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WHAT'S NEW

Mr. Ki-tack Lim (Republic of Korea) elected as IMO Secretary-General

Mr. Lim has been elected as the Secretary-General of IMO with effect from 1 January 2016, for an initial four-year term.

Day of the Seafarer - 25 June 2015

This year the International Maritime Organization is shifting its focus to maritime education. If you have ever worked in a career at sea, you can add your own photo to those posted by hundreds of people around the world, here:

Seafarers: "unseen heroes of the global economy", United Nations Radio

Celebrating vital role of seafarers, UN officials encourage young people to consider life of 'real adventure', UN News Centre

IMO Maritime Ambassador Scheme

An IMO Maritime Ambassador is a spokesperson or advocate for the maritime and seafaring professions.

Unsafe mixed migration by sea

Maritime and migration heads pledge action on unsafe mixed migration by sea

IMO Secretary-General Sekimizu and IOM Director-General Swing recognized need for concerted global action. Link to joint statement

Rescue at Sea: A guide to principles and practice as applied to refugees and migrants

A guide to principles and practice as applied to refugees and migrants has been prepared jointly by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

IMO and the UK National Maritime Museum explore migration at sea

IMO has partnered with the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, United Kingdom to take a closer look at issues surrounding migration at sea. The RE•THINK space allows visitors to discover and reflect on a given theme from a different perspective. The current exhibition on migration features three short films produced by IMO. The films explore: "The migrants' story", "The rescuers' story" and "The international response". This special exhibition runs through to November 2015 at the Museum and the films can also be viewed here.

IMO MEETINGS

PROGRAMME OF IMO MEETINGS FOR 2015

Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) 95th session, 3 – 12 June 2015

Technical Cooperation Committee (TCC) 65th session, 22 – 24 June 2015

Council 114th session, 29 June – 3 July 2015
IMO PRESS BRIEFINGS

Campaign highlights the benefits of a career at sea
Briefing: 28, June 25, 2015

Day of the Seafarer campaign (25th June) #CareerAtSea
Briefing: 27, June 22, 2015

Gas and low-flashpoint fuels code adopted by IMO
Briefing: 26, June 16, 2015

First IMO Maritime Ambassadors appointed from China and Haiti
Briefing: 25, June 15, 2015

Increased limits of liability for maritime claims enter into force under 1996 LLMC Protocol
Briefing: 24, June 8, 2015

Guide to rescue at sea for refugees and migrants now available in six languages
Briefing: 23, June 2, 2015

Mandatory gas-fuel ship code set for adoption by Maritime Safety Committee
Briefing: 22, June 1, 2015

IMO NEWS MAGAZINE  (Issue 2, 2015)

RECENT SPEECHES BY IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL KOJI SEKIMIZU

Technical Co-operation Committee (TC) 65th session, 22 – 24 June 2015
(Opening Address)

Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) 95th session, 3 – 12 June 2015
(Opening Address and Closing Remarks)

IMO PUBLISHING  Just Published: 2015  May 2015 Newsletter

UNITED NATIONS NEWS

Security Council hears Liberia briefing as country anticipates being declared 'Ebola-free'.
Full Story »

Secretary-General, in message for World Oceans Day, says successful climate change action depends on using 'Gifts' of the seas peacefully, sustainably. Full Story »

World Environment Day 2015.  Full Story »

UNHCR boosts presence in Greek islands to cope with soaring refugee arrivals.  Full Story »
UN official stresses need for renewed momentum towards achieving climate accord. 
Full Story »

UN health agency warns rainy season now hampering Ebola response in West Africa. 
Full Story »

On World Day, UN urges global resolve to 'appreciate, protect and restore' Earth's oceans. 
Full Story »

As Liberia's school systems recover after Ebola outbreak, UNICEF distributes thousands of learning kits. 
Full Story »

Role of Sea Law Convention 'Clearer than Ever', states parties hear as week-long session opens with briefings by main bodies. 
Full Story »

'Inaction on climate change now will cost us all in the future,' UN labour chief warns work summit. 
Full Story »

Concluding Session, States Parties to Sea Law Convention decide to continue consideration of work conditions for continental shelf commission members. 
Full Story »

Greek islands under ‘tremendous strain’ as hundreds of refugees arrive daily – UN. 
Full Story »

‘Essential shifts' needed for UN to tackle new peacekeeping challenges, report reveals. 
Full Story »

UN environment agency urges ban of microplastics in cosmetics and personal care products. 
Full Story »

Worldwide displacement hits all-time high as war and persecution increase. 
Full Story »

UNHCR Global Trends 2014: World at War 🌍

UNHCR Global Trends 2014: High Commissioner Guterres comments. 
Full Story »

Statement attributable to the Spokesman for the Secretary-General on the Papal Encyclical by His Holiness Pope Francis. 
Full Story »

Humanitarian needs at 'all-time high,' top UN relief official tells Economic and Social Council. 
Full Story »

UN chief hails Papal Encyclical spotlighting climate change as critical 'moral issue'. 
Full Story »

Pope Francis releases Encyclical on climate and environment UN leaders react. 
Full Story »

General Assembly adopts 5 resolutions, 1 decision including on conservation of marine biological diversity, eliminating sexual violence in conflict. 
Full Story »

In pivotal year, public servants must rise to the moment – UN chief. 
Full Story »

UN envoy on Ebola travels to Guinea Bissau after new cases reported in bordering Guinea. 
Full Story »
UN agency welcomes European Union measures on refugee arrivals, urges more action. Full Story »

As World Heritage Committee opens session, UNESCO urges protection of sites targeted for destruction. Full Story »

In San Francisco, Ban celebrates 70th anniversary of UN Charter – ‘compass’ to a better world. Full Story »
CASUALTIES


Purple Beach finds refuge in Wilhelmshaven. By Michael Hollmann. IHS Maritime 360 [Online]. 1 June 2015. Available from: http://www.ihsmaritime360.com/article/18095 The stricken multipurpose vessel Purple Beach, whose cargo of fertiliser caught fire in one of its holds in the German Bay last week, has been granted refuge in Wilhelmshaven, the German Central Command for Maritime Emergencies said last night.


14 rescued in Yangtze sinking, over 430 missing. Xinhuanet (China) [Online]. 2 June 2015. Available from: http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-06/03/c_134291915.htm Fourteen people have been rescued and seven are confirmed dead more than 24 hours after a passenger ship carrying 456 people capsized in China's Yangtze River, navigation authorities said Tuesday.


