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IMO NEWS & EVENTS

WHAT’S NEW

World Maritime Day 2019

The World Maritime Day theme for the year is “Empowering Women in the Maritime Community”.

This provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of gender equality, in line with the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals, and to highlight the important - yet under-utilized - contribution of women within the maritime sector.

Empowering women fuels thriving economies across the world, spurs growth and development, and benefits everyone working in the global maritime community in the drive towards safe, secure, clean and sustainable shipping. More...

World Maritime Day Parallel Event, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, 16-17 September 2019

The International Maritime Organization confer the privilege to a country to host the Parallel Event to World Maritime Day. Therefore, in 2019 Colombia will host the Parallel Event, which aims to provide an opportunity for the IMO Member States and the different representatives of the sector to promote work on maritime safety, marine environment protection, and facilitation of international maritime transport, as indisputable elements for the proper development of maritime trade. More...

Symposium on IMO 2020 and Alternative Fuels

IMO is hosting a Symposium on IMO 2020 and Alternative Fuels on Thursday, 17 October and Friday, 18 October 2019 in the Main Hall at IMO Headquarters. This one and half day symposium aims to raise awareness and to take stock of the preparations for the IMO 2020 rule, and to discuss the role of alternative fuels in the decarbonization of international shipping.

The Symposium will be live-streamed and remote participation is open to Member Governments, IGOs, NGOs and the general public.

Further details and a provisional agenda can be found in Circular letter No.3998.

IMO Ministerial Conference - Safe fishing, Legal fishing

Ministerial Conference on Fishing Vessel Safety and Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing, organized by IMO and the Government of Spain, Torremolinos, Málaga, Spain, 21-23 October 2019.

The Conference aims to promote ratification of the Cape Town Agreement, a key IMO treaty for safety of fishing vessels. The entry into force of the Cape Town Agreement will help deter the proliferation of illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing, by establishing international safety standards for fishing vessels.

The Conference is intended for ministers, policymakers, senior officials and relevant experts responsible for implementing fishing vessel safety and IUU fishing policies and enacting national legislation to ratify the Agreement. More...
IMO MEETINGS FOR 2019

Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC) 9 -13 September – 6th session

LATEST PRESS BRIEFINGS

RECENT SPEECHES BY IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL KITACK LIM

Roundtable discussion with local authorities and stakeholders
Ilulissat, Greenland, 27 August 2019

IMO NEWS MAGAZINE  (Summer 2019)

IMO PUBLISHING Just Published 2019 August 2019 Newsletter
UNITED NATIONS

Migration and the climate crisis: the UN’s search for solutions. UN News. 31 July 2019. Available from: [https://news.un.org/en/story/2019/07/1043551](https://news.un.org/en/story/2019/07/1043551) Dina Ionesco is the head of the Migration, Environment and Climate Change Division at the UN International Organization for Migration (IOM), which has been at the forefront of efforts to study the links between migration, the environment and climate.


BBNJ (19-30 August 2019) Meeting Coverage & Press Releases


CASUALTIES


NTSB Points to Navy Failures in John S. McCain Accident Report. gCaptain. 5 August 2019. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/ntsb-points-navy-failures-in-john-s-mccain-accident-report/ The August 2017 collision between the USS John S McCain and a commercial tanker was caused by insufficient training, inadequate bridge operating procedures and a lack of operational oversight, the National Transportation Safety Board said in a Marine Accident Report released today.


Families seek answers on finding Stellar Daisy’s VDR has been damaged beyond repair. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 9 August 2019. Available from: https://splash247.com/families- seek-answers-on-finding-stellar-daisys-vdr-has-been-damaged-beyond-repair/ The families of the crew who lost their lives on the converted ore carrier Stella Daisy two-and-a-half years ago have voiced their huge disappointment that just 7% of the data on the retrieved voyage data recorder (VDR) has been decipherable.

Fishing Boat Capsizes After U.S. Coast Guardsmen Board. Maritime Executive. 10 August 2019. Available from: https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/fishing-boat-capsizes-after-u-s-coast- guardsmen-board The U.S. Coast Guard rescued 25 fishing boat crewmen and 12 Coast Guardsmen after the fishing boat they were aboard capsized and sank approximately 336 nautical miles southeast of Clipperton Island in the Eastern Pacific Ocean, on Wednesday.


Headache for Kannur as towed ships run aground near coast. Times of India. 14 August 2019. Available from: https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/thiruvananthapuram/headache-for-kannur-as- towed-ships-run-against-near-coast/articleshow/70682355.cms Kannur district administration will now face another problem as two Maldivian dead ships (a merchant vessel Oceang Ruler and fishing vessel Oivalli) which were towed from Maldives to Steel Industries Ltd Kerala’s (SILK) shipbreaking yard at Azhikkal for scrapping – have broken from the tug and run aground at Azhikkal coast on August 8 and August 10 respectively.

Titanic sub dive reveals parts are being lost to sea. Rebecca Morelle. BBC News. 21 August 2019. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-49420935 The first people to dive down to the Titanic in nearly 15 years say some of the wreck is deteriorating rapidly.
Cargo ship sailing in Maluku waters loses contact. Jakarta Post. 26 August 2019. Available from: https://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2019/08/26/cargo-ship-sailing-in-maluku-waters-loses-contact.html A Cessna aircraft was deployed Monday to search for cargo ship MV Nur Allya, which has been without contact since communication was cut off on Aug. 20 near Buru Island in Maluku.


Many missing, as 100-passenger vessel capsizes in Cross River. Ike Uchechukwu. Vanguard (Nigeria). 27 August 2019. Available from: https://www.vanguardngr.com/2019/08/many-missing-as-100-passenger-vessel-capsizes-in-cross-river/ The fate of several passengers in a boat that left Calabar, the Cross River State capital, with over 100 passengers and crew members for Cameroon was yesterday unknown after the boat capsized on the high sea.

Latest nickel ore tragedy will set focus firmly back on vessel safety. Adam Corbett. TradeWinds. 29 August 2019. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/latest-nickel-ore-tragedy-will-set-focus-firmly-back-on-vessel-safety/2-1-661541 Standards of Indonesia’s national fleet will have to improve as more of the country’s nickel ore cargoes will be carried on domestic ships such as the Nur Allya, which is feared to have sunk.

APL boxship criticised for accident with fishing trawler. Martina Li. Safety at Sea. 29 August 2019. Available from: https://safetyatsea.net/news/2019/apl-boxship-criticised-for-accident-with-fishing-trawler/ The crew on a container ship involved in a fatal collision with a fishing vessel was said to have acted inadequately in preventing the mishap.


ENVIRONMENT


Fourth entangled North Atlantic right whale has been identified as ‘Snake Eyes. Hina Alam. *National Post (Canada)*. 7 August 2019. Available from: https://nationalpost.com/news/a-fourth-entangled-endangered-right-whale-seen-in-gulf-of-st-lawrence The Department of Fisheries and Oceans says it has identified the fourth entangled North Atlantic right whale in the Gulf of St. Lawrence off the coast of the Iles-de-la-Madeleine.

UN oceans envoy Thomson backs Chile to assume leadership on IUU fight. *Pacific Islands News Association (PINA)*. 9 August 2019. Available from: http://www.pina.com.fj/?p=pacnews&m=read&o=8273633335d4d032f201a8c3e485f5 Peter Thomson, who is leading the United Nations’ “Goal 14” initiative for sustainable use of the oceans and marine resources, met with Chilean president Sebastian Pinera and other key policymakers to back the South American country’s leadership in combating illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

Oceans governance: quo vadis? - Alan Deidun. Alan Deidun. *Times of Malta*. 11 August 2019. Available from: https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/oceans-governance-quo-vadis-alan-deidun_727988 Malta, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, recently hosted the first global ocean ambassadors’ meeting, with seminal entities currently involved in ocean governance convening around the same table to rationalise the various parallel ongoing activities within the same field.


Strings Attached: Exploring the onshore networks behind illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing. *C4ADS (Center for Advanced Defense Studies).* 13 August 2019. Available from: [https://static1.squarespace.com/static/566ef8b4d8af107232d5358a/t/5d522c5102fde700013b5d4a/156566414670/Strings+Attached.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/566ef8b4d8af107232d5358a/t/5d522c5102fde700013b5d4a/156566414670/Strings+Attached.pdf) The value generated from illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing is estimated to be between $10 billion and $36.4 billion annually, making it the third most lucrative natural resource crime, following timber and mining.


Heads of maritime forces discuss Pacific safety. *Radio New Zealand.* 16 August 2019. Available from: [https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/396792/heads-of-maritime-forces-discuss-pacific-safety](https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/396792/heads-of-maritime-forces-discuss-pacific-safety) The growing threat of the illicit drug trade and the challenges of climate change in the region have been the focus of heads of maritime forces meeting in Fiji this week.


