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**IMO NEWS & EVENTS**

**WHAT’S NEW**

**Governments pledge action for seafarers at crucial crew change summit**

IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim has welcomed the commitment of 13 countries to facilitate crew changes and achieve key worker designation for seafarers, following a virtual ministerial summit hosted by the UK Government on 9 July. This step represents significant progress to help resolve a growing crisis facing the maritime industry, and enable hundreds of thousands of stranded seafarers to go home or join ships.

In a joint statement, representatives from 13 countries expressed their deep concern about the current crisis and acknowledged that “the inability of ship operators worldwide to conduct ship’s crew changes is the single most pressing maritime operational challenge to the safe and efficient movement of global trade”.  

More…

**More States need to act on crew changes, says IMO Secretary-General**

IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim has urged further Member States to sign up to pledges to ensure more than 200,000 seafarers can be repatriated after months on board ship beyond their original contracts. A similar number of seafarers are waiting to join ships. Mr. Lim made the call in a circular letter issued to disseminate the pledges made by Governments in a joint statement issued following a United Kingdom convened summit on crew changes (read more here).

Pledges in the joint statement include: designating seafarers as key workers; accepting seafarers’ ID documents as evidence of their key worker status; implementing the industry approved protocols for ensuring safe ship crew changeover; reviewing national quarantine restrictions; and increasing access, as soon as possible, to commercial flights to and from the principal countries of origin of seafarers.

Secretary-General Lim urged Member States to commit to the principles in the joint statement and to disseminate it widely to all parties concerned. He invited Member States wishing to sign the statement to contact the Government of the United Kingdom.
The (revised) Programme of Meetings for 2020 can be downloaded [here](#).

**Forthcoming Meetings**

Extraordinary Session of All Committees (ALCOM) - 16-18 September. Remote meeting

Facilitation Committee (FAL 44) - 28 September - 2 October. Remote meeting

**LATEST PRESS BRIEFINGS**

- Ship recycling in Bangladesh leaps forward with third phase of key project signed
  Briefing: 23, July 31, 2020

- IMO endorses guidance on ensuring seafarers’ access to medical care onshore
  Briefing: 21, July 6, 2020

**RECENT SPEECHES BY IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL KITACK LIM**

- Prologue to Maritime Perspectives: Digital Connectivity & Data Standards – Singapore online event series 28 July 2020

- UK-hosted virtual Maritime Summit on Crew Changes 9 July 2020

**IMO NEWS MAGAZINE**  (Spring Summer 2020)

**IMO PUBLISHING**

Just Published 2020  
June/July 2020 Newsletter
UNITED NATIONS

Pause before sharing, to help stop viral spread of COVID-19 misinformation. UN News. 30 June 2020. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/06/1067422 The UN is asking people to make the same judgement calls they’ve been applying to social distancing, to social media, and take extra care before sharing.

Address ‘unprecedented’ impact of coronavirus on Latin America and the Caribbean, urges Guterres. UN News. 9 July 2020. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/07/1068051 The UN brief reveals that several countries in the region, are now among those with the highest per capita infection rates worldwide and shines a light on how the crisis is impacting vulnerable groups, including indigenous communities and women.

COVID-19: World leaders to stay at home, in first ‘virtual’ UN General Assembly. UN News. 23 July 2020. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/07/1068921 The General Debate of the General Assembly, traditionally the most high-profile UN event of the year, will be a slimmed-down affair this September, with world leaders staying away from New York, and contributing set-piece speeches via video link, a UN spokesperson confirmed on Thursday.

We must all accept hard choices if we’re to beat COVID-19, urges WHO. UN News. 27 July 2020. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/07/1069031 Governments everywhere should adopt a much more focused approach to stopping coronavirus transmission if they want to avoid having to impose sweeping lockdowns once again.
**CASUALTIES**


A Singaporean-registered log carrier, *Funing-9690913*, has lost engine power in the shipping channel at Port of Tauranga between Mauao (Mount Manganui) and Matakana Island. *Log carrier to remain in safe anchorage overnight*.


At about 1550 on 23 September 2019, the 6.2m fishing vessel, *Anna-Marie II*, capsized as it entered the mouth of the Brora river while returning from its fishing grounds. *Report Safety flyer to the fishing industry - Anna-Marie II*.


Vessels were supposed to meet and go their separate ways in Canadian waterway.


At 1256 on 6 November 2018, *Stena Superfast VII*’s officer of the watch took urgent action to avoid a submerged submarine after its periscope had been spotted close ahead of the ferry. *Report*.


An investigation is underway into the loss of as many as 23 containers from a cargo vessel after the shipment apparently fell overboard during a stormy weather in Algoa Bay near the city of Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape, earlier this week.


On 30 October 2017, the UK registered container ship *Ever Smart* suffered a container stow collapse while on passage between Taipei, Taiwan and Los Angeles, USA. *Report & Annexes*.


The crew of a ropax ferry operated by Cokaliong Shipping Lines was forced to abandon ship on Thursday night after it caught fire while on a voyage from Cebu to Leyte.


A large bulk carrier has run aground on an Indian Ocean reef off Mauritius.
ENVIRONMENT


Mediterranean marine life flourished during lockdown, Italian coastguard finds. Antonio Denti and Fabiano Franchitti. Reuters. 6 July 2020. Available from: https://reut.rs/35aaOoH Marine life in the Mediterranean off Italy flourished during the coronavirus lockdown as water quality improved and species moved into spaces vacated by people and ships, the Italian coastguard has found.


CSA, WiMAC discuss Caribbean maritime sustainability in webinar. The Gleaner (Jamaica). 28 July 2020. Available from: http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/shipping/20200728/csa-wimac-discuss-caribbean-maritime-sustainability-webinar 'Facilitation of trade and transport – essential components of Caribbean maritime sustainability' was the topic for discussion in the webinar jointly hosted by the Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA) and the Women in Maritime Association Caribbean (WiMAC) on Tuesday, July 21 via Zoom.


ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION


Watch: Italian Coast Guard and local divers save entangled whale. Safety4Sea. 30 June 2020. Available from: https://safety4sea.com/watch-italian-coast-guard-and-local-divers-save-entangled-whale/ Specifically, on Friday morning the Italian Coast Guard station in Lipari was informed from a group of biologists from a conservation center on the island of Filicudi that they had spotted a whale in distress.

Shipper MSC joins coal plants and Ryanair in top 10 list of EU polluters. Marine Strauss and Kate Abnett. Reuters. 3 July 2020. Available from: https://reut.rs/3gS3Jv9 The Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) overtook Ryanair in the top 10 rankings of Europe’s biggest carbon dioxide emitters in 2019, a list that is still dominated by big coal-fired power plants, European Union data showed.

How Russia is cleaning up the Arctic’s biggest oil spill. Sky News. 3 July 2020. Available from: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cUgtHm7YEhs Environmental activists are frustrated by how Russian authorities handled a diesel spill which poured into two rivers in late May.

