a single, coherent structure to streamline efforts that will make the UN system deliver better.

### **Maritime safety and security: Protection of seafarers - UN Security Council Arria Formula Meeting.** *United Nations*. 21 November 2025. Available from:

<https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k1s/k1s53mtqze> 📺 The Security Council has expressed its concern over the threat that unlawful acts against the safety of navigation pose to seafarers and other persons, and over the threat that piracy and armed robbery at sea pose to the safety of seafarers, including through their being taken as hostages, as well as over the adverse humanitarian impact on the seafarers and their families.

### **COP 30 Outcome: What it means and what's next.**

*Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)*. 22 November 2025.

Available from: <https://www.iisd.org/articles/insight/cop-30-outcome-what-it-means-and-whats-next>

The UN Climate Change Conference in Belém wrapped up on Saturday with decisions that reflect both a shared desire for global action and increasingly polarized interests.

### **COP30: Five key takeaways from a deeply divisive climate summit.**

Justin Rowlett and Matt McGrath. *BBC News*. 23 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cp84m16mdm1o> Many countries were livid when COP30 in Belém, Brazil ended on Saturday with no mention of the fossil fuels that have heated up the atmosphere. Other nations - particularly those with most to gain from their continued production - felt vindicated.

## CASUALTIES

**13 deaths worldwide involving EU ships in 2024.** *European Union*. 6 November 2025.

Available from: <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-eurostat-news/w/ddn-20251106-1>

In 2024, there were 13 fatalities in maritime accidents worldwide involving EU-registered ships, with all these fatalities only occurring in the territorial seas of EU countries.

**Vessel ran aground in Philippines due to super typhoon.** *Shipping Telegraph*.

13 November 2025. Available from: <https://shippingtelegraph.com/ship-accidents/vessel-ran-aground-in-philippines-due-to-super-typhoon/>

The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) confirmed that *LCT Felicity 8*, a landing craft tank, ran aground in the vicinity waters off Brgy. Wawa Ibaba, Lemery, Batangas, on November 9, amid strong winds and currents brought by Super Typhoon Uwan.

**Overloaded vessel sinks causing multiple fatalities.** *Safety4Sea*. 17 November 2025.

Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/overloaded-vessel-sinks-causing-multiple-fatalities/>

A ferry carrying 28 people and sacks of cement sank in the Mahakam River in Indonesia, near Ujoh Halang, West Kutai, East Kalimantan, on the night of November 10.

**South Korean ferry carrying 267 passengers runs aground near Jindo.**

Heekyong Yang and Ju-min Park. *gCaptain*. 19 November 2025. Available from:

<https://gcaptain.com/south-korean-ferry-carrying-267-passengers-runs-aground-near-jindo/>

A South Korean passenger ferry carrying 267 passengers and crew ran aground on Wednesday off the southwestern tip of the Korean peninsula, triggering a rescue operation and stirring memories of a major ferry disaster in 2014.

**Toxic leak on new tanker kills one seafarer.** Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 21 November 2025.

Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/toxic-leak-on-new-tanker-kills-one-seafarer/2-1-1904750> One crew member has died and another two were taken to hospital after a toxic leak on a new tanker off Istanbul. The incident happened on the Panama-flagged 8,300-dwt *Swanlake* (built 2025) on Wednesday evening, according to Turkish authorities.

**Major containership fire at Port of Los Angeles brought under control.** Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*.

23 November 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/major-containership-fire-at-port-of-los-angeles-brought-under-control/>

A major fire aboard the container ship *ONE HENRY HUDSON* at the Port of Los Angeles was brought under control after a coordinated multi-agency response that saw the vessel moved offshore, with all 23 crew members safely evacuated and no injuries reported.

**Fire burns for fourth day on Ocean Network Express container ship.** Eric Priante Martin.

*TradeWinds*. 24 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/fire-burns-for-fourth-day-on-ocean-network-express-container-ship/2-1-1905947>

Federal and local authorities continued to battle a fire on an Ocean Network Express container ship on Monday — the fourth day since the blaze erupted off the Port of Los Angeles.



## ENVIRONMENT

**Ocean for Life.** *Human Development Forum*. November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.humandevforum.org/digital/ocean-for-life/4/index.html>

The ocean sustains life on Earth as we know it. allows us to breathe and regulate our climate.

The 'ocean brings food to our table, connects people across continents and provides global blue ways for the ships which transport 80% of world trade.

**How a changing climate is reshaping the world's oceans and trade?**

*Observer Research Foundation (ORF)*. 4 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uO3TCMxPvtM> 📺 Climate change has brought both new opportunities and pressing challenges to the maritime world. On the one hand, it has created the possibility of new routes—for example, the Northern Sea Route and Northwest Passage in the Arctic might well increase efficiency.

**New climate pledges do little to correct global warming projection, UN warns.** *UN News*.

4 November 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/11/1166255> Available new climate pledges by governments have only slightly lowered global temperature rise over the course of this century, leaving the world on the path to a serious escalation of climate risks and damages.

[Emissions Gap Report 2025](#) 📄

**Securing the last frontier: The case for Antarctic ocean protection.** James Honeyborne.

*Oceanographic*. 12 November 2025. Available from:

<https://oceanographicmagazine.com/features/securing-the-last-frontier-the-case-for-antarctic-ocean-protection/>

The celebrated natural history storyteller and ocean advocate, James Honeyborne argues for the vital importance of establishing marine protected areas across the Southern Ocean and taking a firmer stance on unchecked krill fishing in the Antarctic.

**'A wave of truth': COP30 targets disinformation threat to climate action.** Felipe de Carvalho.

*UN News*. 13 November 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/11/1166351>

Negotiators in Belém, Brazil, opened COP30 with a stark warning: the race to avert catastrophic global heating is being sabotaged by a surge of climate disinformation. The falsehoods, spreading faster than ever online, threaten to derail fragile progress on climate action.

**Danish Shipping at COP30: The fight for the green transition of shipping is not over.**

*Danish Shipping*. 14 November 2025. Available from: <https://danishshipping.dk/en/latest-news/2025/danish-shipping-at-cop30-the-fight-for-the-green-transition-of-shipping-is-not-over/>

Danish Shipping is taking part in COP30, with a focus on strengthening cooperation with climate-ambitious actors in the IMO and building communities and alliances with like-minded partners across the world, particularly within the value chain for alternative fuels.

**Have courage to create fossil fuel phaseout roadmap at Cop30, Brazilian minister urges.**

Fiona Harvey, Jonathan Watts and Oliver Milman. *The Guardian*. 16 November 2025.

Available from: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/nov/16/have-courage-to-create-fossil-fuel-phaseout-roadmap-at-cop30-brazilian-minister-urges> Brazil's environment minister, Marina Silva, has urged all countries to have the courage to address the need for a fossil fuel phaseout, calling the drawing up of a roadmap for it an "ethical" response to the climate crisis.

**OECD: Only 1% expansion of climate action in 2024.** *Safety4Sea*. 19 November 2025.

Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/oecd-only-1-expansion-of-climate-action-in-2024/>

OECD's Climate Action Monitor 2025 findings have indicated that countries' 2030 Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) emission targets remain insufficient to meet the Paris Agreement goals.

**New industry alliance targets plastic pollution at sea.** Adis Ajdin. *Splash 247.com*.

19 November 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/new-industry-alliance-targets-plastic-pollution-at-sea/>

A group of big shipping names has launched a new alliance aimed at cutting plastic pollution in the world's oceans. The Maritime Association for Clean Seas (MACS), founded by ocean impact organisation Seven Clean Seas (SCS), brings together members including Berge Bulk, X-Press Feeders, Bernhard Schulte Shipmanagement, and Britoil Offshore Services.

**Five ways to make the ocean economy more sustainable and just.**

Susan Gourvenec and Wassim Dbouk. *The Conversation*. 19 November 2025.

Available from: <https://theconversation.com/five-ways-to-make-the-ocean-economy-more-sustainable-and-just-268803>

The ocean has long been treated as boundless – a frontier for extraction and a sink for waste. This perception has driven decades of exploitation and neglect, pushing marine systems toward irreversible decline.

**COP30: Brazil to sustainably manage all its national waters by 2030.** Rob Hutchins.

*Oceanographic*. 19 November 2025. Available from:

<https://oceanographicmagazine.com/news/cop30-brazil-to-sustainably-manage-all-its-national-waters-by-2030/>

In a major boost for global ocean-climate ambitions, Brazil announced today at COP30 that it will sustainably manage all 3.68 million km<sup>2</sup> of its national waters by 2030 – a commitment that instantly positions the country among the world's most ambitious ocean stewards.

**The deep sea and the Arctic must be included in efforts to tackle climate change.**

Juliano Palacios Abrantes and Narissa Bax. *The Conversation*. 20 November 2025.

Available from: <https://theconversation.com/the-deep-sea-and-the-arctic-must-be-included-in-efforts-to-tackle-climate-change-269581>

This year's COP30 comes after the international Agreement on Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) finally acquired the required number of ratification votes by United Nations member states.

**When trade routes shift, so do clouds: Researchers uncover ripple effects of new global shipping regulations.** Holden Grace Wilkins. *Phys.org*. 22 November 2025. Available from:

<https://phys.org/news/2025-11-routes-shift-clouds-uncover-ripple.html> When militia attacks disrupted shipping lanes in the Red Sea, few imagined the ripple effects would reach the clouds over the South Atlantic. But for Florida State University atmospheric scientist Michael Diamond, the rerouting of cargo ships offered a rare opportunity to clarify a pressing climate question—How much do cleaner fuels change how clouds form?

**COP30: What did it deliver for the ocean?** Elizabeth Claire Alberts. *Mongabay*.

25 November 2025. Available from: <https://news.mongabay.com/2025/11/cop30-what-did-it-deliver-for-the-ocean/>

Between Nov. 10 and 21, more than 56,000 delegates, including representatives from nearly 200 nations, gathered in Belém, Brazil, for the 30th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). This year's summit, called COP30, was the second-best-attended climate COP in history, and it took place at a critical moment. Global temperatures have climbed to modern record highs, and extreme weather is battering ecosystems and communities around the world.

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

**Norway horror: 4,000-litre diesel spill reported after landing craft Soroysund grounds off Fjellidal's coast.** *The Week (India)*. 10 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.theweek.in/news/maritime/2025/11/10/norway-horror-4000-litre-diesel-spill-reported-as-landing-craft-soroysund-grounds-off-fjellidal-s-coast.html> The Norwegian Coastal Administration (Kystverket) on Sunday (local time) initiated a salvage operation for the Norwegian-flagged landing craft 'Soroysund', which had to be stopped midway due to concerns of an oil spill.

**Danish example shows Canadian ships can sail without ocean-polluting scrubbers.**

*American Journal of Transportation (AJOT)*. 12 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.ajot.com/news/danish-example-shows-canadian-ships-can-sail-without-ocean-polluting-scrubbers> Canada has the opportunity to follow Denmark's decision to ban the discharge of waste from scrubbers - devices installed on board ships to cut air pollution, and from which toxic effluent is dumped into the marine environment.

**Debris from sunken MSC ELSA 3 washes up near Kovalam Beach.** *Safety4Sea*.

13 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/debris-from-sunken-msc-elsa-3-washes-up-near-kovalam-beach/> Wreckage from a container reportedly carried by the *MSC ELSA 3* has been discovered on the seabed near Kovalam beach, marking the first such find since the ship sank off the Kochi coast on 25 May.

**Microplastics: the true danger to our oceans.** Iain MacIntyre.

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

Available from: <https://www.imarest.org/resource/mp-microplastics-the-true-danger-to-our-oceans.html> Finely balanced marine ecosystems throughout the world are expected to come under increasing threat as growing consumerism alongside inadequate waste management measures is causing a dangerous build-up of ocean microplastics.

**Lessons learned: Protect the sea and those who try to protect it.** *Safety4Sea*.

14 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/lessons-learned-protect-the-sea-and-those-who-try-to-protect-it/> A reporter informed CHIRP about the illegal disposal of oily waste and plastic while the vessel was en route to its next port. They provided photographs and videos showing oily waste from the engine room being discharged into the sea under the instruction of senior officers.

**Cattle carrier crisis: Deadly voyage sparks suspected MARPOL breaches.** *Safety4Sea*.

25 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/cattle-carrier-crisis-deadly-voyage-sparks-suspected-marpol-breaches/> The cargo ship *Spiridon II*, which, after a month-long voyage from Uruguay carrying nearly 3,000 cattle, had been stranded off the Turkish coast for more than a month, has appeared in the Libyan city of Benghazi following a long radio silence.

**Many ships found breaching pollution limits despite tighter controls.** Gary Fuller.

*The Guardian*. 28 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/nov/28/many-ships-found-breaching-pollution-limits-despite-tighter-controls> A new study has found that a significant proportion of ships are breaching air pollution limits. Although the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has set regulations for shipping pollution since 2005, it is hard to know what happens once ships are at sea.



## HEALTH & SAFETY

**Democrat senator urges Europe to resist Trump threats over climate policy.** Stefano Porciello. *EurActiv*. 30 October 2025. Available from: <https://www.euractiv.com/news/democrat-senator-urges-europe-to-resist-trump-threats-over-climate-policy/> Europe and its climate allies should learn to “stick to their guns” when dealing with Donald Trump.

**ISWAN: Helpline data reveal growing need for seafarers’ emotional support.** *Safety4Sea*. 4 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/iswan-helpline-data-reveal-growing-need-for-seafarers-emotional-support/> Data from the International Seafarers’ Welfare and Assistance Network’s (ISWAN) SeafarerHelp helpline have showed rising numbers of contacts relating to mental health difficulties, reflecting the evolving need for emotional support at sea.

**SHS: Seafarer wellbeing should be a priority for sustainable shipping.** *Safety4Sea*. 20 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/shs-seafarer-wellbeing-should-be-a-priority-for-sustainable-shipping/> Seafarer wellbeing should be the next strategic priority for sustainable shipping, a new report published by the Seafarers Hospital Society highlights.

## IMO

**Democrat senator urges Europe to resist Trump threats over climate policy.** Stefano Porciello. *EurActiv*. 30 October 2025. Available from: <https://www.euractiv.com/news/democrat-senator-urges-europe-to-resist-trump-threats-over-climate-policy/> Europe and its climate allies should learn to “stick to their guns” when dealing with Donald Trump.

