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IMO NEWS & EVENTS

WHAT’S NEW

IMO 70: Our Heritage – Better Shipping for a Better Future

This short video looks back into the rich history of the Organization and its past achievements, but also looks at the current future challenges for the years to come to ensure global effective implementation of IMO standards.  See More


“Empowering Women in the Maritime Community” has been selected as the World Maritime Day theme for 2019. This will provide an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of gender equality, in line with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and to highlight the important contribution of women all over the world to the maritime sector.  Full Story

IMO MEETINGS FOR 2018

Sub-Committee on Human element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW), 5th session
16 – 20 July 2018

IMO Council, 120th session 2 - 5 July 2018

LATEST PRESS BRIEFINGS

Rescue diver from China who saved three from sunken cargo ship to be recognized with IMO bravery accolade
Briefing: 14, July 9, 2018

International Maritime Prize for 2017 to go to Mrs. Birgit Sølling Olsen
Briefing: 12, July 6, 2018

RECENT SPEECHES BY IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL KITACK LIM

Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW), 5th session
16 - 20 July 2018 (Opening Address)

Maritime Day of China Forum  Global Green Maritime Forum
China, 11 July 2018

Opening ceremony of 2019 class of WMU-DMU
Dalian University, China, 10 July 2018

IMO Council, 120th session, 2 - 5 July 2018 (Closing Remarks)

IMO NEWS MAGAZINE  (Spring 2018)

IMO PUBLISHING  Just Published 2018  July 2018 Newsletter
UNITED NATIONS

Veteran public official from Portugal elected to lead UN migration agency. UN News. 29 June 2018. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2018/06/1013532 António Manuel de Carvalho Ferreira Vitorino of Portugal was elected today by the member States of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to serve as the agency's Director General, beginning on 1 October 2018.


'Laser-sharp focus' needed to achieve Global Goals by 2030, UN political forum told. UN News. 9 July 2018. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2018/07/1014232 "We have only 12 more years to fully realize this transformative agenda, but these goals are absolutely within our reach," said Liu Zhenmin, UN Under-Secretary-General of Economic and Social Affairs, in his opening remarks.


Consuming and producing sustainably, a 'cornerstone' for reaching 2030 Global Goals, UN Forum stresses. UN News. 12 July 2018. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2018/07/1014561 That was one focus on the fourth day of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), currently taking place at UN Headquarters in New York, when delegates debated the best way to make SDG 12 a reality, highlighting what countries consume and produce.


'Historic moment' for people on the move, as UN agrees first-ever Global Compact on migration. UN News. 13 July 2018. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2018/07/1014632 After more than a year of discussions and consultations among Member States, local officials, civil society and migrants themselves, the text of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration was finalized on Friday.

Speaking at the opening of the major ministerial meeting of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) as well as the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council, ECOSOC President, Marie Chatardová, cited progress that, at first glimpse, looked positive.


"Nelson Mandela was a towering global advocate for justice and equality”, said UN Secretary-General António Guterres in his video message for Nelson Mandela International Day, annually observed on 18 July, which was inaugurated by UN General Assembly in November 2009, in recognition of his global contribution to the culture of peace and freedom.


The UN chief stated that the Forum has been a time to recommit to the 2030 Agenda, assess where we are and what needs to be done ahead.

**CASUALTIES**


Kolkata: The MV SSL Kolkata, marooned nearly 18 km off the Sunderbans and close to the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) with Bangladesh, now poses a new problem for mariners.


Indonesia said on Monday (02/07) it was calling off a two-week operation to retrieve the bodies of nearly 200 passengers thought to have drowned in one of the world's deepest volcanic lakes.


With water now gushing into the holds of MV SSL Kolkata, experts have given up all hope of salvaging the ship.


The captain of a sinking Indonesian ferry managed to steer his ship onto a reef to enable the evacuation of more than 100 passengers, but 31 people drowned as the vessel floundered in stormy seas, officials said on Wednesday.


The MV SSL Kolkata has listed further starboard (right) and a distinct inward bulge can now be noticed on the ship's left, raising apprehensions that it may break into two in the days to come.


In the message, Phuket governor Norapat Plodthong made a conclusion out of reports from authorities involving in the search and rescue operations that one person was killed, 11 injured (2 seriously), and 58 missing.
Death toll rises in search for shipwrecked Phuket tourists. By Achadtaya Chuenniran. 
One man drowned and dozens of Chinese tourists are missing after high waves capsized a boat returning from Koh Racha, officials said Thursday night.

Search for missing boat passengers continues in Phuket. 
Relevant authorities have confirmed that 41 fatalities resulted from a boat capsizing off the resort island of Phuket last week, while suspecting that only six remain missing.

A massive fire laid waste to dozens of boats at a Bali port on Monday as firefighters battled to bring the dramatic blaze under control.

On the face of it, the statistics are appalling: over a 50-year period, from 1966 to 2015, there were 750 fatal ferry accidents recorded, with 59,600 deaths, more than 1,000 deaths every year.

At about 0610 local time on February 11, 2017, while transiting from Dutch Harbor to St. Paul Island, Alaska, to deliver bait and to fish for crab, the fishing vessel Destination capsized 2.6 miles northwest of St. George Island, Alaska, and sank several minutes later.

The National Transportation Safety Board has issued a marine accident brief and a related safety alert warning mariners of the dangers of icing following the agency's investigation of the sinking of the fishing vessel Destination in the Bering Sea last February with the loss of all six crew members.

At 00551 on 12 July 2017, the Maltese registered container ship Kea Trader ran aground and stranded in position 22° 02.28' S 168° 38.25' E (Recif Durand) in the Pacific Ocean.

The search is on for 10 seafarers missing after their vessel sank following a collision off Shanghai.

A fire on board a container vessel off Singapore’s Marina Barrage was on 16 July after five hours of firefighting operations.


Cargo ship still aground off Caithness. BBC News. 18 July 2018. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-44871078 The 89m (292ft) Priscilla, which has six crew, got into difficulty at about 03:30 on Wednesday.


Missouri duck boat capsizes killing at least 13 people. BBC News. 20 July 2018. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-44895391 The vessel was carrying about 30 people on Table Rock Lake, a popular tourist attraction near the town of Branson, according to local media reports.


Further damage found on grounded K Line car carrier. By Jason Jiang. Splash 247.com. 26 July 2018. Available from: https://splash247.com/further-damage-found-on-grounded-k-line-car-carrier/ The Swedish Coast Guard has found more damage on the grounded K Line car carrier Makassar Highway following an inspection of the ship, increasing the complexity of salvaging the ship.


