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Crew changeovers needed urgently to support safe flow of commerce by sea

The need for crew changeovers to take place is of the utmost urgency, IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim and shipping industry representatives agreed, during a virtual IMO-industry meeting hosted by IMO (30 April).

Many seafarers on board ships (and personnel in the offshore industry) have been on enforced extended contracts during the COVID-19 pandemic, with restrictions on travel making it difficult for crew to leave ships and for new crew to join ships. These extended stays on board could have significant repercussions for crew wellbeing as well as for ship operations, several NGOs said.

Representatives of the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) and the International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF) highlighted their work in leading a call for “hub” airports and seaports to be established, so that crew changes could take place more easily. Work is ongoing with governments, port authorities, health authorities and others to develop protocols for crew changes and crew movements. ICS said they estimated that 150,000 seafarers were trapped at sea and needed to change over as soon as possible.

IMO Secretary-General Lim and industry representatives highlighted their appreciation for seafarers working on the front line to keep trade of essential goods flowing during the pandemic. They reiterated the need for seafarers, port workers and related personnel to be designated as key workers.

The meeting was updated on ongoing collaborative work underway to address specific issues during the pandemic. IMO has been working with other UN agencies and bodies to issue joint guidance and statements, and to disseminate communications received from Member States detailing their arrangements for issues such as certificate extensions. These are available on the IMO website (click here).

The International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) highlighted the efforts of IACS member surveyors to continue to certify ships for compliance with international treaty and class requirements, sometimes using techniques such as remote surveying where this was feasible. When surveyors do go on board, provision of personal protective equipment is critical.

There are legal questions over what happens when or if extensions of certificates need to go beyond the three months permitted extension in exceptional circumstances provided for under IMO treaties. The IMO Secretariat noted that this issue was under active consideration.

NGOs were invited to submit their views and updates on survey and certification, seafarer changeover and other concerns, including the prioritization and rescheduling of IMO meetings to the forthcoming thirty-second Extraordinary Session of the IMO Council, which is being held by correspondence from May to mid-July. (see briefing).

IMO Secretary-General Lim pledged to continue to collaborate and cooperate - including diplomatic consultations with Member States - to tackle the challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, in particular to address the issues faced by seafarers.

The virtual roundtable meeting with the shipping industry was held on 30 April. It was attended by IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim and IMO Directors, and heads or representatives from the following NGOs in consultative status with IMO: BIMCO; Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA); International Association of Classification Societies (IACS); International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH); International Chamber of Shipping (ICS); International Federation of
Shipmasters’ Associations (IFSMA); International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA); International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (INTERCARGO); INTERFERRY; International Association of Independent Tanker Owners (INTERTANKO); International Parcel Tanker Association (IPTA); International Transport Workers Federation (ITF); Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF); World Shipping Council (WSC).

UN agencies call for urgent action on crew changes and keyworker designation for sea and air workers More...

IMO endorses new protocols designed to lift barriers to crew changes More...

IMO MEETINGS FOR 2020 – List of meetings postponed to the COVID-19 pandemic

IMO postpones further meetings due to COVID-19 but begins rescheduling plans More...

RECENT SPEECHES BY IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL KITACK LIM

IMO NEWS MAGAZINE (Spring Summer 2020)

IMO PUBLISHING Just Published 2020 April/May 2020 Newsletter
**UNITED NATIONS**


COVID-19 shows crucial role of the UN, says next General Assembly President. *UN News.* 15 May 2020. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/05/1064142. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the ‘crucial role’ of the UN and its agencies, according to the veteran Turkish diplomat and parliamentarian who, as the only candidate for the top job, is slated to lead the historic 75th session of the General Assembly which begins in September.

UN chief renews call for COVID-19 solidarity as WHO warns ‘majority’ of world still at risk. *UN News.* 18 May 2020. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/05/1064252. A “massive” and combined effort by all countries is needed to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic, UN Secretary-General António Guterres said on Monday, as UN health agency head, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, insisted that “the majority of the world’s population remains susceptible to this virus”.


‘Business as unusual’: How COVID-19 could change the future of work. *UN News.* 27 May 2020. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/05/1064802. Millions of people around the world have been working remotely due to the coronavirus pandemic and now experts are asking whether this “business as unusual” could be the future of work, at least for those people whose job doesn’t require them to be tied to a particular location.
CASUALTIES

A Maersk Line containership suffered an engine room fire that left the ship adrift in the Caribbean Sea off the coast of Guadeloupe.


Milano Bridge failed to slow down before collision. Martina Li. Safety at Sea. 7 May 2020. Available from: https://safetyatsea.net/news/2020/milano-bridge-failed-to-slow-down-before-collision/ The container ship Milano Bridge did not reduce its speed as it approached a pier in Busan New Port on 6 April 2020, causing it to knock into and demolish a gantry crane, investigations showed.


Iranian boxship an Indonesian bulker grounded after collision in Singapore Strait


Cruise industry sees four non-COVID19 fatalities in two weeks. Safety at Sea. 14 May 2020. Available from: https://safety4sea.com/cruise-industry-sees-four-non-covid19-fatalities-in-two-weeks/ The body of a crewmember onboard the Regal Princess cruise ship was found in the water, with their death marking the fourth non-COVID fatality reported aboard a large cruise ship within the past two weeks.

Iran confirms vessel’s grounding in Indonesia, denies collision. Safety4Sea. 18 May 2020. Available from: https://safety4sea.com/iran-confirms-vessels-grounding-in-indonesia-denies-collision/ Following an accident between an Iranian and an Indonesian vessel, the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL) issued a brief statement confirming that its container ship the Shahraz had grounded in the waters north of Indonesia.


**Accident Investigation Report 9/2020: Man overboard from dredger Cherry Sand with loss of 1 life.** *UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB).* 21 May 2020. Available from: https://www.gov.uk/maib-reports/man-overboard-from-dredger-cherry-sand-with-loss-of-1-life On 28 February 2019, the master of *Cherry Sand* was crushed between the dredger and the jetty after he fell while attempting to step ashore to assist berthing the vessel in Rosyth, Scotland.