Fire on car carrier. UK Maritime & Coastguard Agency [Online]. 3 June 2015. Available from: http://hmcoastguard.blogspot.co.uk/2015/06/fire-on-car-carrier.html Specialists are to be winched onto a car carrier which suffered a fire on one of its decks last night (2nd June) 40 miles off Harwich.

China ship disaster death toll jumps, company says sorry. By Megha Rajagopalan and Joseph Campbell. Reuters [Online]. 6 June 2015. Available from: http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/06/us-china-ship-deaths-idUSKBN0OM00L20150606 The death toll from a Chinese cruise ship which capsized during a storm in the Yangtze River jumped to 396 on Saturday, leaving fewer than 50 still missing, as the boat operator apologized and said it would cooperate with investigations.
Yangtze ferry disaster ship moved upstream. **By Angela Yu.** *IHS Maritime 360* [Online]. 9 June 2015. Available from: [http://www.ihsmaritime360.com/article/18204](http://www.ihsmaritime360.com/article/18204)  Chinese rescue teams have decided to move the stricken Yangtze River ferry *Eastern Star* upstream to calmer waters to continue to the search for the remaining missing passengers.

Ferry crewman dies off Montenegro. **World Maritime News** [Online]. 9 June 2015. Available from: [http://worldmaritimenews.com/archives/163301](http://worldmaritimenews.com/archives/163301)  One sailor has died and three had to be hospitalized following a suspected fume poisoning on board the Greek ferry *Horizon* late Friday near the Montenegro’s Adriatic coast.


Investigation blames tugboat captain for bunker spill collision. **By Nick Jameson.** *Sustainable Shipping* [Online]. 10 June 2015. Available from: [http://www.sustainableshipping.com/n136970](http://www.sustainableshipping.com/n136970)  A report into a collision and bunker spill in the southern United States says a tugboat captain’s decision to try to beat a cargo ship into the Houston Ship Channel was the leading cause of the accident.

Lack of timely communication and a vessel separation policy in precautionary waterways led to Houston ship channel accident; NTSB reiterates recommendation for a vessel separation policy. **US National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)** [Online]. 10 June 2015. Available from: [http://www.ntsb.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/PR20150610b.aspx](http://www.ntsb.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/PR20150610b.aspx)  The National Transportation Safety Board determined that the *Miss Susan*, a shallow draft towing vessel with two barges, and the *Summer Wind*, a deep draft bulk carrier, collided on March 22, 2014, because the towing vessel crossed the Houston Ship Channel, impeding the passage of the bulk carrier that was transiting inbound, which could only transit within the channel.


China puts ship disaster survivors at 12, says all 442 bodies found. **Reuters** [Online]. 16 June 2015. Available from: [http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/06/15/china-ship-idUKL3N0Z11D220150615](http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/06/15/china-ship-idUKL3N0Z11D220150615)  Just 12 people survived the Yangtze River cruise ship capsizing in which 442 people perished, state media reported, giving a final toll for the disaster and blaming an earlier misconduct of the survivors on confusion between government agencies.

Three ships in trouble in Australian waters. **By Zoe Reynolds.** *IHS Maritime 360* [Online]. 22 June 2015. Available from: [http://www.ihsmaritime360.com/article/18344](http://www.ihsmaritime360.com/article/18344)  *Asteria Leader* was found guilty of illegally dumping garbage, according to an AMSA statement.

Black Box data from Death Ship missing. World Maritime News [Online]. 22 June 2015. Available from: http://worldmaritimenews.com/archives/164372/ Key black box data from the notorious Sage Sagittarius appear to have gone missing, the New South Wales Coroner Court, which is investigating two of the three deaths that occurred on board the ship, was told during yesterday's coroner's inquest hearing.


Ships in distress as rough weather piles up woes. Deccan Herald (India) [Online]. 24 June 2015. Available from: http://www.deccanherald.com/content/485405/ships-distress The deep depression over the Arabian sea resulting in strong winds and heavy rains has thrown a major challenge for the Coast Guard and Navy, as at least four ships are in state of distress because of the weather.


Cruise ship collides with tanker off Gallipoli. World Maritime News [Online]. 29 June 2015. Available from: http://worldmaritimenews.com/archives/164889 A Celestyal Cruises ship suffered structural damage to its bow and was forced to dock at Turkey's port of Gallipoli after it collided with the Marshal Islands-flagged product tanker STI Pimlico in the early hours of Saturday.
ENVIRONMENT


Climate talks resume in Bonn as clock ticks on UN deal. Responding to Climate Change (RTCC) [Online]. 1 June 2015. Available from: http://www.rtcc.org/2015/06/01/climate-talks-resume Two weeks of tough negotiations expected as envoys prepare to radically cut huge text for Paris deal.


UNESCO’s Great Barrier Reef decision has much wider ramifications. By Luke Hunt. The Diplomat [Online]. 5 June 2015. Available from: http://thediplomat.com/2015/06/unescos-great-barrier-reef Draft recommendations by UNESCO have notched up a minor victory for the Australian government and efforts to thwart hardline environmentalists who want the Great Barrier Reef listed as endangered, but any final decision still rests on a final vote to be held in Bonn later this month.

Understanding the ocean’s value. WWF [Online]. 7 June 2015. Available from: http://wwf.panda.org/wwf_news/?uNewsID=247812 The ocean is changing more rapidly than at any other point in millions of years - and not for the better.

Marine protected areas: Smart investments on ocean health. WWF [Online]. 5 June 2015. Available from: http://ocean.panda.org/media/WWF_Marine_Protected_Areas_LR_SP.pdf A healthy, diverse and productive ocean benefits people by providing food, coastal protection, oxygen, carbon sequestration, and many other ecosystem goods and services as well as supporting livelihoods and jobs.

Celebrate the Ocean. US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) [Online]. 8 June 2015. Available from: http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/news/june15/30days.html Join us as we celebrate all that our world ocean has to offer during National Ocean Month.

Costa Rica wants more data on Nicaragua Canal eco impact. *World Maritime News* [Online]. 10 June 2015. Available from: [http://worldmaritimenews.com/archives/163320](http://worldmaritimenews.com/archives/163320) Nicaragua will have to provide Costa Rica with more information on the potential environmental impact that the proposed USD 50 billion Nicaragua Grand Canal could have on the San Juan river, southern bank of which is Costa Rican territory, Reuters reported Costa Rican President Luis Guillermo Solís Rivera as saying.