ENVIRONMENT

Deepwater Horizon disaster altered building blocks of ocean life. By Oliver Milman. The Guardian. 28 June 2018. Available from: https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/jun/28/bp-deepwater-horizon-oil-spill-report The 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill disaster may have had a lasting impact upon even the smallest organisms in the Gulf of Mexico, scientists have found - amid warnings that the oceans around America are also under fresh assault as a result of environmental policies under Donald Trump.


Climate change is driving debt for developing countries. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). 3 July 2018. Available from: https://unfccc.int/news/climate-change-is-driving-debt-for-developing-countries Increased risk from vulnerability to climate change is increasing the cost of capital and is projected to cause an additional USD 168 billion of debt payments over the next ten years among the most climate change vulnerable countries, according to new research commissioned by the UN.


The ocean generates $2.5 trillion of economic benefits around the world each year.

The joint statement, adopted at a summit in Beijing, committed the world's largest and third largest carbon polluters to driving progress in UN climate talks.

Following EU proposals, SIOFA for the first time designated five areas as interim protected areas.

The salience of the Maritime domain for both India and ASEAN is a geo-economic reality since ancient times and never so important as today.

HELCOM shared its insights on both marine litter and the management of sea areas in the Baltic Sea region during a UN conference held in Montreal, Canada earlier this July – the 22nd meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SBSTTA-22).

The Sustainable Blue Economy Conference is the first global conference on the blue economy in Africa.


A marine ecosystem valuation conducted by the World Wide Fund (WWF) estimates the overall value of key ocean assets at US $24 trillion, propelling the oceans to seventh place among global economies on the basis of gross marine product.

New research led by Cardiff University has shown that under a "business-as-usual" scenario of carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions, ocean acidification is likely to hit unprecedented levels.


ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION


Learning from the past and looking to the future. By Helen Kelly. Lloyd’s List. 11 July 2018. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1123373/Learning-from-the-past-and-looking-to-the-future Flag states must file serious accident and investigation reports with the International Maritime Organization more quickly to avoid repeating tragedy, says technical body that helps deal with the clean-up of pollution at sea.

The maritime industry deals with invasive aquatic species. BC Shipping News. 16 July 2018. Available from: http://bcskeepingnews.com/magazine/feature-articles-vessels/maritime-industry-deals-invasive-aquatic-species Invasive aquatic species (IAS) — via "biofouling" — is one problem that has now been identified by the International Maritime Organization as a significant environmental threat.

Over 30 tonnes of plastic rolls on to regional beach. Cayman News Service (Cayman Islands). 23 July 2018. Available from: https://caymannewsservice.com/2018/07/plastic-dominican-republic-beaches/ Local workers, volunteers and activists collected 30 tonnes of plastic waste in just three days from beaches in the Dominican Republic last week, following stormy weather in the area that washed the plastic through the Caribbean Sea onto the shore.
HEALTH & SAFETY

The human element - the effects of fatigue on ship safety. By Andrew Russ. Safety4Sea. 3 July 2018. Available from: https://safety4sea.com/the-human-element-the-effects-of-fatigue-on-ship-safety/ Investigations into human element incidents, such as the UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) investigation in 2004 (using data from 1989 to 1999), identified fatigue to be the major contributing factor in 82% of the 66 recorded groundings and collisions occurring between 0000 and 0600 hours.


Ship emissions more toxic than 30 Marsa power stations, scientist warns. By Ivan Martin. Times of Malta. 15 July 2018. Available from: https://www.timesofmalta.com/articles/view/20180715/local/ship-emissions-far-worse-than-from-old-power-stations684379 The huge ships sailing or bunkering just off Malta generate more toxic emissions than the equivalent of 30 Marsa power stations - and winds regularly blow the fumes all over the island, a senior scientist has warned.

No smoking rules vital for life onboard. Safety4Sea. 17 July 2018. Available from: https://safety4sea.com/cm-no-smoking-rules-vital-for-life-onboard/ Smoking causes damage to nearly every organ in the body and is directly responsible for a number of diseases; nonetheless the majority of the smokers find it difficult to quit.


IMO


New report shows poor policies at UN shipping agency put climate goals at risk. Transparency International. 2 July 2018. Available from: https://www.transparency.org/news/pressrelease/un_shipping_agency_climate_goals_at_risk In advance of today's council meeting of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Transparency International is releasing a new report that highlights several transparency and accountability flaws that could hinder the IMO's ability to deliver on its own climate goals in reducing carbon emissions. Governance at the International Maritime Organisation: The case for reform
Transparency International highlights transparency and accountability flaws at IMO.
In advance of today's council meeting of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Transparency International is releasing another report that claims there are several transparency and accountability flaws that could hinder the IMO's ability to deliver on its own climate goals in reducing carbon emissions.

A short wish list for the IMO. By Andrew Craig-Bennett. *Splash 247.com.* 2 July 2018. Available from: https://splash247.com/short-wish-list-imo/ Some recent sessions at the IMO have been quite exciting, attracting attention from the 'mainstream' (non-shipping) media and from Transparency International.


UN shipping body mulls curbs on industry influence, citing climate concerns.


IMO to discuss transparency and lobbying power. By Niklas Krigslund. *ShippingWatch.* 5 July 2018. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/secure/carriers/article10735184.ece There could be changes underway at the International Maritime Organization, which regulates global shipping on behalf of the UN member states.

After 70 years, is it time to carve up the IMO cake differently? By Terry Macalister. *TradeWinds.* 5 July 2018. Available from: http://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/1526167/after-70-years-is-it-time-to-carve-up-the-imo-cake-differently The IMO has been forced to discuss its own internal affairs and structures this week.

NIMASA, IMO technical cooperation critical to Nigeria's economic growth.
*Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA).* 5 July 2018. Available from: http://www.nimasa.gov.ng/press-center/post/nimasa-imo-technical-cooperation-critical-to-nigerias-economic-growth The Director General of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) Dr. Dakuku Peterside has stated that Nigeria will continue to seek continued technical cooperation and support from the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in order to build up sustainable capacity to be a globally competitive maritime nation contributing to economic development.
Denmark open to IMO reforms. By Niklas Krigslund. ShippingWatch. 10 July 2018. Available from:https://shippingwatch.com/secure/carriers/article10744831.ece Denmark welcomes a proposal to increase transparency and scrutinize the shipping lobby's power at the International Maritime Organization, IMO.


ICS encouraged by IMO progress on 2020 global sulphur cap implementation issues. International Chamber of Shipping (ICS). 17 July 2018. Available from: http://www.ics-shipping.org/news/press-releases/2018/07/17/ics-encouraged-byimo-progress-on-2020-global-sulphur-cap-implementation-issues In a statement today, the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) says it is encouraged by efforts made by IMO Member States to resolve some pressing practical challenges ahead of the global implementation of the 0.5% sulphur in fuel cap on 1 January 2020.