OPINION: Tackling the climate emergency and protecting our oceans go hand-in-hand. Jennifer Morgan. Reuters. 29 August 2019. Available from: http://news.trust.org/item/20190828135654-hna24 Scientists are clear that we need to protect at least 30% of our global oceans by 2030 if we are to safeguard wildlife and to help mitigate the impacts of climate change.


ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

40,000 liters of oil have spilled into the sea off a remote island in Chile’s pristine Patagonia. Kay Guerrero and Helen Regan. CNN. 29 July 2019. Available from: https://edition.cnn.com/2019/07/29/americas/chile-oil-spill-intl-hnk/index.html The Chilean Navy has been deployed after 40,000 liters of diesel were spilled into the sea near a remote island on the country’s southern coast.


Mediterranean is Europe's most waste-polluted sea, study says. Stéphanie Senet. *EurActiv.*

Cleanup called off after 12,000-litre *Hibernia* oil spill: regulator. *Global News (Canada).*
1 August 2019. Available from: https://globalnews.ca/news/5715790/cleanup-called-off-after-12000-litre-hibernia-oil-spill-regulator/ It’s not possible to clean up what remains of an estimated 12,000 litres of oil spilled from the *Hibernia* platform off Newfoundland last month, according to the board that regulates the industry.

Learning from the oil spill. *Jakarta Post.* 5 August 2019. Available from: https://www.thejakartapost.com/academia/2019/08/05/learning-from-the-oil-spill.html An oil spill caused by a leak in one of three oil wells owned by state oil and energy company Pertamina at the Offshore North West Java (ONWJ) Block near Karawang, West Java, has started to shrink.


Indonesia's Pertamina says oil spill recovery will take until March 2020. Bernadette Christina Munthe and Gayatri Suroyo. *Reuters.* 8 August 2019. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/article/us-indonesia-environment-oilspill/indonesias-pertamina-says-oil-spill-recovery-will-take-until-march-2020-idUSKCN1UY0TV Clean-up efforts after an oil spill from a well in Indonesia’s Java Sea will take until at least March next year, state energy firm Pertamina said on Thursday as it struggles to plug the underwater leak.


Gujarat: Oil from ships polluting sea. Paul John. *Times of India.* 12 August 2019. Available from: https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ahmedabad/oil-from-ships-polluting-sea/articleshow/70635149.cms Scientists observed 270 images and satellite data from Sentinel-1 satellite’s Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) to carefully sift out those oil spills that occurred routinely in the sea far from the coast, which usually went unidentified and unreported, and no precautionary measures are taken to rectify the damage caused by such oil spills by ships.

Punch in the gut’ as scientists find micro plastic in Arctic ice. Matthew Green. Reuters. 14 August 2019. Available from: https://uk.reuters.com/article/us-environment-arctic-plastic/punch-in-the-gut-as-scientists-find-micro-plastic-in-arctic-ice-idUKKCN1V41V2 Tiny pieces of plastic have been found in ice cores drilled in the Arctic by a U.S.-led team of scientists, underscoring the threat the growing form of pollution poses to marine life in even the remotest waters on the planet.


Rare ECJ case rules that debris from a fire on board a ship is excluded from international shipment of waste rules, but leaves important questions unanswered. Hellenic Shipping News. 26 August 2019. Available from: https://bit.ly/2IC3aOW The law on the international shipment of waste is of increasing importance to many global businesses.


122 port calls to Malta scheduled for 2019 by the world’s worst-polluting cruise ships. Malta Independent. 28 August 2019. Available from: https://bit.ly/2IJZpqC This year there will be no less than 122 port calls to Malta by Europe’s worst-polluting cruise ships, according to the Cruise Ship Ranking for 2019 which has just been published and released in Malta by BirdLife.
IMO

IMO: The chance of postponing 1 January 2020 deadline is zero. BIMCO. June 2019. Available from: http://portfolio.cpi.co.uk/BIMCO/201906/imo/ The Bulletin met with Frederick Kenney, Director of Legal and External Affairs at the IMO, to talk about why there is no chance that the 2020 sulphur limit deadline will be pushed, what will happen if ships experience operational problems because of the new fuels, and why regulation of open-loop scrubbers should be consistent rather than regional.

IMO visit port authority of NSW - Newcastle. Port Authority of New South Wales. 31 July 2019. Available from: https://bit.ly/2Yj9Wv0 The Port Authority’s Vessel Arrival System, operating in Newcastle Harbour, has received international interest from Europe and the IMO.

Communication will be key in the months leading up to 2020, says IMO. London International Shipping Week. 2 August 2019. Available from: https://londoninternationalshippingweek.com/communication-will-be-key-in-the-months-leading-up-to-2020-says-imo/ After three years of discussions, predictions and preparations following MEPC 70 in 2016, the January 1st implementation date for the sulphur cap is almost upon the shipping industry.


WISTA Advocates for Female Sec-Gen for IMO. Eromosele Abiodun. This Day (Nigeria). 16 August 2019. Available from: https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2019/08/16/wista-advocates-for-female-sec-gen-for-imo/ Members of the Women in International Shipping Trading Association (WISTA) have called on ship builders to consider gender friendly ship designs so as to encourage more women to come into the seafaring profession.


IMO 2020 - value proposition 🤔
**LAW & POLICY**

Human capital, key asset in harnessing marine resources - Head of Service. *Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA).* 26 July 2019. Available from: [https://www.nimasa.gov.ng/press-center/post/human-capital-key-asset-in-harnessing-marine-resources-head-of-service](https://www.nimasa.gov.ng/press-center/post/human-capital-key-asset-in-harnessing-marine-resources-head-of-service) The Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, Mrs. Winifred Oyo-Ita, has identified human capacity as an area where Nigeria has a huge comparative advantage in the global maritime community, stating that this unique human asset was significant in the effort to sustainably harness the country’s marine biodiversity.


Iran, UAE to hold joint coast guard meeting in Tehran. *MEHR News Agency (Iran).* 30 July 2019. Available from: [https://en.mehrnews.com/news/148234/Iran-UAE-to-hold-joint-coast-guard-meeting-in-Tehran](https://en.mehrnews.com/news/148234/Iran-UAE-to-hold-joint-coast-guard-meeting-in-Tehran) A seven-member delegation from the UAE coast guard arrived in Tehran to attend the joint meeting on Tuesday, which will be held in line with the plans to boost maritime security cooperation between the two Persian Gulf littoral states.


Iran says ready for worst in battle to save nuclear deal amid standoff with U.S. Parisa Hafezi. *Reuters.* 1 August 2019. Available from: [https://reut.rs/2ktlN7q](https://reut.rs/2ktlN7q) President Hassan Rouhani said on Thursday that Iran was ready for the worst in an uphill struggle to salvage its nuclear deal with world powers abandoned by the United States, but that he was sure Tehran would eventually prevail.

**Changes in the Arctic: Background and Issues for Congress.** US *Congressional Research Service.* 2 August 2019. Available from: [https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R41153](https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R41153) The diminishment of Arctic sea ice has led to increased human activities in the Arctic, and has heightened interest in, and concerns about, the region’s future.


**Iran says will not tolerate ‘maritime offences’ in Gulf.** Tuqa Khalid. *Reuters.* 5 August 2019. Available from: [https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-iran-zarif-idUSKCN1UV0KR](https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-iran-zarif-idUSKCN1UV0KR) Iran runs security in the Strait of Hormuz and will no longer tolerate “maritime offences” there, its foreign minister said on Monday, a day after it seized a second oil tanker near the strategic waterway that it accused of smuggling fuel.

**How Nigeria Can Leverage World Ocean Economy To Boost GDP.** *Independent (Nigeria).* 5 August 2019. Available from: [https://www.independent.ng/how-nigeria-can-leverage-world-ocean-economy-to-boost-gdp/](https://www.independent.ng/how-nigeria-can-leverage-world-ocean-economy-to-boost-gdp/) With a coastline of 852 kilometres bordering the Atlantic Ocean in the Gulf of Guinea and a maritime area of over 46,000 km², Nigeria is no doubt a blessed maritime nation.


**£40m heroin seizure after international operation.** *UK National Crime Agency (NCA).* 6 August 2019. Available from: [https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/40m-heroin-seizure-after-international-operation](https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/40m-heroin-seizure-after-international-operation) An international law enforcement investigation has resulted in one of the largest ever seizures of heroin in the UK.


IMO2020: Lack of enforcement does not change requirement for compliance. Ship & Bunker. 20 August 2019. Available from: https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/623384 Vessels flagged with MARPOL Annex VI signatory states need to comply with the upcoming IMO 2020 rule at all times even when they are operating in waters where the IMO 2020 rule is not being enforced, sulfur regs enforcement lobby Trident Alliance (TA) has stressed.