The trouble with scrubbers: shipping’s emissions “solution” creates new pollution. Sam Davin. WWF Canada. 14 July 2020. Available from: https://wwf.ca/news-stories/scrubbers-creates-new-pollution/ For the past 60 years, the global shipping fleet has mostly run on high-sulfur heavy fuel oil (HFO), a tar-like byproduct of the crude oil distillation process.
COVID Pandemic Results in a Cleaner Coast. Stand.earth. 14 July 2020. Available from: https://www.stand.earth/publication/protect-arctic/canadian-shipping/covid-pandemic-results-cleaner-coast Canada’s West Coast was saved from exposure to billions of litres of pollution this cruise ship season due to ramped up COVID-19 regulations. An Investigation into Unregulated Cruise Ship Pollution in Canada’s West Coast Waters

The disappearance of Arctic sea ice due to climate change could lead to increased ocean noise. Oceanographic. 15 July 2020. Available from: https://www.oceanographicmagazine.com/news/bering-strait-sea-ice-ocean-noise/ The Bering Strait is a vital migration route for numerous marine species. Scientists examining levels of ocean noise in the area have confirmed that the presence of sea ice plays a central role in the soundscape of these Arctic waters.


Preventing and Cleaning Up Oil Spills in Arctic Waters. Ocean Conservancy. 21 July 2020. Available from: https://oceanaconservancy.org/blog/2020/07/21/preventing-cleaning-oil-spills-arctic-waters/ I spend a lot of time working to reduce the threat of oil spills in Arctic waters, and I’ll be the first to admit the laws and rules governing oil spill prevention and response are not easy to understand.


Climate change is impacting the spread of invasive animal species. Alfred-Wegener-Institut (Germany). 22 July 2020. Available from: https://bit.ly/2QWZbc5 The Asian shore crab as an example of invasive species successfully spreading to the North Sea and Baltic.


Plastic found lining UK seabird nests on a worrying scale. Tom Ovenden. The Conversation. 28 July 2020. Available from: https://theconversation.com/plastic-found-lining-uk-seabird-nests-on-a-worrying-scale-142118 From the packaging our food comes in to the clothes we wear, plastic is everywhere.

Five things you should know about disposable masks and plastic pollution. UN News. 30 July 2020. Available from: https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/07/11 The fight against plastic pollution is being hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, as the use of disposable masks, gloves and other protective equipment soars, but UN agencies and partners insist that, if effective measures are put into place, the amount of plastics discarded every year can be significantly cut, or even eliminated.


HEALTH & SAFETY

'I'm going to jump': tensions on Ocean Viking migrant rescue ship. France 24. 30 June 2020. Available from: https://www.france24.com/en/20200630-i-m-going-to-jump-tensions-on-ocean-viking-migrant-rescue-ship The young Sudanese man cast off his T-shirt and cried desperately out to sea: "I swear to you, I'm going to jump. I don't know how to swim but I can't stay here anymore!"

Cases of suicide at sea leap as details of key crew change summit emerge. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 1 July 2020. Available from: https://splash247.com/cases-of-suicide-at-sea-leap-as-details-of-key-crew-change-summit-emerge/ July 9 is the date for the UK-convened summit on crew changes, which will engage stakeholders from across the world, including maritime, aviation, regulators and politicians.


Eleven crew members test positive on MSC boxship in China. Gary Dixon. TradeWinds. 3 July 2020. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/containerships/eleven-crew-members-test-positive-on-msc-boxship-in-china/2/1-837525 In a statement on its website, Hong Kong's Centre for Health Protection said it had received a notification from Chinese customs about 11 new cases involving crew from the 12,400-teu MSC Flavia (built 2012).
Shipping’s darkest secret: suicides at sea. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 6 July 2020. Available from: https://splash247.com/shippings-darkest-suicides-at-sea/ Shipping has been accused of covering up the numbers of suicides at sea with urgent calls to be more transparent about one of the sector’s darkest secrets.

PH Red Cross extends medical assistance to stranded foreign seafarers on board MV Celanova. Government of the Philippines. 7 July 2020. Available from: http://www.senate.gov.ph/press_release/2020/0707_gordon1.asp The Philippine Red Cross (PRC) provided medical assistance to 15 stranded foreign seafarers on board the Spanish-flagged vessel MV Celanova which remain stranded one nautical mile from the shore of Manila since February.

13 more sailors in Seychelles have COVID; warning given on social gatherings. Daniel Laurence. Seychelles News Agency. 7 July 2020. Available from: http://www.seychellesnewsagancy.com/articles/13175 Another 13 seafarers on the Spanish fishing fleet in the Seychelles’ waters have tested positive for COVID-19, bringing the total positive cases to 83 among the fishermen, a top health official said on Tuesday.


Another virus outbreak reported on Russian vessel in Busan. Yonhap News Agency (South Korea). 16 July 2020. Available from: https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20200716003 Health authorities said Thursday that three crewmen on a Russian ship docked in the southeastern port city of Busan have tested positive for the novel coronavirus, fuelling concerns over another potential group infection amid a rising number of imported cases in the country.

Coronavirus: Thousands of seafarers ‘suffering depression’ after being stranded on ships. Enda Brady. Sky News. 19 July 2020. Available from: https://news.sky.com/story/coronavirus-thousands-of-seafarers-suffering-depression-after-being-stranded-on-ships-12031574 The workers would usually be on board vessels for between six to nine months, but some have now been at sea for more than a year.

COVID-hit Spanish fleet In Seychelles facing economic losses amid work disruption. Salifa Karapetyan. Seychelles News Agency. 21 July 2020. Available from: https://bit.ly/3EJanz The challenges facing the Spanish fleet and crew in Seychelles that is suffering from cases of COVID-19 include restricted movements and higher costs, a company official said.

More than half of seafarers once COVID-positive in Seychelles now test negative. Joanna Nicette. Seychelles News Agency. 22 July 2020. Available from: http://www.seychellesnewsagency.com/articles/13257/More+than+half+of+seafarers+once+COVID-positive+in+Seychelles+now+test+negative Most of the seafarers on a Spanish fishing fleet who tested positive for COVID-19 in Seychelles have recovered and gone back to work, a top health official said on Tuesday.

Sailors' Society provides mental health support to crew on board more than 1,000 ships. Sailors' Society. 22 July 2020. Available from: https://www.sailors-society.org/news/sailors-society-provides-menthal-health-support-to-crew-on-board-more-than-1000-ships International maritime welfare charity Sailors' Society is providing free mental health and wellbeing support to crew on board more than 1,000 ships through its Wellness at Sea Awareness Campaign.


Coronavirus gets the better of Hong Kong’s crew change efforts. Michael Grinter. Hong Kong Maritime Hub. 26 July 2020. Available from: http://www.hongkongmaritimehub.com/coronavirus-gets-the-better-of-hong-kongs-crew-change-efforts/ A third wave of COVID-19 infections in Hong Kong, with more than 100 daily cases recorded during the last week, has provoked the government into rolling back aspects of the much-lauded crew change scheme introduced on 8 June.