**LAW & POLICY**

California incentivises ships that slow down. Gard. 28 June 2018. Available from: http://www.gard.no/web/updates/content/25769260/california-incentivises-ships-that-slow-down In an effort to protect whales and cut ship emissions, California continues its Protecting Blue Whales and Blue Skies Program and establishes voluntary vessel speed reduction zones in the Santa Barbara Channel region and San Francisco Bay area between 1 July 2018 and 15 November 2018.

Groups search for solutions to disturbing run of whale deaths.  By Joe Rosato Jr.  

Philippines stops human smuggling on cruise ship in Bataan.  _World Maritime News_. 
3 July 2018.  Available from: https://worldmaritimeneews.com/archives/256119  The Philippine Coast Guard and the National Bureau of Investigation rescued the persons after apprehending the 5,746 gross ton passenger ship _M/V Forever Lucky_.

Progress for protection when chemical spills from ships cause damage.  

SA sets up body to manage marine pollution.  _South African Government News Agency_.  

Frustration as single right whale prompts fishing ban at Canadian island.  By Greg Mercer. 
_The Guardian_. 6 July 2018.  Available from: https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/jul/06/canada-grand-manan-ban-fishing-endangered-whale  In 30 years of fishing for lobster in the Bay of Fundy between the Canadian provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Laurence Cook has been forced off the water by high winds, winter storms and icy conditions.


First fishing vessel detained under ILO Fishing Convention.  _International Labour Organization_.  

Did Malta break the law by blocking NGO vessels from entering or leaving ports?  

Pacific experts press for sustainable deep-sea mining management mechanisms.  
_Pacific Islands News Association (PINA)_. 9 July 2018.  Available from: http://www.pina.com.fj/?p=pacnews&m=read&o=10814337705b43e287aca162605395  Pacific Island Countries and Territories have committed to long-term sustainable management of Deep-Sea Minerals (DSM) and ocean governance through the refinement of a draft regional agreement in Fiji.
NIMASA, CBN to provide special funds for maritime sector. By Aniekan Aniekan. The Oracle (Nigeria). 10 July 2018. Available from: https://oraclenews.ng/nimasa-cbn-to-provide-special-funds-for-maritime-sector/ Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) and the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) are collaborating on modalities to provide special funds to help unlock the nation's maritime sector.


90% of fish stocks are used up - fisheries subsidies must stop. By Mukhisa Kituyi. World Economic Forum. 13 July 2018. Available from: https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2018/07/fish-stocks-are-used-up-fisheries-subsidies-must-stop The list of ocean's troubles is long, but there is one item that demands immediate attention: harmful fisheries subsidies.
Insight: is there a compelling case to turn the Mediterranean Sea into a sulphur ECA? By Craig Eason.  tathom.world. 15 July 2018. Available from:  https://tathom.world/a-compelling-case-to-turn-the-mediterranean-sea-into-a-sulphur-eca/  Can and should the Mediterranean Sea, or part of it, become an emission control area for shipping?


A high-stakes week for deep-sea mining. By Todd Woody. Oceans Deeply. 16 July 2018. Available from:  https://www.newsdeeply.com/oceans/articles/2018/07/16/a-high-stakes-week-for-deep-sea-mining  As the International Seabed Authority (ISA) meets this week at its oceanside headquarters to draft regulations governing the mining of unique deep-ocean habitats for valuable minerals, delegates to the United Nations-chartered organization face a seemingly impossible task: writing rules to protect from mining rare marine ecosystems of which little is known.


The role of Asean's ports in China's Belt and Road. By Suwatchai Songwanich. Straits Times. 17 July 2018. Available from:  https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/sea-asia/the-role-of-aseans-ports-in-chinas-belt-and-road-the-nation-columnist  On the Bay of Bengal in Myanmar, Chinese state-owned firms have been given the green light to construct a US$7.3 billion ($9.93 billion) deep-water port and a US$2.7 billion industrial area in a special economic zone which would be 70 per cent owned by China and 30 per cent owned by Myanmar.


Italian PM calls for EU body to coordinate migrant arrivals. By Crispian Balmer. Reuters. 19 July 2018. Available from:  https://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-italy/italian-pm-calls-for-eu-body-to-coordinate-migrant-arrivals-idUSKBN1K91Z2  Italy has asked the European Commission to set up an agency to oversee the distribution of migrants rescued in the Mediterranean, Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte said on Thursday.


UAE's crackdown on substandard shipping targets 25 flags. By Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 23 July 2018. Available from: https://splash247.com/uae-crackdown-on-substandard-shipping-targets-25-flags/ The country's Federal Transport Authority issued a circular yesterday demanding that as of January 1 next year ships flying 25 different flags that are due to call in UAE waters must be classed by a member of the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) or Tasneef, the UAE's own class society.

NGO files manslaugher complaint against bulker's master. Maritime Executive. 23 July 2018. Available from: https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/ngo-files-manslaugher-complaint-against-bulker-s-master Maritime rescue NGO Proactiva Open Arms has filed a formal criminal complaint against the master of a cargo vessel that allegedly failed to assist three migrants in distress off Libya last week, illustrating the dual liabilities of maritime rescue operations for merchant shipping in the central Mediterranean.


Vyacheslav Ruksha will lead the newly established Northern Sea Route Directorate.


Partnership is key to effective utilization of Africa's maritime resources - NIMASA DG, stakeholders.  By Isichei Osamgba.  Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency. 26 July 2018.  Available from: http://www.nimasa.gov.ng/press-center/post/partnership-is-key-to-effective-utilization-of-africas-maritime-resources-nimasa-dg-stakeholders-sets-up-committee-on-sustainable-blue-economy-in-nigeria  The Director General of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) Dr. Dakuku Peterside has stated that partnership is a crucial element to the effective utilization of Africa's maritime resources, just as a committee of Stakeholders has been set up to map out strategies to develop the Nigeria's Blue Economy.

S. Korea elected as member of International Seabed Authority.  Yonhap News Agency (South Korea). 27 July 2018.  Available from: https://bit.ly/2LwDL5v South Korea was elected as a member of the International Seabed Authority (ISA) for the fourth term in a row, giving it a say in the intergovernmental body's decision making process, Seoul's oceans ministry said Friday.

MARINE TECHNOLOGY

Viewpoint: Alarming incidents.  By Michael Grey.  Lloyd's List. 5 July 2018.  Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1123216/Viewpoint-Alarming-incidents  The need for resilience is emphasised in every walk of life these days, from the criticism of the snowflake generation's inability to cope with the vicissitudes of modern life, to technology which falls apart at the first hard knock.


DNV GL releases new online reporting tool to speed up and simplify IMO DCS reporting.