**Shipping incidents on South Africa’s oceans keep SAMSA on its toes.** *South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA).* 28 May 2020. Available from: https://blog.samsa.org.za/2020/05/28/shipping-incidents-on-south-africas-oceans-keep-samsa-on-its-toes/ The stricken crude oil tanker, *Yua Hua Hu,* is expected to finally reach the port of Durban sometime on Tuesday, in the tow of a tug, after more than seven days of reporting problems while sailing through South Africa’s Wild Coast on the Indian Ocean, reportedly on its way from Singapore to Libya on the west coast of Africa.
ENVIRONMENT


Sea level could rise by more than 1 metre by 2100 if emission targets are not met, reveals survey of 100 international experts. Nanyang Technological University (Singapore). 9 May 2020. Available from: https://bit.ly/31oGdBV. An international study led by Nanyang Technological University, Singapore scientists found that the global mean sea-level rise could exceed 1 metre by 2100 and 5 metres by 2300 if global targets on emissions are not achieved.

8 ways to rebuild a stronger ocean economy after COVID-19. Douglas McCauley, Kristian Teleki and Gloria Fluxà Thienemann. World Economic Forum. 12 May 2020. Available from: https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/05/how-to-build-a-bluer-ocean-economy-after-cobid-19/. Much has been said about the disruption in more familiar sectors such as airlines, restaurants, and sports - but the long arm of COVID-19 has also reached out to sea, and is affecting our “blue economy”.


UN Special Envoy for the Ocean: We can’t let COVID-19 widen the door for IUU fishing.
Jason Holland. SeafoodSource. 27 May 2020. Available from: https://www.seafoodsource.com/news/environment-sustainability/un-special-envoy-for-the-ocean-we-can-t-let-covid-19-widen-the-door-for-iuu-fishing The COVID-19 pandemic has brought new considerations with regards to social distancing and travel restrictions, and these have had a significant impact on the monitoring, control, and surveillance of fisheries activities.

Air pollution, human health and shipping's role in reducing particulate matter.

5 things you need to know about the Virtual Ocean Dialogues. Gemma Parkes. World Economic Forum. 27 May 2020. Available from: https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/05/5-things-you-need-to-know-about-the-virtual-ocean-dialogues/ Since COVID-19 has brought on event and summit postponements thick and fast, including the UN Ocean Conference (which is being rescheduled for 2021), urgent talks on the future of our ocean have risked stalling.

Where are we now on the GHG path? Malcolm Latarche. ShipInsight. 28 May 2020. Available from: https://shipinsight.com/articles/where-are-we-now-on-the-ghg-path In the present almost surreal economic environment, shipping is struggling to adapt to what may well become a very different future to the one generally accepted just a few years ago.

The road to a blue-green recovery. Peter Thomson. Aljazeera. 28 May 2020. Available from: https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/road-blue-green-recovery-200528082435928.html If there were ever a tide in human affairs that should be taken, this is it.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION


For cruise crew members stuck at sea, mental strain is huge. Bangkok Post. 18 May 2020. Available from: https://www.bangkokpost.com/world/1919996/for-cruise-crew-members-stuck-at-sea-mental-strain-is-huge For the thousands of cruise ship crew members stuck at sea aboard their vessels as the coronavirus crisis unfolds, the situation is psychologically intense, to say the least.


During ‘Mental Health Awareness’ week Hanseaticsoft highlights how technology can support the mental wellbeing of seafarers. Hellenic Shipping News. 20 May 2020. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/during-mental-health-awareness-week-hanseaticsoft-highlights-how-technology-can-support-the-mental-wellbeing-of-seafarers In Mental Health Awareness Week, Alexander Buchmann of Hanseaticsoft is urging shipping companies to make better use of technology on board to support mental wellbeing both during the COVID-19 crisis and in the future.

Separating truth from fiction can ease anxiety among seafarers. Richard Clayton. Lloyd’s List. 20 May 2020. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132414/Separating-truth-from-fiction-can-ease-anxiety-among-seafarers Some within the industry have said that mental health of seafarers was a real issue before the current health crisis and that shipping companies and the media play an important role in easing anxiety.


Coronavirus outbreak on live export ship sees WA and Federal governments trade blows. Jacob Kagi and Eliza Laschon. ABC (Australia). 27 May 2020. Available from: https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-05-27-emails-show-wa-told-of-illness-on-coronavirus-live-export-ship/12289996 The WA Government has been forced to back down on claims it was kept in the dark about a coronavirus outbreak on board a live export ship, with the Federal Agriculture Minister accusing the Premier of playing “politics” over the issue.

COVID-19 outbreak on live export ship docked in Fremantle

Seafarers’ mental health: what’s the problem? Paul Gunton. ShipInsight. 27 May 2020. Available from: https://shipinsight.com/articles/seafarers-mental-health-whats-the-problem It has long impressed me that, in shipping, we are all willing to pull together when the going gets tough.


IMO

Covid-19 - Environmental groups call on IMO to take climate talks online. Seas at Risk. 12 May 2020. Available from: https://seas-at-risk.org/1053-covid-19-environmental-groups-call-on-imo-to-take-climate-talks-on-line.html After the Covid-19 pandemic made large gatherings of people unsafe around the world, environmental groups with consultative status at the IMO, including the Clean Shipping Coalition (CSC), of which Seas At Risk is a member, have written to the IMO Secretary General, Mr Kitack Lim, encouraging the organisation to continue its critical ship climate talks virtually.

Iran writes to IMO on US threats against oil tankers. Islamic Republic News Agency - IRNA (Iran). 21 May 2020. Available from: https://en.irna.ir/news/83795483/Iran-writes-to-IMO-on-US-threats-against-oil-tankers Baeidinejad tweeted late on Wednesday, "In an official letter to the IMO, we expressed our deep concern over reports that the US intends to take action against Iranian oil tankers in international waters and endanger the security of international traffic."