Russian sailors required to submit virus-free certificate on spiking cases. Yonhap News Agency (South Korea). 29 July 2020. Available from: https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20200729003551320?section=search  Sailors aboard ships coming from Russia will be required to submit a certificate showing they have tested negative for the new coronavirus for entry into South Korea as cluster infections traced to Russian ships docked here have continued to swell, health authorities said Wednesday.

'It's inhumane.' Cruise workers may have to forgo shore visits. Taylor Dolven. Stuff (New Zealand). 29 July 2020. Available from: https://www.stuff.co.nz/travel/travel-troubles/122283509/its-inhumaneworkers-may-have-to-forgo-shore-visits  For crew members who work 11-hour days aboard cruise ships without weekends, "shore leave" - a few hours each week spent on land - provides a necessary break from the stress of ship life.


The IMO should follow ICAO’s approach in accounting for emissions beyond the plane for alternative fuels, UMAS & EDF report finds. University Maritime Advisory Services (UMAS). 6 July 2020. Available from: https://u-mas.co.uk/Latest/Post/425/The-IMO-should-follow-ICAO-s-approach-in-accounting-for-emissions-beyond-the-plane-for-alternative-fuels-UMAS-EDF-report-finds  The international shipping industry will fail to tackle their global greenhouse gas emissions unless they put in place rules that truly reflect the climate impact of shipping fuels, according to a report released by Environmental Defense Fund and University Maritime Advisory Services today.

Feature: Spotlight turns to maritime decarbonization in Asia after IMO 2020 transition.

Hapag-Lloyd wants a more ambitious 2050 climate target. Tomas Kristiansen. ShippingWatch. 20 July 2020. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article12294753.ece The shipping industry must be more ambitious and deliver on its climate targets before 2050.


IMO’s 2050 decarbonisation goals can be achieved, says Stopford. Paul Bartlett. Seatrade Maritime News. 27 July 2020. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulation/imos-2050-decarbonisation-goals-can-be-achieved-says-stopford The IMO’s target of reducing shipping’s carbon emissions by at least 50% by mid-century can easily be achieved and even surpassed, according to shipping economist and non-executive President, Clarkson Research, Martin Stopford.

Former IMO Emissions Chief Joins UK Coastguard. Ship & Bunker. 31 July 2020. Available from: https://shipandbunker.com/news/emea/251062-former-imo-emissions-chief-joins-uk-coastguard Edmund Hughes, one of the key officials at the IMO during the run-up to IMO2020 and the setting of its greenhouse gas strategy, has joined the UK Coast Guard.

LAW & POLICY

US to sanction even more tanker vessels. Søren Pico. ShippingWatch. 30 June 2020. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/ Tanker/article12256528.ece The US list already counts approximately 130 sanctioned vessels, writes the media based on data from the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), which belongs under the Department of the Treasury.


After ASEAN summit, little change on the South China Sea. Lowy Institute (Australia). 1 July 2020. Available from: https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/after-asean-summit-little-change-south-china-sea On 26 June, the leaders of the ten-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) held their 36th annual summit by video conference, after the in-person summit scheduled for April was postponed because of Covid-19.

Highly protected marine areas will benefit UK fishing, not threaten it. Enric Sala. World Economic Forum. 1 July 2020. Available from: https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/07/highly-protected-marine-areas-benefit-uk-fishing. The most destructive way to obtain food from the ocean is bottom trawling.


Carbon quotas are key point of contention in decisive EU vote. Katrine Grønvald Raun. ShippingWatch. 6 July 2020. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article.ece. Several months of work on the EU’s future environmental requirements for shipping will this week be processed by the European Parliament’s environmental committee.


The EIB has further to go to become the “EU Climate Bank”. Xavier Sol. Climate Home News. 7 July 2020. Available from: https://www.climatechangenews.com/2020/07/07/eib-go-become-eu-climate-bank. The European Investment Bank should stop supporting airport expansion and close the loopholes in its policy against lending to fossil fuels.
ITF refutes call for mutiny onboard ships. Yashika F. Torib. Manila Times. 8 July 2020. Available from: https://www.manilatimes.net/2020/07/08/business/maritime-business/itf-refutes-call-for-mutiny-onboard-ships/793314/ The International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF) has refuted allegations that it is calling for mutiny onboard ships when it suggested that seafarers should stop working as soon as their contracts are finished.


$240,000 fine for dropping 15 tonne excavator from ship’s crane. Maritime New Zealand. 10 July 2020. Available from: https://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/public/news/media-releases-2020/20200710a.asp Tauranga-based stevedoring company, C3 Limited, was fined $240,000 by the Auckland District Court yesterday after a 15 tonne excavator was dropped from a ship’s crane, narrowly missing five workers on the wharf below.


Exclusive: U.S. turns screws on maritime industry to cut off Venezuela's oil. Jonathan Saul and Matt Spetalnick. Reuters. 13 July 2020. Available from: https://reut.rs/2Z74URn Several companies that certify vessels are seaworthy and ship insurers have withdrawn services to tankers involved in the Venezuelan oil trade as the United States targets the maritime industry to tighten sanctions on the Latin American country.


Ireland found to be in breach of EU law over maritime accident investigation system. Ralph Riegel. Independent (Ireland). 20 July 2020. Available from: https://www.independent.ie/news/ireland/ireland-found-to-be-in-breach-of-eu-law-over-maritime-accident-investigation-system-39381038.html Ireland has been found to be in breach of EU law by the European Court of Justice in an action taken by the EU Commission over the independence of Ireland's maritime accident investigation system.


The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), announces a Request for Information related to cruise ship planning and infrastructure, resumption of passenger operations, and additional summary questions.


Sea, air crew measures tightened. Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. 26 July 2020. Available from: https://www.news.gov.hk/eng/2020/07/20200726/122517_597.html The Government today announced that crew change arrangements for passenger vessels and goods vessels without a cargo operation in Hong Kong would be suspended from July 29 until the local epidemic situation is contained.

UK sanctions guidance a 'gentler touch' than the US. Matt Coyne. TradeWinds. 27 July 2020. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/uk-sanctions-guidance-a-gentler-touch-than-the-us/2-1-848502 The UK has joined the US in instructing the shipping industry on ways to avoid its sanctions regime, but officials struck a much different tone than their American counterparts.


**MARINE TECHNOLOGY**


RPAS drones continue monitoring ship emissions in Danish waters. *European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA).* 15 July 2020. Available from: https://bit.ly/2DrVsQU. The Danish authorities have requested once again EMSA’s Remotely Piloted Aircraft System services to support the monitoring of ship emissions around the area of the Great Belt.
250,000 tonnes of shipping CO2 emissions saved thanks to machine learning insight. 


**MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING**


The next generation: how technology is driving ship cadet training. Andrew Tunnicliffe. *Ship-technology.com*. 21 July 2020. Available from: [https://www.ship-technology.com/features/ship-cadet-training/](https://www.ship-technology.com/features/ship-cadet-training/) Training ships have provided an opportunity for cadets to gain the skills they need for more than 150 years.