Why we can’t save the Earth without saving the oceans. By Jose Maria Figueres and Christiana Figueres. *World Economic Forum* [Online]. 9 June 2015. Available from: [https://agenda.weforum.org/2015/06/why-we-cant-save](https://agenda.weforum.org/2015/06/why-we-cant-save) The ocean and the atmosphere are linked in ways that are only just beginning to be fully understood.


**ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION**


Letter to EU Climate Ministers... Greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets for shipping at international and EU level. *Clean Shipping Coalition (CSC)* [Online]. 2 June 2015. Available from: [http://www.cleanshipping.org/download/Letter%20to%20EU%20Climate%20Ministers%20Shipping%20Target.pdf](http://www.cleanshipping.org/download/Letter%20to%20EU%20Climate%20Ministers%20Shipping%20Target.pdf) We write to you on behalf of environmental non-governmental organizations, including observers to the IMO, concerned at the failure of the international community to control greenhouse gas emissions from international shipping.

Disenchanted”: Easter Island - A paradise devastated by plastic pollution. By Lucie Gerber. *National Geographic* [Online]. 2 June 2015. Available from: [http://voices.nationalgeographic.com/2015/06/02/disenchanted-easter-island](http://voices.nationalgeographic.com/2015/06/02/disenchanted-easter-island) Arrived on the legendary Easter Island (Chile) on May 20th, the R4WO scientific teams have proceeded onto the first scientific surveys in the South Pacific Garbage Patch on the coasts of the island devastated by plastic waste.


China turns focus to smoky ships, boats in fight against pollution. Reuters [Online]. 8 June 2015. Available from: http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/08/us-china-environment-shipping-idUSKBN0O0WD20150608 China is considering regulating emissions from boats and ships, the environment ministry said on Monday, as it tries to clamp down on pollution.

G7 leaders bid 'Auf Wiedersehen' to carbon fuels. By Paul Carrel. Reuters [Online]. 8 June 2015. Available from: http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/08/us-g7-summit-idUSKBN0OM0I320150608 Leaders of the world's major industrial democracies resolved on Monday to wean their energy-hungry economies off carbon fuels, marking a major step in the battle against global warming that raises the chances of a U.N. climate deal later this year.


Pollution from ships kills thousands each year. EurActiv [Online]. 10 June 2015. Available from: http://www.euractiv.com/sections/science-policymaking/pollution-ships-kills-thousands-each-year-315253 Shipping emissions are an invisible killer that cause lung cancer and heart disease, a new study has found, but researchers say the 60,000 deaths they cause each year could be significantly cut by exhaust filtration devices.

How ship emissions adversely affect lung cells. Helmholtz Zentrum München (German Research Centre for Environmental Health) [Online]. 8 June 2015. Available from: https://www.helmholtz-muenchen.de/en/news/latest-news/press-information-news/article/26995/index.html In the course of industrialization, emissions of exhaust fumes from combustion processes that adversely affect our lungs have increased.


Should the Polar Code regulate grey water? By Wendy Laursen. Maritime Executive [Online]. 15 June 2015. Available from: http://maritime-executive.com/article/should-the-polar-code-regulate-grey-water The potential for regulating the discharge of grey water was discussed at IMO when formulating the Polar Code, but, like other times grey water has been discussed, the idea was fairly quickly discarded.


HEALTH


Ebola outbreak: New cases in Freetown, Sierra Leone. *BBC News* [Online]. 23 June 2015. Available from: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-33247554](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-33247554) Two new cases of Ebola have been recorded in the Sierra Leone capital Freetown, weeks after the city was thought to be free of the disease.
**HEALTH AND SAFETY**


As Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) spreads rapidly in South Korea, ports in the country are taking measures to prevent its spread.


Royal Caribbean has stopped calls to South Korean ports following the outbreak of a severe respiratory infection in the Asian country.


South Korean carriers and ports have joined the battle against the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome epidemic, which has claimed 27 lives and shut thousands of schools in the Asian economic powerhouse.

**IMO**


'TAny increase beyond 2 degrees is a death warrant for our countries,' the foreign minister of the Marshall Islands in the Pacific, Tony de Brum, has warned after the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) sidelined his country’s plea for a global CO2 target for shipping.


Danish candidate for top position at the United Nations body insists his priority will be to ensure there is still a global framework of regulation for the maritime industry.


New IMO rules lack details of how they should be applied and many leave a lot of room for interpretation, say those who have to put them into effect from the start of 2017.


Lloyd’s List speaks to sources familiar with the IMO about the six candidates.


Future secretary-general will need to build the IMO into a more inclusive organisation that can produce policies and rules that are workable, not just aspirational.


Lim looks to bridge the gaps in the race to lead IMO. By Richard Meade. *Lloyd's List* [Online]. 19 June 2015. Available from: [http://www.lloydslist.com/ll/sector/regulation/article463583.ece](http://www.lloydslist.com/ll/sector/regulation/article463583.ece) South Korean candidate Lim Ki-tack is promising to consolidate the best aspects of IMO leadership to steer the embattled UN agency forward.


IMO Secretary-general election 2015. By Craig Eason. *Lloyd's List* [Online]. 26 June 2015. Available from: [https://www.lloydslist.com/ll/incoming/article463382.ece](https://www.lloydslist.com/ll/incoming/article463382.ece) Future secretary-general will need to build the IMO into a more inclusive organisation that can produce policies and rules that are workable, not just aspirational.
**LAW AND POLICY**


**German shipping company ordered to pay $750,000 for dumping oily water off Alaska.**  By Lisa Demer. *Alaska Dispatch News* [Online]. 3 June 2015. Available from: [http://www.adn.com/article/20150603/german-shipping-company-ordered-pay-750000-dumping-oily-water-alaska](http://www.adn.com/article/20150603/german-shipping-company-ordered-pay-750000-dumping-oily-water-alaska)  A German shipping company that admitted last month to dumping oily water into the Bering Sea off the coast of Alaska early this year was ordered Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Anchorage to pay $750,000 in fines and community service payments.

**A positive and proactive maritime strategy.** *Norges Rederiforbund (Norwegian Shipowners' Association)* [Online]. 1 June 2015. Available from: [https://www.rederi.no/en/aktuelt/2015/maritime-strategi/](https://www.rederi.no/en/aktuelt/2015/maritime-strategi/)  The Norwegian government has presented a positive, proactive maritime strategy, with important measures to bolster the Norwegian flag registers and strengthen the competitive advantage of Norwegian seafarers and maritime companies operating in tough international competition.