**LAW & POLICY**


The International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA) is supporting the call to action to recognise the significant efforts being made by seafarers and offshore workers globally during these challenging times caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.


The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) will provide further financial support to the maritime industry in the wake of the global COVID-19 outbreak.


Since 2011, Europe has been facing numerous new challenges and has defined new policy ambitions.


Daily we see the stories of how people and societies are coping with the pandemic including the effects of living in isolation, such as loneliness, mental illness, boredom, anxiety and depression.

**How to protect global supply chains under threat from the COVID-19 pandemic.**


National responses to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic are threatening the integrity of vital global supply chains.


As the cruise industry tries to chart a post-pandemic way forward, Congress has launched an investigation into how Carnival Cruise Line responded to the coronavirus.


The Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping Advisory Council (SAC) — established pursuant to Republic Act 10635, otherwise known as the “Marina STCW Administration Act, 2014,” — was convened by Rear Admiral Robert Empedrad, administrator of Marina last April 23.

**UK Chamber of Shipping calls on UK government to lead the world on crew changes.**


The UK Chamber of Shipping has urged the UK government to become the first in the world to adopt new measures to ensure ship crew changes can take place.


Guidance to Address Illicit Shipping and Sanctions Evasion Practices. *US Department of the Treasury*. 14 May 2020. Available from: [https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Documents/05142020_global_advisory_v1.pdf](https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Documents/05142020_global_advisory_v1.pdf) The U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), and the U.S. Coast Guard are issuing this advisory to provide those engaged or involved in trade in the maritime industry and energy and metals sectors with further information and tools to counter current and emerging trends related to illicit shipping and sanctions evasion.

International Cooperation to End IUU Fishing. Chatham House Royal Institute of International Affairs 18 May 2020. Available from: https://www.chathamhouse.org/file/international-cooperation-end-iuu-fishing. This session is part of the Chatham House International Forum on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing which brings together leading policymakers, researchers, industry representatives and civil society groups from across the world to discuss the latest initiatives, regulations and research in the areas of fisheries governance and trade in illegal fish products.


Who is in charge? Brenda V. Pimentel. Manila Times. 20 May 2020. Available from: https://www.manilatimes.net/2020/05/20/business/maritime-business/who-is-in-charge/725960/. Once again, the maritime industry is seeking for a categorical answer to the question: Who is in charge in the repatriation of Filipino seafarers who are coming home at this time of the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic?

Finding cure to various maritime indifferences. Yashika F. Torib. Manila Times. 21 May 2020. Available from: https://www.manilatimes.net/2020/05/20/business/maritime-business/finding-cure-to-various-maritime-indifferences/725961/. Among the many ironies of the Philippines is that despite being an archipelagic nation, its maritime laws are underdeveloped and government is not even fully aware of how the shipping and manning sectors work.


Arctic Technopolitics and China's Reception of the Polar Code. Trym Aleksander Eiterjord. Arctic Institute. 26 May 2020. Available from: https://www.thearcticinstitute.org/arctic-technopolitics-china-reception-polar-code/. China’s Arctic engagement has increased considerably during the past decade, which has not only offered plentiful economic opportunities but also created new risks and concerns among the eight Arctic states, non-state actors, and peoples.

Most shipowners have no decarbonisation strategy. Lloyd’s List. 27 May 2020. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132478](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132478) Decarbonisation is repeatedly presented as the shipping industry’s biggest challenge.


U.S. sanctions advisory raises hurdles for global maritime industry. Jonathan Saul, Humeyra Pamuk and Timothy Gardner. Reuters. 27 May 2020. Available from: [https://reut.rs/2NmLK3A](https://reut.rs/2NmLK3A) Ship owners and insurers say it may be impossible for the maritime industry to fully comply with the Trump administration’s new guidelines on how to avoid sanctions penalties related to Iran, North Korea and Syria, raising the risk of disruptions in a sector already struggling with the fallout of the coronavirus outbreak.


Shipping companies against carbon tax from EU. Louise Wendt Jensen. ShippingWatch. 28 May 2020. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article12175802.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article12175802.ece) Danish Shipping says ‘no’ to one of the cornerstones in the restoration plan the EU Commission presented yesterday to get Europe back on track after the corona crisis.


Finland and South Korea to pump massive sums into their national shipping sectors. Christian Carlsen. ShippingWatch. 29 May 2020. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article12177723.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article12177723.ece) Finland as well as South Korea are ready with large-scale bailout packages to the countries’ shipping companies and yards, which are hit by the coronavirus crisis.


Fighting battery fires at sea with direct-foam injection technology. Ross Davies. *Ship-technology.com.* 5 May 2020. Available from: [https://www.ship-technology.com/features/battery-safety-on-vessels/](https://www.ship-technology.com/features/battery-safety-on-vessels/) Following a study led by DNV-GL and other industry stakeholders, FIFI4Marine’s lithium-ion fire extinguishing system was found to be the best-performing to improve battery safety on vessels.


**From bikes to blockchain: Shipping industry goes digital in lockdown.** Jacob Gronholt-Pedersen. *Reuters.* 28 May 2020. Available from: [https://reut.rs/3i1Jr4a](https://reut.rs/3i1Jr4a) The coronavirus lockdown has accelerated a digitalisation drive in a global shipping and logistics sector that still routinely delivers many documents by bike messenger in some countries, according to industry leaders.

**MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING**


**Makarov Training Centre launches online preparatory training on polar navigation.** *Port News.* 18 May 2020. Available from: [https://en.portnews.ru/news/295957/](https://en.portnews.ru/news/295957/) Makarov Training Centre of Admiral Makarov State University of Maritime and Inland Shipping launches the theoretical part of the basic training course for watchkeeping or chief officers and masters of ships operating in polar waters in a distance learning format, MTC says in its press release.
Crew Training for a Future that Includes Autonomous Vessels. Captain Andrew Kinsey. MarineLink. 20 May 2020. Available from: https://www.marinelink.com/news/crew-training-a-future-includes-478674. As we continue to contemplate a future with ships transitioning to automated and autonomous operations, the need for new and innovated crew training will only increase.

Pacific Islanders graduate from first ocean finance fellowship. Pacific Islands News Association (PINA). 28 May 2020. Available from: http://www.pina.com.fj/index.php?p=pacnews&m=read&o=3100933665ecf4983685c90ccd7388 Representing the Pacific Ocean Commissioner Dame Meg Taylor, Peni Suveinakama from the Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner officiated at the virtual closing ceremony and addressed the graduates saying "as every Pacific Islander has a stake in the ocean, I challenge you to test the waters and be innovative during this new normal.

MARITIME SAFETY

If April was the Only Month SOLAS was Discussed. Fionna Boyle. Maritime Executive. 4 May 2020. Available from: https://www.maritime-executive.com/editorials/if-april-was-the-only-month-solas-was-discussed The shipboard family and fellow mariners are a seafarer’s lifeline to food, water, shelter, and safety; a unique lifestyle of complex and multidimensional tasks, human factors, and work dynamics that affect 1.7 million seafarers.


Coronavirus (COVID-19): safer transport guidance for operators. UK Government. 12 May 2020. Available from: https://bit.ly/31dFmUw This guide will help organisations, agencies and others (such as self-employed transport providers) understand how to provide safer workplaces and services for themselves, their workers and passengers across all modes of private and public transport.


Seafarer fatalities shows shipping must do more. IHS Markit. 28 May 2020. Available from: https://ihsmarkit.com/research-analysis/seafarer-fatalities-shows-shipping-must-do-more.html Behind every casualty and vessel total loss statistic are seafarers that have lost their lives, been injured, or suffer long-term physical or mental effects.

**MARITIME SECURITY**


**MIGRANTS**


**NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS**

Malacca Strait voluntary pilotage guidelines officially circulated by IMO. Jakarta Post. 5 May 2020. Available from: [https://www.thejakartapost.com/adv/2020/05/05/malacca-strait-pilotage-officially-recognized-by-imo.html](https://www.thejakartapost.com/adv/2020/05/05/malacca-strait-pilotage-officially-recognized-by-imo.html) Indonesia’s efforts to improve shipping safety by protecting the maritime environment and facilitating the safe passage of ships in the Malacca Strait and the Singapore Strait have finally paid off with the recent issuance of a circular from the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

Tanker owners opt for longer routes to save costs. Malcolm Latarche. ShipInsight. 11 May 2020. Available from: [https://shipinsight.com/articles/tanker-owners-opt-for-longer-routes-to-save-costs](https://shipinsight.com/articles/tanker-owners-opt-for-longer-routes-to-save-costs) With fuel prices at extreme low levels and Suez Canal costs high, several container operators have chosen to switch their vessels to routes around the Cape of Good Hope.


PIRACY


Tanker attack shows pirates still a threat: Experts. Christopher Hamill-Stewart. *Arab News (Saudi Arabia).* 19 May 2020. Available from: [https://www.arabnews.com/node/1676746/world](https://www.arabnews.com/node/1676746/world) Despite being repelled, Sunday’s attack on a British-flagged chemical tanker shows that pirates still have the “intention and capacity” to attack ships in the Gulf of Aden and beyond, experts say.


Gulf of Guinea Piracy Crisis: Shipping Industry requests effective action from Governments. *Cyprus Shipping Chamber*. 28 May 2020. Available from: [https://csc-cy.org/gulf-of-guinea-piracy-crisis-shipping-industry-requests-effective-action-from-governments/](https://csc-cy.org/gulf-of-guinea-piracy-crisis-shipping-industry-requests-effective-action-from-governments/) The Cyprus Shipping Chamber expresses its growing frustration at the ineffectiveness of the international community to address the continuing piracy crisis in the Gulf of Guinea, with more ships being attacked and more seafarers being taken hostage for ransom, in spite of the comprehensive measures that ship operators have taken to defend their ships and crews.

**PORT STATE CONTROL**


PORTS & HARBOURS

WPSP COVID19 Port Economic Impact Barometer for Week 18 reports stabilization or slight improvements. World Ports Sustainability Program (WPSP). 1 May 2020. Available from: https://sustainableworldports.org/wpsp-covid19-port-economic-impact-barometer-for-week-18-reports-stabilization-or-slight-improvements/ Of the seventy six ports surveyed across the globe in this week’s WPSP Port Economic Impact Barometer Report, the majority report a relatively stable situation compared to the previous weeks, with slight improvements noted in some areas of port continuity. [IAPH-WPSP Port Economic Impact Barometer](https://sustainableworldports.org/wpsp-covid19-port-economic-impact-barometer-for-week-18-reports-stabilization-or-slight-improvements/)


Close to 350 product tankers are being used as floating storage. Niklas Krigslund. ShippingWatch. 12 May 2020. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article12133432.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Tanker/article12133432.ece) New numbers pulled by Vessels Value for ShippingWatch show that close to 350 product tanker vessels have been lying still for more than 10 days, and that they are thus likely being used as floating oil storage.


PORT MARINE CIRCULAR NO. 26 OF 2020: Enhancement to crew change for cargo ships under special circumstances in the port of Singapore. Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA). 22 May 2020. Available from: https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/628c6a74-b0a9-4dc4-9e23-fd1687601825 The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) recognises the critical role that seafarers play in global seaborne trade, as well as the importance of crew change to safeguard the health and safety of seafarers sailing on board ships.