**US accused of threatening EU diplomats during bid to kill green shipping rules.** Karl Mathiesen, Gabriel Gavin, Louise Guillot, Nahal Toosi and Ben Lefebvre. *POLITICO*. 3 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.politico.eu/article/us-accused-threats-eu-diplomats-bid-to-kill-green-shipping-rules-negotiations-personal-intimidation/> Negotiators at shipping talks in London were told both they and their countries could be punished unless they voted with the U.S. [FT article](#)

**GreenVoyage2050 meetings in Istanbul.** *Shippax*. 10 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.shippax.com/en/news/greenvoyage2050-meetings-in-istanbul.aspx> IMO’s GreenVoyage2050 Programme, in collaboration with Turkey’s Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure convened a series of stakeholder consultations in Istanbul to explore the potential benefits, opportunities and challenges for electrifying ferries operating in the Sea of Marmara.

**UN shipping regulator advocates for industry emissions fee at COP30, despite Trump pushback.** Anton L. Delgado and Jennifer McDermott. *Associated Press*. 11 November 2025. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/shipping-climate-change-carbon-fee-climate-brazil-trump-cop30-56682f567c6a5d4a4da6e655c8d1ba6f> The head of the International Maritime Organization said Monday he’s continuing to “advocate and campaign” for global regulations to move the shipping industry away from fossil fuels, despite the United States and Saudi Arabia blocking new rules last month.

**IMO Sec-Gen advocates for a green shipping future at COP 30.** *Safety4Sea*. 12 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/imo-sec-gen-advocates-for-a-green-shipping-future-at-cop-30/> Arsenio Dominguez, Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), emphasized the central role of people and sustainability in global shipping during COP 30 (10 to 21 November 2025). In a social media post, Dominguez shared his enthusiasm for the conference's focus on climate action and the urgent need to accelerate decarbonization across all sectors.

**As U.S. tariffs bite, India gives credit lifeline to exporters.** *Marketplace (US)*. 13 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.marketplace.org/episode/2025/11/13/as-us-tariffs-bite-india-gives-credit-lifeline-to-exporters> India's government has approved a \$5 billion credit line to support industries like textiles and jewelry.

**UN regulator says shipping still wants to decarbonize -- despite US threats.** *France 24*. 15 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20251115-un-regulator-says-shipping-still-wants-to-decarbonize-despite-us-threats> Brazil was confident global unity would prevail at November's climate talks, but the exceptionally undiplomatic scenes at the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the UN shipping regulator, presented an uglier possibility. Even with the United States skipping the climate summit, President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva called for good faith negotiations at COP30 and a rejection of the "pressure and threats" witnessed at the IMO.

**Fortescue's Forrest says 'thugs' and 'gangsters' delayed IMO NZF.** Nick Savvides. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 17 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulations/fortescue-s-forrest-says-thugs-and-gangsters-delayed-imo-nzf> Fresh from rubbing salt in the wound at Nor-Shipping in June, speaking at COP30 Fortescue Chairman Andrew Forrest called for the maritime sector to "expose the thugs" that used "gangster tactics" to delay the IMO's net zero framework (NZF). The IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee met in a special session in October to approve the NZF that laid a pathway to net zero shipping by 2050, and which was finally agreed in April this year.

### **What are the procedural options for the Net-Zero Framework?**

Christiaan De Beukelaer and Beatriz Martinez Romera. *Lloyd's List*. 18 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1155538/What-are-the-procedural-options-for-the-Net-Zero-Framework> In October, members of the International Maritime Organization shocked the world by delaying by one year the adoption of one of the biggest global climate policy breakthroughs in recent years: the IMO Net-Zero Framework (NZF).

**Arsenio Dominguez wants to "shake things up a little".** *Safety4Sea*. 26 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/arsenio-dominguez-wants-to-shake-things-up-a-little/> Marking his first Assembly speech since taking office, Dominguez reflected openly on his early ambitions for the role, revealing that in 2022 he had written that he wanted to "shake things up a little" if he was elected as Secretary-General of the Organization, an aim he says has shaped his approach over the past two years.

## LAW & POLICY

### **UN calls on Mozambique to align maritime law with international standards.**

*Club of Mozambique*. 31 October 2025. Available from: <https://clubofmozambique.com/news/un-calls-on-mozambique-to-align-maritime-law-with-international-standards-295415/> The United Nations has called on Mozambique to update its laws on maritime crimes, particularly piracy, warning that current legislation conflicts with international norm.

### **Bangladesh, Philippines sign maritime cooperation agreement.**

*Business Standard (Bangladesh)*. 4 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/bangladesh-philippines-sign-maritime-cooperation-agreement-1276906> Bangladesh and the Philippines held the third round of Foreign Policy Consultations (FPC) in Manila, marking the first session after a six-year interval.

### **Suez Canal Authority denies role in detention of sanctioned Russian tanker.**

Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*. 5 November 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/suez-canal-authority-denies-role-in-detention-of-sanctioned-russian-tanker/> The Suez Canal Authority (SCA) has issued a strong denial of reports claiming it detained the Russian-flagged crude oil tanker *Dignity*, stating that the vessel's detention stems from a private legal dispute rather than action by the canal authority itself.

### **UN rights experts see potential war crimes in US strikes on vessels in Caribbean.**

Lowri Thomas. *Jurist*. 5 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.jurist.org/news/2025/11/un-rights-experts-call-us-strikes-on-vessels-potential-war-crimes/> UN human rights experts raised concern on Tuesday over “repeated and systematic lethal attacks” by the US military against vessels in the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific, which they said could constitute war crimes under international maritime law.

### **Will new amendments to the 2025 Maritime Labour Convention advance seafarer rights?**

*Safety4Sea*. 6 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/will-new-amendments-to-the-2025-maritime-labour-convention-advance-seafarer-rights/> More than 90% of global trade moves across oceans, yet the 1.9 million seafarers enabling this trade often operate in a legal grey zone.

### **Commission unveils nearly €3bn to scale up green fuels for aviation and maritime transport.**

Marta Pacheco. *Euronews*. 6 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2025/11/06/commission-unveils-nearly-3bn-to-scale-up-green-fuels-for-aviation-and-maritime-transport> The European Commission announced a €2.9 billion plan to scale up investments in green fuels by 2027 to curb carbon dioxide emissions from aviation and maritime transport, which together account for roughly 26.4% of EU transport-sector emissions.

### **PH, EU reaffirm commitment to UNCLOS, 2016 arbitral ruling in Brussels maritime talks.**

Argyll Cyrus Geducos. *Manila Bulletin (Philippines)*. 8 November 2025. Available from: <https://mb.com.ph/2025/11/08/ph-eu-reaffirm-commitment-to-unclos-2016-arbitral-ruling-in-brussels-maritime-talks> The Philippines and the European Union (EU) reaffirmed their shared commitment to uphold international law and freedom of navigation during the Third Subcommittee on Maritime Cooperation held in Brussels on Oct. 7, under the framework of the EU-Philippines Partnership and Cooperation Agreement.

**Brussels maritime talks focus on labour rights protections at sea.** *Human Rights at Sea.*

11 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/news/brussels-maritime-talks-focus-labour-rights-protections-sea> On 4 November 2025 at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), the 'Human Rights Perspectives at Sea' event brought together diplomats, unions, military officers, humanitarian organisations, maritime professionals, academics, students, journalists, and other key stakeholders. The aim was to break down silos and foster dialogue on the human rights dimension of maritime activity, and the lived realities at sea.

**UK to ban maritime services for Russian LNG exports.** *Hellenic Shipping News.*

13 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/uk-to-ban-maritime-services-for-russian-lng-exports/> Britain plans to ban companies from providing services such as shipping and insurance for Russian liquefied natural gas exports, in its latest attempt to help Ukraine in its war against Russia by trying to choke off Kremlin revenue.

**MEPs set to strengthen European Maritime Safety Agency.** *European Parliament.*

13 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/agenda/briefing/2025-11-12/11/meps-set-to-strengthen-european-maritime-safety-agency> Parliament is expected to boost the Agency's powers, to provide EU countries with more assistance on maritime safety, security and situational awareness.

**Trump admin backs cruise industry bid to sink Hawaii climate tax.** Lesley Clark. *POLITICO.*

19 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.eenews.net/articles/trump-admin-backs-cruise-industry-bid-to-sink-hawaii-climate-tax/> The Trump administration is bolstering the cruise industry's fight against a passenger tax Hawaii plans to levy to offset the costs of climate change.

**EU seeks authorization for boarding of shadow-fleet oil tankers.** *Safety4Sea.*

21 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/eu-seeks-authorization-of-boarding-for-shadow-fleet-oil-tankers/> The European Union is seeking agreements with flag states that would permit EU authorities to board and inspect the shadow-fleet vessels Russia uses to evade sanctions, according to the Foreign Policy Chief, Kaja Kallas.

**Greek shipping firm blacklisted by US 'surprised and disappointed'.** Harry Papachristou.

*TradeWinds.* 21 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/greek-shipping-firm-blacklisted-by-us-surprised-and-disappointed-/2-1-1905306> Manager denies violating US rules and says it is working to be removed from sanctions list.

**Nigeria charts path for gender-inclusive blue economy at 2025 conference.** Ebunoluwa Sessou.

*Vanguard (Nigeria).* 22 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2025/11/nigeria-charts-path-for-gender-inclusive-blue-economy-at-2025-conference/> Policymakers, industry leaders, academics, and coastal community representatives gathered at NECA House, Ikeja, Lagos, on Thursday November 20, for the 2025 Gender and Blue Economy Conference, organized by the Center for Gender Economy Working Group, with the theme, "Building a Gender-Inclusive Blue Economy Through Education and Research for Sustainable Growth in Nigeria," to spotlight the pivotal role of women and girls in shaping the country's maritime and aquatic economy.

**‘Punishable by DEATH!’: Ships for America Act leader sails to the top of Trump’s enemies list.** Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds*. 25 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/people/-punishable-by-death-ships-for-america-act-leader-sails-to-the-top-of-trump-s-enemies-list/2-1-1905959>

Senator Mark Kelly has shown that Democrats and Republicans can agree on at least one thing: revitalising the US shipbuilding and shipping industries. But the problem is that they still disagree on nearly everything else, as shown by a new feud with US President Donald Trump.

## MARINE TECHNOLOGY

**ClassNK issues world-first guidelines for onboard CO<sub>2</sub> capture using membrane separation.**

*Marine Insight*. 30 October 2025. Available from: [https://www.marineinsight.com/shipping-](https://www.marineinsight.com/shipping-news/classnk-issues-world-first-guidelines-for-onboard-co%E2%82%82-capture-using-membrane-separation/)


[news/classnk-issues-world-first-guidelines-for-onboard-co%E2%82%82-capture-using-membrane-separation/](https://www.marineinsight.com/shipping-news/classnk-issues-world-first-guidelines-for-onboard-co%E2%82%82-capture-using-membrane-separation/)

ClassNK has released ‘Guidelines for Onboard CO<sub>2</sub> Capture and Storage Systems (Edition 2.0)’ first in the world, which assumes onboard CO<sub>2</sub> capture systems (OCCS) using membrane separation method which are expected to be applicable to a wide variety of vessel types.

**Study shows South Africa-Europe shipping route could run on green ammonia by 2029.**

*Global Maritime Forum*. 30 October 2025. Available from:

<https://globalmaritimeforum.org/press/south-africa-europe-shipping-route-could-run-on-green-ammonia-by-2026/>

Ammonia-fueled bulk carriers could feasibly be deployed on the South Africa-Europe iron ore trade route as soon as 2029 and scale toward full decarbonisation by 2035, according to the Global Maritime Forum. [Study](#) 

**Why we fear AI and why the maritime workforce shouldn’t.** Giampiero Soncini. *Splash 247.com*.

3 November 2025. Available from: [https://splash247.com/why-we-fear-ai-and-why-the-maritime-](https://splash247.com/why-we-fear-ai-and-why-the-maritime-workforce-shouldnt/)

[workforce-shouldnt/](https://splash247.com/why-we-fear-ai-and-why-the-maritime-workforce-shouldnt/) Why fear of artificial intelligence says more about us than about the technology itself. By Giampiero Soncini, member of the board at Oceanly.

**When the technology crutch is kicked.** Steven Jones. *Splash 247.com*. 4 November 2025.

Available from: <https://splash247.com/when-the-technology-crutch-is-kicked/> Steven Jones, the founder of the Seafarers Happiness Index, on the tech above all generation and the urgent need to rebuild seamanship and trust at sea.

**SpecTec: Shipping’s digital breakthrough lies in better data.** *Splash 247.com*.

5 November 2025. Available from: [https://splash247.com/spectec-shippings-digital-breakthrough-](https://splash247.com/spectec-shippings-digital-breakthrough-lies-in-better-data/)

[lies-in-better-data/](https://splash247.com/spectec-shippings-digital-breakthrough-lies-in-better-data/) SpecTec chief executive Adam Dennett says shipping’s next big digital breakthrough won’t come from new tools, but from getting existing systems to work together.

**This monstrous Rolls-Royce engine is vying to win the “fuel war of the future” in maritime transport with methanol.** Rosalia Neve. *Evidence Network (Canada)*. 5 November 2025.

Available from: <https://evidencenetwork.ca/this-monstrous-rolls-royce-engine-is-vying-to-win-the-fuel-war-of-the-future-in-maritime-transport-with-methanol/>

The maritime industry stands at a crossroads where environmental sustainability meets technological innovation. Rolls-Royce Power Systems has achieved a groundbreaking milestone by successfully testing the world’s first high-speed marine engine powered exclusively by methanol.



**Bureau Veritas signs declaration of cooperation to accelerate nuclear for maritime applications.** *Ship Management International*. 6 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.shipmanagementinternational.com/news/bureau-veritas-signs-declaration-of-cooperation-to-accelerate-nuclear-for-maritime-applications> Bureau Veritas (BV) along with more than 30 European companies from the French and international nuclear and maritime sectors, has formally signed the 'Declaration of Cooperation for Accelerating Nuclear for Maritime Applications to meet Climate Ambitions' during the World Nuclear Exhibition in Paris.

**Gov't exempts feasibility study for AI-powered autonomous ship project.** Kim Na-young. *Yonhap News Agency (South Korea)*. 6 November 2025. Available from: <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20251106007900320> The government said Thursday it has decided to exempt a preliminary feasibility study for an autonomous vessel project powered by artificial intelligence (AI) to help speed up the country's future maritime capabilities.

**EXCLUSIVE: ICAO approves CCS, carbon removal credits for use under CORSIA global aviation offset scheme.** *Carbon Pulse*. 9 November 2025. Available from: <https://carbon-pulse.com/454422/> The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has for the first time authorised carbon capture and storage (CCS) and engineered removal methodologies for use under its CORSIA international aviation offsetting scheme, with a number of voluntary carbon standards also receiving eligibility approval for the current and next trading periods.