**New Deprivation of Liberty at Sea Guidance.** *Human Rights at Sea (HRAS)* [Online]. 4 June 2015. Available from: [https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/new-international-guidance-on-deprivation](https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/new-international-guidance-on-deprivation)  Human Rights at Sea (HRAS) together with the European Union's MARSAFENET (COST Action IS1105) are delighted to announce the publishing of a new international and independent guidance for Deprivation of Liberty at Sea, which is available from today via the HRAS website.  Guidance


**G-7 Leaders' Declaration.**  *The White House* [Online]. 8 June 2015. Available from: [https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/06/08/g-7-leaders-declaration](https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/06/08/g-7-leaders-declaration)  Annex to G7 Leaders’ Declaration


Aronnax: Tanker operators risk detentions due to slow adoption of ecdis. 


Puzzlement over Iceland's sulphur regulation. *By Unni Einemo. Sustainable Shipping* [Online]. 15 June 2015. Available from: http://www.sustainablesshipping.com/n137039 Iceland appears to have introduced a unique marine fuel sulphur limit for ships sailing in the country's "Pollution Prevention Zone", which stretches up to 200 nautical miles off the coast of the island state.


Beijing puts COSCO and CSIC on anti-corruption list. *By Angela Yu. IHS Maritime 360* [Online]. 16 June 2015. Available from: http://www.ihsmaritime360.com/article/18280 COSCO and China Shipbuilding Industry Corporation (CSIC) have been found to be guilty of corrupt practices following inspections by China's Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI), on 26 February and 28 April 2015.


Hachiuma Steamship left 'death ship' investigations to the police. *By Sam Chambers. Splash 24/7* [Online]. 16 June 2015. Available from: http://splash247.com/hachiuma-steamship-left-death The managing director of Hachiuma Steamship, the firm that manages the infamous Sage Sagittarius bulk carrier dubbed the death ship by Australian media, has told Splash that the company left the investigation of the mysterious three deaths onboard in a six-week period back in 2012 to the police.

The master of a cruise liner, which was damaged going over rocky shoals has pleaded guilty to two charges at Belfast Magistrates court today (16th June).

Hong Kong: new low sulfur regs can reduce emissions by 60%. Ship & Bunker [Online]. 18 June 2015. Available from: http://shipandbunker.com/news/apac/448396 Wong Kam-sing, Secretary for the Environment in Hong Kong, Wednesday said the upcoming requirement for ocean going vessels at berth within Hong Kong waters to use marine fuel with a sulfur content not exceeding 0.50 percent can reduce their level of sulfur dioxide and suspended particulates emissions by more than 60 percent.

Sage Sagittarius inquest hears of captain’s gun running, death threats and intimidation. By Zoe Reynolds. IHS Maritime 360 [Online]. 23 June 2015. Available from: http://www.ihsmaritime360.com/article/18367 A key witness at the NSW Coroners Court Inquest into two deaths on board the Sage Sagittarius in Sydney today (23 June) testified that the crew all feared the ship’s captain and thought they would be next to die.


Italy seeks arbitration over India marines. The Local (Italy) [Online]. 27 June 2015. Available from: http://www.thelocal.it/20150627/italy-seeks-arbitration-over-india-marines Italy said on Friday it had initiated international arbitration proceedings in the case of two of its marines facing trial in India for the 2012 killing of two fishermen.


M ARINE TECHNOLOGY

Big data's time has come. By Paul Berrill. TradeWinds [Online]. 2 June 2015. Available from: http://www.tradewindsnews.com/norshipping/361233/big-datas-time-has-come Big data and the connectivity of ships with computerised operating systems are the two big things expected to come into shipping over the next five to ten years, according to a panel of maritime experts at the Nor-Shipping conference.

Bioinspired nanofur could significantly reduce underwater drag of marine vessels.  
By Michael Berger.  
* Nanowerk  [Online]. 22 June 2015. Available from:  
http://www.nanowerk.com/spotlight/spotid=40505.php  
Nature often provides the blueprint when researchers are developing new technologies.  

MARITIME SAFETY  

*Oriental Star* accident highlights increase in safety problems on Yangtze cruises.  
By Ian Johnson and Keith Bradsher.  
For much of recorded history, traveling up the Yangtze meant braving turbulent currents and shoals.  

Rina signals 'particular' design improvements for ropax safety. By Adam Corbett.  
* TradeWinds  [Online]. 5 June 2015. Available from:  
http://www.tradewindsnews.com/weekly/361367/rina-signals-particular-design-improvements-for-ropax-safety  
Italy's class society advises ferry and ro-ro passengership operators on key risk factors to improve safety standards through its new Asset Integrity Management and believes regulatory changes may follow.  

Unexploded WW2 mines disrupt Dover to Calais ferries.  
* BBC News  [Online]. 7 June 2015. Available from:  
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-33039719  
Two unexploded World War Two mines discovered near the port of Calais led to the cancellation of a number of cross-Channel ferries.  

SAFEPEC targets ship inspections.  
* IHS Maritime 360  [Online]. June 2015. Available from:  
A three-year EU-financed research project aims to blow a fresh breeze into the business of maritime safety.  

*Norman Atlantic* fire probe puts focus on open car deck hazards. By Adam Corbett.  
* TradeWinds  [Online]. 19 June 2015. Available from:  
http://www.tradewindsnews.com/weekly/362395/norman-atlantic-fire-probe-puts-focus-on-open-car-deck-hazards  
An investigation into the fatal fire onboard the Italian ropax ferry is taking a close look at how the vessel's design may have helped to feed the blaze.
MARITIME SECURITY


Malaysia to lodge protest over Chinese Coast Guard ‘intruders’ – WSJ. *By Yantoultra Ngui*. *Reuters* [Online]. 9 June 2015. Available from: [http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/09/southchinasea-malaysia-china-idUSL3N0YV07A20150609](http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/09/southchinasea-malaysia-china-idUSL3N0YV07A20150609) Malaysia will protest against what it called the intrusion of a Chinese Coast Guard ship into its waters north of Borneo, the Wall Street Journal reported, in another departure from the country's previously soft approach to South China Sea disputes.


UPDATE 3-Second small oil tanker hijacked in Malaysia this month. *Reuters* [Online]. 15 June 2015. Available from: [http://in.reuters.com/article/2015/06/15/malaysia-missing-tanker-idINL3N0Z11Y620150615](http://in.reuters.com/article/2015/06/15/malaysia-missing-tanker-idINL3N0Z11Y620150615) A small oil tanker was hijacked off the southeast coast of Malaysia over the weekend in the second such incident in the same area this month, raising further concerns over piracy in Southeast Asia, maritime officials said on Monday.