**Scrubber orders full ahead.** *Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems Association (EGCSA).* 19 July 2018. Available from: [http://www.egcsa.com/scraper-orders-full-ahead/](http://www.egcsa.com/scraper-orders-full-ahead/) A survey of EGCSA members has revealed that scrubber uptake is rapidly accelerating with the number of ships with exhaust gas cleaning systems installed or on order standing at 983 as of 31 May 2018. [Infographic](#)


**MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING**


MARITIME SAFETY


Pacific maritime experts look to better protect regions coastal and reef environments through safer maritime routes. Pacific Community (SPC). 3 July 2018. Available from: http://www.spc.int/blog/pacific-maritime-experts-look-to-better-protect-regions-coastal-and-reef-environments-through-safer-maritime-routes/ In the face of rising maritime accidents in the Pacific region, maritime experts from 12 Pacific Islands Countries gathered this week to discuss and receive training focused on creating a safer environment for ships operating coastal island waters.

Explosions on SSL Kolkata bring cargo misdeclaration back into focus. By Nick Savvides . Fairplay. 3 July 2018. Available from: https://fairplay.ihs.com/safety-regulation/article/4303776/explosions-on-ssl-kolkata-bring-cargo-misdeclaration-back-into-focus Misdeclared cargo on board SSL Kolkata is thought to be the cause of the explosions and subsequent fire on board the vessel, which is still burning some two weeks after the initial blast ripped through the ship's cargo hold.

Crew concerns saved lives when rescue boat unintentionally released during drill. gCaptain. 3 July 2018. Available from: http://gcaptain.com/crews-concerns-saved-lives-when-rescue-boat-unintentionally-released-during-drilling/ Crew members’ concern over the safety of rescue boats being lowered from heights prevented an accidental release of a boat during a training exercise from turning fatal, the Danish Maritime Investigation Branch said in a report on the incident.


Government focus on working fishermen’s safety welcomed by Seafarers UK. Seafarers UK. 6 July 2018. Available from: https://www.seafarers.uk/news/government-focus-on-working-fishermens-safety-welcomed-by-seafarers-uk/ DEFRA's White Paper 'Sustainable fisheries for future generations' - presented to Parliament earlier this week - includes a number of references to safety, a vital topic that was highlighted in Seafarers UK's recently published 'Fishing for a Future' research report.


Fast-changing Arctic and North Atlantic conditions bring route risks. Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty. 18 July 2018. Available from: https://www.agcs.allianz.com/insights/expert-risk-articles/fast-changing-arctic-and-north-atlantic-conditions-bring-route-risks/ There was another milestone for Arctic shipping in early 2018 when a specially-designed LNG tanker became the first commercial ship to travel the Northern Sea Route in winter and without the assistance of an ice breaker.


Allianz: 94 large ships lost in 2017, Friday most dangerous day at sea. World Maritime News. 18 July 2018. Available from: https://worldmaritimenumews.com/archives/257227 The report indicates that large shipping losses have declined by more than a third (38%) over the past decade and that the downward trend continued into 2017, marking the second lowest losses in 10 years after 2014.


Lifeboats embrace the Polar Code and electric power. By Craig Jallal. Tanker Shipping & Trade. 24 July 2018. Available from: http://www.tankershipping.com/news/view,lifeboats-embrace-the-polar-code-and-electric-power_53631.htm As the tanker industry expands into new routes, some passages will inevitably fall under the heading of 'polar voyages'.

**MARITIME SECURITY**


ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre and World Maritime University strengthen cooperation in fight against piracy and sea robbery. World Maritime University (WMU). 2 July 2018. Available from: https://www.wmu.se/news/recaap-information-sharing-centre-and-world-maritime-university-strengthen-cooperation-fight ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ISC) and World Maritime University (WMU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 2 July to strengthen the cooperation between the two organisations in the shared interest in increasing the knowledge of the evolving situation of piracy and sea robbery in Asia.

Training is essential to prevent cyber attacks on operational technology. By Martyn Wingrove. Marine Electronics & Communications. 3 July 2018. Available from: http://www.marinemec.com/news/view,training-is-essential-to-prevent-cyber-attacks-on-operational-technology_53383.htm If crew are trained to be wary of cyber threats and taught not to use their own mobile devices on ship bridges, this would go some way to protect vital navigational systems.


Merchant ship's armed guards fight off Red Sea attackers. By Anastassios Adamopoulos. Lloyd's List. 5 July 2018. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1123314 A merchant vessel thwarted an attack by armed assailants on three skiffs, off Yemen's Hanish Islands on Wednesday, the International Maritime Bureau reported.

Shipping sector must move on from default cyber settings. By Jon Guy. Fairplay. 9 July 2018. Available from: https://fairplay.ihs.com/insurance/article/4303926/shipping-sector-must-move-on-from-default-cyber-settings Shipowners and shipping firms have been urged to take the threat of cyber attacks seriously after an ethical hacking firm highlighted how easy it is to access onboard networks.


UN says anti-piracy fund has boosted maritime security in Somalia. *Xinhuanet (China)*. 13 July 2018. Available from: http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-07/13/c_137322495.htm The UN counter-piracy fund that has been in existence since 2011 has boosted maritime security in Somalia and Western Indian Ocean coastline through enhanced prosecution of culprits, an official said on Friday.


EU NAVFOR sharing expertise with the Seychelles. *EU NAVFOR Somalia*. 17 July 2018. Available from: http://eunavfor.eu/eu-navfor-sharing-expertise-with-the-seychelles/ Sharing common knowledge and expertise with partner nations is critical to maintain coherent and effective maritime security operations and understanding these capabilities is vital.


Oil watchers dismiss supply risk from Red Sea attacks, but wary of escalation. By Herman Wang. S&P Global Platts. 26 July 2018. Available from: https://bit.ly/2LCloMi Oil trade will not be significantly disrupted by the halting of Saudi Aramco's shipments through the Bab el-Mandeb strait unless the security situation deteriorates, market watchers say, as maritime traffic aside from the company's tankers continues as normal in the Red Sea.


Creation of more agencies not solution to maritime security challenges - Dr. Peterside. By Isichei Osamgbu. Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA). 27 July 2018. Available from: http://nimasa.gov.ng/press-center/post/creation-of-more-agencies-not-solution-to-maritime-security-challenges-dr-peterside The Director General of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) Dr. Dakuku Peterside has stated that creating additional agencies in the maritime sector would only overburden the sector; adding that what needed to be done was to strengthen the existing ones for optimum service delivery.


Migrant rescue boat heads for Spain after Italy, Malta reject it. By Gavin Jones. Reuters. 1 July 2018. Available from: https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-europe-migrants-ship-spain/migrant-rescue-boat-heads-for-spain-after-italy-malta-reject-it-idUKKBN1JR1HY A humanitarian boat carrying 59 migrants rescued off Libya was heading for Barcelona on Sunday after Italy and Malta, both much closer to the place of rescue, had refused to let it dock in their ports.