**New partnership looking into ocean-based carbon capture in commercial shipping.** Ajsa Habibic. *Offshore Energy*. 10 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.offshore-energy.biz/new-partnership-looking-into-ocean-based-carbon-capture-in-commercial-shipping/> Naval architecture and marine engineering company AURELIA Design and climate-tech company CALCAREA have joined forces to bring ocean-based carbon capture to commercial shipping.

**How artificial intelligence is revolutionizing ocean pollution detection.** *Devdiscourse*. 13 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/technology/3691594-how-artificial-intelligence-is-revolutionizing-ocean-pollution-detection> Marine oil spills are among the most severe environmental hazards, threatening aquatic ecosystems, coastal economies, and biodiversity. Traditional detection methods, based on manual observation, ship-based sensors, and aircraft reconnaissance, are costly, labor-intensive, and often delayed. This has led researchers worldwide to adopt satellite-based remote sensing integrated with AI-driven analysis to identify and monitor spills efficiently across vast oceanic regions.

**Ashdod Port invests \$650,000 in AI vessel tracking startup.** *Smart Maritime Network*. 13 November 2025. Available from: <https://smartmaritimenetwork.com/2025/11/13/ashdod-port-invests-650000-in-ai-vessel-tracking-startup/> Ashdod Port Company has invested \$650,000 in Azimut.ai, an Israeli startup that uses AI to deliver real-time detection, classification, and tracking of maritime vessels.

**AMC and Lloyd's Register cooperate on autonomous systems testing.** Max Berry. *DCN - Daily Cargo News (Australia)*. 14 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.thedcn.com.au/news/amc-and-lloyds-register-cooperate-on-autonomous-systems-testing> AMC Search and Lloyd's Register have agreed to collaborate on validating maritime autonomous surface ship (MASS) and autonomous surface vessel (ASV) systems using simulators to test the integrity of controls.

**First complete record of global underground CO<sub>2</sub> storage released.** *Phys.org.*

17 November 2025. Available from: <https://phys.org/news/2025-11-global-underground-storage.html>

The first-ever audited account of the actual amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> stored underground by CCS projects globally has been released. It was created by a new international consortium of scientists and industrial partners, including NTNU. [Report](#)

**IBIA CONVENTION 2025: Carbon capture key as two-thirds of today's 60,000 ships won't bunker future fuels.** *Ship & Bunker.* 19 November 2025. Available from:

<https://shipandbunker.com/news/apac/536205-ibia-convention-2025-carbon-capture-key-as-two-thirds-of-todays-60000-ships-wont-bunker-future-fuels>

Two-thirds of the 60,000 ships on the water today will never be able to bunker future marine fuels, making carbon capture technology important for the industry, according to the Singapore-based Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation (GCMD).

**Closing the gap between data and decision, machine and mariner.** *Splash 247.com.*

21 November 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/closing-the-gap-between-data-and-decision-machine-and-mariner/>

Shipping's digital transformation is no longer theoretical. AI-powered engines fine-tune routes, sensors predict maintenance failures, and dashboards light up bridges with a constant flow of data. Yet behind the gleam of technology, an old truth endures — a ship is only as smart as the people running it.

**Indonesia, China boost marine tech cooperation to drive blue economy.**

*Antara News (Indonesia).* 23 November 2025. Available from:

<https://en.antaranews.com/news/393165/indonesia-china-boost-marine-tech-cooperation-to-drive-blue-economy>

The Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries has partnered with China's First Institute of Oceanography (FIO) to hold the China-Indonesia Marine Technology Training to further leverage blue economic potential.

**Bridging human and machine.** *Splash 247.com.* 24 November 2025. Available from:

<https://splash247.com/bridging-human-and-machine/> Shipping is on the cusp of a technological shift. Autonomous systems and artificial intelligence are increasingly moving from the lab to the bridge, promising to change how vessels are operated and managed.

**Singapore sets course for 'green' methanol ship fuel supplies.** *France 24.* 24 November 2025.

Available from: <https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20251124-singapore-sets-course-for-green-methanol-ship-fuel-supplies> Singapore will start issuing bunkering licences next year to companies supplying methanol as marine fuel, in an effort to help global shipping cut carbon emissions, officials said Monday.

## MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Seafarer cadets become first in UK to follow new 'futureproofed' maritime syllabus.**

*UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency.* 4 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/seafarer-cadets-become-first-in-uk-to-follow-new-futureproofed-maritime-syllabus>

This year's cohort of seafarer trainees have become the first in the UK to learn under a new syllabus developed through an industry-wide initiative, led by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), to ensure skills keep pace with modern technology and practices.

**The Nautical Institute and IMarEST refresh international accreditation scheme for maritime training and education.** *Ship Management International*. 5 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.shipmanagementinternational.com/news/the-nautical-institute-and-imarest-refresh-international-accreditation-scheme-for-maritime-training-and-education> The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science & Technology (IMarEST) and The Nautical Institute have re-launched the Certificate of Excellence (CoE), an international accreditation recognising organisations that demonstrate globally benchmarked standards of quality in maritime training and education.

**Marina launches BT-PSSR ‘Train the Trainers’ program.** Yashika F. Torib. *Manila Times*. 5 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2025/11/05/business/maritime/marina-launches-bt-pssr-train-the-trainers-program/2215183> In preparation for the anticipated influx of seafarers who are mandated to undertake the newly implemented Basic Training-Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities (BT-PSSR), the Maritime Industry Authority (Marina) has launched a Train the Trainers Program for instructors and assessors.

**Anglo-Eastern advances maritime decarbonisation with new methanol bunkering simulator and courses.** *Hellenic Shipping News*. 6 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/anglo-eastern-advances-maritime-decarbonisation-with-new-methanol-bunkering-simulator-and-courses> Anglo-Eastern Univan Group (“Anglo-Eastern”), a global leader in independent ship management, introduced its methanol bunkering simulator in October, developed in collaboration with Wärtsilä.

**OneOcean unveiled to unite maritime digital and training services.** *OneOcean*. 7 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.oneocean.com/insights/oneocean-unveiled-to-unite-maritime-digital-and-training-services> Lloyd’s Register (LR) has officially unveiled OneOcean, a new global brand formed through the integration of LR OneOcean and Ocean Technologies Group.

**Russia to provide Arctic navigation training to Chinese seafarers.** *Maritime Executive*. 11 November 2025. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/russia-to-provide-arctic-navigation-training-to-chinese-seafarers> China and Russia have announced further plans to gear up for higher volumes of traffic in the Arctic.

**Companies join forces to train seafarers on alternative fuels.** *Safety4Sea*. 12 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/companies-join-forces-to-train-seafarers-on-alternative-fuels/> Marlow Navigation has entered a strategic partnership with Green Marine to support the transition from conventional marine fuels to alternative fuels and enhance crew training and readiness.

**How to make seafarer training more relevant.** *Splash 247.com*. 13 November 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/how-to-make-seafarer-training-more-relevant/> Shipping’s training ecosystem is struggling in an era of accelerating change, with industry leaders warning that tick-box learning and operational pressures are undermining seafarer competence.

**New partnership aims to advance maritime research and education.** *Safety4Sea*. 14 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/new-partnership-aims-to-advance-maritime-research-and-education/> On 12 November, the World Maritime University (WMU) and Sharjah Maritime Academy (SMA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) as well as a Collaborative Activities Agreement to advance global maritime research and academic programmes.



**Shipping training strains under pressure, eroding seafarer skills.** Souzana Psara. *CyprusMail*. 16 November 2025. Available from: <https://cyprus-mail.com/2025/11/16/shipping-training-strains-under-pressure-eroding-seafarer-skills> Shipping's training ecosystem is straining under accelerating change, with senior figures warning that operational pressures, shrinking manning levels and a compliance culture are eroding seafarer competence.

**Indonesia trains African sailors to enhance maritime influence.** *Maritime Fairtrade*. 18 November 2025. Available from: <https://maritimefairtrade.org/indonesia-trains-african-sailors-to-enhance-maritime-influence/> The Indonesian Ministry of Transportation is actively investing in maritime diplomacy by training sailors from 13 countries in West and Central Africa. This initiative, led by Djarot Tri Wardhono, the Head of the Transportation Human Resources Development Agency (BPSDMP), aligns with Indonesia's commitment to enhancing its role within the International Maritime Organization (IMO) through Triangular Cooperation, as agreed during IMO forums.

**Diversity, equity and inclusion training gaps for shipping emerge at management level.** Lucy Hine. *TradeWinds*. 18 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/people/diversity-equity-and-inclusion-training-gaps-for-shipping-emerge-at-management-level/2-1-1902933> More managers need training in diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) to help shape better working cultures in shipping, according to the Diversity Study Group (DSG).

**IBIA CONVENTION 2025: Significant seafarer upskilling needed for green fuels transition.** *Ship & Bunker*. 19 November 2025. Available from: <https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/980758-ibia-convention-2025-significant-seafarer-upskilling-needed-for-green-fuels-transition> Speakers gather today at the IBIA Annual Convention in Hong Kong warned of a widening skills gap and called for the rapid development of new training frameworks to prepare crews for alternative fuels.

**Netherlands supports new maritime training simulator in Vietnam.** *Maritime Fairtrade*. 19 November 2025. Available from: <https://maritimefairtrade.org/netherlands-supports-new-maritime-training-simulator-in-vietnam/> On November 13, 2025, a new maritime training simulator system was inaugurated in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, by a joint venture known as UT STC, which comprises the University of Transport Ho Chi Minh City and the Dutch training group STC.

## MARITIME SAFETY

**From compliance to collaboration: How digital innovation is redefining maritime safety.** Alf Stian Mauritz. *Satellite Evolution Group*. 4 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.satelliteevolution.com/post/from-compliance-to-collaboration-how-digital-innovation-is-redefining-maritime-safety> Maritime safety is on the brink of a digital revolution. For decades, the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS), introduced under the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention, has been the lifeline connecting ships and shore during emergencies.

**NMA adds requirement of STCW training on bullying and harassment.** *Safety4Sea*. 10 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/nma-adds-requirement-of-stcw-training-on-bullying-and-harassment/> The Norwegian Maritime Authority (NMA) has announced an update to STCW training requirements for seafarers, introducing new mandatory instruction on the prevention and handling of violence, harassment, and sexual assault onboard.

**Lessons learned: What you permit becomes the standard.** *Safety4Sea*. 13 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/lessons-learned-what-you-permit-becomes-the-standard/> CHIRP Maritime draws lessons learned from a case where a pilot expressed major concerns about unsafe pilot ladder arrangements.

**Surge in EV vehicle transportation exposes gaps in maritime safety rules procurement.** Monica Germany. *World Ports Organization*. 17 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.worldports.org/surge-in-ev-vehicle-transportation-exposes-gaps-in-maritime-safety-rules-procurement/> The rapid rise in electric vehicle (EV) shipments is putting new pressure on the maritime industry, exposing critical gaps in safety regulations which the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has yet to address, according to industry experts.

**IMO updates pilot transfer arrangements to improve safety.** Mustafa Sokukcu. *Riviera Maritime*. 17 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/news-content-hub/imo-updates-pilot-transfer-arrangements-to-improve-safety-86406> Uzmar marine pilot Captain Mustafa Sokukcu summarises the changes IMO's Maritime Safety Committee made to regulations concerning equipment for pilot transfers to ships.

**Baltimore bridge collapse traced to one loose wire.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 19 November 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/baltimore-bridge-collapse-traced-to-one-loose-wire/> The National Transportation Safety Board in the US said Tuesday that a single loose wire on the 300 m long containership Dali caused an electrical blackout that led to the vessel veering and contacting the nearby Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore, which then collapsed, killing six highway workers.

**Surge in EV vehicle transportation exposes gaps in maritime safety rules procurement.** *Cyprus Shipping News*. 20 November 2025. Available from: <https://cyprusshippingnews.com/2025/11/20/surge-in-ev-vehicle-transportation-exposes-gaps-in-maritime-safety-rules-procurement/> The rapid rise in electric vehicle shipments is putting new pressure on the maritime industry, exposing critical gaps in safety regulations which the International Maritime Organization has yet to address, according to industry experts.

## MARITIME SECURITY

**Unauthorized persons board vessel off Tema, Ghana.** *Safety4Sea*. 30 October 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/unauthorized-persons-board-vessel-off-tema-ghana/> According to Diaplous, unauthorized persons have boarded a vessel off Tema, Ghana in West Africa, with the incident ongoing at the time of writing.

**Expanding tanker shadow fleet darkens shipping.** Craig Jallal. *Riviera Maritime*. 31 October 2025. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/news-content-hub/enforcement-false-flags-and-the-expanding-tanker-shadow-fleet-86639> Maritime artificial intelligence firm Windward hosted a sanctions webinar on 30 October 2025 that examined how enforcement trends, false flagging and the expanding dark fleet reshaped risk in 2025. Windward director of product marketing Hila Sasson framed “a new era of maritime evasion” and said “shipping never stops.”

**Egypt and Eritrea seal Red Sea security alliance.** *African Press Agency*. 1 November 2025.

Available from: <https://apanews.net/egypt-and-eritrea-seal-red-sea-security-alliance/>

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi on October 30th received his Eritrean counterpart, Isaias Afwerki, for talks on regional crises and strengthening of their two countries' strategic partnership, the Egyptian Presidency said.

**Fire breaks out on tanker in Russia after Ukrainian drone raid.** Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds*.

2 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/fire-breaks-out-on-tanker-in-russia-after-ukrainian-drone-raid/2-1-1894771>

Ukrainian drones targeted yet another Russian oil terminal on the Black Sea at the weekend, leading to collateral damage to two vessels berthed there.

**No cyber risk insurance? Fool around and find out.** *Lloyd's List*. 3 November 2025.

Available from: <https://www.loydslist.com/LL1155361/No-cyber-risk-insurance-Fool-around-and-find-out> ©

What happens if you don't buy cyber risk insurance? Well, Jaguar Land Rover certainly found out earlier this year. The luxury carmaker was hit by a devastating cyber attack in late August, causing it to shut down its production lines for more than four weeks and costing it £50m a week.

**Security risks impacting global shipping – Nov 2025.** *Inchcape Shipping Services*.

3 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.iss-shipping.com/security-risks-impacting-global-shipping-nov-2025/>

In this instalment of Inchcape's Global Shipping Report, Daniel Mueller, Senior Analyst at global risk management company Ambrey, outlines the enduring maritime security (marsec) threats in key hotspots around the world in the third quarter.