Indonesia will implement IMO low-sulfur fuel rule on schedule: ministry. Bernadette Christina Munthe. Reuters. 20 August 2019. Available from: https://reut.rs/2k0MyQs Indonesian-flagged ships will comply with new low-sulfur fuel rules that start next year, the country’s Ministry of Transportation said on Tuesday, after earlier saying more time was needed to meet the requirement.


ITLOS decisions are final and binding, but cases can often take years to resolve. Geoff Garfield. TradeWinds. 22 August 2019. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/law/itlos-decisions-are-final-and-binding-but-cases-can-often-take-years-to-resolve/2-1-657134 However, there is a 30-day deadline for delivering judgments covering prompt release of vessels and crew.


Seychelles approves expansion of territorial waters by nearly 15,000 square kilometres. Salifa Karapetyan. Seychelles News Agency. 22 August 2019. Available from: http://www.seychellesnewsagency.com/articles/11527 The Cabinet of Ministers has approved the incorporation of the extended continental shelf of the Northern plateau region under the Seychelles’ jurisdiction.


**EPA to provide relief for certain marine diesel engines.** *US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).* 26 August 2019. Available from: https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-provide-relief-certain-marine-diesel-engines-0 Today, the Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to amend the national marine diesel engine program to provide relief to boat builders and manufacturers of lightweight and high-power marine diesel engines that are used in high-speed commercial vessels such as lobster fishing boats and pilot boats.


**The United States Ratifies Central Arctic Ocean Fisheries Agreement.** *US Department of State.* 27 August 2019. Available from: https://www.state.gov/the-united-states-ratifies-central-arctic-ocean-fisheries-agreement/ The United States is the fourth party to ratify the Agreement to Prevent Unregulated High Seas Fisheries in the Central Arctic Ocean after Canada, the Russian Federation, and the European Union.

**State Parties urged to find ‘landing zones’ and ‘bridging areas’ as BBNJ negotiation intensifies.** Makereta Komai. *Pacific Islands News Association (PINA).* 28 August 2019. Available from: http://www.pina.com.fj/?p=pacnews&m=read&o=19357823415d6722c2690efd432746 State Parties negotiating the new High Seas treaty in New York are being urged to address current gaps in the negotiations and focus on ‘landing zones and bridging areas’ rather than previously articulated positions.

**Women preside over negotiations of high seas treaty including Palau’s top diplomat at the UN.** Makereta Komai. *Pacific Islands News Association (PINA).* 28 August 2019. Available from: http://www.pina.com.fj/index.php?p=pacnews&m=read&o=20679067055d674266f6461604b32d Palau’s Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Olai Uludong is one of the facilitators of the four informal working groups negotiating the high seas treaty underway in New York.
**MARINE TECHNOLOGY**


**S. Korea eager to lead the way in autonomous ship market.** Joo Kyung-don. Yonhap News Agency (South Korea). 31 July 2019. Available from: https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20190719007900320 When it comes to autonomous transportation, self-driving or autonomous cars backed by artificial intelligence, big data and lots of sensors springs to mind.


**New study finds use of heavy fuel with scrubbers can help reduce GHG emissions.** Lee Hong Liang. Seatrade Maritime News. 13 August 2019. Available from: https://bit.ly/2kyddED A recent Norwegian study has concluded that the continued use of heavy fuel oil with exhaust gas cleaning systems, or scrubbers, will have a positive effect on global greenhouse gas emissions.


**Sea Machines successfully deploys industry’s first autonomous spill-response vessel, fulfils agreement with MARAD.** Sea Machines. 21 August 2019. Available from: https://sea-machines.com/sea-machines-successfully-deploys-industrys-first-autonomous-spill-response-vessel-fulfills-agreement-with-marad As a part of its cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration (MARAD), Boston-based Sea Machines Robotics announces that it has successfully demonstrated its autonomous systems in action on board a Kvichak Marco skimmer boat during events held along the Portland harbor earlier today.

Autonomous shipping – are we being blinded by technology? Marcus Hand. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 30 August 2019. Available from: [https://bit.ly/2iW24h5](https://bit.ly/2iW24h5) A complex operating environment will slow the development of autonomous shipping, and we should not be blinded by technology, a safety conference in Singapore was told this week.

**MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING**


**MARITIME SAFETY**

Figures that should set alarm bells ringing over ship safety standards. Julian Bray. TradeWinds. 31 July 2019. Available from: [https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/figures-that-should-set-alarm-bells-ringing-over-ship-safety-standards/2-1-646402](https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/figures-that-should-set-alarm-bells-ringing-over-ship-safety-standards/2-1-646402) In this era of increasing sophistication in business, it is easy to lose sight of fundamental values. Amid the debate over the digitalisation of business processes and the looming need to slash carbon emissions, one could be forgiven for thinking the shipping industry had resolved all its past ills.


USCG says MARPOL deficiencies found on bilge alarm systems. International Institute of Marine Surveying (IIMS). 14 August 2019. Available from: https://www.iims.org.uk/uscg-says-marpol-deficiencies-found-on-bilge-alarm-systems/ During an inspection by the Marine Safety Detachment Port Canaveral Port State Control Officers, there were MARPOL deficiencies identified related to the 15-ppm Bilge Alarm system of the Oily Water Separators onboard four separate ships.


Time to ‘name and shame’ rogue DG shippers. Will Waters. Lloyd’s Loading List. 21 August 2019. Available from: https://bit.ly/2k7xKjc Moves by carriers to fine cargo owners that mis-declare hazardous goods are unlikely to change the behaviour of the criminally minded, with other measures needed, argues Drewry.

Enclosed space entry an interview with Capt. Kuba Szymanski – InterManager. Hellenic Shipping News. 21 August 2019. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/enclosed-space-entry-an-interview-with-capt-kuba-szymanski-intermanager/ In May 2019, InterManager, the international trade association for the ship management sector, released the report from its 3-month Enclosed Space Entry survey, data for which was received from almost 250 ships, representing more than 5,000 seafarers.

Personal protective equipment most critical to safety of seafarers. Science Daily. 26 August 2019. Available from: https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/08/190826112702.htm New research investigates the causes of seafaring injuries and accidents and finds that injury reduction campaigns focused on personal protective equipment (PPE) would be most effective at reducing risks to workers.


Study looks at the impacts of commercial pressures on shipboard safety. gCaptain. 27 August 2019. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/study-looks-at-the-impacts-of-commercial-pressures-on-shipboard-safety/ The International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots (MM&P) has published a study highlighting the complex issue responsibility for shipboard safety and the implications from commercial pressures that exist in shipping.

MARITIME SECURITY


BP has no plans to take its tankers through Hormuz. Ron Bousso. Reuters. 30 July 2019. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/article/us-bp-iran/bp-has-no-plans-to-take-its-tankers-through-hormuz-idUSKCN1UP0MV BP (BP.L) has not taken any of its oil tankers through the Strait of Hormuz since a July 10 attempt by Iran to seize one of its vessels, the British company’s Chief Financial Officer Brian Gilvary said on Tuesday.


New UK ferry route contracts imminent for no-deal Brexit supply security. Ida Gaunø Scheel-Bech. ShippingWatch. 30 July 2019. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/secure/carriers/article11524034.ece Medicines and food must flow into Britain regardless of a deal or no-deal outcome, and the country’s government is thus planning to enter new ferry route contracts between the UK and the EU, reports Danish business daily Børsen.


Joint ICS-ECSA-ASA Statement on Current Situation in the Strait of Hormuz. European Community Shipowners’ Associations (ECSA). 1 August 2019. Available from: https://www.ecsa.eu/press-releases/joint-ics-ecsa-asa-statement-current-situation-strait-hormuz Following the seizure of the oil tanker ‘Stena Impero’ on 19 July, the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), the European Community Shipowners’ Associations (ECSA) and the Asian Shipowners’ Association (ASA) jointly urge immediate action by the international community to stop the escalation of tensions and fully respect international law.
Iran Owns the Persian Gulf Now. Steven A. Cook. *Foreign Policy*. 1 August 2019. Available from: https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/08/01/iran-owns-the-persian-gulf-now/ It has long been an accepted fact within the U.S. foreign-policy community that if any country blocked or interfered with shipping in the Strait of Hormuz, the United States and its allies would use the awesome force at their disposal to defend freedom of navigation.


Increased tension in the Persian Gulf Area. *Swedish Club*. 29 July 2019. Available from: https://www.swedishclub.com/news/member-alert/increased-tension-in-the-persian-gulf-area As a result of the increased tension in the Persian Gulf Area, the War insurance market has reacted with increased rates for War Insurance cover for transits and port calls in the area.