China says about to finish some land reclamation in South China Sea. *By Sui-Lee Wee and David Brunnstrom*. *Reuters* [Online]. 17 June 2015. Available from: [http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/17/us-china-southchinasea-idUSKBN0OW07L20150617](http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/17/us-china-southchinasea-idUSKBN0OW07L20150617) China will soon complete some of its land reclamation on the Spratly islands in the disputed South China Sea, the Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday, indicating that Beijing is close to setting up new outposts in the maritime heart of Southeast Asia.

Release of U.S. Coast Guard Cyber Strategy. By Stephanie Young.  
*United States Coast Guard* [Online]. 16 June 2015. Available from: [http://coastguard.dodlive.mil/2015/06/release-of-u-s](http://coastguard.dodlive.mil/2015/06/release-of-u-s) For more than two centuries, the U.S. Coast Guard has harnessed innovations and leveraged new capabilities to ensure safety, security and stewardship across the maritime domain.

**United States Coast Guard Cyber Strategy.** *United States Coast Guard* [Online]. June 2015. Available from: [http://www.uscg.mil/seniorleadership/DOCS/cyber.pdf](http://www.uscg.mil/seniorleadership/DOCS/cyber.pdf) For more than two centuries, the U.S. Coast Guard has performed increasingly complex missions in the most challenging of marine environments.


**Tanker hijack: 13 pirates involved, five still at large.** By Joseph Koas Jr.  

**MARITIME TRAINING**

**House of the harbour master.** By Michael Grey.  

**Next Generation 2015.** *Lloyd’s List* [Online]. 1 June 2015. Available from: [http://www.lloydslist.com/ll/incoming/article462199.ece](http://www.lloydslist.com/ll/incoming/article462199.ece) The ‘next generation’ of our industry will not be formed by any great technology leap - it will be forged by the success or failure of smart individuals working together to find better, more efficient ways of managing a global logistics chain.


*Mitigating the skills gap in the maritime and offshore oil and gas market*
IMarEST and Hydrographic Society UK support hydrographers by sharing technical knowledge. Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST) [Online]. 18 June 2015. Available from: http://www.imarest.org/policy-news/newsroom-press/item/1587-imarest Hydrographers will benefit from a new partnership between the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST) and The Hydrographic Society UK (THS UK) which sees both organisations sharing technical content and membership benefits, for the professional development of the sector.


MIGRANTS

Migrant boat still being held off Myanmar coast: government. By Hnin Yadana Zaw and Timothy McLaughlin. Reuters [Online]. 1 June 2015. Available from: http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/01/us-asia-migrants-boat-idUSKBN0OH1VH20150601 More than 700 migrants found packed aboard an overcrowded boat in the Andaman Sea were still being held offshore by Myanmar's navy on Monday, more than three days after the converted fishing vessel was intercepted off the country's coast.

Indonesia rescues 65 'after Australian navy towed away' asylum boat. Reuters [Online]. 2 June 2015. Available from: http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/02/us-indonesia-asylum-idUSKBN0OI0AR20150602 Indonesian authorities have rescued 65 asylum-seekers trying to reach Australia after their boat ran aground on a reef, Indonesian police said on Tuesday.


Ghosts of the Mediterranean. By Daniel Gordon. BBC News [Online]. 1 June 2015. Available from: http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-32888039 Since the start of the year, about 75,000 people have crossed the Mediterranean to get to Europe, usually in overcrowded boats that aren't seaworthy.

Myanmar lands 700 migrants, U.S. says Rohingya should be citizens. By Randy Fabi and Aubrey Belford. Reuters [Online]. 3 June 2015. Available from: http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/03/us-asia-migrants-idUSKBN0OJ05020150603 Myanmar brought ashore more than 700 "boat people" it had kept at sea for days aboard a seized vessel, as the United States on Wednesday called on the country to help solve a migrant crisis by recognizing the rights of its Muslim Rohingya minority.

Peak sailing season sees more Mediterranean migrant rescues, deaths. International Organization for Migration (IOM) [Online]. 2 June 2015. Available from: http://www.iom.int/news/peak-sailing-season-sees-more-mediterranean-migrant-rescues-deaths Nearly 5,000 migrants were rescued in the Channel of Sicily over the weekend, as part of the expanded European Union (EU) search and rescue operation in the Mediterranean.

Shipping could help Rohingya refugees. By Michael Mackey. IHS Maritime 360 [Online]. 4 June 2015. Available from: http://www.ihsmaritime360.com/article/18151 Commercial shipping may have a role in helping solve the plight of Rohingya fleeing Myanmar, a leading NGO source has said.
Asia’s boat people: Smuggled or trafficked? By Steve Herman. 
*Human Rights at Sea (HRAS)* [Online]. 3 June 2015. Available from: [https://humanrightsatsea.wordpress.com/2015/06/03/asias-boat](https://humanrightsatsea.wordpress.com/2015/06/03/asias-boat) For years, oppressed Rohingya from Myanmar and impoverished Bangladeshis risked perilous sea journeys on rickety wooden boats in search of a better future.


**HMS Bulwark** 'overloaded' by migrant tide. By Jonathan Beale. *BBC News* [Online]. 8 June 2015. Available from: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-33043691](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-33043691) For *HMS Bulwark* and her crew, 7 June was "the longest day".


**UNHCR** launches U$13 million appeal for South-east Asia boat crisis response. *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)* [Online]. 5 June 2015. Available from: [http://www.unhcr.org/557175819.html](http://www.unhcr.org/557175819.html) The UN refugee agency has launched an appeal for US$13 million to help with the needs of new boat arrivals in South-east Asia, where thousands of refugees and migrants have been risking their lives by crossing the Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea.


**Inside Sicily’s ‘Hotel Sudan’ for Med migrants.** *BBC News* [Online]. 8 June 2015. Available from: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-33055214](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-33055214) More than 1,000 migrants have been rescued by the British naval warship *HMS Bulwark* and are beginning to disembark in the Sicilian port of Catania.


**Italy, Malta, and the UK call for rescue law reform.** By Girija Shettar. *IHS Maritime 360* [Online]. 9 June 2015. Available from: [http://www.ihsmaritime360.com/article/18211](http://www.ihsmaritime360.com/article/18211) In the first session of the Maritime Safety Committee's special session on mixed migration at sea today, a review of rescue regulations to clarify the role of ships in mass rescues at sea was called for by Italy, the UK, Malta, the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) and the Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO), while the US and Norway urged caution.