**Ireland not equipped to deal with threat of shadow fleet, says expert.** Ottoline Spearman.

*Roscommon Herald (Ireland)*. 3 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.roscommonherald.ie/ireland-not-equipped-to-deal-with-threat-of-shadow-fleet-says-expert-arid-76304.html>

Defence and security analyst Declan Power told BreakingNews.ie that Ireland has a "limited means to monitor" the shadow fleet, which has been seen multiple times sailing in Irish waters, or in Ireland's Exclusive Economic Zone, this year.

**Is Red Sea cable sabotage a sign of next maritime security frontier?** Carl Sykes.

*The National (UAE)*. 3 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/business/energy/2025/11/03/is-red-sea-cable-sabotage-a-sign-of-next-maritime-security-frontier/> ©

It is easy to forget that most of the world's internet traffic does not traverse satellites or distant clouds, but rather lies beneath our oceans, coursing through thousands of kilometres of fibre-optic cables.

**Dryad Global: China-Iran trade loop reshapes maritime risks.** *Safety4Sea*. 4 November 2025.

Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/dryad-global-china-iran-trade-loop-reshapes-maritime-risks/>

The China–Iran oil-for-weapons trade loop, rooted in their 2021 Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, enables Iran to finance its military and proxy operations through covert oil exports while acquiring Chinese military technology.

**Egypt's Suez Canal revenue rises 14% as Red Sea tensions lessen.** *MarineLink*.

4 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.marinelink.com/blogs/blog/egypts-suez-canal-revenue-rises-14-as-red-sea-tensions-lessen-103584>

The canal authority reported that Egypt's Suez Canal revenue increased 14.2% between July and October, citing a calmer Red Sea following a ceasefire with Gaza, and an increase in traffic along the waterway.

**Suez Canal chief calls for shipping comeback as Red Sea crisis ends.** Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds*. 4 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/suez-canal-chief-calls-for-shipping-comeback-as-red-sea-crisis-ends/2-1-1895934> The chairman of the Suez Canal Authority (SCA) said on Tuesday that he sees tentative signs of improvement for traffic through the waterway after a fragile ceasefire between Israel and Hamas.

**Houthi hid ship-tracking kit for deadly Red Sea campaign in school supplies shipment.** Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 4 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/containers/houthi-hid-ship-tracking-kit-for-deadly-red-sea-campaign-in-school-supplies-shipment/2-1-1895864> The Houthis smuggled ship-tracking equipment from China inside a container of school supplies to support their Red Sea military campaign, according to a new United Nations report.

**Navigating the new geopolitics of global trade: An interview with Gregg Roman.** *Middle East Forum*. 5 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.meforum.org/mef-online/navigating-the-new-geopolitics-of-global-trade-an-interview-with-gregg-roman> On October 29, 2025, Warren Ovadia, a master's candidate researching geopolitical risk, sat down with Gregg Roman, executive director of the Middle East Forum, to discuss how multinational corporations identify and respond to geopolitical threats.

**Arctic shipping companies call on Ottawa to strengthen maritime security and infrastructure.** *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)*. 6 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/video/9.6968711> 📺 The letter points out rising challenges for Arctic shipping due to climate change and traffic increases.

**Shipping firm CMA CGM says it will continue services in Mali.** Baudelaire Mieu and Katarina Höije. *gCaptain*. 8 November 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/shipping-firm-cma-cgm-says-it-will-continue-services-in-mali/> CMA CGM SA, a major global shipping firm, said it will continue operations in Mali, which is grappling with disruptions caused by militants.

**Empowering women in maritime is central to ensuring sustainable maritime security – Minister.** *Business Ghana*. 9 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.businessghana.com/site/news/general/337916/Empowering-women-in-maritime-is-central-to-ensuring-sustainable-maritime-security-Minister> Ms Dorcas Affo-Toffey, Deputy Minister of Transport, says empowering women within the maritime sector is central to unlocking the full potential of Ghana's Blue Economy and ensuring sustainable maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea.

**Houthi signal end to Red Sea attacks as shaky ceasefire holds.** Sam Chambers. *Safety4Sea*. 11 November 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/houthi-signal-end-to-red-sea-attacks-as-shaky-ceasefire-holds/> The Houthis have officially announced that they have paused maritime attacks on Israel and lifted their so-called naval blockade on Israeli ports.

**Shipping hesitates on Red Sea return.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 12 November 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/shipping-hesitates-on-red-sea-return/> Yesterday, the Houthis officially announced that they have paused maritime attacks on Israel and lifted their so-called naval blockade on Israeli ports.

**Ukrainian drones hit Novorossiysk as strikes on Russian Black Sea ports intensify.**

Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 14 November 2025. Available from:

<https://splash247.com/ukrainian-drones-hit-novorossiysk-as-strikes-on-russian-black-sea-ports-intensify/> Ukrainian forces mounted a large drone strike on Novorossiysk early Friday, damaging a ship in port, hitting apartment blocks, and igniting a blaze at one of Russia's most important oil terminals in the Black Sea – the latest in a growing series of attacks on Russian coastal infrastructure.

**Iran seizes tanker transiting the Gulf of Oman.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*.

14 November 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/iran-seizes-tanker-transiting-the-gulf-of-oman/> A Marshall Islands-flagged crude oil tanker, *Talara*, has been apprehended today by three small boats belonging to the Iranian military whilst transiting the Gulf of Oman on a voyage from the United Arab Emirates to Singapore.

**UN Security Council urges implementation of arms embargo against Yemen's Houthis.**

*The National (UAE)*. 15 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/news/mena/2025/11/15/un-security-council-urges-implementation-of-arms-embargo-against-yemens-houthis/> Yemen's Houthi rebels must stop their cross-border and maritime attacks, the UN Security Council said late on Friday, as member states were pushed to implement an arms embargo against them. A resolution calling for the renewal of sanctions against the group was adopted in a 13-0 vote, with permanent members China and Russia abstaining.

**Black Sea threat level red.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 17 November 2025.

Available from: <https://splash247.com/black-sea-threat-level-red/> The Black Sea has entered one of its most volatile phases as Ukraine and Russia escalate long-range strikes on each other's critical energy and port infrastructure, leaving commercial shipping exposed to huge levels of risk.

**Dark tanker fleet 'will have to grow', says top shipowner.** Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*.

17 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/dark-tanker-fleet-will-have-to-grow-says-top-shipowner/2-1-1901999> Okeanis Eco Tankers chief executive Aristidis Alafouzou believes the dark fleet of tankers trading sanctioned oil is only going to get larger.

**Turkish LPG carrier ignites as Black Sea security crisis deepens.** Sam Chambers.

*Splash 247.com*. 18 November 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/turkish-lpg-carrier-ignites-as-black-sea-security-crisis-deepens/> A Turkish-flagged LPG carrier has been engulfed in flames after being struck by an unidentified projectile during offloading operations at Ukraine's Port of Izmail on Monday, the latest escalation in what Splash yesterday described as an increasingly dire and volatile security environment across the Black Sea and Danube corridor.

**Shipping setting stage for Red Sea return with 'dialogue picking up'.** Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*.

18 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/containers/shipping-setting-stage-for-red-sea-return-with-dialogue-picking-up/2-1-1902776> Talk is building of a more widespread return of vessels to the Red Sea and Suez Canal next year.

**Peace in Gaza may not mean peace in the Red Sea.** Matt Reisener.

*Center for International Maritime Security (CIMSEC)*. 18 November 2025. Available from: <https://cimsec.org/peace-in-gaza-may-not-mean-peace-in-the-red-sea/> Since October 2023, the Houthis, a Yemeni rebel group that seized control over much of the country over a decade ago, have waged a campaign against shipping vessels in the Red Sea, Bab al-Mandab Strait, and Gulf of Aden, attacking over 100 commercial maritime vessels.



**UK underscores support for Yemen's security and stability during ministerial visit to Aden.**

UK Government. 19 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-underscores-support-for-yemens-security-and-stability-during-ministerial-visit-to-aden> UK support to help Yemen combat piracy and weapons smuggling in first UK Ministerial visit to Yemen in six years.

**On the front line of Europe's standoff with Russia's sanction-busting shadow fleet.**

Jessica Parker and Ned Davies. *BBC News*. 19 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cz91dk0l50no> The BBC joined coastguards on the front line of Europe's uneasy standoff with Russia's so-called "shadow fleet"

**Hapag-Lloyd plans Red Sea return when time is right.** Nick Savvides. *Seatrade Maritime News*.

20 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/containers/hapag-lloyd-plans-red-sea-return-when-time-is-right> Hapag-Lloyd has an action plan "on the shelf" in preparation for the return of international shipping to the shorter Red Sea and Suez Canal route between Asia and Europe.

**With backing from Beijing, LNG carrier sails Arctic route to banned Russian gas terminal.**

Atle Staalesen. *Barents Observer (Norway)*. 20 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.thebarentsobserver.com/news/with-backing-from-beijing-lng-carrier-sails-arctic-route-to-banned-russian-gas-terminal/440866> The *Buran* is part of a tanker fleet that continues to shuttle to Novatek's sanctioned LNG terminal in the far northern Gydan Peninsula. The Russian company now gives Chinese buyers a major discount on gas from the Arctic LNG 2 project.

**Russian tanker makes a run for it as U.S. destroyer blocks path to Venezuela.** *gCaptain*.

21 November 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/russian-tanker-idle-near-venezuela-after-us-ship-enters-path/> A sanctioned Russian oil tanker made a U-turn on the way to Venezuela after a US warship intersected its route near the country's coast, according to Bloomberg tanker tracking, raising questions about whether Washington could step in to curtail Moscow's energy aid to Caracas.

**Black Sea passenger routes spark quiet tension between Türkiye, Russia.** *Türkiye Today*.

21 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.turkiyetoday.com/business/black-sea-passenger-routes-spark-quiet-tension-between-turkiye-and-russia-3210204> A series of incidents at Black Sea ports and off the coast of Ukraine has raised questions about a quiet but growing maritime tension between Türkiye and Russia, as passenger vessels are turned away and a Türkiye-flagged tanker comes under drone fire.

**Zim awaits insurers green light for Red Sea return.** Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*.

21 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/containers/zim-awaits-insurers-green-light-for-red-sea-return> Israeli container line Zim believes a return to transiting the Suez Canal and the Red Sea in the near future is increasingly likely.

**Türkiye rejects updated Greece's maritime spatial planning map on EU platform.** Seyit Kurt.

*Anadolu Agency (Türkiye)*. 21 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkiye/turkiye-rejects-updated-greeces-maritime-spatial-planning-map-on-eu-platform/3750059> Türkiye on Friday criticized the inclusion of an updated Greek maritime spatial planning (MSP) map on the European Commission's MSP Platform, saying the map unlawfully overlaps with Turkish maritime jurisdiction areas in the Eastern Mediterranean and Aegean Sea.

**Kochi looks at bleak cruise season as Red Sea tensions cut big liners.** *Anu Kuruvilla.*

*New Indian Express.* 21 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/kerala/2025/Nov/21/kochi-looks-at-bleak-cruise-season-as-red-sea-tensions-cut-big-liners>

The attacks, triggered by the Gaza war, have severely disrupted the Red Sea shipping corridor, forcing cruise companies to reroute vessels around the Cape of Good Hope.

**Flag registry strains the Cook Islands' relations with New Zealand.** *Maritime Executive.*

24 November 2025. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/cook-islands-flag-registry-strains-relations-with-new-zealand>

The government of New Zealand is displeased with a semi-independent territory, the Cook Islands, which has outsourced its maritime registry to a private firm and ruffled diplomatic feathers.

**Maersk to return to Red Sea route as soon as conditions allow, CEO says.** *Reuters.*

25 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/maersk-return-red-sea-route-soon-conditions-allow-ceo-says-2025-11-25/>

Shipping group Maersk will take steps to resume navigation through the Red Sea via the Suez Canal as soon as conditions allow, CEO Vincent Clerc said on Tuesday.

**CMA CGM poised to 'fully resume' Red Sea transits in December, Suez Canal officials claim.**

Eric Priante Martin and Matt Coyne. *TradeWinds.* 25 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/containers/cma-cgm-poised-to-fully-resume-red-sea-transits-in-december-suez-canal-officials-claim/2-1-1906575>

CMA CGM is gearing up to "fully resume" transits through the Suez Canal, Egyptian officials claimed.

**113 vessels flying a false flag transported EUR 4.7 bn Russian oil in first three quarters of 2025.** *Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA).* 27 November 2025.

Available from: [https://energyandcleanair.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/CREA\\_Press-release\\_Flags-of-inconvenience\\_11.2025.pdf](https://energyandcleanair.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/CREA_Press-release_Flags-of-inconvenience_11.2025.pdf)

On 1 October, when the French Navy boarded and detained the oil vessel Boracay for flying a false flag and under suspicion of launching drones into Denmark, at least five other false flagged vessels were transiting EU waters, pointing to a new norm for Russian 'shadow' vessels.

## MIGRANTS

**Migrants missing after jumping into sea during cargo ship check.** *InfoMigrants.*

3 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/67882/migrants-missing-after-jumping-into-sea-during-cargo-ship-check>

Two undocumented migrants believed to be Moroccan nationals have been reported missing after they dived into the sea on October 30 off the Tuscan port of Livorno when their presence onboard a cargo ship was discovered during an inspection.

**Illegal migrant vessel sinks off Malaysia-Thailand border, hundreds missing.** *Baird Maritime.*

9 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.bairdmaritime.com/security/incidents/piracy/illegal-migrant-vessel-sinks-off-malaysia-thailand-border-hundreds-missing>

Hundreds were missing on Sunday after a boat sank near the Thailand-Malaysia border, as 10 survivors and one body were recovered, the Malaysian maritime authority said.

**Latest deadly shipwreck highlights need for safer migration.** *UN News.* 12 November 2025.

Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/11/1166341> Forty-two people are missing and presumed dead following a shipwreck off Libya – the latest fatal crossing in the Central Mediterranean, where more than 1,000 lives have been lost this year.

**At least four dead after migrant boats sink in Mediterranean.** Koh Ewe. *BBC News*. 16 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cgkz5k5erzgo>  
At least four people have died after two boats carrying nearly 100 migrants capsized off the coast of Libya on Saturday, rescue workers have said.

## NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS

**Companies collaborate on GNSS spoofing and jamming solution.** *Safety4Sea*. 31 October 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/companies-collaborate-on-gnss-spoofing-and-jamming-solution/> Tschudi Shipping Company, NAL Research and SGM Technology AS launched on 30 October a maritime security solution that seeks to provide aid in situational awareness.

**Ship spoofing creates panic among younger seafarers.** Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 5 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/people/ship-spoofing-creates-panic-among-younger-seafarers/2-1-1896497> A new generation of young seafarers has been thrown into panic by the spoofing of ship positions because of their complete reliance on electronic systems, according to a new welfare report.

**Arctic shipping companies want better mapping systems to safely deliver to Nunavut.** *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)*. 10 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/arctic-shipping-companies-calling-for-better-infrastructure-9.6973520> Major Arctic shipping companies say they need more information and more icebreaker ships to help them navigate Arctic seas as increasing winds and sea ice make servicing the North more complicated.

**Russia's LNG 'dark fleet' returns to Norwegian waters as winter closes Northern Sea Route.** Malte Humpert. *High North News (Norway)*. 10 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.highnorthnews.com/en/russias-lng-dark-fleet-returns-norwegian-waters-winter-closes-northern-sea-route> With sea ice closing the Northern Sea Route often poorly insured shadow fleet vessels are again using the ice-free waters of the Barents Sea. A sanctioned LNG carrier traveled up and down Norway's northern coast in recent days. Several more are set to follow.

**CMA CGM Benjamin Franklin clears Red Sea safely as French giant steps up tests for return.** Cichen Shen. *Lloyd's List*. 10 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1155437/CMACGMBenjaminFranklin-clears-RedSea-safely-as-French-giant-steps-up-tests-for-return> CMA CGM Benjamin Franklin (IMO: 9706891), currently returning to Asia, has successfully transited the Red Sea, becoming the first ultra-large container vessel to do so in almost two years.

**Mass AIS disruption in Baltic linked to amateur Finnish station.** Ece Göksedef. *Lloyd's List*. 12 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1155460/Mass-AIS-disruption-in-Baltic-linked-to-amateur-Finnish-station> An AIS data anomaly on November 2 caused hundreds of vessels to appear in the Baltic Sea despite being located elsewhere around the world. The incident, traced to an amateur Finnish receiving station, has reignited concerns over the inherent vulnerabilities in AIS data aggregation.



**Shipping companies call for better Arctic navigation tech as trips get tougher.**

Christopher Reynolds. *North Shore Nes*. 20 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.nsnews.com/the-mix/shipping-companies-call-for-better-arctic-navigation-tech-as-trips-get-tougher-11517076>

Shipping companies are calling on the federal government to invest in Arctic infrastructure and navigation technology as climate change renders transport corridors more hazardous — even as traffic ramps up.

**MSC reaffirms its decision to avoid the Northern Sea Route.** *Polar Journal*. 22 November 2025.

Available from: <https://polarjournal.net/msc-reaffirms-its-decision-to-avoid-the-northern-sea-route/>

The shipping company Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) has once again reiterated a stance it formulated years ago: the Northern Sea Route will continue to remain off-limits for the world's largest container carrier. This is a clear signal in favor of environmental protection and safety.

**AI logistics reroutes polar shipping lanes.** Santiago Ruiz. *Stellar Dispatch*. 23 November 2025.

Available from: <https://www.stellardispatch.com/article/ai-logistics-reroutes-polar-shipping-lanes-88e0fc-h>

In a groundbreaking development that promises to reshape global shipping routes, a consortium of maritime companies and technology firms has announced the successful implementation of an advanced artificial intelligence (AI) system designed to optimize polar shipping lanes. This innovative approach, leveraging real-time data and machine learning algorithms, has led to a significant reduction in transit times across the Arctic and Antarctic regions, heralding a new era for international trade.

## PIRACY

**Piracy in vital global shipping waterway plunges after crackdown success.** Huaqing Ma.

*TradeWinds*. 31 October 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/piracy-in-vital-global-shipping-waterway-plunges-after-crackdown-success/2-1-1894301>

Armed robbery cases in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore plunged to just one in October.

**Gunfire exchange as pirates target Stolt tanker in Somali waters.** Adis Ajdin. *Splash 247.com*.

3 November 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/gunfire-exchange-as-pirates-target-stolt-tanker-in-somali-waters/>

A chemical tanker operated by Stolt Tankers came under fire from armed pirates off the coast of Somalia, according to maritime security specialist Vanguard Tech.

**Resurgent Somali piracy threat growing amid concerns over links to Houthis and al-Shabaab.**

Richard Meade. *Lloyd's List*. 3 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.loydslist.com/LL1155363/Resurgent-Somali-piracy-threat-growing-amid-concerns-over-links-to-Houthis-and-Al-Shabaab>

Vessels approaching the Somali coast have been urged to maintain enhanced surveillance and exercise increased caution, following increased piracy activity at sea and reports of a resurgent piracy threat preparing for more attacks on shore.

**Warship hunts pirate mothership after tanker attack.** Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*.

5 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/warship-hunts-pirate-mothership-after-tanker-attack/2-1-1896696>

The European Union's anti-piracy naval force has sent a warship to hunt for an Iranian-flagged fishing dhow used to launch attacks off Somalia.

**Somali pirates board tanker in deepwater attack.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*.

6 November 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/somali-pirates-board-tanker-in-deepwater-attack/>

According to maritime security specialists Vanguard Tech and Ambrey, the *Hellas Aphrodite* was attacked early today, approximately 549 nautical miles east-southeast of Hobyo, Somalia, far beyond the traditional high-risk area.

**Pirates fire grenades and board vessel off Somali coast.** Basillioh Rukanga. *BBC News*. 6 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cg51nzdryr6o>  
Attackers have boarded a ship off the coast of Somalia after firing machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades at the vessel, according to a UK maritime agency.

**Somali piracy resurgence: A new era of risk in the Indian Ocean.** Ruby Hassan. *Skuld*. 7 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.skuld.com/topics/port/piracy/somali-piracy-resurgence-a-new-era-of-risk-in-the-indian-ocean/> After several years of relative calm, piracy off the coast of Somalia has sharply resurged, with a series of coordinated attacks in the Somali Basin and western Indian Ocean since late October 2025.

**Somali pirates target LNG carrier after Latsco tanker attack.**  
Harry Papachristou and Yannick Guerry. *TradeWinds*. 7 November 2025.  
Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/gas/somali-pirates-target-lng-carrier-after-latsco-tanker-attack/2-1-1897747> A pirate gang operating off Somali waters remains active in the Indian Ocean, making a fourth unsuccessful attempt against a commercial vessel within a week.

**Gulf of Guinea & Indian Ocean pirate activity highlights persistent regional threats.**  
*Safety4Sea*. 10 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/gulf-of-guinea-indian-ocean-pirate-activity-highlights-persistent-regional-threats/> Another general cargo ship was boarded on 7 November west of Bata, Equatorial Guinea, following a series of similar incidents reported in the Western Indian Ocean and off the coast of Somalia.

**Historic move as Somali parliament approves tougher anti-piracy, anti-kidnapping law.**  
Abdirahman Khalif. *Eastleigh Voice (Kenya)*. 10 November 2025. Available from: <https://eastleighvoice.co.ke/somalia/238691/historic-move-as-somali-parliament-approves-tougher-anti-piracy-anti-kidnapping-law> Somalia's House of the People has approved the revised Anti-Piracy and Anti-Kidnapping Bill, marking a key step in the country's efforts to strengthen maritime security and modernise its legal framework for combating organised crime.

**Rising pirate attacks off Somalia endanger key trade route.** *gCaptain*. 11 November 2025.  
Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/rising-pirate-attacks-off-somalia-endanger-key-trade-route/>  
Instability in Yemen and the Horn of Africa is fuelling a resurgence in maritime piracy off Somalia, a cause for concern in one of the world's busiest shipping corridors.

**End of Houthi attacks could lead container rates to 'plunge' — just not yet.** Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds*. 11 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/containers/end-of-houthi-attacks-could-lead-container-rates-to-plunge-just-not-yet/2-1-1899444> An end to Houthi attacks on the Red Sea could lead container rates to fall sharply, Xeneta chief analyst Peter Sand said.

**France to combat piracy and illicit activities through Jeddah Amendment.** Nandika Chand. *Sea News*. 12 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.seanews.co.uk/maritime/france-to-combat-piracy-and-illicit-activities-through-jeddah-amendment> France has signed the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC-JA), a regional initiative, to combat piracy, armed robbery against ships, and other illicit maritime activities in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden.

**Possible pirate action group is reported east of Dar es Salaam.** *Safety4Sea*. 13 November 2025.  
Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/possible-pirate-action-group-is-reported-east-of-dar-es-salaam/> Amid the recent surge in pirate activity across the Western Indian Ocean since late October, a possible Pirate Action Group (PAG) incident was reported approximately 565 nautical miles east of Dar es Salaam.

**As Somali pirates make a comeback, collaboration is key.** Timothy Walker and Halkano Wario. *Institute for Security Studies (ISS)*. 20 November 2025. Available from: <https://issafrica.org/iss-today/as-somali-pirates-make-a-comeback-collaboration-is-key> Somali pirate activity in early November 2025 represents the most serious cluster of incidents in the Western Indian Ocean since the mid-2024 downturn. The attacks do not signal a broader resurgence of piracy, but rather highlight the continued value of several established counter-piracy measures at sea.

**New pirates on the prowl? Crude tanker reports suspicious approach in Indian Ocean.** Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds*. 24 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/new-pirates-on-the-prowl-crude-tanker-reports-suspicious-approach-in-indian-ocean/2-1-1905460> Just two weeks after pirates tried to board and hijack four vessels off Somalia, a new group of assailants may be currently prowling the Indian Ocean. Maritime intelligence firm Diaplous on Sunday urged vessels to avoid an area 470 miles (760 km) east of Socotra after a suspicious approach was reported there.

## PORT STATE CONTROL

**Livestock carrier ‘calamity’ unfolds off Turkey.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 10 November 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/livestock-carrier-calamity-unfolds-off-turkey/> A 52-year-old livestock vessel carrying 2,901 cattle from Uruguay has been stranded off the Turkish coast since October 22 after authorities denied permission to unload due to irregularities in ear tag documentation.

**NIMASA champions stronger Port State Control as Africa rallies for safer, cleaner maritime operations.** *Ships & Ports*. 12 November 2025. Available from: <https://shipsandports.com.ng/nimasa-champions-stronger-port-state-control-as-africa-rallies-for-safer-cleaner-maritime-operations/> The Director General of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Dr Dayo Mobereola, has underscored the importance of Port State Control as one of the most powerful tools for safeguarding global shipping, protecting the marine environment, and promoting higher operational standards across the industry.

**Somalia extends cargo-tracking rules to Somaliland’s Berbera port amid deepening dispute.** *Somali Guardian*. 18 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.somaliguadian.com/news/somalia-news/somalia-extends-cargo-tracking-rules-to-somalilands-berbera-port-amid-deepening-dispute/> Somalia’s federal government has ordered all ships entering any port within the country’s internationally recognised borders – including Berbera in the self-declared Republic of Somaliland – to comply with a new Electronic Cargo Tracking Number (ECTN) system, escalating a simmering standoff over airspace and border controls.

**South Africa to tighten inspections on ships transferring live animals.** *Safety4Sea*. 20 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/south-africa-to-tighten-inspections-on-ships-transferring-live-animals/> A South African court has given animal welfare inspectors stronger powers to prevent cruelty during the live export of animals by ship.

## PORTS & HARBOURS

**Bangladesh dockers strike over foreign takeover of key port.** *Al-Monitor*. 1 November 2025.

Available from: <https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2025/11/bangladesh-dockers-strike-over-foreign-takeover-key-port> Bangladesh's dock workers escalated a strike on Saturday at the country's biggest port, Chattogram, protesting plans by the interim government to lease operating licences to a foreign company.

**Qatar's ports see higher cargo movements in October.** Santhosh V. Perumal. *Gulf Times (Qatar)*.

2 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.gulf-times.com/article/714149/business/qatars-ports-see-higher-cargo-movements-in-october> Qatar's maritime sector witnessed higher cargo movements through Hamad, Doha and Al Ruwais ports this October on an annualised basis, according to the official data.

**South Korean and US ports formalize green shipping corridor agreement.** *Offshore Energy*.

7 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.offshore-energy.biz/south-korean-and-us-ports-formalize-green-shipping-corridor-agreement/> South Korea's Busan Port Authority (BPA) and the Ulsan Port Authority and the United States' Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA), the Port of Tacoma (PoT) and the Port of Seattle have penned a formal agreement aiming to strengthen efforts in establishing a green shipping corridor.

**How ports around the world are decarbonizing.** Carolyn Fortuna. *CleanTechnica*.

11 November 2025. Available from: <https://cleantechnica.com/2025/11/11/how-ports-around-the-world-are-decarbonizing/> Did you know that 80% of international trade and the goods we use in our everyday lives travel by sea from port to port? These goods generate 3% of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, so reducing these emissions is critically urgent to protect our climate, oceans, economy, and human health.

**Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach commit to binding zero-emissions agreement with regulators.** Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*. 11 November 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/ports-of-los-angeles-and-long-beach-commit-to-binding-zero-emissions-agreement-with-regulators/>

The nation's busiest port complex has taken a decisive step toward eliminating emissions from maritime operations, with the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners voting unanimously to approve a binding agreement with the South Coast Air Quality Management District that establishes concrete deadlines for transitioning to zero-emissions infrastructure.

**Port of Santos grants R\$ 40 million in discounts for sustainable practices.** *A Tribuna (Brazil)*.

12 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.atribuna.com.br/noticias/portomar/en/port-of-santos-grants-r-40-million-in-discounts-for-sustainable-practices-1.488149> Since 2023, the tariff discount granted by the Port Authority of Santos (APS) to "green" ships and terminals — those that adopt sustainable practices — has totaled R\$ 40.6 million, according to the Port's management.

**Port call data sharing pilot launches in Namibia to advance green shipping.** *Safety4Sea*.

14 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/port-call-data-sharing-pilot-launches-in-namibia-to-advance-green-shipping/> A digital port call optimisation solution that enables real-time data exchange between key port stakeholders has been introduced in two ports in Namibia.

**Shippers' Council decries police interference as port delays deepen.** *Ships & Ports*.

20 November 2025. Available from: <https://shipsandports.com.ng/shippers-council-decries-police-interference-as-port-delays-deepen/> The Nigerian Shippers' Council (NSC) has raised fresh concerns over persistent police interference in cargo clearance at the nation's ports, warning that such practices continue to worsen delays and inflate costs for consignees.