Global Maritime Leaders Engage CARICOM Students. *CARICOM*. 24 July 2020. Available from: [https://today.caricom.org/2020/07/24/global-maritime-leaders-engage-caricom-students/](https://today.caricom.org/2020/07/24/global-maritime-leaders-engage-caricom-students/) In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic which has pushed learning online across the region, a maritime webinar series will promote maritime education and job opportunities in shipping and logistics—one of the most important sectors in the Caribbean economy.


**MARITIME SAFETY**

Nordic Council Urged to Support Ban on Heavy Fuel Oil From Arctic Shipping. *Clean Arctic Alliance*. 6 July 2020. Available from: [https://www.hfofreearctic.org/en/2020/07/06/nordic-council-urged-to-support-arctic-ban-on-heavy-fuel-oil-from-arctic-shipping](https://www.hfofreearctic.org/en/2020/07/06/nordic-council-urged-to-support-arctic-ban-on-heavy-fuel-oil-from-arctic-shipping/) Responding to a new report to the Nordic Council on “Reducing risks and increasing environmental security in Arctic Waters”, the Clean Arctic Alliance, the Iceland Nature Conservation Association and Green Transition Denmark welcomed its publication, urging Nordic Ministers to support its recommendations to ban the use of heavy fuel oil (HFO) in the Arctic and to minimize damaging emissions of pollutants that accelerate the melting of Arctic ice, such as black carbon.


Ship owners should not bear the brunt of safety spending: Spread the burden across the industry. Frank Coles. Safety at Sea. 13 July 2020. Available from: https://safetyatsea.net/news/2020/all-on-owners/ Shipowners bear the brunt of the costs when it comes to safety innovation and improvements; the burden should be more equally shared in the industry.

Navy warship burning 4th day shows difficulty of ship fires. Julie Watson. Associated Press. 15 July 2020. Available from: https://apnews.com/54e1ff435f8e37b0be7c856105808a9b Four days after the initial spark, the fire on a U.S. Navy warship was still burning as firefighting sailors Wednesday inched their way deeper into its compartments in a painstaking search to find every smouldering hot spot.

UK warns of "catastrophic environmental threat" from hazardous Yemeni oil tanker. The Rt Hon James Cleverly MP. UK Government. 15 July 2020. Available from: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-warns-of-catastrophic-environmental-threat-from-hazardous-yemeni-oil-tanker The UK has called on the Houthis in Yemen to give UN experts access to an oil tanker off its west coast, in a bid to prevent an environmental catastrophe.


CIC reveals insufficient muster lists as the most common deficiency. Safety4Sea. 16 July 2020. Available from: https://safety4sea.com/cic-reveals-insufficient-muster-lists-as-the-most-common-deficiency/ After the MoUs conducted a joint concentrated inspection campaign (CIC) in 2019, they revealed that the muster lists lacking sufficient detail was one of the most notable deficiencies found.


Why did the MSC Zoe lose containers overboard? Dennis O'Neill. Marine Professional. 30 July 2020. Available from: https://www.imarest.org/themarineprofessional/troublespot/item/5706-why-did-the-msc-zoe-lose-containers-overboard Extensive environmental damage caused by a massive loss of containers from MSC Zoe last year has led to a warning that two busy North Sea shipping routes are a risk to large vessels – and a long list of recommendations.

MARITIME SECURITY


Two ‘drug guards’ found along with cocaine on Maersk boxship. Gary Dixon. TradeWinds. 6 July 2020. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/containerships/two-drug-guards-found-along-with-cocaine-on-maersk-boxship/ A raid by Mexican authorities on a Maersk boxship discovered 102.5 kg of cocaine on board - but also a more unusual cargo.


MIGRANTS

Perilous crossings from North Africa to Europe swell as economic gloom sets in. 
Yasmina Allouche. Middle East Eye. 1 July 2020. Available from: https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/coronavirus-maghreb-migrants-increase-europe For a long time, the Maghreb has been a transit route for sub-Saharan migrants, but now its own citizens are fleeing crashing economies and a lack of response from governments.

Anxiety grows among 180 survivors left in limbo onboard Ocean Viking. Silence from European authorities. SOS Mediterranee. 2 July 2020. Available from: https://sosmediterranee.com/press/anxiety-grows-among-180-survivors-left-in-limbo-onboard-ocean-viking-silence-from-european-authorities/ Two years after a stand-off at sea that ended with the Aquarius, the Ocean Viking’s predecessor, having to sail to Valencia to disembark people rescued in the Central Mediterranean, we are now once again left in limbo without any indication of a port for disembarkation.


Italy, Malta reject 52 migrants stranded on animal cargo ship. Lorenzo D’Agostino. Aljazeera. 6 July 2020. Available from: https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/07/italy-malta-reject-52-migrants-stranded-animal-cargo-ship-200706073633394.html A Lebanese cargo ship carrying 52 migrants rescued in the Mediterranean has been denied access to Italy and Malta, forcing its captain to accommodate the stranded people in the vessel’s dirty cattle cages.


Channel migrants: Five boats carrying 65 migrants intercepted. BBC News. 19 July 2020. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-53462836 The Home Office said 58 males and seven females were picked up between 07:30 and 22:30 BST on Saturday.

Malta rescues 95 migrants from sinking dinghy. Christopher Scicluna. Reuters. 27 July 2020. Available from: https://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-malta/malta-rescues-95-migrants-from-sinking-dinghy-idUSKCN24S2FL Malta’s armed forces have rescued a group of 95 migrants found in distress on a dinghy north of Libya and brought them ashore at a military base near the capital Valletta, authorities said on Monday.
IOM Deplores Killing of Two Migrants Returned from Sea to Libya. *International Organization for Migration (IOM).* 28 July 2020. Available from: [https://www.iom.int/news/iom-deplores-killing-two-migrants-returned-sea-libya](https://www.iom.int/news/iom-deplores-killing-two-migrants-returned-sea-libya). Two Sudanese migrants were killed and three others injured in a shooting at the Khums disembarkation point last night in Libya, after being intercepted at sea and returned to shore by the coast guard.

Record migrant numbers cross English Channel in small boats. *BBC News.* 30 July 2020. Available from: [https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-53600477](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-53600477). There were also reports that about 30 people made the crossing on small boats, landing on beaches in Walmer, Dungeness and Deal.

**NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS**

World Aids to Navigation Day. *Commissioners of Irish Lights.* 1 July 2020. Available from: [https://irishlights.ie/who-we-are/news/world-aids-to-navigation-day-2020.aspx](https://irishlights.ie/who-we-are/news/world-aids-to-navigation-day-2020.aspx). Speaking on IALA World Aids to Navigation Day on Wednesday, July 1, the CEO of Irish Lights, the organisation responsible for delivering maritime safety services on an all-island basis, highlighted that maritime transport accounts for more than 90% of Ireland’s international trade, in volume terms.


Grounding incidents in the Indonesian archipelago. Siddharth Mahajan. *Gard.* 7 July 2020. Available from: [http://www.gard.no/web/updates/content/29992212/grounding-incidents-in-the-indonesian-archipelago](http://www.gard.no/web/updates/content/29992212/grounding-incidents-in-the-indonesian-archipelago). There have been many grounding incidents in the waters within the Indonesian archipelago over the past few years and many have involved depth anomalies.