Ships calling at EU ports emit as much CO2 as all of Belgium. ShippingWatch. 26 May 2020. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article12168538.ece Vessels arriving at or departing from European ports emit a total of 138 million tons of CO2 per year, shows new report from the EU Commission.


**REGULATIONS**


VPS, Maersk Line and SDE International discuss first 100 days of IMO 2020 at ICS webinar. *Manifold Times (Singapore).* 6 May 2020. Available from: [https://bit.ly/2zYrmm7](https://bit.ly/2zYrmm7) Captain Rahul Choudhuri, the Managing Director (Asia, Middle East, Africa) at international fuel testing and inspection company VPS, moderated the session by offering a solution to ongoing quality issues, such as the elevated levels of Total Sediment Potential (TSP), Catfines (Al+Si) and Wax content currently seen in the new generation of IMO 2020 compliant bunker fuels.


INTERVIEW: Move to IMO’s HSFO carriage ban ‘very smooth’: Precious Shipping MD. Surabhi Sahu. S&P Global Platts. 19 May 2020. Available from: https://bit.ly/31bTZYh The transition to the International Maritime Organization’s HSFO carriage ban has been "very smooth" for the shipping industry despite initial fears of widespread non-compliance from some quarters, Thailand's Precious Shipping Ltd., or PSL, MD Khalid Hashim told S&P Global Platts.


SEAFARERS


Who is Responsible for Seafarers Stranded by the Pandemic? Chevanev Charles. Maritime Executive. 30 April 2020. Available from: https://www.maritime-executive.com/editorials/who-is-responsible-for-seafarers-left-stranded-by-the-pandemic There is a saying that goes that "without seafarers, half the world would starve while the other half would freeze."

4,179 seafarers finally cleared to disembark from cruise ships docked at Manila Bay. Vanne Elaine Terrazola. Manila Bulletin. 1 May 2020. Available from: https://news.mb.com.ph/2020/05/01/4179-seafarers-finally-cleared-to-disembark-from-cruise-ships-docked-at-manila-bay/ Over 4,000 Filipino seafarers finally disembarked on Friday from the cruise ships that have been docked at the Manila Bay for days.

‘No one comes’: the cruise ship crews cast adrift by coronavirus. Patrick Greenfield and Erin McCormick. The Guardian. 1 May 2020. Available from: https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/may/01/no-one-comes-the-cruise-ship-crews-cast-adrift-by-coronavirus A brand new cruise ship for the Celebrity Cruises line, it was a towering, 117,000-ton vessel with luxuries like a "resort deck" featuring martini-glass-shaped jacuzzis and a movable platform cantilevered off the side – known as "the Magic Carpet" – to be used as an outdoor restaurant.

Let us not forget the vital work of unsung seafarers. Stephen Cotton. Lloyd’s List. 1 May 2020. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132206/Let-us-not-forget-the-vital-work-of-unsung-seafarers The coronavirus pandemic has caused widespread travel restrictions, which are preventing crew changes.


Grief on the high seas. Kimone Francis. Jamaica Observer. 3 May 2020. Available from: http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/Grief_on_the_high_seas The Government's temporary closure of the country’s borders to incoming passenger traffic since March 24 has left the woman and more than a dozen colleagues aboard the ship stranded at sea.

Seafarers proud of their work but feel unsupported during covid-19 pandemic, latest

Seafarer stuck at sea in plea for ports to allow crew changes. Nautilus International. 4 May 2020. Available from: https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/seafarer-stuck-at-sea-in-plea-for-ports-to-allow-crew-changes/ The UK and other seafaring nations should increase pressure on ports to lift crew change restrictions that have forced up to 150,000 seafarers to stay onboard after their contracts have expired, according to Nautilus member and former Royal Naval officer Thomas Stapley-Bunten.


FabHotels join forces with ISWAN to offer support to seafarers with accommodation facilities. International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN). 5 May 2020. Available from: https://www.seafarerswelfare.org/news/2020/fabhotels-join-forces-with-iswan-to-offer-support-to-seafarers-with-accommodation-facilities Shipping companies assisting a large number of seafarers worldwide can book rooms at discounted prices for those who are quarantined or on standby while contributing to trade during the pandemic.

Manning sector warns of massive unemployment. Yashika F. Torib. Manila Times. 6 May 2020. Available from: https://www.manilatimes.net/2020/05/06/business/maritime-business/manning-sector-warns-of-massive-unemployment/72953/ Disrupted global supply chains due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic, ships being sold, hampered transportation and employment processing, inadequate and oftentimes conflicting assistance from concerned government agencies — these, on top of the government’s seeming lack of understanding how the maritime industry works and disregard over its imminent collapse, have continuously raised alarm and uncertainty in the Philippine manning sector.

Concern for crew of Mercator ship caught up in Indian lockdown. Adam Corbett. TradeWinds. 6 May 2020. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insurance/concern-for-crew-of-mercator-ship-caught-up-in-indian-lockdown/2-1-803648 The crews of two ships anchored at the Indian port of Mumbai have sent out a plea for supplies after a scheduled auction was delayed by the Indian lockdown.
Industry and unions set out a 12-step solution for governments to free seafarers from COVID-19 lockdown. *International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)*. 6 May 2020. Available from: [https://bit.ly/37Xih9E](https://bit.ly/37Xih9E) To assist governments to put in place coordinated procedures to facilitate the safe movement of seafarers, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) today issued a 12-step plan to 174 member states, providing them with a roadmap to free seafarers from their COVID-19 lockdown and allow appropriate exemptions for them to join or leave ships.

**Coronavirus: Sailors tell of months stuck on ships.** Howard Mustoe and Sam Proffitt. *BBC News*. 6 May 2020. Available from: [https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-52494839](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-52494839) Seafarers across the world are stuck on their ships, spending months without shore leave as ports ban crew transfers.


**‘Uncertainty takes a terrible toll’: Seafarers Happiness Index founder** Stephen Jones, the founder of the Seafarers Happiness Index, discusses the mood of crews around the world in the latest episodes in the Maritime CEO, Leader Series powered by Ocean Technologies Group.