**Caribbean ports brace for record cruise traffic as winter season kicks off.** Adam Coulter. *Cruise Adviser*. 20 November 2025. Available from: <https://cruise-adviser.com/caribbean-ports-brace-for-record-cruise-traffic-as-winter-season-kicks-off/> In the Caribbean, the winter cruise season is officially underway and ports across the region are gearing up for what officials say could be one of the busiest seasons in years. From Cozumel to St. Thomas to Antigua, harbors are preparing for a surge of ships as travelers seek warm-weather escapes and cruise lines roll out expanded itineraries.

**Early warning system secures cargo throughput of largest port.**

*China Meteorological Administration*. 21 November 2025. Available from: [https://www.cma.gov.cn/en/service/news/202511/t20251121\\_7457106.html](https://www.cma.gov.cn/en/service/news/202511/t20251121_7457106.html)

A sophisticated early warning system is helping the world's largest port by cargo throughput cut weather-related downtime and keep global supply chains moving, officials said.

**ANALYSIS: Are Greek ports becoming the first front in US-China new Cold War?**

Sarantis Michalopoulos. *EurActiv*. 21 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.euractiv.com/news/analysis-are-greek-ports-becoming-the-first-front-in-us-china-new-cold-war/>

With Piraeus under China's shipping giant and Thessaloniki linked to Russian-Greek business interests, Washington is now seeking a foothold in Greece's strategic ports – but analysts say it may be too late to push Beijing out.

**Belgian ports join forces for integrated port security.** *Port of Antwerp*. 21 November 2025.

Available from: <https://newsroom.portofantwerpbruges.com/en/press-releases/belgian-ports-join-forces-for-integrated-port-security> This initiative will reinforce Belgium's position as a pioneer in integrated port security and sharpen its focus on threats including drug smuggling, cyber-attacks and the misuse of drones.

**Half a billion USD invested to expand Suez Canal Container Terminal.** *Safety4Sea*.

24 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/half-a-billion-usd-invested-to-expand-suez-canal-container-terminal/> The Suez Canal Container Terminal (SCCT) in East Port Said has officially inaugurated a major USD 500 million expansion to improve its operational capacity.

**Egypt seeks to develop Suez Canal LNG bunker supply.** *Ship & Bunker*. 25 November 2025.

Available from: <https://shipandbunker.com/news/emea/972525-egypt-seeks-to-develop-suez-canal-lng-bunker-supply> Egypt's authorities are seeking to set up the supply of LNG as a bunker fuel at the entrance to the Suez Canal.

**Singapore locks in methanol suppliers for 2026 takeoff.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*.

25 November 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/singapore-locks-in-methanol-suppliers-for-2026-takeoff/> Global Energy Trading, Golden Island, and PetroChina have been selected by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) to supply methanol as marine fuel in the Southeast Asian port, the world's top bunkering hub.

**Unlicensed security technologies raise port safety concerns.** Adaku Onyenucheya.

*The Guardian (Nigeria)*. 27 November 2025. Available from: <https://guardian.ng/business-services/maritime/unlicensed-security-technologies-raise-port-safety-concerns/> The safety of Nigerian ports is facing a growing threat as many facilities continue to deploy unlicensed and invalidated surveillance systems and security technologies that fail to meet International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code standards, The Guardian learnt.



## REGULATIONS

**Leveraging regional governance: How the Cartagena Convention can inform the fight against ocean pollution.** *Back to Blue Initiative*. October 2025. Available from:

<https://backtoblueinitiative.com/leveraging-regional-governance-how-the-cartagena-convention-can-inform-the-fight-against-ocean-pollution/> On July 19th 1979, the waters off Tobago's coast became the setting for a now-historic disaster. The supertankers Atlantic Empress and Aegean Captain collided, releasing nearly 287,000 tonnes of crude oil into the Caribbean Sea.

**Port fee pause: US and China declare one-year truce to maritime trade war measures.**

Harry Papachristou and Karen Ng. *TradeWinds*. 30 October 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/port-fee-pause-us-and-china-declare-one-year-truce-to-maritime-trade-war-measures/2-1-1893399> The US and China have agreed to suspend the shipping measures they introduced against each other earlier this year for a period of 12 months.

**Nordic Council adopts resolution for cleaner arctic shipping fuels.** *Safety4Sea*.

31 October 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/nordic-council-adopts-resolution-for-cleaner-arctic-shipping-fuels/> The Nordic Council has adopted a proposal on polar fuels, urging Nordic governments to push the IMO to mandate cleaner maritime fuels, reducing black carbon emissions from ships in the Arctic.

**Dry Marine Scrubber System Industry Analysis Report 2025–2035: 7.38% CAGR as maritime sector embraces low-emission solutions.** *Industry Today*. 4 November 2025. Available from:

[https://industrytoday.co.uk/energy\\_and\\_environment/dry-marine-scrubber-system-industry-analysis-report-2025-2035-738-cagr-as-maritime-sector-embraces-low-emission-solutions](https://industrytoday.co.uk/energy_and_environment/dry-marine-scrubber-system-industry-analysis-report-2025-2035-738-cagr-as-maritime-sector-embraces-low-emission-solutions) The Dry Marine Scrubber System Market is witnessing significant growth as maritime industries globally seek efficient solutions to comply with stringent environmental regulations.

**EIA: Low-sulfur bunker sales decline due to scrubber installations.** *Safety4Sea*.

4 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/eia-low-sulfur-bunker-sales-decline-due-to-scrubber-installations/> According to the Energy Information Administration (EIA), low-sulfur bunker fuel sales have declined since their peak in 2020 as more vessels install sulfur scrubbers, allowing operators to use cheaper, higher-sulfur fuels while still complying with IMO 2020 sulfur cap.

**Malaysia must stop enabling Iran's sanctions evasion.** Jeb Bush and Mark D. Wallace.

*The Diplomat*. 4 November 2025. Available from: <https://thediplomat.com/2025/11/malaysia-must-stop-enabling-irans-sanctions-evasion/> The waters off Malaysia have been the site of more than 500 illicit ship-to-ship transfers involving Iranian oil since the start of 2025.

**New EU agreement secures transparency about greenhouse gas emissions of passenger and freight transport.** *Danish Shipping*. 6 November 2025. Available from:

<https://danishshipping.dk/en/latest-news/2025/new-eu-agreement-secures-transparency-about-greenhouse-gas-emissions-of-passenger-and-freight-transport/> New standard method of calculating GHG emissions is good news for Danish shipping companies. A level playing field will ensure comparable claims about reduced emissions.

**Smarting from IMO defeat, EU unveils \$3.3bn plan to narrow green-fuel funding gap.**

Harry Papachristou. *TradeWinds*. 6 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/smarting-from-imo-defeat-eu-unveils-3-3bn-plan-to-narrow-green-fuel-funding-gap/2-1-1897148> In the aftermath of the shock defeat of the International Maritime Organization's Net-Zero Framework last month, the European Union has revealed its Sustainable Transport Investment Plan (STIP) to boost the transition to green fuels. The eagerly-awaited plan aims to mobilise €2.9bn (\$3.3bn) over the next two years to encourage the production and uptake of clean, alternative fuels within the bloc.

**The decisions made at the 2025 Session of the Nordic Council.** *Nordic Co-operation.*

7 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.norden.org/en/news/decisions-made-2025-session-nordic-council> At the 2025 Session of the Nordic Council, a series of recommendations were adopted that seek to strengthen cross-border and cross-sectoral co-operation – from enhanced public service co-operation and a new strategy for removing obstacles to freedom of movement, to joint initiatives relating to elderly care and environmental protection in the Arctic.

**Why Iceland must lead Arctic nations on shipping's polar fuels.** *Il Nautilus (Italy).*

7 November 2025. Available from: [https://www.ilnautilus.it/ambiente-2/2025-11-07/why-iceland-must-lead-arctic-nations-on-on-shippings-polar-fuels\\_176434/](https://www.ilnautilus.it/ambiente-2/2025-11-07/why-iceland-must-lead-arctic-nations-on-on-shippings-polar-fuels_176434/) Iceland has a unique opportunity to lead the cleaning up of Arctic shipping ahead of an International Maritime Organization meeting that must set future rules on fuels allowed by shipping in the Arctic, according to the Iceland Nature Conservation Association.

**IMO Net-Zero win may have to wait for Trump to lose, says Norway's lead negotiator.**

Jonas Walsgård. *TradeWinds*. 7 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/imo-net-zero-win-may-have-to-wait-for-trump-to-lose-says-norway-s-lead-negotiator/2-1-1896530> Norway's chief negotiator at the International Maritime Organization has revealed new details of member states being "threatened and forced to silence" at the Net-Zero Framework climate talks last month. The crunch meeting resulted in the adoption of the global shipping regulator's plans to cut emissions being delayed, as key states appeared to switch allegiances at the last minute.

**New reporting requirements for containers lost at sea starting 2026.** *Safety4Sea.*

12 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/new-reporting-requirements-for-containers-lost-at-sea-starting-2026/> ABS has issued a regulatory news update on new mandatory IMO reporting requirements under SOLAS and MARPOL for freight containers lost or observed adrift at sea, effective January 1, 2026.

**NGOs call on governments to accelerate shipping decarbonization at COP 30.** *Safety4Sea.*

14 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/ngos-call-on-governments-to-accelerate-shipping-decarbonization-at-cop-30/> On Energy and Transport Day (14-15 November) at COP 30, environmental NGOs call on governments to accelerate action to reduce shipping emissions, especially following the delay in the adoption of a binding global shipping measure at the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

**Sanctions spur surge in Russian oil languishing at sea.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com.*

14 November 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/sanctions-spur-surge-in-russian-oil-languishing-at-sea/> The amount of oil stranded on tankers worldwide has ballooned in recent months, with Russian barrels making up an outsized share of the floating glut as sanctions upend traditional trade flows.

**'Europe is not king anymore': How 'stubborn' European Commission contributed to climate failure.** Craig Eason. *TradeWinds*. 17 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/-europe-is-not-king-anymore-how-stubborn-european-commission-contributed-to-climate-failure/2-1-1901771> Malta is hoping the postponement of the International Maritime Organization's carbon talks will push the European Commission to be less equivocal in its support of global rules.

**Ammonia's potential as a clean fuel for deep-sea shipping gets new policy focus.**

Jennifer Baker. *EurActiv*. 18 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.euractiv.com/news/ammonias-potential-as-a-clean-fuel-for-deep-sea-shipping-gets-new-policy-focus/> The International Maritime Organization has pushed back the adoption of its first binding Net Zero framework for shipping, deferring a decision that would shape the industry's decarbonisation trajectory for decades. The delay underscores the regulatory uncertainty facing global carriers as they weigh investment in alternative fuels.

### **Will there ever be a peace deal between the Basel and Hong Kong Conventions?**

Jonathan Boonzaier. *TradeWinds*. 18 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/will-there-ever-be-a-peace-deal-between-the-basel-and-hong-kong-conventions-2-1-1902797> The Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships that went into force this year is supposed to be the legal framework covering everything and anything to do with ship recycling. But the Hong Kong Convention is being overshadowed by another international convention, the Basel Convention, whose secretariat asked the International Maritime Organization to develop ship recycling regulations.

### **‘Enormous risk’: Evangelos Marinakis presses states to open shadow fleet scrapping window.**

Huaqing Ma. *TradeWinds*. 18 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/enormous-risk-evangelos-marinakis-presses-states-to-open-shadow-fleet-scrapping-window-2-1-1902463> Evangelos Marinakis has called on the US and European authorities to temporarily ease financial restrictions so that sanctioned tankers in the shadow fleet can be legally scrapped.

### **Norway urged to drive Arctic shipping decarbonization.**

*Safety4Sea*. 20 November 2025.

Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/norway-urged-to-drive-arctic-shipping-decarbonization/>

Norway has an opportunity to shape the future of Arctic shipping decarbonisation ahead of an upcoming IMO meeting in February 2026 in London that will set rules on what fuels can be used in the immediate future by shipping in the Arctic, according to Bellona and the Clean Arctic Alliance.

### **\$35m raised for the world’s first pay-as-you-save vessel retrofit fund.**

Sam Chambers.

*Splash 247.com*. 20 November 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/35m-raised-for-the-worlds-first-pay-as-you-save-vessel-retrofit-fund/>

The Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation, together with AIM Horizon Investments, the Development Bank of Japan (DBJ), ING and DBS Bank, have closed the Fund for Energy Efficiency Technologies (FEET), securing total commitments of up to \$35m, surpassing initial targets.

### **NIMASA commissions Africa’s first maritime emissions model at COP30.**

Afiong Edemumoh.

*The Nation (Nigeria)*. 23 November 2025. Available from: <https://thenationonline.net/nimasa-commissions-africas-first-maritime-emissions-model-at-cop30/>

The country has strengthened its push for maritime decarbonisation as the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) unveiled Africa’s first digital model for continuous emissions monitoring at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP30) in Belém, Brazil.

### **UK ETS: Scope expansion - emissions from international maritime voyages consultation.**

UK Government. 25 November 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/35vfz72d>

The UK Emissions Trading Scheme (UK ETS) came into operation on 1 January 2021. The scheme is a key part of our approach to addressing climate change, setting a limit on emissions from the sectors covered and ensuring an appropriate price is applied to them.

### **China, India, and Brazil move on green shipping corridors as industry awaits climate regulations.**

*Global Maritime Forum*. 27 November 2025. Available from:

<https://globalmaritimeforum.org/press/china-india-and-brazil-move-on-green-shipping-corridors/>


The movement to create green shipping corridors – trade routes designed to demonstrate and scale novel zero-emission fuels, vessels, and technologies – has expanded in numbers and geographic scope, according to a new progress report published today by the Getting to Zero Coalition and the Global Maritime Forum. [Annual Progress Report](#) 📄



## SEAFARERS

**The Mission to Seafarers announces winners of 2025 Seafarers Awards.** *Mission to Seafarers*. 4 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/news/press-release-the-mission-to-seafarers-announces-winners-of-2025-seafarers-awards> The Mission to Seafarers (MtS), a leading international seafarer welfare charity, is delighted to announce the winners of its 8th International Seafarers Awards.