Few customers opt for greener routes with Kuehne + Nagel – but the number is rising. Trine Vestergaard. *ShippingWatch.* 28 July 2020. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/logistics/article12308439.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/logistics/article12308439.ece) It is still less than one in ten customers that choose a green transport solution with logistics company Kuehne + Nagel.


**PIRACY**


PORT STATE CONTROL


Still no end in sight for abandoned MV Celanova in Manila Bay. Yashika F. Torib. Manila Times. 1 July 2020. Available from: https://www.manilatimes.net/2020/07/01/business/maritime-business/still-no-end-in-sight-for-abandoned-mv-celanova-in-manila-bay/736714/ The MV Celanova and its crew of 15 remain stranded one nautical mile from the shore of Manila four months after it was abandoned by its owner and eventually held by Philippine port state control authorities for rudder damage and several technical issues.


Djibouti ramps up efforts to get seafarers stranded by coronavirus off ships. Jonathan Saul. Reuters. 3 July 2020. Available from: https://reut.rs/2QK5xf3 Djibouti has carried out the first crew change of merchant sailors in its territory and is ready to get home more seafarers who have been stranded by the coronavirus, a senior port official said.


Danish government will allow stranded seafarers to come ashore in Denmark. Søren Pico. *ShippingWatch*. 6 July 2020. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article12270575.ece According to ShippingWatch’s sources, it will soon be announced that Denmark will become a so-called free haven for seafarers – regardless of nationality – who have been trapped on board for ships for months without the possibility of coming ashore.


COVID-19 testing to be introduced for seafarers transiting Hong Kong. Michael Grinter. *Hong Kong Maritime Hub*. 8 July 2020. Available from: http://www.hongkongmaritimehub.com/covid-19-testing-to-be-introduced-for-seafarers-transiting-hong-kong/ As from today (8 July) seafarers arriving in Hong Kong to join ships will be subject to deep-throat saliva screening for COVID-19, as part of a wider clamp down for people exempted from quarantine measures.


Alarm over sea crew change ... as 140 foreign seafarers land at Walvis Bay. Eveline de Klerk. *New Era Live* (Namibia). 10 July 2020. Available from: https://neweralive.na/posts/alarm-over-sea-crew-change-as-140-foreign-seafarers-land-at-walvis-bay Fishermen and trade unions have questioned the motives of players in the fishing industry who reportedly backtracked on an agreement to temporarily suspend any crew change involving foreign national seafarers.

The Lloyd’s List Podcast: Crewing crisis reaches boiling point. Lloyd’s List. 10 July 2020. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1133 Governments have this week pledged to speed up efforts to get hundreds of thousands of stranded merchant sailors home, but this comes after months of similar rhetoric and limited action. Interview with IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim 😎
**Carnival Pride in Port on Saturday for Repatriation of Crew.** *Daily Herald (St. Maarten).* 11 July 2020. Available from: [https://www.thedailyherald.sx/islands/carnival-pride-in-port-on-saturday-for-repatriation-of-crew](https://www.thedailyherald.sx/islands/carnival-pride-in-port-on-saturday-for-repatriation-of-crew) The Carnival Pride cruise ship, will be arriving at Port St. Maarten on Saturday morning in connection with the repatriation of crew who are returning to their home countries in Europe.


**Trapped at high sea: carriers and governments confronted by sanitary restrictions to disembark.** *MundoMaritimo.* 13 July 2020. Available from: [https://mundomaritimo.net/noticias/trapped-at-high-sea-carriers-and-governments-confronted-by-restrictions-to-disembark](https://mundomaritimo.net/noticias/trapped-at-high-sea-carriers-and-governments-confronted-by-restrictions-to-disembark) The supply chain is ‘out of whack’ due to the coronavirus pandemic, but this is not the first time cargo flow has been affected by a global crisis so shipping lines, ports and logistics operators have been implementing measures and adapting to the ever-changing conditions every day to overcome this particular crisis.


**Ship management company calls for concrete action after agreement about stranded seafarers.** Christian Carlsen, Niklas Krigslund and Trine Vestergaard. *ShippingWatch.* 14 July 2020. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article12285734.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article12285734.ece) The agreement between 13 maritime nations to bring stranded seafarers home is far from sufficient, says Wallem Group CEO Frank Coles.


**Crew change commitments are failing on the ground.** Michelle Wiese Bockmann. *Lloyd's List.* 14 July 2020. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1133066](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1133066) Diplomatic show of unity at the UK’s July 9 crew change crisis summit not leading to easier transfers for tens of thousands of stranded seafarers.


DMCA allows resumption of crew change across all ports and anchorage areas in Dubai. *Government of Dubai.* 15 July 2020. Available from: https://bit.ly/3lKEvSM In recognition of the efforts of seafarers and their vital role in globally securing supply chains, the Dubai Maritime City Authority (DMCA) has announced that it is now allowing the resumption of crew changing across all ports and anchorage areas in Dubai.

One week on from international summit, just 15 countries have fully opened for crew change. Jason Jiang. *Splash 247.com.* 16 July 2020. Available from: https://splash247.com/one-week-on-from-international-summit-just-15-countries-have-fully-opened-for-change/ More than two months since the IMO endorsed a 12-step set of protocols to ensure safe crew changes and one week on from the UK-convened international crew change summit there are still just 15 countries that have fully opened to crew movements, according to data amassed by global port agent Inchcape Shipping Services, which has been running a crew change tracker.


No mandatory quarantine for Chinese vessels, seafarers in Bangladesh in waters: official. *Xinhuanet (China).* 18 July 2020. Available from: http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-07/18/c_139222857.htm Chinese seafarers and vessels have been exempted from a mandatory 14-day quarantine in Bangladesh, a senior official said here Saturday.


Kenya accepts seafarers crew change. *Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC).* 19 July 2020. Available from: https://www.kbc.co.ke/kenya-seafarers-crew-change/ Kenya, has finally accepted seafarers’ crew change through Port of Mombasa after the COVID-19 pandemic forced maritime states to close their borders, leaving thousands of sailors stranded aboard ships in the high-seas for months.
Panama Continues To Make Efforts In Crew Changes Through Its Logistics Platform. Hellenic Shipping News. 20 July 2020. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/panama-continues-to-make-efforts-in-crew-changes-through-its-logistics-platform/ Due to the pandemic caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) since the end of March to date, the Panama Maritime Authority (AMP) has enabled more than 4,500 people (between passengers and crew) of various nationalities, including Panamanians, who were aboard ships such as passenger, cargo, fishing and yachts, within the waters of the Republic of Panama to return to their homes safely, in addition to having some 271 crew members able to embark.

Greek shipowners repeat call for governments to facilitate crew change. David Glass. Seatrade Maritime News. 20 July 2020. Available from: https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/ship-operations/greek-shipowners-repeat-call-governments-facilitate-crew-change With the pandemic continuing to spread around the globe, the need for uninterrupted operation of international shipping, remains vital the Union of Greek Shipowners (UGS) has emphasised.