UK Chamber of Shipping urges government to exempt seafarers from quarantine restrictions.

UK Chamber of Shipping. 10 May 2020. Available from: https://www.ukchamberofshipping.com/latest/uk-chamber-of-shipping-urges-government-exempt-seafarers-quarantine-restrictions/ Following the Prime Minister’s broadcast the UK Chamber of Shipping is urging the UK government to exempt seafarers and maritime workers from any quarantine restrictions and to provide industry with urgent clarification on the rules around the 14-day quarantine.


Two cruise workers on Princess, Carnival ships dead in separate incidents unrelated to COVID-19. Morgan Hines. USA Today. 12 May 2020. Available from: https://eu.usatoday.com/story/travel/cruises/2020/05/12/regal-princess-cruise-ship-worker-jumped-overboard-didnt-survive/3116091001/ On Sunday, a crew member who had been on Princess Cruises' Regal Princess died while the ship was outside the Port of Rotterdam in the Netherlands, the cruise line confirmed in a statement shared with USA TODAY by spokesperson Alivia Owyoung-Ende.


Liverpool maritime groups join forces to put stranded Indian seafarer back in touch with family. Liverpool Seafarers Centre. 14 May 2020. Available from: http://liverpoolseafarerscentre.org/2020/05/14/liverpool-maritime-groups-join-forces-to-put-stranded-indian-seafarer-back-in-touch-with-family/ An Indian seafarer stranded thousands of miles from home because of the Covid-19 crisis has been able to reconnect with his family thanks to the help of two Liverpool-based maritime organisations.


Stranded in Tunisia with an Uncertain Future: A Seafarer’s Insight. Human Rights at Sea (HRAS). 14 May 2020. Available from: https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/05/14/stranded-in-tunisia-with-an-uncertain-future-a-seafarers-insight/ Since April, Human Rights at Sea has been put on notice of cases of seafarers stranded on board vessels, stuck in hotels, and in some cases without salaries been paid without having recourse to employer or union support.


Running chartered flights to bring back seafarers gather pace. *Hindu BusinessLine (India).* 17 May 2020. Available from: https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/logistics/running-chartered-flights-to-bring-back-seafarers-gather-pace/article31613125.ece. The government has given permission to ship management companies for operating chartered flights to bring back and also ferry seafarers to join ships overseas as the shipping industry looks at ways to resolve the crew change crisis never seen before.


About 3,500 Croatian Seafarers Waiting to Return Home, Says Union. *Total Croatia News.* 19 May 2020. Available from: https://www.total-croatia-news.com/business/43693-about-3-500-croatian-seafarers-waiting-to-return-home-says-union. Some 3,500 Croatian seafarers, 800 of who are on cruise ships and whose contracts have expired, are waiting for a return to home but can’t because of the COVID pandemic and the difficulties in repatriation, Neven Melvan of the Croatian Seafarers' Union (SPH) told Hina on Tuesday.


Is the crew change crisis hurting the brand image of Indian seafarers? P Manoj. Hindu BusinessLine (India). 19 May 2020. Available from: https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/logistics/is-the-crew-change-crisis-hurting-the-brand-image-of-indian-seafarers/article31623821.ece Soaring crew change costs in India are discouraging ship owners and managers from carrying out this task as seafarers pile up pressure to be relieved after spending time at sea much beyond their contract period.


Samoans trapped at sea due to Covid-19 plead for right to return home. Lagipoiva Cherelle Jackson. The Guardian. 20 May 2020. Available from: https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/may/20/we-do-not-feel-safe-samoan-seafarers-plead-for-right-to-return-home The 321 Samoan seafarers working on commercial and cruise ships around the world have been told by their government to be patient, since Samoa closed its borders in March to all travellers including returning citizens.


PM To Provide Timelines For Return Of Seafarers. Jamaica Information Service. 22 May 2020. Available from: https://jis.gov.jm/pm-to-provide-timelines-for-return-of-seafarers/ Prime Minister, the Most Hon. Andrew Holness, will update the nation on the timelines for the return of the remaining Jamaican seafarers to the island in short order.
In the time of coronavirus, seafarers have kept the world moving: let crew now get relief.
Guy Platten. *South China Morning Post*. 24 May 2020. Available from: https://www.scmp.com/comment/letters/article/3085511/time-coronavirus-seafarers-have-kept-world-moving-let-crew-now-get 🌐. Ships move over 90 per cent of the world’s trade and every day over 1.2 million seafarers go the extra mile to ensure we have the fuel, food and vital goods we need.


Maritime workers send palliatives to stranded foreign seafarers on Lagos waters.

Seafarers’ Challenges during COVID-19: The Case of *MV Gulf Sky*. Human Rights at Sea (HRAS). 27 May 2020. Available from: https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/05/27/seafarers-challenges-during-covid-19-the-case-of-mv-gulf-sky/ Human Rights at Sea was contacted in mid-May by the Master of the *MV Gulf Sky* (IMO 150377) flying the flag of the Commonwealth of Dominica currently anchored off Port Khor Fakkan Anch, UAE, who on behalf of the crew, raised serious concerns about the welfare of the seafarers and the financial hardships that they are subject to given the three months delay in their wages, as well as their living conditions onboard including periodic re-supply of essential victuals. **Case Study 📖**

Panama waves the flag for seafarers. Michael Grinter. *Hong Kong Maritime Hub*. 28 May 2020. Available from: http://www.hongkongmaritimehub.com/panama-waves-the-flag-for-seafarers/ The Panama Maritime Authority (AMP), administrator of the Panama Ship Registry, has been rendering much-needed assistance to the 318,000 seafarers that sail under the flag throughout the global crisis brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.


Filipino cruise crew member in coronavirus limbo dies of apparent suicide.