Latest tragedy in the Mediterranean claims over 100 lives - UN refugee agency. UN News. 1 July 2018. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2018/07/1013662 "[We are] concerned about the increasing number of people dying on the central Mediterranean route and [are] calling for concerted international efforts to avoid further tragedies," said the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in a news release on Saturday.
Two shipwrecks add to 'alarming increase' in migrant deaths off Libya coast: IOM. UN News. 2 July 2018. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2018/07/1013712 The tragic weekend began on Friday with the deaths of an estimated 103 people, including three babies, when the rubber dinghy they were on sank off the coast of Libya.


Migrants and refugees have found new main route to Europe. By Ritzau Finans. ShippingWatch. 10 July 2018. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/secure/carriers/article10743923.ece The director of the EU's border and coast guard agency, Frontex, says the route from Morocco to Spain could be turning into the main passage for migrants and refugees trying to make their way to Europe.


Italy accuses migrants of hijacking rescue ship off Libya. BBC News. 12 July 2018. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-44806079 It is alleged that in order to avoid being returned to Libya, at least two passengers forced the ship to turn away from the inbound Libyan coastguard.

Drowning skysrockets as European governments block humanitarian assistance on Central Mediterranean. Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). 12 July 2018. Available from: https://www.msf.org/drowning-skyrockets-european-governments-block-humanitarian-assistance-central-mediterranean Over 600 people attempting to cross the Central Mediterranean have drowned or are presumed drowned in the last four weeks alone, including babies and toddlers.


Two migrants die on boat left adrift by Libyan coast guard: charity. By Juan Medina. Reuters. 18 July 2018. Available from: https://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFKBN1K80MO-OZATP A woman and a boy adrift in the Mediterranean died just hours before help reached their damaged dinghy, Spanish rescuers said on Tuesday after finding a second woman alive in the vessel, which had been carrying migrants towards Europe.

Thirty migrants confirmed dead off north coast, some still missing (Update 3). By Andria Kades. Cyprus Mail. 18 July 2018. Available from: https://cyprus-mail.com/2018/07/18/boat-carrying-160-migrants-sinks-off-the-north-16-dead-and-105-rescued/ Thirty people died when a boat carrying 150 migrants sank off the coast of northern Cyprus, some 25 kilometres off Yialousa, early Wednesday and rescuers were still searching for 17 others, Turkish officials said.

UNHCR welcomes end to latest Mediterranean standoff, but says predictable approach to rescue still urgently needed. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. 19 July 2018. Available from: http://www.unhcr.org/uk/news/press/2018/7/5b505334f/unhcr-welcomes-end-latest-mediterranean-standoff-says-predictable-approach.html UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, welcomes the actions of the past days by several European countries to collectively end a standoff on the Mediterranean involving some 450 refugees and migrants who had been stranded at sea amid a battle over disembarkation.


Spanish NGO ship returns home after dramatic migrant rescue. The Local (Spain). 21 July 2018. Available from: https://www.thelocal.es/20180721/spanish-ngo-ship-returns-home-after-dramatic-migrant-rescue Two vessels of a Spanish NGO involved in rescuing migrants in the Mediterranean arrived in the Spanish port of Palma on Saturday carrying a woman found drifting on a deflated dinghy off Libya as well as the bodies of a boy and another woman.

Deaths at sea expose flaws of Italy-Libya migration pact. By Angela Giuffrida and Lorenzo Tondo. The Guardian. 23 July 2018. Available from: https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jul/23/mother-and-child-drown-after-being-abandoned-off-libya-says-ngo The deaths at sea of a mother and child have further exposed the flaws in a pact between Italy and Libya that has led to thousands of migrants being forcibly returned to the chaotic north African country.

Migrants cross the Strait of Gibraltar. *BBC News*. 24 July 2018. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/world-europe-44933312/migrants-cross-the-strait-of-gibraltar. As Italy has turned away NGO ships rescuing migrants in the Mediterranean, the Western Mediterranean route to Spain is now the most popular with migrants trying to reach Europe.


1,500 migrants have died in Mediterranean in 2018, Italy deadliest route: U.N. By Stephanie Nebehay. *Reuters*. 27 July 2018. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-un/1500-migrants-have-died-in-mediterranean-in-2018-italy-deadliest-route-u-n-idUSKBN1KH1HS. For the fifth straight year, at least 1,500 migrants have perished in the Mediterranean, with the route between Libya and Italy being the deadliest, claiming the lives of one in 19, the U.N. migration agency said on Friday.


**NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS**


New seabed map to steer vessels to safety. *Cayman News Service (Cayman Islands)*. 18 July 2018. Available from: https://caymannewsservice.com/2018/07/new-seabed-map/. Representatives of the UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO) are currently in the Cayman Islands delivering to the Lands and Survey Department the results of a seabed mapping programme that was undertaken last summer.
Inmarsat: Steps toward GMDSS modernisation. Safety4Sea. 20 July 2018. Available from: https://safety4sea.com/cm-inmarsat-steps-toward-gmdss-modernisation/ While the voting procedure for the 2018 SAFETY4SEA Awards is open, Mr. Peter Broadhurst, SVP Safety and Security, Inmarsat Maritime, talks about company's 'Fleet Safety' service for which Inmarsat has been nominated in the ‘Technology’ category alongside a number of other distinguished nominees.


PIRACY

Hapless pirates attacked empty tanker off Malaysia to steal oil cargo. By Marcus Hand. Seatrade Maritime News. 18 July 2018. Available from: http://www.seatrade-maritime.com/news/asia/hapless-pirates-attacked-empty-tanker-of-malaysia-to-steal-oil-cargo.html In the only case of theft of oil cargo in the first half of the year reported by the ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ISC) the attempt was to prove unsuccessful as the criminals targeted an empty vessel.


"Kidnappings have yet again proven to be a lucrative business for the pirates". By Søren Pico. ShippingWatch. 25 July 2018. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/secure/carriers/article10768274.ece Crews on board the large merchant vessels have yet again become a popular target among pirates and criminals operating off the cost of West Africa.

PORT STATE CONTROL


**Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise summer newsletter highlights most common reasons for PSC detentions, deficiencies.** *By Eric Jesionowski*. *US Coast Guard Maritime Commons*. 10 July 2018. Available from: [https://bit.ly/2OuZGIf](https://bit.ly/2OuZGIf) The Coast Guard conducted 292 cruise ship examinations in 2017 and only 0.34 percent received a detention.