Singapore warns crew coronavirus tests are being tampered with as HK reviews its seafarer stance. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 22 July 2020. Available from: https://splash247.com/singapore-coronavirus-tests-are-being-tampered-hk-reviews-its-seafarer-stance/ Singapore has warned coronavirus tests for crew coming to the city could have been altered or tampered with, something could add another kink in carrying out crew changes at the key shipping hub.


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“Crew change: Drastic measures needed now”. International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (INTERCARGO). 27 July 2020. Available from: https://www.intercargo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/INTERCARGO-MEDIA-RELEASE_27_07_2020.pdf. INTERCARGO cannot even begin to contemplate the impacts if terminal and cargo operations were halted and cargo vessels stopped operations and trading, as a result of crew remaining on board for 12 to 17 months.

Owners rebuke crewing agents and airlines as stranded seafarers rise. Michelle Wiese Bockmann. Lloyd’s List. 27 July 2020. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1133256/ Significant bottlenecks include airlines’ unwillingness to make flights available between shipping destinations, as well as health and immigration authorities who failed to recognise United Nations protocols for crew changes.

Dubai witnesses crew change of 3,000 seafarers within its territorial waters with joint efforts of DMCA and GDRFA. Government of Dubai. 28 July 2020. Available from: https://bit.ly/3jw3IyC Completing the success of the cooperation between the Dubai Maritime City Authority (DMCA) and the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs – Dubai to facilitate ships’ crew change, 3,000 seafarers have been recently registered within Dubai territorial waters, comprising 1700 sign on and 1300 sign off since DMCA announced the resumption of crew change.

Is the crew change crisis getting worse? Few positive signs amid situation described as ‘inhuman’ and ‘farical’. Adam Sharpe. Lloyd’s List. 28 July 2020. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1133273 Nearly a month on from a UK-led summit aimed at finding an international solution to the issue of crew changes, there has been little in the way of forward progress and some countries have tightened rules again as new coronavirus cases emerge.


Coronavirus third wave: Hong Kong must not abandon the world’s seafarers. Guy Platten. *South China Morning Post*. 31 July 2020. Available from: https://www.scmp.com/comment/letters/article/3095280/coronavirus-third-wave-hong-kong-must-not-abandon-worlds-seafarers Hong Kong has managed a safe crew change process since June, setting a fine example to the rest of the world.

**PORTS & HARBOURS**


High volume vessel calls as a result of blank sailings put pressure on port operations. *World Ports Sustainability Program (WPSP)*. 6 July 2020. Available from: https://sustainableworldports.org/high-volume-vessel-calls-as-a-result-of-blank-sailings-put-pressure-on-port-operations The tenth WPSP-IAPH COVID19 Port Economic Impact Barometer published today reveals an important development for ports located in countries where lockdown restrictions are being eased. [IAPH-WPSP Port Economic Impact Barometer](https://www.iaph-wp.org/)


**The 5G Port of the Future**. Rossella Cardone. *Ericsson*. 14 July 2020. Available from: https://www.ericsson.com/en/blog/2020/7/5g-port-of-the-future-jul-14-20202 In our recently published report, we explore the latest facts and figures of the award-winning 5G Port of the Future project, where we have been piloting 5G, virtual and augmented reality (VR/AR), and AI use cases at Italy’s Port of Livorno to increase the efficiency and sustainability of logistic operations.

As Maritime Cyber-Attacks Proliferate International Ports Warned They Are Particularly Vulnerable. Handy Shipping Guide. 20 July 2020. Available from: http://www.handyshippingguide.com/shipping-news/as-maritime-cyberattacks-proliferate-international-ports-warned-they-are-particularly-vulnerable_13084 Although at first horrifying, the statistic revealed during a recent online forum by Robert Rizika, Boston-based Head of North American Operations at security specialist Naval Dome that cyber-attacks on maritime stakeholders had increased by over 900% in three years should not be that surprising.


Last bi-weekly WPSP Barometer confirms overall improvements in hinterland transport, capacity utilization and port worker availability. World Ports Sustainability Program (WPSP). 23 July 2020. Available from: https://bit.ly/2YWq1We The eleventh and final bi-weekly version of the IAPH-WPSP Port Economic Impact Barometer has just been published, showing a progressive improvement in three of the four survey questions asked to the world’s ports. IAPH-WPSP Port Economic Impact Barometer – 23 July 2020 📝

World's largest port operator hit hard by corona. Tomas Kristiansen. ShippingWatch. 27 July 2020. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/Ports/article126.ece Hong Kong-based Hutchison Ports has been hit hard by the outbreak of coronavirus during the first six months of the year, but the company believes in recovery, according to its financial report on the first half-year.


Port Cancels RFP Seeking Partner for New Cruise Terminal. Port of Seattle. 28 July 2020. Available from: https://www.portseattle.org/news/port-seattle-cancels-rfp-seeking-partner-new-cruise-terminal In April 2020, the Port of Seattle suspended its planning for a new cruise terminal to serve the Alaska market, citing a need to better understand the short and long-term cruise industry market impacts from COVID-19 before continuing its project investment in additional cruise facilities.
Manning agencies warn of port congestion in Manila South Harbor. Genivi Factao. 
The surge of ships and crew at the Manila South Harbor could lead to port congestion and further delays in crew change and additional costs for shipowners, prompting manning agencies to renew calls to open more ports for seafarer “green lanes.”

As COVID-19 continues to cause wide-spread movement restrictions, the United Nations and the Asian Development Bank [ADB] convened a virtual roundtable meeting with the governments of the Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Kiribati and the Marshall Islands to discuss multisectoral considerations for safely reopening points of entry and the types of institutional support available from the UN, ADB and other development partners to Pacific island countries.

Ms Quah Ley Hoon, Chief Executive of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore in an exclusive interview with IAA PortNews told about the port’s work and achievements.

**REGULATIONS**

Some of the world’s largest shipowning organisations have written to Virginijus Sinkevičius, the European Commissioner for the environment, oceans and fisheries, urging for a delay of the Europe Union’s impending shipping hazardous materials regulation.

The IMO 2020 low sulphur regulation was a groundbreaking regulation change for the global shipping industry.

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What was on the minds of all shipowners coming into 2020 has now been clearly overshadowed by the pandemic and its significant impact.

Marine fuels & IMO 2020: So much for all the hype. Warren Patterson. *ING Bank N.V.*
We are now well into the IMO 2020 shipping regulations, and it is clear that all the hype leading up to implementation was exaggerated.
**SALVAGE**

**Coronavirus infections delay removal of capsized cargo ship.** Russ Bynum. *Associated Press.* 9 July 2020. Available from: [https://apnews.com/dd1234cd5ae9f23fba88b78d04bbb](https://apnews.com/dd1234cd5ae9f23fba88b78d04bbb) Coronavirus infections among the salvage crew are delaying plans to cut apart and remove a hulking cargo ship that capsized off the coast of Georgia 10 months ago.