SEARCH & RESCUE


Joint Statement by UNHCR, IOM and UNODC on Protection at Sea in the Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea. International Organization for Migration (IOM). 5 May 2020. Available from: https://www.iom.int/news/joint-statement-unhcr-iom-and-unodc-protection-sea-bay-bengal-andaman-sea Five years on from the 2015 ‘boat crisis’ in the Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea, in which thousands of refugees and migrants in distress at sea were denied life-saving care and support, we are alarmed that a similar tragedy may be unfolding once more.


IOM Calls for Rescue and Safe Disembarkation of Rohingya Stranded at Sea. *International Organization for Migration (IOM).* 28 May 2020. Available from: https://www.iom.int/news/iom-calls-rescue-and-safe-disembarkation-rohingya-stranded-sea As Cyclone Amphan signalled a ferocious start to the cyclone season in the Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea, 10 days ago, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is increasingly concerned about the plight of hundreds of Rohingya refugees believed to be stranded at sea.

**SHIP RECYCLING**

COVID-19 affecting new inventory of hazardous materials requirements in December. Ashok Srinivasan. *BIMCO.* 29 April 2020. Available from: https://www.bimco.org/news/environment-protection/20200429-hazardous-materials-requirements The European Union’s Ship Recycling Regulations (EUSRR) that came into force in December 2018 pose certain obligations to all ships of 500 gross tonnage (GT) and above, flying the flag of countries in the EU or EEA, with certain exceptions such as warships, naval auxiliary or other ships on non-commercial service.

NGOs urge Bangladesh authorities to halt the import of a highly toxic offshore unit that illegally departed from Indonesia. *NGO Shipbreaking Platform.* 29 April 2020. Available from: https://www.shipbreakingplatform.org/fso-jesslyn-natuna/ The Floating Storage and Offloading (FSO) tanker J. NAT is currently being towed towards the infamous shipbreaking beach of Chattogram.

Bangladesh bans entry to alleged ‘toxic’ ship in search of a demolition beach. Adam Corbett. *TradeWinds.* 5 May 2020. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/bangladesh-bans-entry-to-alleged-toxic-ship-in-search-of-a-demolition-beach/21802781 Bangladesh has warned its beaching yards not to accept a floating storage and offloading vessel (FSO) that has been branded as “toxic” by a shipbreaking environmental pressure group.

**SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR**


Autonomous Ship Framework obtains AiP from ClassNK. NYK Line. 14 May 2020. Available from: https://www.nyk.com/english/news/2020/20200514_01.html NYK and its group company MTI Co., Ltd. have received approval in principle (AiP) for an autonomous ship framework that is currently being developed under the name of "APExS."


SHIPPING


ECSA Board welcomes the positive discussions in the Transport Ministers' meeting. European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA). 30 April 2020. Available from: https://www.ecsa.eu/index.php/news/ecsa-board-welcomes-positive-discussions-transport-ministers-meeting At their meeting today, ECSA's Board of Directors voiced its support for the positive outcomes for the European shipping industry at the informal teleconference of the Transport Ministers that took place on 29 April 2020.


Floating storage volumes soar as tanker rates and forward contract values dive. Anastasios Adamopoulos. Lloyd's List. 1 May 2020. Available from: https://www.lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132199/Floating-storage-volumes-soar-as-tanker-rates-and-forward-contract-values-dive Floating oil storage hits 196m barrels this week as April contracts materialise and land storage dries up.


Coronavirus hit container industry’s niche carriers the hardest. Katrine Grønvald Raun. ShippingWatch. 11 May 2020. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article12130898.ece Smaller niche shipping lines have seen the biggest negative impact on their operated fleets since the coronavirus outbreak started affecting trade patterns and thereby liner companies’ business, writes analyst firm Sea-Intelligence.


P&O Ferries to dismiss 1,100 employees. ShippingWatch. 12 May 2020. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article12133826.ece Following this staff reduction, the carrier will have around 3,000 employees left, The Guardian writes.


Decarbonisation of LNG – Expanding the pathway for clean energy sources in Europe?


Report: Existing technology could shave up to 27 percent off ship emissions.
Trine Vestergaard. *ShippingWatch*. 14 May 2020. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article12140129.ece Maersk Tankers, DFDS and Hafnia have provided ships to a green project now concluding that already existing solutions can reduce carbon emissions from ships by 27 percent, while the investment can be covered in less than three years.


Coronavirus Challenge To Marine Industry Could Be Long-Term, Industry Experts Say.

Shipmanagement sector could grow during COVID-19 crisis says recruitment specialist.
Talking Point: The issues facing women at sea and my goals for Maritime SheEO.  
*International Seafarers’ Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN).* 14 May 2020. Available from:  

VPS Identifies 40 Vessels With Engine Damage Using Combination of VLSFO and 40BN Lubricants.  
*Ship & Bunker.* 14 May 2020. Available from:  

Nautilus launches Champions initiative to combat Sea Blindness.  
*Nautilus International.* 14 May 2020. Available from:  
https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/nautilus-launches-champions-initiative-to-combat-sea-blindness/ Nautilus has launched a Champions initiative to put members’ stories at the heart of the Union’s campaigning activity, helping to bring to life some of the daily struggles faced by maritime professionals.

The Lloyd’s List Podcast: Coronavirus is catalysing innovation in shipping.  
*Lloyd’s List.* 15 May 2020. Available from:  
https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132367/The-Lloyds-List-Podcast-Coronavirus-is-catalysing-innovation-in-shipping 🎧 Shipping’s new normal of remote working may turn out to be more efficient than the air-mile eating customs of old.

Higher costs hurt Hapag-Lloyd more than coronavirus in Q1.  
Kim Link-Wills.  
*Freight Waves.* 15 May 2020. Available from:  
https://www.freightwaves.com/news/higher-costs-hurt-hapag-lloyd-more-than-coronavirus-in-q1 While what Hapag-Lloyd called the “economic consequences” of the coronavirus pandemic won’t begin to be understood until at least the end of the second quarter, the German container line said it has the liquidity to remain financially healthy.

