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SAMOA: Stopping climate change is 'about people, about survival,' says UN envoy.  Full Story »

Newly renovated UN General Assembly hall will greet world leaders next week.  Full Story »

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Record number of women makes history at UN Security Council.  Full Story »

Ahead of summit, UN Headquarters complex becomes canvas inspiring action on climate change.  Full Story »

Ban launches UN Ebola response mission; advance teams to arrive in West Africa on Monday.  Full Story »

Sinking of Mediterranean migrant boat amounts to 'mass murder' – UN rights chief.  Full Story »

Ahead of UN climate summit, leading investors urge transition to low-carbon economy.  Full Story »

Ban seeks 'vision, concrete action' from world leaders at UN climate summit.  Full Story »

Ban hails 'bold' announcements on tackling climate change as historic UN summit closes.  Full Story »

Ban to convene meeting of world leaders on tackling Ebola outbreak.  Full Story »

Head of new UN Ebola emergency response mission arrives in Ghana.  Full Story »

UN expert urges European nations to rethink policies as migration-related deaths rise.  Full Story »

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At UN Assembly, Philippines decries expansionist territorial claims in region.  Full Story »
UNODC taps into maritime crime-fighting experience to tackle high seas drug smugglers.  
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Press Release: To stop impunity on high seas, drug traffickers must be prosecuted, says UNODC Chief. Full Story »

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Transport-related (civil aviation and maritime) terrorism offences. Full Story »

Ban issues 'international rescue call' to halt Ebola epidemic. Full Story »

UN announces mission to combat Ebola, declares outbreak 'threat to peace and security'. Full Story »

Ebola: Ban to convene high-level meeting at UN headquarters to scale-up crisis response. Full Story »

'Merciless,' spread of Ebola in Liberia must be stopped in its tracks, Security Council told. Full Story »
**CASUALTIES**


This was how survivors of the roll-on, roll-off MV Maharlika 2 described the ill-fated interisland ferry, which sank on Saturday night due to engine trouble and bad weather off San Ricardo in Southern Leyte.


Some 110 people aboard a South Korean sightseeing ship were rescued by fishing boats after the vessel ran aground near a rocky island on Tuesday, reviving tragic memories of a ferry disaster earlier this year in which hundreds of people drowned.


A fire has broken out on a cross-Channel ferry travelling from Dover to northern France.


Ships make contact while sailing south through the transport artery. Video 🎥


A ferry got stuck on a submerged rock in waters off the south western coast Tuesday, but all 109 passengers and crew members onboard were rescued.


Two car carriers collided on Monday afternoon, September 29th in the Zeebrugge Pierre Vandamme lock, Belgium.

**ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION**


Admiral Paul Zukunft, the new U.S. Coast Guard Commandant, could fill the BWT leadership void.


Shipping association launches survey for ship owners, ship managers and operators.


Fiji's maritime authority MSAF is looking strongly into the implementation of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL1973) in Fiji waters.


Almost all Europeans say protecting the environment is important to them. *European Commission (EC)* [Online]. 8 September 2014. Available from: [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-14-976_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-14-976_en.htm) Three years on from the most recent similar Eurobarometer survey, it is clear that, despite the economic crisis, Europeans' concern about the environment has not diminished.


ICS Plea to IMO Member States on Implementation of New Environmental Rules. *International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)* [Online]. 11 September 2014. Available from: [http://www.ics-shipping.org/news/press-releases/2014/09/11/ics-plea-to-imo-member-states](http://www.ics-shipping.org/news/press-releases/2014/09/11/ics-plea-to-imo-member-states) In advance of a critical intergovernmental meeting next month at the UN International Maritime Organization (IMO), the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) has called on IMO Member States to give careful consideration to shipowners' concerns about the implementation of an avalanche of new environmental regulations, which are about to impact on ship operations at more or less the same time.


Emission control area proposed for Shanghai port. By Dexter Yan. *IHS Maritime 360* [Online]. 12 September 2014. Available from: [http://www.ihsmaritime360.com/article/14573](http://www.ihsmaritime360.com/article/14573) Shanghai's municipal authorities are studying the establishment of an emission control area (ECA) for sulphur in the Shanghai port, a draft amendment to the local regulations on vessel pollution shows.


Adapt to global warming as 'we are past mitigation'. By Unni Einemo. *Bunkerworld* [Online]. 16 September 2014. Available from: [http://www.bunkerworld.com/news/131874](http://www.bunkerworld.com/news/131874) Carbon dioxide (CO2) concentration in the atmosphere went up by 3 parts per million (ppm) last year, the biggest increase ever, a businessman and scientist told last week's ICS International Shipping Conference in London.