**A Satisfying Conclusion to the Wreck Removal of “Mega One Triton”.** UK Chamber of Shipping. 13 July 2020. Available from: [https://ukchamberofshipping.com/latest/satisfying-conclusion-wreck-removal-mega-one-triton/](https://ukchamberofshipping.com/latest/satisfying-conclusion-wreck-removal-mega-one-triton/) We are pleased to announce the successful removal of the wreck of the “Mega One Triton” from Governor’s beach on Grand Turk in the Turks and Caicos Islands.


**SEAFARERS**


**Global shipping fleet to sound horns on 8 July to remind governments over need for urgent crew change.** *International Chamber of Shipping (ICS).* 30 June 2020. Available from: [https://www.ics-shipping.org/news/press-releases/2020/06/30/global-shipping-fleet-to-sound-horns-on-8-july-to-remind-governments-over-need-for-urgent-crew-change](https://www.ics-shipping.org/news/press-releases/2020/06/30/global-shipping-fleet-to-sound-horns-on-8-july-to-remind-governments-over-need-for-urgent-crew-change) The International Chamber of Shipping is encouraging ships around the world to sound their horns when in port at 12.00 local time on 8th July to remind Governments of the ongoing crew change crisis.


South Africa’s foreign crew repatriation numbers during COVID-19 lockdown. Nicci Botha. Safety at Sea. 1 July 2020. Available from: https://safetyatsea.net/news/2020/south-africas-foreign-crew-repatriation-numbers-during-covid-19-lockdown/ Despite COVID-19 regulations prohibiting foreign crew changes at South African ports, the country’s Department of Transport said there were cases where seafarers were allowed to repatriate during lockdown.


Join seafaring, maritime stakeholders tip women. Daily News (Tanzania). 1 July 2020. Available from: https://dailynews.co.tz/news/2020-06-305efb562.aspx Maritime stakeholders have raised concern over the small number of women seafarers, calling for concerted efforts to motivate more women pursue studies that will befit with opportunities available in the sector.


Maersk: Authorities have declined to help our seafarers. Katrine Grønvald Raun. 
ShippingWatch. 6 July 2020. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article12270736.ece Maersk is experiencing more openings to replace its exhausted seafarers, but it is still far from the norm, says Niels Bruus, head of Marine HR.


South Korean seafaring unions oppose tighter COVID-19 measures. Martina Li. Safety at Sea. 7 July 2020. Available from: https://safetyatsea.net/news/2020/south-korean-seafaring-unions-oppose-tighter-covid-19-measures/ South Korean seafaring unions have raised objections to the South Korean government's tightened quarantine measures for all seafarers arriving from overseas, arguing that South Korean seafarers have been unfairly penalised.

Crew welfare crisis: Less than a third of seafarers repatriated. Michelle Wiese Bockmann. Lloyd's List. 7 July 2020. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL113 The UK government is hosting an international summit on July 9 to tackle what is emerging as the biggest ever threat to crew welfare.


Thousands of stranded seafarers seek to go home. Andrew Rosenbaum. Cyprus Mail. 8 July 2020. Available from: https://cyprus-mail.com/2020/07/08/thousands-of-stranded-seafarers-seek-to-go Crews of merchant ships and cruise vessels are stranded aboard ship, with no way to either travel home or even go ashore at the closest port due to COVID-19 restrictions — some have been stuck aboard ship for months.


Maritime industry calls for EU political leadership on seafarers. European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA). 8 July 2020. Available from: https://www.ecsa.eu/news/maritime-industry-calls-eu-political-leadership-seafarers Due to the heightened humanitarian crisis due to lack of sufficient action by governments in ensuring crew changes happen, European and International maritime industry stakeholders joined forces to seek political leadership and commitment by European leaders to the welfare of seafarers.


Captain, pull out my teeth! Desperate times for sailors stranded by pandemic. Michael Hogan and Jacob Gronholt-Pedersen. Reuters. 9 July 2020. Available from: https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-shipping-seafarers-maersk/captain-pull-out-my-teeth-desperate-times-for-sailors-stranded-by-pandemic-idUKKBN24A2KS Jens Boysen disembarked one of the world’s largest container ships on Thursday after 167 days at sea when he has acted not only as captain but also as doctor, dentist, mental coach and entertainment director for his stressed-out crew.

Pandemic amplifies changes to seafaring as a profession. Lara McCoy. Wärtsilä Corporation. 9 July 2020. Available from: https://www.wartsila.com/twentyfour7/people/pandemic-amplifies-changes-to-seafaring-as-a-profession Seafarers have been among those most affected by the changes in the economic environment due to Covid-19, and the pandemic may contribute to greater shifts in the profession.

Pledges, platitudes and protocols won’t repatriate seafarers. Lloyd’s List. 9 July 2020. Available from: https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL113299/ Using the forum of a virtual summit, shipping leaders are starting to realise that they must act in concert and bring more pressure to bear on governments if they are to get seafarers to and from their destinations in anything like normal timescales.

Desperate for a lifeline. The Star (Malaysia). 10 July 2020. Available from: https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2020/07/10/desperate-for-a-lifeline Twelve Vietnamese seafarers, including the captain, have been stranded in Malaysian waters in deplorable conditions since they started work aboard the vessel in mid-March this year.


200,000 seafarers fear there’s no plan to get them off ships. K. Oanh Ha, Krystal Chia and Claire Jiao. Seattle Times (US). 12 July 2020. Available from: https://www.seattletimes.com/business/200000-seafarers-fear-theres-no-plan-to-get-them-off-ships/ Like thousands of other seafarers, Karika Neethling wanted to get home as the coronavirus pandemic convulsed the cruise industry in March.


Abandoned crew scrawl their desperate plight along ship’s hull. Jason Jiang. Splash 247.com. 13 July 2020. Available from: https://splash247.com/abandoned-crew-scrawl-their-desperate-plight-along-ships-hull/ Twelve crewmembers onboard the 1985-built 5,500 dwt oil tanker Viet Tin 01 are desperately looking for help as the vessel has been stranded in Malaysian waters since mid-March and they are running out of food and supplies.


Missing Gulf Sky crew turn up in India having made sensational escape from the UAE to Iran. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 15 July 2020. Available from: https://splash247.com/missing-gulf-sky-crew-turn-up-in-india-having-made-sensational-escape-from-the-uae-to-iran/ Twenty-six of the 28 crew of the controversial suzemax Gulf Sky, which had been under arrest off Khorfakkan in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for the past four months, have landed on home soil in India, having upped anchor on July 5, taking on fuel surreptitiously the day before, and switching off the ship’s AIS, before heading for Iran.

Bimco chief disappointed by lack of support for stranded seafarers. Niklas Krigslund. ShippingWatch. 15 July 2020. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article12288403.ece Bimco’s secretary general is disappointed by the absence of key maritime countries at last week’s summit.