**Pressure growing on Greek island of Lesvos, as 2015 refugee and migrant crossings of the Mediterranean top 100,000.** *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)* [Online]. 9 June 2015. Available from: [http://www.unhcr.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/search?page=search&docid=5576bd836](http://www.unhcr.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/search?page=search&docid=5576bd836) In Greece, record numbers of refugees are continuing to arrive in rubber dinghies and wooden boats on Lesvos, straining the island’s capacity, services and resources.


**What happens to migrants rescued from the Mediterranean?** *BBC News* [Online]. 11 June 2015. Available from: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-33090575](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-33090575) More than a 1,800 people have drowned in the Mediterranean this year, as migrants in overcrowded boats try to make the journey to mainland Europe.

**Migrants race through Italy to dodge EU asylum rules.** By Steve Scherer. *Reuters* [Online]. 10 June 2015. Available from: [http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/10/us-europe-migrants-asylum-insight-idUSKBN0OQ0EU20150610](http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/10/us-europe-migrants-asylum-insight-idUSKBN0OQ0EU20150610) Last month, Dejen Asefaw was rescued with hundreds of other migrants in the Mediterranean Sea and brought to Sicily.


**Interview with MOAS: We need funding for life-saving drones.** *World Maritime News* [Online]. 8 June 2015. Available from: [http://worldmaritimeneWS.com/archives/163057](http://worldmaritimeneWS.com/archives/163057) The Migrant Offshore Aid Station (MOAS) was born from one family’s need to reach out to people in distress and make a difference. The Migrant Offshore Aid Station (MOAS) was born from one family’s need to reach out to people in distress and make a difference.


Italy’s Renzi warns EU on refugees as neighbours block border crossings.  
By James Mackenzie.  
*Reuters* [Online]. 14 June 2015.  Available from:  
http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/06/14/uk-europe-migrants-italy-idUKKBN0OU0AN20150614  
Italy stepped up calls for a change to European asylum rules on Sunday as neighbouring states tightened border controls, turning back African migrants and leaving hundreds stranded at the frontier in northern Italy.

IOM carries out its first evacuation by boat of migrants stranded in Yemen.  
IOM evacuated 200 Ethiopian migrants by boat from Yemen, to Djibouti.

Mediterranean migrants: Italy warns EU over quota plan.  
*BBC News* [Online]. 16 June 2015.  Available from:  
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world/europe-33144575  
EU ministers have failed to agree on a plan to distribute asylum seekers more equally across all 28 EU states.

Italy threatens to give Schengen visas to migrants as EU ministers meet.  
By Ian Traynor.  
*The Guardian* [Online]. 16 June 2015.  Available from:  
Frustrated at infighting over sharing the migrant burden, Rome says it will issue temporary visas allowing travel beyond Italy if an equitable deal is not reached.

Pope Francis: appeal at Audience for refugees.  
Pope Francis has renewed his call on the international community to take effective action on behalf of refugees.

54 migrants rescued at sea repatriated to Haiti.  
*United States Coast Guard* [Online]. 16 June 2015.  Available from:  
http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2545298  
While on patrol, a Caribbean Air & Marine Branch aircraft reported a suspicious sailing vessel south of St. John, Virgin Islands, Wednesday.

Migrant flow data to aid maritime intelligence.  
By Girija Shettar.  
*IHS Maritime 360* [Online]. 16 June 2015.  Available from:  
http://www.ihsmaritime360.com/article/18289  
Data on migration flows could help commercial shipping predict where rescue situations are likely, IHS Maritime has been told.

Watchkeeper: No progress on the migrant flow.  
*Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO)* [Online]. 17 June 2015.  Available from:  
https://www.bimco.org/sitecore/content/home/news/2015/06/17_watchkeeper_week_25  
There is no argument about the need to prevent loss of life in those fragile and heavily laden craft being pushed out into the Mediterranean by people smugglers.

EU to use Tekever drones to help in Mediterranean migrant crisis.  
By Jessica Chen.  
*Reuters* [Online]. 17 June 2015.  Available from:  
http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/17/us-airshow-france-drones-tekever-idUSKBN0OX23620150617  
The Portuguese navy plans to use drones to help survey the Mediterranean as the European Union steps up efforts to track and rescue thousands of migrants risking often deadly sea crossings from Africa.

UK’s Mediterranean migrant rescue ship will be withdrawn, Osborne confirms.  
By Alan Travis and Rowena Mason.  
*The Guardian* [Online]. 17 June 2015.  Available from:  
Chancellor insists Britain will play full part in search-and-rescue operations despite departure of HMS Bulwark, which has saved 2,900 people.


Hungary defies EU over migrants as crisis mounts. Reuters [Online]. 23 June 2015. Available from: http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/23/us-europe-migrants-italy-idUSKBN0P31T120150623 In a challenge to European leaders before a summit that aims to tackle a refugee crisis, Hungary unilaterally suspended an EU asylum program on Tuesday, saying it was overburdened by illegal migrants.


Ships rescue 3,700 migrants in just two days. EurActiv [Online]. 24 June 2015. Available from: http://www.euractiv.com/sections/justice-home-affairs/ships-rescue-3700-migrants-just-two-days-315686 Ships patrolling the Mediterranean have plucked more than 3,700 migrants from overcrowded and unsafe boats in the last two days, Italy's coastguard said on Tuesday (23 June).


The Mediterranean migrant emergency is not Italy's. It is Europe's. By Prime Minister of Italy Matteo Renzi. The Guardian [Online]. 23 June 2015. Available from: http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/jun/23/mediterranean-migrant-crisis-not-italy-but-europe The search for peace and food that is forcing thousands of women and men, often with their young children in tow, to risk their lives reaching Europe didn't begin today, and it won't end tomorrow.

**EU states at odds on eve of summit on migration crisis.**
*By Alastair MacDonald and Shadia Nasralla. Reuters [Online].* 24 June 2015. Available from: [http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/24/us-europe-migrants-hungary-austria-aidUSKBN0P411O20150624](http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/24/us-europe-migrants-hungary-austria-aidUSKBN0P411O20150624) Austria threatened to reimpose controls on its Hungarian border and Britain considered adding security around the French port of Calais on Wednesday as divided EU leaders prepared to debate how to stem a flood of desperate migrants.

**IOM responds as Greece rivals Italy as point of entry to EU for sea-borne migrants.**

**In tense talks, EU leaders agree on plan to confront migrant crisis.**

**EU leaders agree to relocate 40,000 migrants.** *BBC News [Online].* 26 June 2015. Available from: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-33276443](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-33276443) EU leaders holding late-night talks in Brussels have agreed to relocate tens of thousands of migrants who have arrived in Italy and Greece.