Five top names in shipmanagement discuss the future of the industry post-coronavirus.  
*Splash 247.* 15 May 2020. Available from:  
https://splash247.com/five-top-names-in-shipmanagement-discuss-the-future-of-the-industry-post-coronavirus/ Today marks a shipmanagement special in the ongoing Maritime CEO Leader Series powered by Ocean Technologies Group, featuring five of the most famous names within the sector.

Corona pandemic cost HMM one in five containers.  
Tomas Kristiansen.  
*ShippingWatch.* 15 May 2020. Available from:  
https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article12145044.ece The effects of the corona pandemic hit South Korea’s HMM in the first quarter, in which the shipping line transported almost 20 percent fewer containers.

Stopford’s worst-case scenario: sea trade declines 17% by 2024.  
Sam Chambers.  
*Splash 247.* 15 May 2020. Available from:  
https://splash247.com/stopfords-worst-case-scenario-sea-trade-declines-17-by-2024/ SMM, the world’s largest shipping exhibition, held its regular press event curtain-raiser this week by Zoom with famous names in maritime dialling in to discuss the markets.

Crew repatriation dilemma drives supply chain planning.  
Richard Clayton.  
*Lloyd’s List.* 15 May 2020. Available from:  
https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1132376/Crew-repatriation-dilemma-drives-supply-chain-planning Coronavirus has forced shipping groups to work in partnership to fight a common threat, and now those organisations need to identify which threats are unique to the virus and which will drive lasting change for the industry, according to panellists on a UN webinar.


Owners are being charged hundreds of thousands of dollars to get crews changed in India. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 18 May 2020. Available from: https://splash247.com/owners-are-being-charged-hundreds-of-thousands-of-dollars-to-get-crews-changed-in-india/ Shipping companies are being hit by a 'ridiculous' slew of sky-high charges to get crews changed in India, with owners being taped for six-digit dollar sums to complete formalities at local ports, Splash has learnt.


Norwegian owners commit to a carbon neutral fleet by 2050. Grant Rowles. Splash 247.com. 19 May 2020. Available from: https://splash247.com/norwegian-owners-commit-to-a-carbon-neutral-fleet-by-2050/ Norwegian shipowners have taken a huge step forward in carbon neutral shipping after the Norwegian Shipowners' Association announced that its members have set a goal to have the entire Norwegian fleet carbon neutral by 2050.


Survey to support implementation of IMO recommended framework regarding crew changes. International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA). 20 May 2020. Available from: https://www.imca-int.com/news/2020/05/20/survey-to-support-implementation-of-imo-recommended-framework-regarding-crew-changes/ Members are invited to complete a very short survey to support industry efforts to encourage Governments to implement the IMO Recommended Framework of Protocols for Ensuring Safe Ship Crew Changes and Travel During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic (Circular Letter No.4204/Add.14 of 5 May 2020) and facilitate crew changes throughout the pandemic in as many ports as possible.


**Shipping to bunker electricity from new Danish energy islands before 2030.** Ritzau Finans. ShippingWatch. 20 May 2020. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article12157308.ece. The government means to begin a new era in the offshore wind expansion, transitioning from single wind farms to energy islands, as stated on Wednesday during a press meeting with participation by Finance Minister Nicolai Wammen, Climate Minister Dan Jørgensen and Environment Minister Lea Wermelin.


**UN must persuade governments to adopt crew change protocols or risk ‘humanitarian disaster’.** International Chamber of Shipping (ICS). 22 May 2020. Available from: https://bit.ly/31t9taj. The UN Secretary General has been urged by global industrial and shipping leaders to persuade his 193 member states to act urgently to avoid a “humanitarian crisis”, with over 200,000 tired, mentally-stretched seafarers currently stuck working on vessels across the globe and unable to be relieved of their duties.

**Crewing chaos will take many months to unwind, Greek shipping chamber warns.** Harry Papachristou. TradeWinds. 22 May 2020. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/interviews/crewing-chaos-will-take-many-months-to-unwind-greek-shipping-chamber-warns/2-1-812934. Global travel restrictions have created such a backlog of crew exchanges that it will take shipping companies until the end of the year to work through them, maybe longer, according to Hellenic Chamber of Shipping (HCS) president George D Pateras.

**Ship managers push for contract extensions as crew change crisis linger.** Hellenic Shipping News. 25 May 2020. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/ship-managers-push-for-contract-extensions-as-crew-change-crisis-linger/. In the midst of a crew change crisis that has gripped the global shipping industry, a top global ship management company has started pushing the Indian crew on some of the ships managed by it to sign extension of contracts.

The World’s Smartest Oil Traders Have Taken to the Seas. Julian Lee. gCaptain. 25 May 2020. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/the-worlds-smartest-oil-traders-have-taken-to-the-seas/ The waters off the South African oil storage terminal at Saldanha Bay are getting busy.


Momentum is gaining in linking the monitoring and reporting of ESG performance to shipping finance. Dimitris Sakipis. Hellenic Shipping News. 27 May 2020. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/momentum-is-gaining-in-linking-the-monitoring-and-reporting-of-esg-performance-to-shipping-finance/ Increased regulatory requirements and market trends around sustainability and the environment have been impacting shipping companies for many years and new requirements continue to be introduced, such as the IMO 2050 target for the reduction of GHG emissions by 50% compared to 2008 levels.

BIMCO president stresses the need to remain focused on green priorities. Splash 247.com. 28 May 2020. Available from: https://splash247.com/bimco-president-stresses-the-need-to-remain-focused-on-green-priorities Twelve months into her two-year tenure as the first woman president of BIMCO, the world’s largest international shipping association, Şadan Kaptanoğlu is having to restress her green priorities, something that risks being sideswiped by the Covid-19 pandemic.


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