ECA compliance through continuous emission monitoring. Green Port [Online]. 23 September 2014. Available from: http://www.greenport.com/news101/opinion/eca-compliance-through-continuous-emission-monitoring In just a matter of months, shipowners operating in emissions control areas (ECAs) will have only three choices to comply with mandatory 0.1% sulphur levels; burn marine distillates, switch to liquefied natural gas; or install abatement technology such as scrubbers, says Chris Daw, Managing Director, Procal, part of Parker Group.

Nobody rides for free. Maritime Professional [Online]. 23 September 2014. Available from: http://www.maritimeprofessional.com/News/377751.aspx The International Maritime Organization (IMO) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) emission regulations requiring a reduction in sulfur within the Emission Control Areas may bring more to your operation than cleaner air.

Chinese mitten crab invades Scotland. Natural History Museum / Nature Plus [Online]. 25 September 2014. Available from: http://www.nhm.ac.uk/natureplus/community/news_in_brief/blog/2014/09/25/chinese-mitten-crab-invades-scotland? The invasive crab species is already known to have populated rivers in the UK as far north as the Tyne, but this sighting in Glasgow’s River Clyde confirms its migration over the Scottish border.

Iran fights oil pollution in Persian Gulf. Press TV (Iran) [Online]. 24 September 2014. Available from: http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2014/09/24/379849/iran-oil-pollution-persian-gulf/ Shipping is an international industry and it can only operate effectively if the regulations and standards are implemented on an international basis.


**IMO**


New attempt to reduce flash point limit. By Unni Einemo. *Bunkerworld* [Online]. 16 September 2014. Available from: http://www.bunkerworld.com/news/131879 There is to be a new attempt to harmonise the minimum flash point limit for marine fuels with fuels produced for the automotive market at the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Bunkerworld has learned.


As the IMO celebrates World Maritime Day 2014 secretary-general Koji Sekimizu said it had made gains around its theme this year of effective implementation of conventions.

The United Nations (UN), via the International Maritime Organization (IMO), created World Maritime Day to celebrate the international maritime industry’s contribution towards the world's economy, especially in shipping.


We've put together a list of the top reasons why we should be celebrating the maritime industry and all it has to offer the world.


The implementation of measures ensuring shipping safety, maritime security and the protection of the marine environment can only be guaranteed if Member States ratify conventions enshrined by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), United Nations officials said today.


Nautilus International strongly supports this year's International Maritime Organisation World Maritime Day theme: the effective implementation of conventions.


The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has chosen the theme "IMO conventions: effective implementation" as it celebrates World Maritime Day today, September 25, 2014.


Executive Commercial Manager Edwin Lammers calls for unity among global leaders.
**LAW AND POLICY**


**Captain caught drunk in charge of cargo ship jailed.** *BBC Scotland* [Online]. 3 September 2014. Available from: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-tayside-central-29047226](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-tayside-central-29047226) A drunken sea captain caught sailing a cargo ship up the River Tay while almost four times the legal alcohol limit has been jailed.


**Regulatory timeline.** *Lloyd's List* [Online]. 9 September 2014. Available from: [http://www.lloydslist.com/ll/incoming/article444536.ece](http://www.lloydslist.com/ll/incoming/article444536.ece) Over the coming decade shipping will be impacted by an array of new legislation, the majority of which is related to environmental issues.


**MARINE TECHNOLOGY**


**MARITIME SECURITY**


India, Vietnam ink 7 pacts; call for 'freedom' of navigation in South China Sea. *Maritime Security Asia* [Online]. 15 September 2014. Available from: [http://maritimesecurity.asia/free-2/south-china-sea-2/india-vietnam-ink-7-pacts-call-for-freedom](http://maritimesecurity.asia/free-2/south-china-sea-2/india-vietnam-ink-7-pacts-call-for-freedom) India and Vietnam today inked seven pacts, including one to enhance cooperation in the strategic oil sector, as they called for "freedom" of navigation in the South China Sea, a remark which could irk China which has been claiming territorial sovereignty over the high seas.

The strategic hub of Indian Ocean maritime security. By Lucien Rajakarunanayake. *Ministry of Defence and Urban Development (Sri Lanka)* [Online]. 20 September 2014. Available from: [http://www.defence.lk/new.asp?fname=The_strategic_hub_of_Indian_Ocean_maritime_security_20140920_02](http://www.defence.lk/new.asp?fname=The_strategic_hub_of_Indian_Ocean_maritime_security_20140920_02) The visits of the two leading nations of the Far East, China and Japan, to Sri Lanka in the past two weeks, with China being among the emerging world economic powers and Japan re-asserting her importance in the region, with its alliance with the USA to counter the rise of China, has underscored Sri Lanka as the location of major importance in maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region.