### PORTS & HARBOURS


**PPA sets sight on infra build up.** *Manila Standard*. 10 July 2018. Available from: [http://manilastandard.net/spotlight/270138/ppa-sets-sight-on-infra-build-up.html](http://manilastandard.net/spotlight/270138/ppa-sets-sight-on-infra-build-up.html) Marking its 44th anniversary exactly today, the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) is making a big investment in terms of port infrastructure in its bid to achieve its vision by 2020.


Suez pile-up ships set for inspection. By Martina Li. *Fairplay.* 18 July 2018. Available from: [https://fairplay.ihs.com/safety-regulation/article/4304376/suez-pile-up-ships-set-for-inspection](https://fairplay.ihs.com/safety-regulation/article/4304376/suez-pile-up-ships-set-for-inspection) Ocean Network Express (ONE) and Wisdom Marine said that they are carrying out inspections on their ships that were involved in a five-vehicle pile-up in the Suez Canal on 16 July.


**REGULATIONS**

The difficulties of enforcing regulations on the dangerous nickel ore trade. By Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News.* 3 July 2018. Available from: [http://www.seatrade-maritime.com/news/asia/the-difficulties-of-enforcing-regulations-on-the-dangerous-nickel-ore-trade.htm](http://www.seatrade-maritime.com/news/asia/the-difficulties-of-enforcing-regulations-on-the-dangerous-nickel-ore-trade.htm) One is reminded that the DHL advert where goat farmers in a remote mountains are shown as the start of a global supply chain for cashmere sweaters, but the reality of the nickel ore trade from the southern Philippines, mainly for export to China, is a far grittier one that would challenge even the most creative advertising agency.

REGULATORY WATCH: The Global 0.50% Sulfur Cap: 30 months and counting down ....
By Tom Ewing.  *Maritime Logistics Professional*. 6 July 2018.  Available from:  https://www.maritimeprofessional.com/news/regulatory-watch-global-sulfur-months-319329 In early June, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held a public workshop in Washington to help the agencies prepare for the January 1, 2020 deadline for worldwide implementation of very low sulfur marine fuel that meets the new 0.50% sulfur cap as set forth by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).


Increased shipping industry regulations strengthen the bond between Cyprus, Malta, and Greece. By Elizabeth Smith. *South EU Summit (SEUS)*. 11 July 2018.  Available from:  https://www.southeusummit.com/europe/increased-shipping-industry-regulations-strengthen-the-bond-between-cyprus-malta-and-greece/  Just before the start of summer, shipping leaders from Cyprus, Malta, and Greece held their sixth trilateral meeting.

Will trucking be affected by new pollution rules for ocean shipping? *Transport Topics*. 11 July 2018.  Available from:  http://www.ttnews.com/articles/will-trucking-be-affected-new-pollution-rules-ocean-shipping  The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on July 30 plans to begin reviewing the economic impact the transportation industry may face if tighter requirements remain in place that prohibit the use of high-sulfur fuel in cargo ships within 200 miles of the U.S. coastline.


China’s stricter rules on shipping emissions a boon for IMO 2020 compliance: Woodmac.
By Roslan Khasawneh. Reuters. 24 July 2018. Available from: https://uk.reuters.com/article/us-china-emissions-shipping/chinas-stricter-rules-on-shipping-emissions-a-boon-for-imo-2020-compliance-woodmac-idUKKBN1KE1I4  Tighter rules on shipping emissions around China’s coastlines from the start of next year is a clear sign the world's No. 2 economy will strive for 100 percent compliance when the global sulfur emissions cap starts in 2020, consultants Wood Mackenzie said on Tuesday.

SALVAGE

Salvage progress made a year after Kea Trader grounding. By Gary Dixon. TradeWinds. 12 July 2018. Available from: http://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/1532967/salvage-progress-made-a-year-after-kea-trader-grounding  A year on from the grounding of the new Lomar Shipping containership Kea Trader, the owner has said significant salvage progress has been made.


Salvage to begin for grounded Dutch MPP. By Rijuta Dey Bera. TradeWinds. 20 July 2018. Available from: http://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/1538816/salvage-to-begin-for-grounded-dutch-mpp  Salvage companies Ardent and Multraship have been appointed to aid Wagenborg Shipping to refloat a multipurpose ship that ran aground in Scottish waters on 17 July.

Russian Ship Sunk In 1905 Discovered, Said To Have $130 Billion in Gold Aboard.
By Roberta Naas. Forbes. 21 July 2018. Available from: https://www.forbes.com/sites/robertanaas/2018/07/21/russian-ship-sunk-in-1905-discovered-said-to-have-130-billion-in-gold-aboard/  Just four days ago, the Shinil Group exploration company announced that on July 15 it had discovered a Russian armored cruiser ship, the Dmitri Donskoi, that sank off the coast of South Korea in 1905.

Operations to prepare MV Priscilla for a re-float progressing well. UK Maritime & Coastguard Agency. 24 July 2018. Available from: http://hmcoastguard.blogspot.com/2018/07/operations-to-prepare-mv-priscilla-for.html  At a meeting of the Salvage Control Unit (SCU) held earlier this morning further discussions were held to discuss the ongoing salvage and re-float of the vessel MV Priscilla, which remains in a stable condition but still hard aground.

Proposed salvage plans of MV Priscilla agreed

SEAFARERS


The Lloyd’s List Podcast: Seafarer Awareness Week. Lloyd’s List. 29 June 2018. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1123228/The-Lloyd’s-List-Podcast-Seafarer-Awareness-Week  This week is International Seafarers Awareness Week, alongside 2018 Day of the Seafarer, and we have been looking at the complex issues surrounding seafarer mental health and wellbeing.


Peterside: How Nigeria can benefit from global seafarers’ shortage. By Oluwakemi Dauda. The Nation (Nigeria). 3 July 2018. Available from: http://thenationonlineng.net/peterside-how-nigeria-can-benefit-from-global-seafarers-shortage/ AS the country is in dire need of more professionals to grow its maritime sector, the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) Director-General, Dr. Dakuku Peterside, has promised that the government would provide the enabling environment for seafarers to operate like their counterparts across the world.


New hopes for seafarers despite concerns on mental wellness. By Sulaimon Salau. Guardian (Nigeria). 4 July 2018. Available from: https://guardian.ng/features/new-hopes-for-seafarers-despite-concerns-on-mental-wellness/ For Nigerian seafarers, the decision to choose service profession was never a mistake, it is indeed a blessing as hope for better days lies ahead of them.


Costs related to manning have more or less stagnated in recent years as shipowners have drawn on all measures available to reduce expenses and adapt their business to the sluggish shipping markets.


As we celebrate Sea Sunday, we are invited to remember the 1.2 millions of seafarers from all nations, professing different faiths, forced to live for several months in the confined space of a vessel, away from their families and loved ones missing the most important and meaningful events in their families (birthdays, graduations, etc.) and failing to be present during times of trials and difficulties such as sickness and death.