Pompeo says S. Korea has stake in protecting Strait of Hormuz. Lee Haye-ah. *Yonhap News Agency* (South Korea). 5 August 2019. Available from: https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20190805008100325 U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has said South Korea, along with other countries, has a stake in securing shipping lanes off the coast of Iran.


Iran, France Urge Maritime Security in Region. Iran Front Page. 6 August 2019. Available from: https://ifpnews.com/exclusive/iran-france-urge-maritime-security-in-region/ In a telephone conversation on Tuesday evening, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron discussed a range of issues, from the 2015 nuclear deal to the collective efforts for de-escalation of regional tensions.


Maritime industry must open up about cyber crime. Georgie Furness-Smith. Lloyd’s List. 12 August 2019. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1128745/Maritime-industry-must-open-up-about-cyber-crime While it may be easy for shipmanagers to bury their heads in the sand regarding the likelihood of a cyber attack, they should approach cyber security as an integral part of overall safety management.


New batch of S. Korean troops departs for Somali waters amid speculation over Hormuz Strait mission. Yonhap News Agency (South Korea). 13 August 2019. Available from: https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20190813002252325?section=search South Korea dispatched a fresh batch of troops to the Gulf of Aden for anti-piracy efforts Tuesday, the Navy said, amid speculation the contingent could also undertake missions in the Strait of Hormuz as part of a U.S.-led coalition.


Iran says top waterways won’t be as safe if its oil exports cut to zero. Babak Dehghanpisheh. Reuters. 21 August 2019. Available from: https://reut.rs/2lVi038  If Iran’s oil exports are cut to zero, international waterways will not have the same security as before, its president said on Wednesday, cautioning Washington against raising pressure on Tehran in an angry confrontation between the longtime foes.

An assessment by Norwegian authorities finds that its maritime and oil and gas sectors have recently been victims of cyber campaigns specifically targeting companies in the US, Europe and the Middle East and advise companies to be prepared for continuous activity in the short to medium term.


Norway warns shipping is being targeted by hackers. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 27 August 2019. Available from: https://splash247.com/norway-warns-shipping-is-being-targeted-by-hackers/ The Norwegian National Security Authority (NSM) has warned of an increase in the number of cyber campaigns targeting several different sectors since June this year and states that both the maritime sector and the oil and gas sector have been victims of such targeted attacks.


UK calls for broad support to tackle Gulf shipping threats. David Milliken. Reuters. 30 August 2019. Available from: https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-mideast-iran-britain/uk-calls-for-broad-support-to-tackle-gulf-shipping-threats-idUKKCN1VJ2UE Foreign Minister Dominic Raab will call for more international support to protect shipping in the Strait of Hormuz when he meets his French and German counterparts later on Friday for talks about Iran.

MIGRANTS

After deadly shipwreck, Pope Francis appeals for safety of migrants. Courtney Grogan. Catholic Herald. 29 July 2019. Available from: https://catholicherald.co.uk/news/2019/07/29/after-deadly-shipwreck-pope-francis-appeals-for-safety-of-migrants/ As up to 150 migrants are feared to have drowned in a shipwreck off the coast of Libya, Pope Francis made an appeal to the international community Sunday to act decisively to ensure the safety and dignity of migrants.

Migrants on Italian coastguard vessel Gregoretti to disembark following EU deal. Deutsche Welle (Germany). 31 July 2019. Available from: https://www.dw.com/en/migrants-on-italian-coastguard-vessel-gregoretti-to-disembark-following-eu-deal/a-49828369 Migrants on an Italian coast guard ship will be allowed to disembark after some EU states agreed to accept them.
Rome strikes deal with five EU nations over stranded migrants. Natalie Huet and Evelyn Laverick. Euronews. 1 August 2019. Available from: https://www.euronews.com/2019/07/31/italy-will-let-116-migrants-disembark-after-five-othe-eu-countries-agree-to-take-them-in Italy said on Wednesday it would allow an Italian coastguard ship to finally disembark 116 migrants who were stranded for days in a Sicilian port, ending its latest standoff with the European Union over migration policy.

“We accepted Alan Kurdi migrants as a gesture of good will” – Prime Minister. Joseph Muscat. Times of Malta. 5 August 2019. Available from: https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/we-accepted-alan-kurdi-migrants-as-a-gesture-of-good-will-prime.726922 Allowing the German NGO vessel Alan Kurdi to disembark 40 migrants at Malta was “a sign of goodwill” and "common sense", Prime Minister Joseph Muscat said on Sunday.


Rome court says migrant ship can enter Italy’s waters, overriding Salvini. Crispian Balmer and Catherine MacDonald. Reuters. 14 August 2019. Available from: http://news.trust.org/item/20190814151109-lvsra An administrative court in Rome ruled on Wednesday that a Spanish rescue ship carrying around 150 migrants should be allowed to enter Italian territorial waters in defiance of a ban imposed by Interior Minister Matteo Salvini.

Italy says six EU states will take in Open Arms migrants. Gavin Jones and Ingrid Melander. Reuters. 15 August 2019. Available from: https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-europe-migrants/spain-to-take-some-open-arms-migrants-seeks-eu-deal-idUKKCN1V50RT Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte said on Thursday that six EU countries had agreed to take in some 150 migrants from a rescue ship that Italy had blocked from docking, resolving the latest standoff over immigration to Europe across the Mediterranean.

Italian PM says six EU countries have offered to take the stranded Open Arms migrants. John Paul Ging. Euronews. 15 August 2019. Available from: https://www.euronews.com/2019/08/15/open-arms-rescue-ship-needs-emergency-medical-evacuation-says-head-of-mission Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte has announced a deal has been made to send all the migrants on board Spanish NGO rescue ship Open Arms to six European countries; France, Germany, Romania, Portugal, Spain and Luxembourg.

Rescue ship stuck off Italy rejects Spain port offer due to ‘extreme humanitarian emergency’.  

The *Open Arms* rescue ship carrying more than 100 migrants on Sunday rejected an offer from Spain to dock in Algeciras, a six days’ journey away, citing an “extreme” emergency on board.

*Open Arms* migrant boat: Salvini concession as children leave stranded vessel.  

Italy’s Interior Minister Matteo Salvini made a partial concession to let 27 children stranded on board NGO migrant rescue ship *Open Arms* leave the vessel.

Spain to allow *Open Arms* migrants to disembark in Mallorca.  

The *Open Arms* rescue boat with migrants on board said Monday that they understood the Spanish government will allow them to disembark in Mallorca, as it is the nearest Spanish port to where they are located.

Channel migrants: Children among 64 people to arrive by boat.  

Five vessels were intercepted by Border Force off the coast of Kent, with a sixth landing on a beach in Sussex.

Scores dead off coast of Libya in latest Mediterranean shipwreck.  

At least 40 people are estimated to have drowned off the coast of Libya in the latest boat disaster on the Mediterranean.

**NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS**

International shipping industry under increased scrutiny as whale death toll climbs.  

The shipping industry is under increased scrutiny after two cargo ships were fined for sailing too fast through the Gulf of St. Lawrence, where the rising death toll among endangered North Atlantic right whales has been partly blamed on collisions with vessels.

U.S. wants ships to keep their tracking devices on -senior official.  

The United States wants all ships to keep their tracking transponders on to cut down on illicit activity and smuggling, and to increase transparency with movements of ships around the world, a senior State Department official told Reuters.

Indonesia, Vietnam to expedite completion of EEZ delimitation.  

Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno L. P. Marsudi held a bilateral meeting with Vietnam Foreign Minister/Deputy Prime Minister Pham Binh Minh on margins of the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting and ASEAN Post-Ministerial Conference, Bangkok, Thailand, July 30.


The Panama Canal Implements Speed Limits to Protect Whales. *Panama Canal Authority*. 2 August 2019. Available from: https://www.pancanal.com/eng/pr/press-releases/2019/08/02/pr677.html Starting August 1 and until November 30, 2019, the Panama Canal will promote the implementation of the International Maritime Organization’s (IMO) annual recommendations on speed and maritime transit aimed at protecting cetaceans, which include whales, dolphins and other large aquatic mammals, during their nearby seasonal migration.


Grace 1 Signals New Destination Then Reverts. *Maritime Executive*. 12 August 2019. Available from: https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/grace-1-signals-new-destination-then-reverts Maritime security company Dryad Global reports that the detained VLCC Grace 1 signalled a new destination of Morocco at 1340 UTC on August 12, and then at 1352 UTC she removed the update and reverted the entry back to its original.


Coast Guard ships among 6 vessels fined for speeding after 8 right whale deaths.
Jesse Ferreras. Global News (Canada). 13 August 2019. Available from: https://globalnews.ca/news/5758086/coast-guard-ships-fined-speeding-right-whales/. Transport Canada has fined six vessels — including two Canadian Coast Guard ships — for speeding through waters that had been subject to a temporary slowdown after eight North Atlantic right whales were reported dead in the Gulf of St. Lawrence since early June.