**U.N. urges EU states to make 'concrete commitments' on refugees.**
*By Stephanie Nebehay. Reuters [Online].* 26 June 2015. Available from: [http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/26/us-europe-migrants-un-idUSKBN0P60ZO20150626](http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/26/us-europe-migrants-un-idUSKBN0P60ZO20150626) The United Nations refugee agency said on Friday that the European Union's decisions on the migrant crisis would need to be followed by "concrete commitments" from member states to ease the pressure on Italy and Greece.

**NAVIGATION COMMUNICATIONS**

**NOAA deploys survey ships for Arctic charting projects.**
PIRACY

Shift to training regional forces as Somali piracy decreases. *Hellenic Shipping News* [Online]. 1 June 2015. Available from: http://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/shift-to-training-regional-forces-as-somali-piracy-decreases/ The three task forces of NATO Allied Maritime Command (MARCOM), together with allied forces, are helping Somali and neighbouring countries patrol their own waters as piracy incidents decrease following naval patrols and the adoption of best management practices.

African leaders to discuss continental maritime anti-piracy strategy. By Melissa Shaw. *Sustainable Shipping* [Online]. 3 June 2015. Available from: http://www.sustainableshipping.com/n136829 African leaders say they will discuss the creation of a continental charter against maritime piracy at a meeting later this year.


Piracy fears trigger illness and hurt recruitment. By Girija Shettar. *IHS Maritime 360* [Online]. 11 June 2015. Available from: http://www.ihsmaritime360.com/article/18236 Seafarers are suffering health problems and turning down work because of fears of piracy and armed robbery, even if they have not experienced violence first-hand, a study has found.


Three ships hit by pirates in three hours. By Sam Chambers. *Splash 24/7* [Online]. 17 June 2015. Available from: http://splash247.com/three-ships-hit Three ships have been attacked by pirates in the same area in the space of just three hours today, local piracy watchdog ReCAAP has just reported.


Asia piracy and sea robbery differences not recognised, says Singapore Shipping Association. By Crystal Chan. *IHS Maritime 360* [Online]. 23 June 2015. Available from: [http://www.ihsmaritime360.com/article/18358](http://www.ihsmaritime360.com/article/18358) The Singapore Shipping Association (SSA) has emphasised that there is a difference between piracy and sea robbery and the media should know this as sovereign states respond differently to each incident type.


**PORT STATE CONTROL**


Ports were alerted to the risks from a coming surge in automation at the 29th IAPH World Ports Conference, held in Hamburg on 1-5 June.


A.P. Moeller-Maersk A/S, owner of the world’s largest shipping container line, is seeking to win contracts to build and upgrade ports in Nigeria and Kenya as the Danish company expands its African operations.


Thousands of Nicaraguans have held a protest against the planned construction of a canal linking the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.


Egypt's New Suez Canal will open on Aug. 6, its overseer said on Saturday, a project President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi sees as a potent symbol of national pride and a major chance to stimulate an economy suffering double-digit unemployment.


The Port of Los Angeles has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Ports of Auckland, New Zealand, and Guangzhou, China, at a Tripartite Ports Summit sponsored by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and the City of Los Angeles.


The Norwegian port of Bergen inaugurated its first shore power system on 17 June, connecting the DOF Group offshore vessel *Skandi Vega* to the country’s national grid.


Japan is beating out China in a race to build Bangladesh's first deep-sea port as the region’s powers jostle for a foothold in the Indian Ocean.


A group of international scientists have released their findings about a proposed trans-isthmus shipping canal in Nicaragua, raising concerns about environmental impact and lack of information.


The Swedish port of Gothenburg, the Nordic region’s largest port, is to create a new 1 million m² logistics park with industry partners.

Appointing a port of refuge for salvage operations carries a series of challenges, reports IHS Maritime’s Titus Zheng.

**REGULATIONS**


**SEAFARERS**


Careering around the oceans. By Michael Grey. *Lloyd's List* [Online]. 8 June 2015. Available from: [http://www.lloydslist.com/ll/sector/ship-operations/article462709.ece](http://www.lloydslist.com/ll/sector/ship-operations/article462709.ece) The International Maritime Organization’s Day of the Seafarer is coming around again on June 25, a day when we should raise a glass (preferably of something that won't register on a breathalyser, as so many ships are dry these days) to the one and three-quarters of a million doughty folk who keep us from starving and freezing.


Heroes Bahri and Serang dedicate awards to seafaring community. *TradeWinds* [Online]. 19 June 2015. Available from: http://www.tradewindsnews.com/weekly/362399/heroes-bahri-and-serang-dedicate-awards-to-seafaring-community Two powerful personalities who have shown significant support for seafarers have been greeted as worthy winners of awards in memory of Dr Dierk Lindemann, who died just over a year ago.


Shipping's necessary heroes. By Michael Grey. Lloyd's List [Online]. 22 June 2015. Available from: http://www.lloydslist.com/ll/sector/ship-operations/article463144.ece? There are still ship operators who treat their crews like a commodity, but the ISWAN awards show us that there is something better going on in this industry.

June 25 to honor country's seafarers. Philippine Information Agency [Online]. 23 June 2015. Available from: http://news.pia.gov.ph/article/view/1231435046509 In recognition for their economic impact to the country's remittances and economy, the Filipino seafarers will be honoured on June 25, the day dedicated by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) as the day of the Seafarer.

Newport stranded ship's crew to return home after three months. BBC News [Online]. 23 June 2015. Available from: http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-south-east-wales-32920950 The crew of an Italian cargo ship stranded at Newport docks for more than three months can now return home.


University to look at why so few women work at sea. By Andrew Ross. Southern Daily Echo (UK) [Online]. 23 June 2015. Available from: http://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/13348119.University_to_look That's the question researchers at Southampton Solent University will be asking after receiving £70,000 funding to find out why there are not more women following a career at sea.

Shortage of ship officer crew receding. Drewry Shipping Consultants [Online]. 23 June 2015. Available from: http://www.drewry.co.uk/news.php?id=375 Shipping will require an additional 42,500 officers by the end of 2019 to cope with the expected growth in the main cargo carrying fleet, equivalent to 7% growth over the five year period.


**SEARCH AND RESCUE**

Maritime search & rescue nations should help beyond their own shores.  
Maritime search and rescue services should be less localised in their approach to saving lives at sea and look beyond their own shores in an effort to prevent drowning, according to search and rescue charity MOAS, the Migrant Offshore Aid Station.