Pope Francis at the Sunday Angelus prayed for seafarers, fishermen, and their families, as the Church commemorates the annual recurrence of Sea Sunday.


The withdrawal of the United States from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), more commonly known as the Iran nuclear deal, on 8 May, sparked renewed hostile relations with Iran and a proposed revival of sanctions.


There seems an inordinate amount of attention being paid these days to the mental well-being (we mustn't call it "sanity") of seafarers.


The latest audit deadline is on 31 October this year and yet again the threat that Filipino officers could be barred from serving on European-flagged ships hangs over the world's largest provider of crew for ships.


Seafarers' mental health is by no means a new phenomenon.


Human Rights at Sea has just published a case study that sheds light into labour abusive practices and seafarers' abandonment on Kish Island, in Iran. [HRAS Case Study](https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2018/07/17/hras-case-study-seafarers-abandonment-on-kish-island-iran-a-practice-of-human-rights-abuses/)


Until now the port had granted visas on arrival for 48 countries, however, according to GAC this will no longer be available and instead seafarers will require a 96 hour online visa under a new rule implemented by Fujairah Port Immigration.


Is seafaring really a dying art? By Andrew Craig-Bennett. *Splash 247.com*. 23 July 2018. Available from: [https://splash247.com/is-seafaring-really-a-dying-art/](https://splash247.com/is-seafaring-really-a-dying-art/) "I think that the best and most perfect arrangement of things that I ever saw was when I went to look at the great Phoenician sailing-vessel; for I saw the largest amount of naval tackling separately disposed in the smallest stowage possible.


Safety and welfare of seafarers. *Government of India*. 26 July 2018. Available from: [http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=181098](http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=181098) The Minister of State for Shipping and Finance Shri Pon Radhakrishnan in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today informed that to deal with potential maritime security situations arising out of any hijacking at sea of merchant vessels with Indian crew, an Inter-Ministerial Group (IMGO) was set up by the Government under the Ministry of Shipping.

**SEARCH & RESCUE**


Rescue ships docked as hundreds of migrants die crossing Mediterranean.


Libya takes over from Italy on rescuing shipwrecked migrants. By Bernd Riegert. Deutsche Welle (Germany). 5 July 2018. Available from: https://www.dw.com/en/libya-takes-over-from-italy-on-rescuing-shipwrecked-migrants/a-44546754. At the recent EU summit one week ago, European leaders once again agreed to protect the bloc's exterior borders from migrants entering illegally.

As Mediterranean Sea arrivals decline and death rates rise, UNHCR calls for strengthening of search and rescue. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. 6 July 2018. Available from: http://www.unhcr.org/news/2018/7/5b3f270a4. 45,700 asylum-seekers and migrants have reached European shores after crossing the Mediterranean Sea in the first six months of 2018, a sharp decline compared to previous years.

Italian coastguard staff break silence to express concern over government migrant policy. By Fanny Carrier. The Local (Italy). 20 July 2018. Available from: https://www.thelocal.it/20180720/italian-coastguard-staff-break-silence-to-express-concern-over-government-migrant-policy. Over the last decade the coastguard has coordinated the rescue of hundreds of thousands of migrants off the coast of Libya, in many cases pulling them from the water themselves in treacherous conditions.


Greek ferry crews hailed as heroes. By Jonathan Boonzaier. TradeWinds. 25 July 2018. Available from: http://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/1540993/greek-ferry-crews-hailed-as-heroes. Greek ferries rushed to rescue of dozens of people who were forced into the sea by massive forest fires that have raged across the Attica region of Greece for much of this week.
SHIP RECYCLING


Wirana chief: EU regulation could force owners back to Asian beaches. By Inderpreet Walia. Lloyd’s List. 11 July 2018. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1123162/Wirana-chief-EU-regulation-could-force-owners-back-to-Asian-beaches The European Union Ship Recycling Regulation will create major capacity constraints in the continent’s yards and should be extended to Indian yards, especially those that already meet the international standards laid down in the Hong Kong Convention, cash buyer Wirana Shipping’s chief executive Rakesh Khetan has said.

Fire at Gadani as tanker scrapping resumes. Maritime Executive. 16 July 2018. Available from: https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/fire-at-gadani-as-tanker-scrapping-resumes Three months after authorities gave the green light for tanker beachings to resume at Gadani, Pakistan, another fire broke out aboard a decommissioned VLCC, trapping several workers inside the burning hull.

Time has come to understand the ‘beaching’ method. Lloyd’s List. 18 July 2018. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1123439/Time-has-come-to-understand-the-beaching-method The lobbying of some specific groups in the past 12 years has managed to make decision-makers in the European Union become afraid of the word ‘beaching’.


Brexit may have consequences for the EU’s debated scrapping yards. By Mette Mandrup. ShippingWatch. 19 July 2018. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/secure/carriers/article10760569.ece If the UK leaves the EU as a third country without any form of agreement, the number of scrapping yards in the EU could be reduced, and a number of other consequences may also affect the shipping industry.


**SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR**


**New polar research ship makes a ‘splash’.** *British Antarctic Survey (BAS)*. 11 July 2018. Available from: [https://www.bas.ac.uk/media-post/new-polar-research-ship-makes-a-splash-this-summer/](https://www.bas.ac.uk/media-post/new-polar-research-ship-makes-a-splash-this-summer/) A major milestone in the build of the UK’s state-of-the-art polar research ship is reached this weekend [Saturday 14 July 2018], when the 129-metre long, 10,000 tonne hull of the *RRS Sir David Attenborough* is launched into the River Mersey for the first time.


Over 60% of newbuilds at Korean yards in first half include scrubbers. By Inderpreet Walia. Lloyd's List. 27 July 2018. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1123609/Over-60-of-newbuilds-at-Korean-yards-in-first-half-include-scrubbers Shipowners have increasingly opted for scrubbers to meet the 2020 sulphur regulations when ordering new tonnage, according to the Korean Register.

**SHIPPING**

How cleaner cruise ships may mean pricier plane rides: QuickTake. By Sungwoo Park and Brian Wingfield. Bloomberg. 1 July 2018. Available from: https://bloom.bg/2K9nKwy When it comes to pollution, there's a big, noxious cloud hanging over the shipping industry.

Increased shipping to the Arctic could be detrimental to northern mammals, study says. By Bob Weber. The Star (Canada). 2 July 2018. Available from: https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2018/07/02/increased-shipping-to-the-arctic-could-be-detrimental-to-northern-mammals-study-says.html Increased shipping could make parts of the Northwest Passage among the most dangerous places in the Arctic for the whales and other mammals that live there, a study suggests.