China-owned oil tanker changes name in apparent effort to evade U.S. sanctions.
While in the Indian Ocean heading toward the Strait of Malacca, the very large crude carrier (VLCC) Pacific Bravo went dark on June 5, shutting off the transponder that signals its position and direction to other ships, ship-tracking data showed.


Shipowners and pilots call for improved mobile communications services for Germany’s coastline. German Shipowners’ Association. 20 August 2019. Available from: https://www.reederverband.de/en/press/press-release/artikel/shipowners-and-pilots-call-for-improved-mobile-communications-services-for-germanys-coastline.html. Against the backdrop of the extension of mobile communications networks planned in Germany, the German Shipowners’ Association and the German Federal Chamber of Pilots issued a joint communiqué calling for urgent improvement of mobile network coverage in German coastal waters.


**BC Ferries supports whale research at Galiano Island.** *British Columbia Ferry Services.* 21 August 2019. Available from: https://www.bcferries.com/bcferries/faces/attachments?id=1371364 Scientists are getting a better look at whales as they transit near Galiano Island thanks to thermal imaging cameras installed at BC Ferries’ Sturdies Bay terminal on Galiano Island.


**In the Santa Barbara Channel, an underwater sound system tries to keep whales and ships apart.** Leila Miller. *Phys.org.* 21 August 2019. Available from: https://phys.org/news/2019-08-santa-barbara-channel-underwater-whales.html The taut rope that was lowering an underwater listening station to the ocean’s floor collapsed on the tug boat’s deck with a slap, signalling to the crew on board that their mission was complete.

**Understanding the Strait of Hormuz: narrower than Bass Strait, carrying one fifth the world’s oil.** Jackson Gothe-Snape and Emma Machan. *ABC (Australia).* 22 August 2019. Available from: https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-08-21/understanding-the-strait-of-hormuz/11435122 It links the Persian Gulf and its states such as Kuwait and Bahrain to the Indian Ocean.

**ColReg, liability for collision between ships and autonomous navigation / ANALYSIS.** *MediTelegram (Italy).* 22 August 2019. Available from: http://www.themeditelegraph.com/en/markets/regulation/2019/08/22/colreg-liability-for-collision-between-ships-and-autonomous-navigation-ZhKFBG4ZcQ6DAq5BoPJAol/index.html Among the laws of maritime law that seem to hinder the advent of unmanned navigation in a more sensitive way, the International Rules for preventing collisions at sea (ColReg) have particular significance.

**India, France plan satellite surveillance of ships.** Madhumathi D.S. *The Hindu (India).* 24 August 2019. Available from: https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-france-plan-satellite-surveillance-of-ships/article29237308.ece India and France have formalised the development and launch of what is probably a unique constellation of around 10 low-earth orbit satellites that will continuously provide maritime surveillance and security.

**CMA CGM Shipping company backs away from Russia’s Northern Sea Route.** Malte Humpert. *High North News (Norway).* 26 August 2019. Available from: https://www.highnorthnews.com/en/cma-cgm-shipping-company-backs-away-russias-northern-sea-route CMA CGM, the world’s fourth largest container shipping company, announced it will not operate in the Arctic due to environmental concerns.
Statement by the Spokesperson on recent developments in the South China Sea.  
*European Union.* 28 August 2019. Available from: [https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/66749](https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/66749) Unilateral actions during the past weeks in the South China Sea have resulted in mounting tensions and a deterioration of the maritime security environment which represents a serious threat to the peaceful economic development of the region.

Arctic shipwreck ‘frozen in time’ astounds archaeologists. Roff Smith. *National Geographic.* 28 August 2019. Available from: [https://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/2019/08/arctic-shipwreck-frozen-astounds-archaeologists/](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/2019/08/arctic-shipwreck-frozen-astounds-archaeologists/) The wreck of H.M.S. Terror, one of the long lost ships from Sir John Franklin’s 1845 expedition to find the Northwest Passage, is astonishingly well preserved, say Parks Canada archaeologists, who recently used small remotely-operated vehicles (ROVs) to peer deep inside the historic vessel’s interior.


**PIRACY**


Seventeen seafarers kidnapped in Gulf of Guinea attacks on two vessels. Lloyd’s List. 19 August 2019. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1128837/Seventeen-seafarers-kidnapped-in-Gulf-of-Guinea-attacks-on-two-vessels Nine Chinese and eight Ukrainian seafarers have been abducted from a multipurpose vessel and a bulker in two separate attacks carried out within hours of each other in the same area.

Cosmoship and MC-Schiffahrt express concern over Cameroon attacks. Nigel Lowry. Lloyd’s List. 19 August 2019. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1128842 Greek owner’s Victory C has been identified as the second vessel involved in last week’s kidnappings that saw a total of 17 seafarers abducted.

PORT STATE CONTROL

Germany’s largest ever cocaine shipment seized by customs. Deutsche Welle (Germany). 2 August 2019. Available from: https://www.dw.com/en/germanys-largest-ever-cocaine-shipment-seized-by-customs/a-49863090 Nearly €1 billion worth of cocaine has been seized in the German port city of Hamburg. More than 4,200 packages in 211 sports bags were discovered in a freight container that shippers claimed was full of soybeans.


US Customs ‘very focused’ on cybersecurity. Michael Juliano. TradeWinds. 5 August 2019. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/containerships/us-customs-very-focused-on-cybersecurity/2-1-649318 Cybersecurity is one of US Customs and Border Protection’s top security challenges in protecting the maritime industry from outside threats, according to agency officials.

Blumenthal ship detained for nine days in Belgium port finally released. International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF). 6 August 2019. Available from: https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/blumenthal-ship-detained-nine-days-belgium-port-finally-released The Liberian-flagged bulk carrier the MV Lita was detained by for nine days after Belgian authorities inspected the ship and found dozens of safety breaches and deficiencies relating to the working conditions of the crew.


Iran, UK exchange documents to release oil tanker. Islamic Republic News Agency - IRNA (Iran). 13 August 2019. Available from: https://en.irna.ir/news/83435613/Iran-UK-exchange-documents-to-release-oil-tanker Deputy Head of Iran’s Ports and Maritime Organization (PMO) Jalil Eslami said on Tuesday that some documents have been exchanged to free Grace 1 supertanker carrying Iranian oil that was seized by the UK Navy in Gibraltar last month.
Iran, UK exchange documents to release oil tanker. *Islamic Republic News Agency - IRNA (Iran).* 13 August 2019. Available from: [https://en.irna.ir/news/83435613/Iran-UK-exchange-documents-to-release-oil-tanker](https://en.irna.ir/news/83435613/Iran-UK-exchange-documents-to-release-oil-tanker) Deputy Head of Iran’s Ports and Maritime Organization (PMO) Jalil Eslami said on Tuesday that some documents have been exchanged to free *Grace 1* supertanker carrying Iranian oil that was seized by the UK Navy in Gibraltar last month.

Gibraltar decides to free seized Iranian tanker; U.S. seeks to hold it. Guy Faulconbridge and Marco Trujillo. *Reuters.* 15 August 2019. Available from: [https://reut.rs/2OXu7Lq](https://reut.rs/2OXu7Lq) Britain’s Mediterranean territory Gibraltar decided on Thursday to free a seized Iranian oil tanker, but did not immediately indicate when or if the ship would set sail after the United States launched a new, last-minute legal bid to hold it.


Iran oil tanker: Gibraltar orders release of *Grace 1.* *BBC News.* 15 August 2019. Available from: [https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-49362182](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-49362182) The UK territory received written assurances from Iran that the ship would not discharge its cargo in Syria.

**PORTS & HARBOURS**


Classification bureau finds new fuel types in unusual ports. Christian Carlsen. *ShippingWatch.* 2 August 2019. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/secure/regulation/article11529677.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/secure/regulation/article11529677.ece) More and more fuel types with a low sulfur content are being introduced to the market – and in some cases in ports in which low-sulfur fuels are not common, says Bureau Veritas.
Accompanying him at the inauguration ceremony held on the 40-hectare platform reclaimed from the Atlantic Ocean was former president Hifikepunye Pohamba, who officiated at the groundbreaking ceremony of the terminal in May 2014.

Officers from the Thessaloniki Port Authority’s narcotics squad have seized a 52-kilogram shipment of cocaine coming into the northern Greek city via container, authorities reported on Saturday.

The British Ports Association is today launching a new joint smart ports paper with the Port of Rotterdam examining port digitalisation.

The Shanghai port has topped UNCTAD’s 2019 ranking of the world’s best-connected ports, released on 7 August.