SAR services overwhelmed & under resourced in developing nations, says new report on ferry disasters.  
Search and rescue (SAR) authorities and organisations in developing nations are under resourced and overwhelmed because of the size of the rivers, lakes and coastlines they have to monitor.

**SHIPBUILDING AND SHIPREPAIR**

DNV GL sees hybrid propulsion and connectivity as emerging trends. By Nikos Späth.  
With 2020 in sight, DNV GL looked at the lessons to be learned from the update to the classification society's "Shipping 2020" report which was published in 2012.

Trinidad Dry Dock: Caribbean repair facility nearly ready to be built.  
A Caribbean ship repair business looks to be finally getting off the ground, in no small part aided by the imminent opening of the expanded Panama Canal.

The impact of mega-ships.  
In this eight-part report, Lloyd's List looks at whether an owner should order a newbuilding or retrofit a secondhand vessel to stay head of the competition.  
*Full report* [link](http://www.internationaltransportforum.org/pub/pdf/15CSPA_Mega-Ships.pdf)

Maximising efficiency - or how to pimp a ship. By Craig Eason.  
In this eight-part report, Lloyd's List looks at whether an owner should order a newbuilding or retrofit a secondhand vessel to stay head of the competition.  
*Full report* [link](http://www.lloydslist.com/l/l/sector/ship-operations/article462154.ece)

Yard Talk | Market rules to force further consolidation in China. By Max Tingyao Lin.  
Overcapacity could ease in the world's largest shipbuilding nation.

Carnival Corporation finalizes contract with Meyer Werft to build four next-generation cruise ships.  
The vessels will feature a revolutionary "green cruising" design as the first-ever cruise ships powered at sea by Liquefied Natural Gas, the world’s cleanest burning fossil fuel.
Norway is showing the world that tomorrow's shipping industry will be eco-friendly.

WWF study supports need to phase out use of heavy fuel oil for Arctic shipping. WWF [Online]. 1 June 2015. Available from: http://www.wwf.ca/newsroom/?17681 A study commissioned by WWF-Canada on marine fuel alternatives for use in the Canadian Arctic has found that the risks of using heavy fuel oil for shipping operations could be greatly reduced by switching to liquefied natural gas.


Fuel and environmental debate shifts at Nor-Shipping 2015. By Girija Shettar. IHS Maritime 360 [Online]. 3 June 2015. Available from: http://www.ihsmaritime360.com/article/18130 During discussions of alternative fuels at Nor-Shipping 2015, LNG was highlighted as a breakthrough success story, but some speakers called for the focus to be extended to other potentials.


BIMCO takes ownership of unique shipping KPI system. Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO) [Online]. 2 June 2015. Available from: https://www.bimco.org/sitecore/content/home/news/2015/06/02_shipping_kpi_system BIMCO has today announced that it has taken ownership of the unique Shipping KPI System that allows shipowners and managers to compare their ships' efficiency against the performance of the industry and sector averages.

New BIMCO President Philippe Louis-Dreyfus set to focus on commercial realities for shipping. Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO) [Online]. 2 June 2015. Available from: https://www.bimco.org/sitecore/content/home/news/2015/06/02_new_bimco_president_philippe_louis-dreyfus BIMCO today announced that Philippe Louis-Dreyfus, of Louis Dreyfus Armateurs, will be its new president for the next two years.


Maritime issues need a holistic approach. Government of Malta [Online]. 5 June 2015. Available from: http://www.gov.mt/en/Government/Press%20Releases/Pages/2015/June/05/pr151305.aspx. During his intervention at the Ministerial Meeting of the Blue Week 2015, which is being held in Lisbon, Portugal, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Joe Mizzi said that maritime issues cannot be conducted in a secular manner, but rather need a holistic approach.


InterManager places minimum manning and the paperless ship high on its list of priorities. *InterManager* [Online]. 10 June 2015. Available from: [http://www.intermanager.org/2015/06/dischatches-no-248/](http://www.intermanager.org/2015/06/dischatches-no-248/) Following its meeting in Oslo, Norway during the international NorShipping event, InterManager, the international trade association for in-house and third party ship managers, has set its sights on examining two key areas which could have significant benefits for the shipping industry.


First vessel in Shell's Arctic drilling fleet heads for Alaska. *By Victoria Cavaliere*. *Reuters* [Online]. 11 June 2015. Available from: [http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/06/11/usa-shell-arctic-idUKL1N0YX2N020150611](http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/06/11/usa-shell-arctic-idUKL1N0YX2N020150611) The first vessel in Royal Dutch Shell's Arctic drilling fleet has embarked from Washington state to Alaska ahead of its planned resumption of oil and gas exploration in the remote region this summer, the company said on Thursday.

One regime for global shipping? Holman Fenwick Willan (HFW) / Lexology [Online]. 3 June 2015. Available from: http://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?q=7952a431-0630-4b6f-af90-0f01468fb983 The International Maritime Organization (IMO) was established to be the international body which creates a level playing field for shipping, from safety to environmental standards, by introducing a global regulatory framework.


Macro economics: Shipping is faced with a positive, yet complex and changing macroeconomic landscape. Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO) [Online]. 15 June 2015. Available from: https://www.bimco.org/sitecore/content/home/reports/market_analysis/2015/0615_macrosmoo2015-3 The global macroeconomic scene has become more volatile, with prominent factors such as oil prices and global currencies causing a commotion.


Scotland reports drop in GHG emissions from shipping. By Unni Einemo. Sustainable Shipping [Online]. 18 June 2015. Available from: http://www.sustainableshipping.com/news/Scotland-reports-drop-in-GHG-emissions-from-shipping-137084 Official greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions statistics from Scotland suggest the contribution from international shipping has been declining, while the share from international aviation has increased.


USTDA supports study on LNG terminal with the Panama Canal Authority. *US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA)* [Online]. 26 June 2015. Available from: [http://goo.gl/MW8wNx](http://goo.gl/MW8wNx) Today, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency awarded a grant to the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) to support the planning of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal.

Greece’s creditors propose targeting shipping sector – documents. By Matthias Sobolewski and Jonathan Saul. *Reuters* [Online]. 26 June 2015. Available from: [http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/06/26/uk-eurozone-greece-shipping-idUKKBN0P61UT20150626](http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/06/26/uk-eurozone-greece-shipping-idUKKBN0P61UT20150626) Under the latest proposals made by Greece's creditors, the country's shipping companies face paying a higher tonnage tax and a phasing-out of special tax allowances which they have enjoyed, according to documents seen by Reuters.
**RESEARCH**


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