**MARITIME TRAINING**


Threat of withdrawal getting thinner. By Susan K. *Philippine Daily Inquirer* [Online]. 14 September 2014. Available from: [http://globalnation.inquirer.net/111058](http://globalnation.inquirer.net/111058) Marina administrator Maximo Mejia Jr. firmly believes the European Maritime Safety Agency (Emsa) will not withdraw their recognition of the Philippine maritime industry, despite reports that our country did not pass the last Emsa audit, which was done over the past year.


Cash crunch stalls N8bn training for 6,000 Nigerian cadets. By Francis Ezem. *National Mirror (Nigeria)* [Online]. 25 September 2014. Available from: [http://nationalmirroronline.net/new/cash-crunch-stalls-n8bn-training](http://nationalmirroronline.net/new/cash-crunch-stalls-n8bn-training) Strong indications emerged that the Federal Government may have developed cold feet over its proposed commencement of sea time training for over 6,000 Nigerian cadets, on board some foreign ships many of who completed their cadetship programmes at the Maritime Academy of Nigeria, MAN, Oron more than 11 years ago.


**NAVIGATION COMMUNICATIONS**


**Cooperation needed to allay Arctic risks. *Financial (Georgia)* [Online]. 13 September 2014. Available from: [http://finchannel.com/index.php/business/insurance/item/38853](http://finchannel.com/index.php/business/insurance/item/38853) Interest in Arctic shipping is growing, although ship operators need to engage with their insurers to ensure that effective insurance cover continues to be made available, according to insurance broker Marsh.


GVF announces launch of 'Glossary' of maritime communications to promote inter-


**PIRACY**

Italian marines pressurised Captain to cover up. By Rajesh Ahuja. *Hindustan Times (India)* [Online]. 9 September 2014. Available from: http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/marines-pressurised-captain-to-cover-up/article1-1261364.aspx Two Italian marines accused of shooting dead two Indian fishermen allegedly tried to cover their tracks after the incident by pressurising the captain of their vessel Enrica Lexie to generate a report for international maritime security organisations that claimed the fishermen were armed and that's why they opened fire, sources told HT.


PORT STATE CONTROL

Future uncertain for Vega Auriga. By Andrew Campbell. Sun Live (New Zealand) [Online]. 2 September 2014. Available from: http://www.sunlive.co.nz/news/81428 The container ship Vega Auriga is expected to sail from Tauranga this afternoon, however it will leave empty of cargo.


PORTS AND HARBOURS


The EU ports reform is losing its bearings. European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA) [Online]. 23 September 2014. Available from: http://www.ecsa.eu/latest-news/159 In March, MEP Knut Fleckenstein, the rapporteur on the European Commission's proposal for a Regulation on Market access to port services and financial transparency of ports announced that the legislative procedure for this particular file would be suspended until the new European Parliament would be in place following the European election of May.


Full Report
EPA announces grant opportunities to reduce diesel emissions at ports. *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)* [Online]. 22 September 2014. Available from: http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/6c7b7b132f3b a53e85257d5b00547511 EPA announced the availability of up to $5 million in grant funding to establish clean diesel projects aimed at reducing emissions from marine and inland water ports located in areas of poor air quality.


**RECYCLING OF SHIPS**


SAFETY


**MOAS rescues 700 migrants.** *Migrant Offshore Aid Station (MOAS) / YouTube* [Online]. 10 September 2014. Available from: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q9AP2kTLXSA&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q9AP2kTLXSA&feature=youtu.be)


Press Release: Extraordinary meeting at the Ministry of Interior on the reception of a great number of foreign citizens following the rescue operation. *Republic of Cyprus* [Online]. 25 September 2014. Available from: [http://www.cyprus.gov.cy/moi/pio/pio.nsf/All/EE2B35D73BA2BFDC2257D5E00466E2C](http://www.cyprus.gov.cy/moi/pio/pio.nsf/All/EE2B35D73BA2BFDC2257D5E00466E2C) A large-scale extraordinary official meeting was held today at the Ministry of Interior, chaired by the Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Interior Mr Constantinos Nicolaides, with the participation of the competent departments and bodies of the Republic, on the implementation of a plan regarding the reception and hospitality of foreign citizens, who were onboard a boat off the coast of Cyprus, which sent a radio distress signal.

Ebola lockdown brings Sierra Leone capital to a halt. By Umaru Fofana. *Reuters* [Online]. 19 September 2014. Available from: [http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/09/19/us-health-ebola-idUSKBN0HD2E420140919](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/09/19/us-health-ebola-idUSKBN0HD2E420140919) Streets in the capital of Sierra Leone were deserted on Friday as the West African state began a contested, three-day lockdown in a bid to halt the worst Ebola outbreak on record.
Pope calls for global cooperation on migration crisis. Reuters [Online]. 23 September 2014. Available from: http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/09/23/us-pope-migrants-idUSKCN0H1A920140923 Pope Francis called on Tuesday for countries to join forces to help the rising number of migrants, thousands of whom have died this year on perilous journeys to flee poverty and war.