Known as the “humble heroes” of globalization, containers are handled in hundreds of millions at container ports worldwide annually.

his entity is set up to offer the Pronto platform and application to ports around the world over the next few years.

On Wednesday, Italian transport minister Danilo Toninelli told a parliamentary hearing that giant cruise ships could be diverted away from Venice’s centre, where many currently dock.

Piraeus is an example of what happens when Chinese money meets European demand.

The US Coast Guard is to impose a 4.5% increase in penalties for vessels, deepwater ports and onshore facilities under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, to reflect the rise in consumer price index inflation since 2015.

£9 million announced to get ports and local areas ready for Brexit. Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP. UK Government. 21 August 2019. Available from: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/9-million-announced-to-get-ports-and-local-areas-ready-for-brexit £5 million will be given to local councils which either have or are near to a major air, land or sea port and £4 million to local resilience forums.

Bellona has entered into a cooperation agreement with the Port of Oslo. Bellona Foundation. 21 August 2019. Available from: https://bellona.org/news/climate-change/2019-08-bellona-has-entered-into-a-cooperation-agreement-with-the-port-of-oslo Oslo Harbor KF has signed a cooperation agreement with the Bellona Foundation. Bellona will partner up with the Port of Oslo to make the port emission-free, and will distribute the lessons learned from this project with the international community, allowing others to follow Oslo’s example.


Panama Maritime Authority moving forward on administration’s key issues. MundoMaritimo. 26 August 2019. Available from: https://mundomaritimo.net/noticias/panama-maritime-authority-moving-forward-on-administrations-quot-key-issues The Panama Maritime Authority (AMP) administrator and Maritime Affairs minister, Noriel Araúz, talked in exclusive with MundoMaritimo at the WISTA Americas annual conference en Panama, about the AMP’s current guidelines and first steps towards the road to strengthen the country’s position as a strategic player in the global maritime industry.


Drop in major incidents in the Port of Singapore. Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore. 29 August 2019. Available from: https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/758d6314-b656-4643-b9bd-d549fa06db4a The number of major incidents[1] in the Port of Singapore has dropped over the last 10 years, with fewer than 0.12 major incidents per 100,000 vessel movements in 2018, down from 0.8 in 2009.

REGULATIONS

Indonesia needs time to exhaust existing supplies before switch to low-sulphur fuel - transport ministry. Bernadette Christina Munthe. Reuters. 29 July 2019. Available from: https://reut.rs/2kvI30t Indonesia needs more time to comply with global rules requiring low-sulphur marine fuels, its transport ministry said on Monday, citing abundant supply of higher-sulphur fuel.


Trident Alliance responds to Indonesian threats on IMO2020 low sulphur fuel policy. Trident Alliance. 31 July 2019. Available from: http://www.tridentalliance.org/news/2019/7/31/trident-alliance-responds-to-indonesian-threats-on-imo2020-low-sulphur-fuel The entry into force date of the new global sulphur cap is set in stone. From January 1st, 2020 the maximum sulphur content of fuel consumed on the high seas will be 0.50%, unless an exhaust gas cleaning system is used.


Carriers looking to fix charters long-term as IMO 2020 squeezes ship supply. Mike Wackett. The Loadstar. 8 August 2019. Available from: https://theloadstar.com/carriers-looking-to-fix-charters-long-term-as-imo-2020-squeezes-ship-supply/ Non-operating containership owners Seaspan and Danaos have reported “positive supply side-effects” from the IMO’s 0.5% sulphur cap on vessels, coming into force next January.


Ghana committed to meeting IMO 2020 Sulphur Cap regulations - Mrs Sagoe. Kodjo Adams. Ghana News Agency. 15 August 2019. Available from: https://ghananewsagency.org/social/ghana-committed-to-meeting-imo-2020-sulphur-cap-regulations-mrs-sagoe-154706 Government has constituted an inter-ministerial committee to meet the deadline for the implementation of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) 2020 Sulphur Cap regulations, Mrs Mabel Sagoe, the Chief Director of Ministry of Transport has said.


Shipbroker says companies get rush deliveries of VLCCs prior to sulfur cap. Mathias Bledel Lorenzen. *ShippingWatch.* 21 August 2019. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/secure/carriers/Tanker/article11565426.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/secure/carriers/Tanker/article11565426.ece) In both orders and deliveries, the first half of 2019 saw the largest VLCC growth in 20 years, shipbroker SSY writes in an analysis.


ClassNK reorganizes its structure to support the industry with the 2020 Sulphur Cap. *ClassNK.* 27 August 2019. Available from: [https://www.classnk.or.jp/hp/en/hp_news.aspx?id=4106&type=press_release&layout=1](https://www.classnk.or.jp/hp/en/hp_news.aspx?id=4106&type=press_release&layout=1) Leading classification society ClassNK has undergone structural changes that include an integration of its point of contacts in order to more quickly and efficiently support clients with the IMO’s upcoming sulphur cap which will be globally enforced starting in January of 2020.


When the new sulfur regulations come into force, one of the major challenges facing shipowners across the world will be to handle the interaction of different new low-sulfur fuel types if they mix, classification bureau ABS assesses to *ShippingWatch.*

**SALVAGE**


Interview by Paul González-Morgan (Marine Strategy) – Jose Luis Garcia Lena is Director of Spain’s Salvage and Maritime Safety Society (SASEMAR), known as “Salvamento Maritimo” (SM), mainly dedicated to the protection of life at sea.


After a long delay due to ice conditions, work to remove the grounded fishing vessel *Northguider* from a remote shore in Svalbard has resumed.

**SEAFARERS**


As a part of a medium-term management plan to promote digitalization, NYK formed a joint venture with Philippines-based Transnational Diversified Group to launch electronic money platform “MarCoPay” for seafarers.


Deployment of Filipino seafarers is dwindling, among other issues that need to be tackled, such as the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) assessment, the country’s inclusion in the IMO whitelist and nuisance cases from ambulance chasers – lawyers who specialize in bringing cases seeking damages for personal injury.


Shipping and Maritime principal secretary Nancy Karigithu said a third of the 120 seafarers employed by the Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) recently are women.


The 23 crew members are confined to the vessel, which is moored off the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas, Stena Bulk and Northern Marine Management said.


The Warlike Operations Area Committee (WOAC) has agreed to temporarily designate the Strait of Hormuz as a High-Risk Area from August 2, following government advice to avoid the area unless accompanied by UK naval support.


Transport Malta to provide financial aid to Seafarers Centre in Valletta. Albert Galea. *Malta Independent.* 6 August 2019. Available from: [https://bit.ly/2m3VJk1](https://bit.ly/2m3VJk1) Transport Malta will be offering financial aid to the Seafarers Centre in Valletta to help with its day-to-day running under a Memorandum of Understanding signed on Tuesday morning.


Independent review of UAE legal and policy protections for Seafarers. Human Rights at Sea. 12 August 2019. Available from: https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/08/12/independent-review-of-uae-legal-and-policy-protections-for-seafarers/ Human Rights at Sea today issues an independent review and briefing note on the current legal and policy protections for seafarers operating in United Arab Emirates (UAE) waters following on from the series of high-profile abandonment cases since late 2018 highlighted by the charity’s case studies and other leading international newspapers such as the Times of India and The Guardian.

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Stena CEO asks India’s president for help to release ship. Simon Valeur. ShippingWatch. 12 August 2019. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/secure/carriers/article11546324.ece In a letter, Stena Bulk’s CEO calls on India’s prime minister to personally enter the efforts to secure the release of UK-flagged tanker ship Stena Impero and its primarily Indian crew members, who have been detained in Iran since mid-July.

Crew safe after fire breaks out on APL containership off India coast. Lee Hong Liang. Seatrade Maritime News. 13 August 2019. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/news/asia/crew-safe-after-fire-breaks-out-on-apl-containership-off-india-coast/ An APL containership caught fire last Friday off the coast of western India, and all 26 crew members were reportedly safe, according to the India Coast Guard.

Viewpoint: The happy seafarer. Michael Grey. Lloyd’s List. 15 August 2019. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1128737/Viewpoint-The-happy-seafarer It may not be realistic to aggregate the individual responses of happy or unhappy seafarers into industry sectors, as happiness is surely dependent upon life on an individual ship, but it is a good idea to ascertain seafarers' thoughts and opinions on key welfare issues.

Are seafarers becoming more unhappy? Iain Gomersall. Knect365 Maritime. 15 August 2019. Available from: https://knect365.com/shipping/article/1950a78e-3ce5-4dfd-9125-5b2c0041c41a/926153 The Seafarers Happiness Index platform from the Mission to Seafarers charity was originally founded in 2015 and is designed to monitor and benchmark seafarer satisfaction.