**Shore leave & the future of port-based welfare.** *ITF Seafarers' Trust*. 5 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.seafarerstrust.org/news-and-press-releases/news/shore-leave-future-port-based-welfare> A new study from The ITF Seafarers' Trust confirms fears that seafarers' access to shore leave is in decline since the pandemic. [Report](#)

**Seafarer Survey 2025: Stress levels rising, earlier retirements, but support for seafarers is improving.** Sam Giltrow. *Danica Crewing Specialists*. 10 November 2025. Available from: <https://danica-crewing.com/news/Seafarer-Survey-2025:-Stress-levels-rising-earlier-retirements-but-support-for-seafarers-is-improving> Danica Crewing Specialists Seafarer Survey for 2025 reveals a profession under increasing pressure, with stress levels and early retirements on the rise. Yet, the findings also point to positive developments in welfare, training, and crew retention. [Danica Seafarer's Survey 2025](#) 


**Tackling the root causes of seafarer exploitation.** Henrik Jensen. *Splash 247.com*. 10 November 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/tackling-the-root-causes-of-seafarer-exploitation/> Reports of seafarers being exploited by unscrupulous crewing agents always cause outrage in the shipping world, and rightly so. No seafarer should have to pay commissions to agents who take advantage of their need for work.

**Shore leave crisis for seafarers.** Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 11 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/crewing/shore-leave-crisis-for-seafarers> A video showed Chief Mark Philip Laurilla (aka Chief MAKOi on YouTube) making snow angels in the snow while on shore leave, and there were other shots of smiling crew members enjoying time away from their vessel in Japan. Unfortunately, scenes like these are becoming all too rare in the shipping industry as short port stays and commercial pressures put shore leave on the endangered species list.

**'It was really tough': Mission to Seafarers award winners on disaster relief, resilience and life at sea.** Huaqing Ma. *TradeWinds*. 11 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/people/-it-was-really-tough-mission-to-seafarers-award-winners-on-disaster-relief-resilience-and-life-at-sea/2-1-1898281> From training to triumph: two award-winning seafarers share their journeys.

**Seafarers and decarbonisation – stress, fatigue and criminalisation fears.** Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 12 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/crewing/seafarers-and-decarbonisation-stress-fatigue-and-criminalisation-fears> Ship's crew are at the frontline of implementing decarbonisation new fuels but a failure by the companies to listen to their concerns risks their wellbeing and potential drives them out of the industry.

**Seafarers routinely have to falsify work and rest hours.** Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 12 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/crewing/seafarers-routinely-have-to-falsify-work-and-rest-hours> In a keynote address on day two of Seatrade Maritime Crew Connect Global Mark Dickinson, Vice President of the ITF Seafarers section, commented on the long work hours that are the norm for those working at sea and questioned if new technologies such as AI could help bring about positive change.

**All hands on deck: Securing the maritime future through diversity.** *Lloyd's Register*. 13 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.lrfoundation.org.uk/publications/all-hands-on-deck-securing-the-maritime-future-through-diversity> Building on our 'Rewriting Women into Maritime History' initiative, this report shares insights from leading maritime industry women and male allies from around the globe, on the measures that must be taken to create a more inclusive maritime sector. [Report](#) 

**New report highlights urgent need to better support pregnancy at sea.** *Global Maritime Forum*. 13 November 2025. Available from: <https://globalmaritimeforum.org/press/new-report-highlights-urgent-need-to-better-support-pregnancy-at-sea/> Investing in a clearer and better supported pregnancy experience for women, before, during and after a pregnancy can give maritime companies a powerful retention advantage, according to a new report from the All Aboard Alliance.

**Sailors' Society launches increased support for Chinese seafarers.** *Hellenic Shipping News*. 14 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/sailors-society-launches-increased-support-for-chinese-seafarers/> International maritime welfare charity Sailors' Society has announced a significant expansion of its support for Mandarin-speaking seafarers – a key part of its global strategy to strengthen welfare provision for crews of all nationalities and backgrounds.

**Study: Seafarers boost Philippines' economy by \$17B per year.** *Maritime Executive*. 14 November 2025. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/study-seafarers-boost-philippines-economy-by-17b-per-year> A new study is now creating a clear picture of the industry, and has gone ahead to challenge authorities to ensure the global merchant shipping industry does not lose confidence with its seafarers. The study reckons that one of the biggest engines of the Philippine economy is not on land but at sea, with the country's seafaring industry generating a total of \$17 billion in economic activity in 2024.

**How kind leadership is redefining maritime excellence.** *Cyprus Shipping News*. 14 November 2025. Available from: <https://cyprusshippingnews.com/2025/11/14/how-kind-leadership-is-redefining-maritime-excellence/> While historically, a Kind Leader may have been viewed as weak, that is much less the perception today. The survey showed that maritime professionals, at sea and ashore, want to work in an environment built on respect, empathy and trust, with an overriding preference for democratic leadership which promotes emotional intelligence while still adhering to a clear chain of command – essential in times of crisis.

**MPs to hold a debate on seafarers' welfare.** *UK Parliament*. 14 November 2025. Available from: <https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/202/backbench-business-committee/news/210453/mps-to-hold-a-debate-on-seafarers-welfare/> On Thursday 4 December in Westminster Hall, MPs will hold a debate on seafarers' welfare.

**UK reaffirms commitment to seafarers' and fishers' welfare.** *Safety4Sea*. 17 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/uk-reaffirms-commitment-to-seafarers-and-fishers-welfare/> The welfare of seafarers and fishers across the UK has strengthened with the renewal of a formal agreement between the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) and the Merchant Navy Welfare Board (MNWB).

**Shipping broadens the search for seafarers.** *Splash 247.com*. 17 November 2025.

Available from: <https://splash247.com/shipping-broadens-the-search-for-seafarers/>

From Singapore to Copenhagen, shipowners and managers are grappling with a shrinking supply of qualified crew just as fleets grow larger, more complex, and more technologically advanced.

**Seized tanker's crew safe as master makes contact from Iran.** Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*.

17 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/seized-tanker-s-crew-safe-as-master-makes-contact-from-iran/2-1-1901922> All seafarers on a product tanker seized in the Gulf of Oman by Iran on Friday are safe, according to technical and crew manager Columbia Shipmanagement.

**Organizations shake hands to strengthen welfare of Filipino seafarers.** *Safety4Sea*.

18 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/organizations-shake-hands-to-strengthen-welfare-of-filipino-seafarers/> The International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN) and the National Maritime Polytechnic (NMP) have formalized a new partnership aimed at strengthening welfare support and research efforts for Filipino seafarers.

**How to crack the seafarer retention riddle.** *Splash 247.com*. 18 November 2025.

Available from: <https://splash247.com/how-to-crack-the-seafarer-retention-riddle/>

Retention has quietly become one of shipping's biggest business headaches. Global pay packets may have risen across most ranks this year, but the data tells a starker story — only four in ten shipmanagers report any improvement in keeping crew. Wages are up, yet the exodus continues.

**Women's 2% role in maritime alarming – WIMOWCA urges inclusive leadership.**

Christabel Danso Abeam. *Business & Financial Times (Ghana)*. 18 November 2025.

Available from: <https://thebftonline.com/2025/11/18/womens-2-role-in-maritime-alarming-wimowca-urges-inclusive-leadership/> President – Women in Maritime, West and Central Africa (WIMOWCA) Sylvia Asana Dauda Owu says that closing the maritime industry's gender gap will not only strengthen regional security but also go a long way to boost Africa's participation in the blue economy.

**Maersk boss bangs AI drum to build the 'infrastructure of the future'.** Huaqing Ma. *TradeWinds*.

18 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/technology/maersk-boss-bangs-ai-drum-to-build-the-infrastructure-of-the-future/2-1-1902935>

AP Moller-Maersk chief executive Vincent Clerc has pushed the case for greater use of AI and other advanced technology to build a better global shipping infrastructure.

**"That's slavery": The seafarers stranded and forgotten at sea.** Katie McQue. *Context News*.

18 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.context.news/money-power-people/long-read/thats-slavery-the-seafarers-stranded-and-forgotten-at-sea> Seafarer abandonment cases have reached unprecedented levels in 2025, with a 30% increase compared with the same period in 2024.

**UN maritime chief links rise of dark fleet to worker abuses.** Katie McQue. *Context News*.

18 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.context.news/money-power-people/un-maritime-chief-links-rise-of-dark-fleet-to-worker-abuses> Seafarers face rising threats as shadow fleets and weak oversight of the industry endanger the backbone of global trade.

**A Life at Sea: Stories of sacrifice, resilience, and pride.** *Mission to Seafarers*.

19 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/news/a-life-at-sea-stories-of-sacrifice-resilience-and-pride> Seafarers from across the world share what inspired them to join the maritime industry and what they value most about their work.

**Marina, Korea discuss seafarers' welfare.** Genivi Verdejo. *Manila Times*. 19 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2025/11/19/business/maritime/marina-korea-discuss-seafarers-welfare/2226175> The Maritime Industry Authority (Marina) hosted delegates from the Korea Seafarers' Welfare & Employment Center (Koswec) to provide insights on seafarer certification, training standards, and welfare initiatives aligned with international maritime conventions.

**How the internet is transforming life and labour at sea.** *Splash 247.com*. 20 November 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/how-the-internet-is-transforming-life-and-labour-at-sea/> With the line between welfare and technology disappearing, the maritime industry faces a simple truth — connection is no longer optional.

**Latest maritime diversity study spotlights need for stronger accountability.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 20 November 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/latest-maritime-diversity-study-spotlights-need-for-stronger-accountability/> The latest Annual DEI in Maritime Review published by the Diversity Study Group (DSG) reveals increasingly clear expectations from seafarers and shore-based professionals for workplaces that are fair, inclusive, and accountable. The report tracks year-on-year employee sentiment regarding data-driven diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives and policies implemented by participating organisations.

**Stena Immaculate crew members honored for life-saving actions at sea.** Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*. 20 November 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/stena-immaculate-crew-members-honored-for-life-saving-actions-at-sea/> Crowley mariners received prestigious recognition at the 2025 Admiral of the Ocean Sea Awards on Wednesday, with two crews honored for extraordinary acts of heroism and crisis management that saved lives and prevented environmental disaster.

**BMA to introduce Digital Seafarer Record Books and Competency Certificates.** *Safety4Sea*. 21 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/bma-to-introduce-digital-seafarer-record-books-and-competency-certificates/> The Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) has entered into a strategic partnership with IDsure, to enable the secure issuance of Digital Seafarer Record Books and Competency Certificates.

**IMO commends PCG officers for women empowerment.** Raymond Carl Dela Cruz. *Philippine News Agency (PNA)*. 21 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1263753> Two officers of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) received letters of commendation from the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for their efforts in women empowerment in the maritime sector.

**Arrest warrants issued for sailors involved in ferry grounding.** *Korea JoongAng Daily (South Korea)*. 23 November 2025. Available from: <https://koreajoongangdaily.joins.com/news/2025-11-23/national/socialAffairs/Arrest-warrants-issued-for-sailors-involved-in-ferry-grounding/2460760> Arrest warrants were issued on Saturday for the first mate and helmsman suspected of grounding a ferry off the southwestern coast earlier this week, the Coast Guard said.

**Seafarers push to shape the ships they sail.** *Splash 247.com*. 25 November 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/seafarers-push-to-shape-the-ships-they-sail/> From ergonomics on the bridge to social spaces below deck, seafarers are urging shipowners and yards to listen to their lived experience — and rethink what makes a well-designed vessel.

**"The most severe conditions I've ever seen": Inside the daring rescue of the *MSC Baltic III*.**

Shahjahan Ahmed. *SeaNews*. 25 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.seanews.co.uk/maritime/the-most-severe-conditions-i-ve-ever-seen-inside-the-daring-rescue-of-the-mbc-baltic-iii>

Before sunrise off Newfoundland, Rescue 901 launched into one of its toughest missions—battling violent winds, icy decks, and a disintegrating ship to save all 20 crew of the crippled *Baltic III*. Their skill and resolve earned national recognition for bravery.

**Dramatic rescue from stricken boxship nets bravery award for helicopter crew.**

Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 25 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/people/dramatic-rescue-from-stricken-boxship-nets-bravery-award-for-helicopter-crew/2-1-1906251>

A Royal Canadian Air Force team have told how they hoisted 20 seafarers from the icy decks of a grounded container ship as their helicopter was buffeted by high winds during a violent storm.

**Sounion salvors awarded bravery medal for actions 'crucial in averting environmental disaster'.**

Martyn Wingrove. *Riviera Maritime*. 25 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/tugboat-coastguard-vessel-crews-commended-for-maritime-bravery-86914>

Captain and crew of tug *Aigaion Pelagos* commended for quick response in the extensive salvage operation, boarding the abandoned vessel in extreme heat and hazardous conditions, extinguishing the fires and ensuring the cargo's stability.

## SEARCH & RESCUE

**Europe's search and rescue bodies suspend contacts with Libyan counterpart.**

Mariamne Everett. *Al Jazeera*. 5 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/11/5/europes-search-and-rescue-bodies-suspend-contacts-with-libyan-counterpart>

More than a dozen European search and rescue organisations have announced the formation of a new alliance and suspended cooperation with their Libyan counterpart in response to what they say are years of ill-treatment of refugees and asylum seekers making the perilous journey across the Mediterranean to Europe.

**EU naval force vessel reaches ship raided by Somali pirates, all 24 crew on board safe.**

Gavin Blackburn. *Euronews*. 7 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.euronews.com/2025/11/07/eu-naval-force-vessel-reaches-ship-raided-by-somali-pirates-all-24-crew-on-board-safe>

Piracy off the Somali coast peaked in 2011, when 237 attacks were reported. Somali piracy in the region in 2011 cost the world's economy €6 billion, with €138 million paid out in ransoms.

**South Korea launches search after capsized Chinese fishing boat.**

*gCaptain*. 9 November 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/south-korea-launches-search-after-capsized-chinese-fishing-boat/>

South Korea's coast guard launched a search on Monday after reports that nine crew members were missing when a Chinese fishing vessel capsized off the country's west coast, an official said.

**Two-day hunt: How rescuers found seafarers in shark-infested waters.**

Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 14 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/two-day-hunt-how-rescuers-found-seafarers-in-shark-infested-waters/2-1-1900866>

Seafarers who leapt overboard during a fierce Houthi attack on their ship were rescued after 48 hours at sea, with the help of technology analysing drift patterns, rescuers have revealed.



**New NGO ships to take up rescue missions in the Mediterranean.** *InfoMigrants.*

17 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/68181/new-ngo-ships-to-take-up-rescue-missions-in-the-mediterranean> New search and rescue ships, operated by the NGOs SOS Humanity and Doctors Without Borders will soon be seaworthy. *Humanity 2* arrived in the Sicilian port of Syracuse on Friday (November 14), while *MSF's Oyvon* is at the port of Licata and ready to depart on a new mission.