U.N. to set up Ebola crisis center, aims to stop spread in six to nine months. By Michelle Nichols. Reuters [Online]. 5 September 2014. Available from: http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/09/05/us-health-ebola-un-idUKKBN0H01PA20140905 The United Nations plans to set up an Ebola crisis center to coordinate the response to the deadly virus and to strive to halt its spread in West African countries in six to nine months, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon announced on Friday.

Forty migrants missing after raft sinks near Libya: Italy coast guard. By Isla Binnie. Reuters [Online]. 21 September 2014. Available from: http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/09/21/us-italy-migrants-idUSKBN0HG0SL20140921 Forty migrants were missing after the raft that carried them sank around 30 miles (48.28 kilometres) from eastern Libya, an Italian coast guard official said on Sunday.


Sweden pays tribute to Estonia disaster victims. By Patrick Reilly. The Local (Sweden) [Online]. 28 September 2014. Available from: http://www.thelocal.se/20140928/sweden-pays-tribute-to-estonia-disaster-victims Two decades on from the catastrophic sinking of the MS Estonia, which claimed the lives of 501 Swedes, the nation has paid tribute to the victims amid calls for a fresh inquiry into the tragedy.


Malta denies entry to ship amid Ebola fears. *World Maritime News* [Online]. 19 September 2014. Available from: [http://worldmaritimeneWS.com/archives/137434](http://worldmaritimeneWS.com/archives/137434) Bulk carrier MV/Western Copenhagen has been denied entry into Maltese territorial waters amid suspicion that one of the crew has been infected by the Ebola virus.

**SALVAGE**

**SEAFARERS**


Working on a superyacht is the dream job for many young Britons.


The Seafarers International Union of Canada issued the following news release in conjunction with a press conference yesterday.


Barring any policy summersault, the Federal Government is projecting an annual foreign exchange earnings in excess of $12bn (N2.04tn) from the export of seafarers to other maritime nations, under the National Seafarers Development Programme, NSDP.


A group of 40 enthusiasts from the maritime and insurance community in the Southeast Asian city-state of Singapore have come together to undertake a 24 hour endurance sea challenge, all in aid of the global maritime welfare charity, The Mission to Seafarers.


The Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (MLC) impacts the world's 1.3 million mariners in one way or another.


25th September, the Day when the World Maritime Day gets celebrated in Mumbai is an event well-known among the seafaring community and in the shipping and other related circles.


The Seamen's Church Institute’s (SCI) Center for Seafarer's Rights conducted its thirteenth annual Seafarer Shore Leave Survey during the week of May 18-24, 2014.


The nation is observing National Maritime Week on September 22-28, 2014, to highlight the efforts of the maritime and seafaring industry in helping transform domestic shipping to global competitiveness, as well as cite the role of Filipino seafarers in national development and in world trade.
Call for MLC expert review submissions. By Girija Shettar. *IHS Maritime 360* [Online]. 15 September 2014. Available from: [http://www.ihsmaritime360.com/article/14593](http://www.ihsmaritime360.com/article/14593) Just a quarter of the 64 states that have ratified the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) have to date submitted their reports to the International Labor Organization (ILO) for expert review.


**SHIPBUILDING AND SHIPREPAIR**


**SHIPPING**


**In the 21st Century, ocean shipping matters to Canada.** By K.Joseph Spears. *Canadian Sailings* [Online]. 9 September 2014. Available from: [http://www.canadiansailings.ca/?p=8943](http://www.canadiansailings.ca/?p=8943) Canada has been a trading and exporting nation since its founding almost 150 years ago.


**Mining at deep sea.** By Richard Mahapatra and Anupam Chakravartty. *Down to Earth* [Online]. September 2014. Available from: [http://www.downtoearth.org.in/content/mining-deep-sea](http://www.downtoearth.org.in/content/mining-deep-sea) Countries are delving deeper into the ocean to explore its mineral wealth.


Greece says in "danger zone" from influx of Syrian, Iraqi refugees. By Renee Maltezou and Deborah Kyvrikosaios. Reuters [Online]. 4 September 2014. Available from: http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/09/04/uk-greece-immigration-idUKKBN0GZ26Z20140904? Greece is slipping into a "danger zone" without the funds or resources to handle a fast-growing wave of refugees trying to enter the European Union from war-torn countries like Syria and Iraq, the government warned on Thursday.


**Trust is shipping's most precious commodity. By Paul Berrill.**  *TradeWinds* [Online]. 26 September 2014. Available from:  [http://www.tradewindsnews.com/TWplus/345561/Trust-is-shippings-most-precious-commodity](http://www.tradewindsnews.com/TWplus/345561/Trust-is-shippings-most-precious-commodity)  For too long the shipping industry has believed its own myth that it is unlike any other business.