Charity optimistic that Gibraltar tanker release is hopeful news for Stena Impero seafarers. Hellenic Shipping News. 16 August 2019. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/charity-optimistic-that-gibraltar-tanker-release-is-hopeful-news-for-stena-impero-seafarers/ Following media reports of the Gibraltar court decision to drop charges against some of the Grace 1 tanker crew, it appears that the vessel is free to sail. Global seafarers' charity, Stella Maris, hopes that this may lead to the release of the Stena Impero crew, detained in Iran for 27 days.


U.S. bans Visas for seafarers who help move Iranian oil. Maritime Executive. 16 August 2019. Available from: https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/u-s-targets-seafarers-who-help-move-iranian-goods In a message to the “maritime community” Thursday, the U.S. State Department said that it will use an anti-terrorism law to deny visas to seafarers who work aboard vessels carrying Iranian oil.

Iranian Vessel Grace I - United States Department of State. US Department of State. 15 August 2019. Available from: https://www.state.gov/iranian-vessel-grace-i/ The United States assesses that the M/T Grace I was assisting the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) by transporting oil from Iran to Syria.


Union calls for Iran to allow access to crew of detained tanker Stena Impero. Nautilus International. 19 August 2019. Available from: https://www.nautilusint.org/en/nautilus-calls-for-iran-to-allow-access-to-crew-of-detained-tanker-stena-impero/ Nautilus has written to the Iranian government asking that the owners of detained UK-flagged tanker Stena Impero, be granted access to the vessel in order to check on the crew.


Seafarer abuse continues with low settlement offers for outstanding wages. *Human Rights at Sea* (HRAS). 21 August 2019. Available from: [https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/08/21/seafarer-abuse-continues-with-low-settlement-offers-for-outstanding-wages/](https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2019/08/21/seafarer-abuse-continues-with-low-settlement-offers-for-outstanding-wages/) This evening Human Rights at Sea was contacted in desperation by a seafarer and Indian national 34-year-old Vikas Mishra from Jaunpur who had previously suffered 35 months and 13 days onboard the UAE flagged *MV Tamim Aldar* owned by Eliteway Marine Services Ltd without pay and seeing his family in what has been a widely and internationally reported matter.


Media: Stena vessel and crew could leave Iran in a few days. Niklas Krigslund. *ShippingWatch*. 23 August 2019. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/secure/carriers/Tanker/article11570442.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/secure/carriers/Tanker/article11570442.ece) *Stena Impero*, which was detained by Iranian special forces on July 19, could be days away from being released, a source with knowledge of the talks between Sweden and Iran’s foreign ministers tells Swedish television news SVT.


Maersk’s head of Marine HR: Our crew costs are too high. Tomas Kristiansen. *ShippingWatch*. 26 August 2019. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/secure/carriers/article11575185.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/secure/carriers/article11575185.ece) The head of Marine HR at Maersk, Niels Bruus, is preparing to “turn over every stone” to make the company’s crew-related costs competitive, reports maritime media Søfart.

India first country to issue smart IDs to seafarers containing facial biometric details.


**SEARCH & RESCUE**


Spanish NGO boat seeks safe port for 124 people rescued in Mediterranean. Sam Edwards. *Reuters*. 2 August 2019. Available from: https://reut.rs/2m1Xyhd A Spanish charity rescue boat sought safe port on Friday after Italy rejected its request to disembark 124 people saved from two migrant rafts in the Mediterranean, the organisation said.

Sicilian fishermen risk prison to rescue migrants: ‘No human would turn away’. *The Guardian*. 3 August 2019. Available from: https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/aug/03/sicilian-fishermen-risk-prison-to-rescue-migrants-off-libya-italy-salvini Captain Carlo Giarratano didn’t think twice when, late last month, during a night-time fishing expedition off the coast of Libya, he heard desperate cries of help from 50 migrants aboard a dinghy that had run out of fuel and was taking on water.

40 rescued migrants brought to Malta; 123 more still at sea. *Associated Press*. 4 August 2019. Available from: https://apnews.com/220056d1839146dfaa2083f3732082de Forty migrants rescued off the coast of Libya were successfully transferred Sunday to Maltese military boats and brought to port, the German rescue group Sea-Eye said, ending another standoff with the European Union over the fate of migrants rescued in the Mediterranean Sea.


A Spanish charity that saved 121 migrants in the Mediterranean last week vowed Monday to continue sea rescue operations, the latest NGO to defy moves by European nations to shut down a route exploited by trafficking gangs.

On 25 July, tragedy once again hit the Mediterranean with an estimated 150 people drowned whilst fleeing Libya.

On board the Ocean Viking: From one operation to the next, it is not the people who are saved but the ones they can do nothing to help who leave the worst mental scars on migrant rescuers in the Mediterranean.

UNHCR is concerned about last night’s decision by the Italian Parliament to convert into law a security decree that imposes more severe penalties on boats and people conducting search and rescue operations in the Mediterranean.

Speaking in Geneva, UN Refugee Agency spokesperson Charlie Yaxley explained that the legislative move came at a time when other European countries had largely stopped sea rescue activities.

The ICJ called today on Italy and Malta to cooperate to swiftly provide a place of safety for the disembarkment of the 121 migrants, likely including asylum seekers, on board the Open Arms vessel.

Maltese authorities have refused to refuel the Ocean Viking, the new migrant rescue ship operated by Sos Mediterranee and Doctors Without Borders (MSF), despite a previous agreement, a spokesman for the Sos Mediterranee told Germany’s Dpa news agency.

The European Commission should help 121 migrants who have spent a week aboard a Spanish rescue boat to find refuge, European Parliament speaker David Sassoli said in a letter on Thursday to the EU executive’s president, Jean-Claude Juncker.

The woman was reported to have fallen from a dinghy that was seen by a cargo vessel heading towards the Kent coast at 13:15 BST on Friday.


Spanish warship picks up 15 migrants to fire political shot. Belén Carreño. Reuters. 27 August 2019. Available from: https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-europe-migrants-italy-spain/spanish-warship-picks-up-15-migrants-to-fire-political-shot-idUKKCN1VH236 A Spanish warship collected 15 rescued migrants from an Italian port on Tuesday, having sailed halfway across the Mediterranean to fetch the small group in a high-profile manoeuvre that sharply contrasted with Italy’s refusal to accept them.

Spanish coastguard rescues 208 migrants crossing from Africa to Spain. Emma Pinedo. Reuters. 29 August 2019. Available from: https://reut.rs/2lHatEV More than 200 migrants were rescued on Wednesday by the Spanish coastguard as they attempted to make the crossing from Africa to Spain, rescue services said on Thursday.

SHIP RECYCLING


IMO’s Ballast Water Management Convention to rekindle tonnage scrapping in crude tankers. Hellenic Shipping News. 29 August 2019. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/imos-ballast-water-management-convention-to-rekindle-tonnage-scrapping-in-crude-tankers/ The IMO’s Ballast Water Management Convention (BWMC) is likely to rekindle scrapping activity in the crude tanker market in the remainder of 2019, although the real impact of the regulation will be seen only after the implementation of the IMO 2020 regulation on sulphur cap.
**SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR**


**Ferries need to be updated or replaced, experts warn.** *Ekathimerini (Greece)*. 8 August 2019. Available from: [http://www.ekathimerini.com/243407/article/ekathimerini/business/ferries-need-to-be-updated-or-replaced-experts-warn](http://www.ekathimerini.com/243407/article/ekathimerini/business/ferries-need-to-be-updated-or-replaced-experts-warn) Greece’s coastal shipping fleet is old and environmentally unsound, and needs to be replaced with the assistance of local and European Union authorities, XRTC Business Consultants says in its latest report on the sector.


**23 container ships are currently getting scrubbers installed.** Trine Vestergaard. *ShippingWatch*. 14 August 2019. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/secure/carriers/Container/article11550745.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/secure/carriers/Container/article11550745.ece) At this moment, 23 container ships are at yards having scrubbers installed, and 17 of these have a capacity exceeding 7,500 teu.

**World’s Biggest Oil Tanker Sails for Fuel-Storage Zone.** *Hellenic Shipping News*. 14 August 2019. Available from: [https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/worlds-biggest-oil-tanker-sails-for-fuel-storage-zone/](https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/worlds-biggest-oil-tanker-sails-for-fuel-storage-zone/) The world’s biggest oil tanker has begun a 12,400-mile voyage to a fuel-storage zone in Asia, the latest movement of a vessel that’s intrigued the shipping market and fuel traders for months.


**Delays to scrubber retrofits mounting.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 16 August 2019. Available from: [https://splash247.com/delays-to-scrubber-retrofits-mounting/](https://splash247.com/delays-to-scrubber-retrofits-mounting/) Lawyers are set to be one of the main early beneficiaries from the start of the global sulphur cap with Splash receiving multiple reports from across the world of shipyards falling far behind in their scrubber retrofitting schedules.