Palau International Ship Registry (PISR) appoints Verifavia to provide IMO DCS verification services to its global fleet. Hellenic Shipping News. 3 July 2018. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/palau-international-ship-registry-pisr-appoints-verifavia-to-provide-imodcs-verification-services-to-its-global-fleet/ Palau International Ship Registry (PISR) has signed an agreement with VERIFAVIA (UK) LTD and VERIFAVIA SARL to act as independent verifiers and to conduct IMO DCS verification services for the registry's worldwide fleet.

Continuing investment in LNG as a marine fuel critical to meeting air quality & GHG emissions targets. SeaLNG. 3 July 2018. Available from: https://sea-lng.org/continuing-investment-in-lng-as-a-marine-fuel-critical-to-meeting-air-quality-ggh-emissions-targets/ SEA/LNG, the multi-sector industry coalition aiming to accelerate the widespread adoption of liquefied natural gas (LNG) as a marine fuel, today reiterated how critical continuing investment in LNG as a marine fuel is to meeting both air quality and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions targets.


Cleaner fuels are looking messy for marine cargo insurers. By James Wilkes. Splash247.com. 5 July 2018. Available from: https://splash247.com/cleaner-fuels-looking-messy-marine-cargo-insurers/ If you work in shipping and you read the news, it cannot have escaped your attention that from January 1 2020 the permitted amount of sulphur in marine fuel oil will fall from 3.5% m


What threat is more acute on container vessels? Threat by Dangerous Goods or Cyber Threat? By Gunter Schütze. *Safety4Sea.* 9 July 2018. Available from: https://www.safety4sea.com/what-threat-is-more-acute-on-container-vessels-threat-by-dangerous-goods-or-cyber-threat/ Having analyzed cyber threats for ship networks and ship electronic equipment, Capt. Gunter Schütze this time focuses on the aboard container ships threats which, as he points out, are much more problematic and in case such threats come real the effects are often infernals with extreme consequences.


International coalition wants Carnival to stop using heavy fuel oil on cruise ships in Arctic. *Transport & Environment.* 9 July 2018. Available from: https://www.transportenvironment.org/press/international-coalition-wants-carnival-stop-using-heavy-fuel-oil-cruise-ships-arctic As Carnival Corporation's first ships of the season arrive in the Arctic, an international coalition of environmental groups has joined together to call on the cruise giant to stop using one of the world's cheapest and dirtiest fossil fuels - heavy fuel oil - on ships traveling in fragile Arctic and sub-Arctic waters.

Talk becomes action on getting more women in shipping. By Nicola Good. *Fairplay.* 10 July 2018. Available from: https://fairplay.ihs.com/commerce/talk-becomes-action-on-getting-more-women-in-shipping_20180710.html There are some issues that you just cannot skirt around, and the lack of women in maritime, particularly in senior roles, is one.

Indian Register of Shipping (IRClass) implements electronic certificates for all its classed vessels. *Indian Register of Shipping (IRClass).* 10 July 2018. Available from: http://www.irclass.org/media-and-publications/news/indian-register-of-shipping-irclass-implements-electronic-certificates-for-all-its-classed-vessels/ Recognising the importance of digitalisation, these e-Certificates are in accordance with International Maritime Organization (IMO) guidelines for the use of e-Certificates (FAL.5-Circ.39-Rev2) dated April 2016 and, are available on the IRClass website through a secure platform – giving ship owners, regulators and charterers real-time access to the latest class and statutory certificates from anywhere in the world.


Singapore remains unmoved at the top of the International Shipping Centre Development (ISCD) Index for the fifth successive year, following a benchmark report published today (10 July 2018) by the Baltic Exchange and Xinhua, China's news agency.


The maritime industry is already gaining experience with the new fuels it will need to deliver a step change in emissions reduction, says Chris Chatterton, Chief Operating Officer, The Methanol Institute.


Shipping industry is currently facing a new challenge; a complex one that is called "digital transformation".


Mr Boakye Kyeremanteng Agyarko, Minister of Energy says Ghana is preparing to create a designated Ship-to-Ship and Bunker zones outside Tema and Takoradi Ports to regulate and safeguard the country's liquid cargo business.


Natasa Pilides, Cyprus Deputy Minister of Shipping, has held this newly created political post for only three months, but already she has big plans to facilitate the growth of her country's stature in world maritime circles.


Officials from home and abroad took part in the Global Forum on Green Shipping in Shanghai on Wednesday and discussed topics ranging from how the environmental impact of shipping can be reduced to how maritime safety and efficiency could be improved.


In April, more than 100 countries agreed on an initial strategy to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from shipping at the International Maritime Organisation (IMO).


Shipping is facing the most drastic requirement for change to vessel propulsion since engines were first put onboard sailing ships more than 100 years ago.


High-street retailers in Western Europe held their breath in September 2016 when container ships bringing goods from Asia due to fill their shelves at the peak Christmas shopping season were suddenly left stuck in ports halfway.


Factbox: Strait of Hormuz is a global oil choke point. By Paul Hickin. S&P Global Platts. 23 July 2018. Available from: https://www.spglobal.com/platts/en/market-insights/latest-news/shipping/072318-factbox-strait-of-hormuz-is-a-global-oil-choke-point US President Donald Trump has warned Iran not to threaten the US or face the consequences after the Persian producer, which has a strategic position in the Gulf and with the waterway, suggested the idea of blocking Middle East exports if the OPEC member is unable to sell its crude.


The great clean-up act: are any fuels good enough for shipping? By Ross Davies. Ship-technology.com. 25 July 2018. Available from: https://www.ship-technology.com/features/clean-shipping-fuels When the International Maritime Organization formalised its first ever emissions target for the shipping industry in April, it should have been heralded as an historic occasion.


Greek shipping community come to aid of wildfire victims. By David Glass. Seatrade Maritime News. 26 July 2018. Available from: http://www.seatrade-maritime.com/news/europe/greek-shipping-community-come-to-aid-of-wildfire-victims.html As rescue teams mid-week continued to search the seaside areas northeast of Athens to locate further victims Greek ferry crews were being hailed as heroes after seafarers dived from their vessels into the water to help drag people onboard, who had been swept out to sea by tides and currents.


Ukraine complains Russia is using new Crimea bridge to disrupt shipping. By Kateryna Choursina. ShippingWatch. 26 July 2018. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/secure/carriers/article10769818.ece Ukraine complained that Russia is using its new bridge to Crimea, the peninsula it annexed in 2014, to delay its neighbor's ships, exert political pressure and hurt its economy.
RESEARCH


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The CAB Cover is a photograph of the international memorial to the world’s seafarers, past, present and future which graces the entrance to IMO Headquarters in London. The memorial, a seven-metre high, ten-tonne bronze representation of the bow of a cargo ship with a lone seafarer on the deck, is the work of internationally renowned British sculptor Michael Sandle.