## SHIP RECYCLING

**Tanker sold for recycling as clear-out of veteran dark fleet tonnage continues.**

Jonathan Boonzaier. *TradeWinds*. 3 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/tanker-sold-for-recycling-as-clear-out-of-veteran-dark-fleet-tonnage-continues/2-1-1894844> A former Sovcomflot product tanker that has spent the past six years under the control of a variety of obscure owners and managers is set to feel the shipbreaker's burn.

**African nations prepare to implement IMO ship recycling Convention.** *Safety4Sea.*

13 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/african-nations-prepare-to-implement-imo-ship-recycling-convention/> Representatives from eight States in East and Southern Africa have agreed on several action points to support the implementation of the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships (HKC) across the region.

**Abandoned ships and shady crypto deals: Dark fleet demolition sliding into the shadows.**

Huaqing Ma. *TradeWinds*. 19 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/abandoned-ships-and-shady-crypto-deals-dark-fleet-demolition-sliding-into-the-shadows/2-1-1903118> The shipping industry is being pushed towards a clandestine "shadow recycling" market, as governments fail to provide a lawful route for disposing of hundreds of ageing tankers in the dark fleet, ship recycling experts warned.

**Ship scrap steel can help decarbonise European steelmaking: Report.** *Shipping Telegraph.*

20 November 2025. Available from: <https://shippingtelegraph.com/shipping-reports/ship-scrap-steel-can-help-decarbonise-european-steelmaking-report/> Europe's shipping sector is sitting on a massive resource of high-quality steel that is currently being processed under unsafe conditions abroad at end-of-life. A new report shows that with the right policies, including clear traceability, stricter enforcement, and financial incentives, we can turn ship scrap into a cornerstone of a circular, low-carbon steel economy.

**Advancing green and sustainable ship recycling in Asia.** *India Shipping News.*

20 November 2025. Available from: <https://indiashippingnews.com/advancing-green-and-sustainable-ship-recycling-in-asia/> Major ship-recycling countries in Asia have taken steps to enhance compliance and safety in ship recycling across the region, in line with the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships (Hong Kong Convention).



## SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR

**COSCO unveils \$1.75bn shipbuilding spree for 29 new vessels.** Adis Ajdin. *Splash 247.com*. 31 October 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/cosco-unveils-1-75bn-shipbuilding-sprees-for-29-new-vessels/> COSCO has unveiled a sweeping \$1.75bn newbuilding programme covering 29 ships, as the state-controlled group continues to refresh and expand its fleet across key sectors.

**Mid-sized Korea shipbuilders warn orders to fall 15% next year.** Yang Beom-soo. *Chosun Daily (South Korea)*. 4 November 2025. Available from: <https://biz.chosun.com/en/en-industry/2025/11/04/RGEQFXOFMNGY5K5VHZOHNZO6WU/> With forecasts that the global market for new shipbuilding will contract next year, mid-sized shipbuilders are on edge. Demand for ships has also fallen due to weak shipping conditions and the deferral of carbon emission regulations by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

**Maersk orders raft of 18,000 teu LNG newbuilds in China.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 5 November 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/maersk-orders-raft-of-18000-teu-lng-newbuilds-in-china/> Maersk has returned to New Times Shipbuilding (NTS) with an order for eight 18,000 teu LNG dual-fuel containerships, according to multiple broking reports, with options for four more, at around \$193m apiece.

**China developing thorium-powered boxship project.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 6 November 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/china-developing-thorium-powered-boxship-project/> China has unveiled ambitious plans to build a 14,000 teu containership powered by a thorium-based molten salt reactor (MSR), marking a major step toward nuclear propulsion in commercial shipping.

**K Shipbuilding wins 460 billion won order for oil and petrochemical carriers.** Choi Ji-hui. *Chosun Daily (South Korea)*. 13 November 2025. Available from: <https://biz.chosun.com/en/en-industry/2025/11/13/MHZKRRWHKBBBLAGLP33DKXUO4U/> K Shipbuilding Co., Ltd. said on the 13th that it recently signed construction contracts with two European shipping companies for three 115,000-ton crude oil carriers (including one option) and two 50,000-ton petrochemical product carriers, totaling 460 billion won.

**Hapag-Lloyd targets 22 new ships in fleet renewal drive.** Adis Ajdin. *Splash 247.com*. 14 November 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/hapag-lloyd-targets-22-new-ships-in-fleet-renewal-drive/> Hapag-Lloyd is moving ahead with a major fleet renewal programme that will see the German liner giant invest in up to 22 new containerships in the sub-5,000 teu range.

**Battery-powered PSV development supercharged by Enova funding.** John Snyder. *Riviera Maritime*. 19 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/battery-powered-psv-development-supercharged-by-enova-funding-86854> Norway's Enova has awarded a grant of Nkr250M (about US\$25M) to Northshore to support the development of two battery-powered platform supply vessels (PSVs) and shoreside charging infrastructure.

**'Everybody wants everything': Newbuilding demand bounces back after cautious first half.** Lucy Hine. *TradeWinds*. 24 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/shipyards/-everybody-wants-everything-newbuilding-demand-bounces-back-after-cautious-first-half/2-1-1901036> Newbuilding action might appear to have started with something of a whimper in 2025, but do not be fooled, it is going out with a bang. Clarksons Research managing director Stephen Gordon is upbeat.

**HD Hyundai secures record 2.13 trillion won container ship order.** Han Ye-na.

*Chosun Daily (South Korea)*. 24 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.chosun.com/english/industry-en/2025/11/24/CLNXDVB3G5ED3BKLIOIV2Y67EU/>

Largest contract in 18 years reflects shift to eco-friendly vessels amid regulatory pressures.

## SHIPPING

**Shadow fleet tankers will miss out on rate boom if sanctions are scrapped, brokers say.**

Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 30 October 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/shadow-fleet-tankers-will-miss-out-on-rate-boom-if-sanctions-are-scrapped-brokers-say/2-1-1892223>

A two-tier tanker market is likely if sanctions are removed on Russian oil trading, Greece's Xclusiv Shipbrokers believes. The Athens shop tallies the global blacklisted fleet at 1,387 vessels as the US, European Union and UK continue to designate ships.

**Ocean for Life.** *Human Development Forum*. November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.humandevlopmentforum.org/digital/ocean-for-life/4/index.html> The ocean sustains life on Earth as we know it. allows us to breathe and regulate our climate. The 'ocean brings food to our table, connects people across continents and provides global blue ways for the ships which transport 80% of world trade.

**IBIA partners with INTERCARGO to strengthen collaboration on decarbonisation, safety, and marine fuels.** *International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA)*. 3 November 2025.

Available from: <https://ibia.net/ibia-partners-with-intercargo-to-strengthen-collaboration-on-decarbonisation-safety-and-marine-fuels/>

IBIA – The International Bunker Industry Association and the International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (INTERCARGO) have entered into a reciprocal membership agreement to reinforce collaboration between the dry bulk shipping and marine fuels communities.

**'We feel fully vindicated': Precious Shipping chief hails fleet renewal amid IMO delay.**

Huaqing Ma. *TradeWinds*. 4 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/bulkers/-we-feel-fully-vindicated-precious-shipping-chief-hails-fleet-renewal-amid-imo-delay/2-1-1895581>

Precious Shipping's long-term fleet renewal strategy has been vindicated by the International Maritime Organization's decision to delay its greenhouse gas levy vote by one year, managing director Khalid Hashim said.

**World's largest container ship owner sets new record for fleet size.** Ian Lewis. *TradeWinds*.

5 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/containers/world-s-largest-container-ship-owner-sets-new-record-for-fleet-size/2-1-1896329>

MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company has become the first container line with a fleet exceeding 7m teu.

**World Shipping Council launches updated global Whale Chart to help protect whales.**

*World Shipping Council*. 6 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.worldshipping.org/news/world-shipping-council-launches-updated-global-whale-chart-to-help-protect-whales>

The World Shipping Council (WSC) has released the third edition of the WSC Whale Chart, a global voyage planning aid that maps where slower ship speeds and route changes can help protect whales from ship strikes and reduce underwater noise.

**New maritime ethanol organisation launched to push clean fuels in shipping.** Craig Eason. *TradeWinds*. 6 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/new-maritime-ethanol-organisation-launched-to-push-clean-fuels-in-shipping/2-1-1895683>

The postponement of a decision on the International Maritime Organization's key climate rules last month has not deterred the launch of an effort to push ethanol fuel into shipping.

**EU shipping emissions record high in 2024.** *Transport & Environment*. 7 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.transportenvironment.org/topics/ships/mrv> EU shipping emissions were the highest since reporting began in 2018, rising by 13% despite a slowdown in global trade, as disruptions in the Red Sea forced ships onto longer routes.

**EU shipping emissions last year highest since official recording began.** *Transport & Environment*. 7 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.transportenvironment.org/articles/eu-shipping-emissions-last-year-highest-since-official-recording-began> European shipping emissions jumped 13% in 2024 despite a downtick in trade, while emissions from moving fossil fuels around remain stubbornly high.

**Maersk boss tightens green strategy after botched climate agreement.** Liv Almer. *ShippingWatch*. 7 November 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article18719191.ece> A.P. Moller-Maersk is being forced to reprioritize and focus more on streamlining its fleet after negotiations on a global climate agreement for shipping collapsed at the end of October, being postponed for a year.

**Denmark signals deeper maritime partnership with Nigeria.** *Ships & Ports*. 10 November 2025. Available from: <https://shipsandports.com.ng/denmark-signals-deeper-maritime-partnership-with-nigeria/> Denmark is doubling down on its long-running engagement with Nigeria's maritime sector, signalling both steady support and an appetite for fresh areas of collaboration.

**Bulker traffic in Bab el-Mandab experiences steady recovery.** *Safety4Sea*. 14 November 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/bulker-traffic-in-bab-el-mandab-experiences-steady-recovery/> Dry-bulk traffic through the Bab el-Mandab has been steadily recovering since the sinking of vessels *Magic Seas* and *Eternity C* in July, and has accelerated further following the Gaza ceasefire announcement.

**Suez Canal Authority urging carriers to resume Red Sea transits.** Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*. 17 November 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/suez-canal-authority-urging-carriers-to-resume-red-sea-transits/> The Suez Canal Authority is intensifying efforts to bring large containerships back through the strategic waterway following improved security conditions in the Red Sea, with Chairman Admiral Ossama Rabiee personally visiting vessels to demonstrate the canal's readiness for large-scale operations.

**Key maritime forum spotlights Hong Kong's role in global shipping's green, smart shift.** *Xinhuanet (China)*. 18 November 2025. Available from: <https://english.news.cn/20251118/1cc05617335e433499629822820204e2/c.html> The World Maritime Merchants Forum 2025 commenced here on Monday, with professionals across the global shipping sector exploring ways to transform into greater efficiency, green development and sustainability amid a volatile global economic and trade landscape.

### **Red Sea shipping: How fast will lines return and at what cost?**

*American Journal of Transportation (AJOT)*. 18 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.ajot.com/news/red-sea-shipping-how-fast-will-lines-return-and-at-what-cost>

As global carriers assess the possibility of resuming Red Sea transits, Supal Shah, CEO of Sarjak Container Lines, says the real question is not whether the industry will return, but how quickly.

### **Hong Kong isn't just talking — it's rolling out new structures to boost maritime hub status.**

Huaqing Ma. *TradeWinds*. 18 November 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/hong-kong-isn-t-just-talking-it-s-rolling-out-new-structures-to-boost-maritime-hub-status/2-1-1902376> Hong Kong leaders used the opening of Hong Kong Maritime Week 2025 to cast the city as a stable, green and open hub at a time when global shipping is under strain from geopolitics and climate demands.

### **Shipping lines gear up for post-Red Sea crisis restructure.** Nick Savvides.

*Seatrade Maritime News*. 18 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/containers/shipping-lines-gear-up-for-post-red-sea-crisis-restructure>

Seatrade Maritime News and MDS Transmodal examine how container shipping lines are laying the ground work for service restructuring ahead of a return to Suez Canal and Red Sea transits.

### **Why true change for women at sea demands more than policy.** *Splash 247.com*.

19 November 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/why-true-change-for-women-at-sea-demands-more-than-policy/> For years, the shipping industry has promised inclusion. Campaigns have been launched, slogans crafted, panels convened. Yet, in 2025, women remain a rare sight on most bridges and engine rooms. Across shipowners, crewing managers, and welfare leaders, a growing consensus has formed: the question is no longer how to bring women to sea but how to rebuild shipping so that they stay.

### **Economic Watch: Hong Kong leverages maritime strengths to bolster global shipping's green shift.** *Xinhuanet (China)*. 19 November 2025. Available from:

<https://english.news.cn/20251119/a06dd932ca464d69a9e34f711bcd4d79/c.html> Global shipping leaders are in Hong Kong this week to deliver a clear message: dialogue is the only way through the industry's triple crises -- fragmented decarbonization regulations, geopolitical disruptions and a seafarer shortage.

### **Red Sea crisis drives EU ship emissions to highest levels on record.** Paul Peachey.

*TradeWinds*. 19 November 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/containers/red-sea-crisis-drives-eu-ship-emissions-to-highest-levels-on-record/2-1-1903708> Container ships rerouted around Africa because of the Red Sea crisis drove European shipping to its highest level of annual emissions yet recorded, according to analysis by clean energy campaigners.

### **Shipping giants race to speed up China-Peru trade with new route.** *gCaptain*.

20 November 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/shipping-giants-race-to-speed-up-china-peru-trade-with-new-route/> Competition to accelerate maritime trade between China and Peru is heating up after a sprawling Chinese-owned port opened along the country's Pacific coast.

### **Hong Kong flag slumps 12.6% as Singapore surges ahead amid trade turmoil.** Sam Chambers.

*Splash 247.com*. 21 November 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/hong-kong-flag-slumps-12-6-as-singapore-surges-ahead-amid-trade-turmoil/> The latest World Fleet Monitor published by Clarksons Research confirms a switch in the leaderboard of shipping registers, with Donald Trump's trade war with China seeing Singapore leapfrog Hong Kong into fourth spot.

**Maersk and Hapag-Lloyd reject specific timeline for Red Sea sailing.** Liv Almer and Kit Lindhart. *ShippingWatch*. 26 November 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article18782672.ece> However, when conditions allow, the shipping partners will return "with minimal disruption" to their customers' supply chains, according to a statement.

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