World’s largest electric ferry enters service in Denmark. Sam Morgan. EurActiv. 19 August 2019. Available from: https://www.euractiv.com/section/shipping/news/worlds-largest-electric-ferry-enters-service-in-denmark/ An all-electric ferry, purported to be the world’s largest, completed its first voyage between two Danish islands last week, as the shipping sector gears up for strict new emission laws due to take effect in 2020.


SHIPPING


UK flag threatened by Hormuz conflict in addition to Brexit. Simon Valeur. ShippingWatch. 30 July 2019. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/secure/carriers/article11524077.ece The British flag’s reputation is under major pressure as of late, warns the UK Chamber of Shipping.
Shipping leaders understand that digitalisation is important, but obstacles still stand in the way of full-scale roll-outs.

Global Shipping Industry Delivers Comments to Official Consultation on Proposed Modifications to Panama Canal Tolls. Hellenic Shipping News. 31 July 2019. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/global-shipping-industry-delivers-comments-to-official-consultation-on-proposed-modifications-to-panama-canal-tolls/ The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) is conducting a public consultation on a proposal to adjust the Panama Canal tolls for containerships, vehicle carriers, dry bulk carriers, tankers, chemical carriers, LPG and LNG vessels, passenger vessels and small vessels.

BMS United Launches IMO2020 Fuel Availability Tool. Ship & Bunker. 31 July 2019. Available from: https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/782501-bms-united-launches-imo2020-fuel-availability-tool With less than six months to go before the new global 0.5% sulfur cap comes into force, BMS United has launched a new tool to show which markets will have availability of the new IMO2020 grade bunker fuels.


Baltic Exchange starts tracking shipping emissions. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 1 August 2019. Available from: https://splash247.com/baltic-exchange-starts-tracking-shipping-emissions/ In a huge departure from its 265-year heritage of providing freight rate data, the Baltic Exchange is partnering with a spatial big data company to create a platform with an initial focus on shipping emissions.


Danaos expects boost from trade war and sulfur cap. Simon Valeur. ShippingWatch. 6 August 2019. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/secure/carriers/Container/article11534665.ece Greek Danaos grew its profit in the second quarter, when, according to the company’s CEO, the charter market for large ships was “strong.”


Flat batteries may erase your MARPOL data. Gard. 6 August 2019. Available from: http://www.gard.no/web/updates/content/28113315/flat-batteries-may-erase-your-marpol-data Port State inspectors compare the Bilge Alarm data to the entries in the Oil Record Book and if that data is unavailable, inspectors may find the vessel deficient.


Maritime conferences slammed. Splash 247.com. 6 August 2019. Available from: https://splash247.com/maritime-conferences-slammed/ Organisers of maritime conferences have been sent a stern message today to buck up and make their events more relevant and worth people’s time.


IMO 2020 sulphur emission cuts are just the start of the challenge. Michael Tusiani. *TradeWinds*. 8 August 2019. Available from: [https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/imo-2020-sulphur-emission-cuts-are-just-the-start-of-the-challenge/2-1-649917](https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/imo-2020-sulphur-emission-cuts-are-just-the-start-of-the-challenge/2-1-649917) Over the past few years, the world’s shipping industry has been focused on the implementation of the IMO-mandated global reduction in sulphur content of fuel oils from 3.5% to 0.5% by next January.


The weather is getting more extreme – and creates more business. Simon Valeur. *ShippingWatch*. 8 August 2019. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/secure/Services/article11537901.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/secure/Services/article11537901.ece) In addition to the shipping companies having to fight their way through increasingly powerful storms that delay shipping and shut down ports, bad weather and climate change have also become a lucrative business.


Update: what we know about the ongoing ‘Tanker War’ between Iran, Britain, US.


Women in maritime: We need all hands on deck. *DCN - Daily Cargo News (Australia)*. 13 August 2019. Available from: https://www.thedcn.com.au/women-in-maritime-we-need-all-hands-on-deck/  Gender equality in the maritime industry is under the spotlight. Forums and conferences around the world are shining a light on the subject and for this year’s World Maritime Day the International Maritime Organization is putting its weight into empowering women in maritime.


HSFO availability tightens as sulphur cap nears. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 14 August 2019. Available from: https://splash247.com/hsfo-availability-tightens-as-sulphur-cap-nears/ With 140 days until the start of the International Maritime Organization-mandated global sulphur cap, Splash has been hearing plenty of reports of the supply of heavy sulphur fuel oil (HSFO) becoming more tight, especially in Singapore, the world’s top bunkering hub.

More scrubbers or more vessels? Maybe both. Barry Parker. Seatrade Maritime News. 14 August 2019. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/dispatches/more-scrubbers-or-more-vessels-maybe-both/ In spite of the ‘Dog Days’ of summer, second quarter earnings reports from listed companies are in season; unfortunately, they reveal the cooled down and generally chilled nature of investor attitudes regarding the sector.

Shipping firms review earnings amid anxiety over zero emission. Sulaimon Salau. Guardian (Nigeria). 14 August 2019. Available from: https://guardian.ng/business-services/... Shipping companies across the world have continued to count their earnings for the half year (H1) 2019, even as they scramble to meet the 2020 deadline for zero emission fuel for vessels.


Waterfront says methanol is proven, future-proof fuel. Matt Coyne. TradeWinds. 15 August 2019. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/waterfront-says-methanol-is-proven-future-proof-fuel/2-1-653709 The global fleet of methanol-powered ships is growing as the fuel gains traction as an alternative way to meet looming IMO 2020 requirements.


Norden feels the heat from Trump’s trade war, Brexit and IMO 2020. Nidaa Bakhsh. Lloyd’s List. 15 August 2019. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1128801/Norden-feels-the-heat-from-Trumps-trade-war-Brexit-and-IMO-2020 The Danish dry bulk and tanker owner is seeing a number of ‘hot spots’ in both markets this year, which may present challenges. While that is the case, Norden is still confident of meeting overall 2019 profit guidance issued earlier in the year.


Logistics for the energy revolution: Why shipping has a vital role to play. Hellenic Shipping News. 19 August 2019. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/logistics-for-the-energy-revolution-why-shipping-has-a-vital-role-to-play It’s widely reported that radical change is taking place in the energy sector.


LR awards world’s first digital type approval to HHI. Ship Management International. 20 August 2019. Available from: http://shipmanagementinternational.com/lr-awards-worlds-first-digital-type-approval-to-hhi/ Hyundai Heavy Industries (HHI) has received type approval from Lloyd’s Register (LR) for the network security digital component of its Integrated Smartship Solution (ISS).


Air is becoming slightly cleaner, while climate footprint is worsening [Cruise Ship Ranking 2019]. NABU (Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union). 21 August 2019. Available from: https://en.nabu.de/news/2019/26855.html The findings of this year’s evaluation demonstrate that only a small proportion of fleets is becoming cleaner, while the industry by large continues to rely on heavy fuels and fails to employ exhaust technology.


Citigroup’s new shipping finance chairman to deepen environmental focus. Jonathan Saul. Reuters. 22 August 2019. Available from: https://reut.rs/2k7Ysbu Citigroup’s veteran shipping finance banker Michael Parker is to become chairman of the bank’s shipping & logistics business, a role which will include bolstering the lender’s environmental focus in the sector.


Take part in ‘Maritime and Me’ campaign to highlight women in the maritime sector. Maritime UK. 27 August 2019. Available from: https://www.maritimeuk.org/media-centre/news/news-take-part-maritime-and-me-campaign-highlight-women-maritime-sector/ Maritime UK, working alongside the Department for Transport (DfT) and Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (ICS) have a launched a new ‘Maritime and Me’ campaign to profile women in maritime and encourage girls to join the sector.


Shipping on the agenda at G7. Craig Jallal. Tanker Shipping & Trade. 28 August 2019. Available from: https://www.rivieramm.com/opinion/opinion/shipping-on-the-agenda-at-g7-56020 President Macron of France is using shipping and slow steaming to polish his credentials as a politician that cares about greenhouse gases and the environment.


Sanctions proving 'extremely challenging' for industry despite transparency tools.
Anastassios Adamopoulos. Lloyd's List. 28 August 2019. Available from: https://lloydistslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1128955 @. Sanctions monitoring can be "extremely challenging" for companies in the shipping industry, but the technology available that makes operations more transparent and proactive measures can minimise potential damage, experts are warning.


Minister praises Durban shipbuilding company for empowering women in maritime.


RESEARCH

Heffernan O. Seabed mining is coming — bringing mineral riches and fears of epic extinctions. Nature. 24 July 2019. Available from: https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-019-02242-y Plans are advancing to harvest precious ores from the ocean floor, but scientists say that companies have not tested them enough to avoid devastating damage.


About the cover

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.