300,000 Seafarers Trapped at Sea: Mounting crew change crisis demands faster action from governments. International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF). 16 July 2020. Available from: https://www.itfglobal.org/en/news/300000-seafarers-trapped-mounting-crew-change-crisis-demands-faster-governments The ITF estimates that there are now approximately 300,000 seafarers trapped working aboard ships due to the crew change crisis caused by government Covid-19 border and travel restrictions, and an equal number of unemployed seafarers waiting to join them who are ashore. ITF Statement on Crew Change Crisis
Calling the Current Situation Untenable Maersk Completes Crew Changes. *Maritime Executive.* 17 July 2020. Available from: [https://maritime-executive.com/article/calling-the-current-situation-untenable-maersk-completes-crew-changes](https://maritime-executive.com/article/calling-the-current-situation-untenable-maersk-completes-crew-changes) With the calls for accommodations to address the problems of crew changes continuing to come from a board range of organization, shipping lines have also begun to speak out about the challenges.


Crew crisis is shipping’s ‘most acute problem’ in 50 years. Nigel Lowry. *Lloyd’s List.* 20 July 2020. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1133127](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1133127) According to several group executives, certain charterers have begun rejecting ships that has crew on board for excessive periods because of safety reasons.

Russian foreign ministry working to free kidnapped seafarers. Matt Coyne. TradeWinds. 21 July 2020. Available from: https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/russian-foreign-ministry-working-to-free-kidnapped-seafarers/2-1-846213 Russia is working to free seven of the 13 seafarers kidnapped off a tanker in the Gulf of Guinea last week.


Charity for seafarers stuck on ships at port. *BBC News*. 25 July 2020. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-merseyside-53529501 Socks, a basketball and jars of Nutella are among the items that have been given to crew on ships docked in Liverpool in the coronavirus crisis.


**Last two hijacked sailors return home after Iranian ordeal.** Nick Webster. *The National (United Arab Emirates)*. 27 July 2020. Available from: https://www.thenational.ae/uae/transport/last-two-hijacked-sailors-return-home-after-iranian-ordeal-1.1054229 The last two sailors who were detained in Iran after being hijacked on board an oil tanker arrived home in India this week.


**Seafarers ‘hostage’ to the Corona crisis.** Nina Berglund. *News in English.no (Norway)*. 28 July 2020. Available from: https://www.newsinenglish.no/2020/07/28/seafarers-hostage-the-corona-crisis/ Norway, as a maritime nation, is expressing official concern over how more than 200,000 seafarers around the world remain stranded on their vessels because many countries won’t allow crew changes.


**Red tape continues to frustrate repatriation for thousands of seafarers, warns maritime charity.** *Nautilus International*. 29 July 2020. Available from: https://bit.ly/2Z1DOLo Too much red tape in many of the countries that pledged to end the crew change crisis, may be making many of the estimated 300,000 stranded seafarers reluctant to attempt to return home, according to the Liverpool Seafarers Centre (LSC).

**Urgent calls for seafarers stuck on ships due to COVID-19 to be brought home.** Karen Michelmore. *ABC (Australia)*. 29 July 2020. Available from: https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-07-30/calls-to-repatriate-seafarers-stuck-on-boats/12504314 At any one time, there are up to 19 massive bulk carriers being loaded in Port Hedland, the world's biggest iron ore port, in Western Australia's Pilbara region.
Crew hiring gathers pace in Bangladesh. Sharar Nayel. Safety at Sea. 29 July 2020.
During the last few weeks, scores of vessels have begun recruiting many Bangladeshi seafarers through the Government Shipping Office (GSO) and by private Manning agents, although official crew figures have not been revealed.

University research builds on Union’s Fair Treatment campaign against criminalisation. Nautilus International. 29 July 2020. Available from: https://bit.ly/3bir8ol Masters or crew who have faced criminal charges while working at sea after navigational or pollution incidents, are encouraged to take part in university research that builds on Nautilus’s Fair Treatment campaign against the criminalisation of seafarers.


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Human Rights at Sea signs the Open letter to Secretary-General of IMO requesting the revocation of Libya’s SAR zone. Human Rights at Sea (HRAS). 2 July 2020. Available from: https://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/07/02/human-rights-at-sea-signs-the-open-letter-to-secretary-general-of-imo-requesting-the-revocation-of-libyas-sar-zone/ Human Rights at Sea has today signed the Open Letter to the IMO Secretary General Mr Kitack Lim prepared by the civil liberties organisation Statewatch which was delivered on 29 June 2020 signed by hundreds of individuals and organisations.

Italy prohibits German migrant rescue ship Sea-Watch 3 from leaving harbor. Deutsche Welle (Germany). 9 July 2020. Available from: https://www.dw.com/en/italy-prohibits-german-migrant-rescue-ship-sea-watch-3-from-leaving-harbor/a-54 Italian authorities have banned the German migrant rescue ship Sea-Watch 3 from setting sail, citing “several irregularities.”
English Channel search operation after migrant crossings. BBC News. 12 July 2020. Available from: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-53382563 The UK coastguard is coordinating a search-and-rescue operation after several boats of migrants crossing from France were spotted in the Channel.


Italy detains migrant rescue ship over safety concerns. France 24. 23 July 2020. Available from: https://www.france24.com/en/20200722-italy-detains-migrant-rescue-ship-over-safety-concerns The migrant rescue ship Ocean Viking was detained on Wednesday over technical irregularities, Italy’s coastguard said, a move blasted as "harassment" by the charity that runs the vessel.

SHIP RECYCLING

The EU ship recycling regulation: Completing your IHM during COVID-19. Watson Farley & Williams LLP. 30 June 2020. Available from: https://www.wfw.com/articles/the-eu-ship-recycling-regulation-completing-your-ihm-during-covid-19/ The EU Ship Recycling Regulation (the “EU Regulation”) was adopted in 2013 and is in essence an early implementation in the EU of the Hong Kong Convention for the safe and environmentally sound recycling of ships (adopted in 2009); both of which aim to reduce the negative impacts on human health and the environment arising from the recycling of end of life ships.


Alang shipbreaking yard introduces ‘vessel isolation’ for crew. Avinash Nair. Indian Express. 11 July 2020. Available from: [https://indianexpress.com/article/india/alang-shipbreaking-yard-introduces-vessel-isolation-for-crew-6501164/](https://indianexpress.com/article/india/alang-shipbreaking-yard-introduces-vessel-isolation-for-crew-6501164/) After a crew member tested positive for Covid-19 at Alang about 10 days ago, Gujarat government has changed the Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) for Covid-19 by introducing “vessel isolation” at the country’s biggest ship breaking yard, which is one of the shores that is permitting entry of foreigners in the country.

Turning an asset into a liability. Nikos Mikelis. Tanker Shipping & Trade. 13 July 2020. Available from: [https://www.rivieramm.com/opinion/turning-an-asset-into-a-liability-60201](https://www.rivieramm.com/opinion/turning-an-asset-into-a-liability-60201) Dr Nikos Mikelis comments on the EU decision that Alang EU Ship Recycling Regulation applicants will not be joining the EU list of approved yards.

Six yards in Alang have been inspected by the EU – none of them made the cut. Niklas Krigslund. ShippingWatch. 13 July 2020. Available from: [https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article12283220.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article12283220.ece) There is still some way to go for the Indian yards looking to be approved to scrap European vessels.

Bangladeshi widow wins landmark shipbreaking ruling. Sam Chambers. Splash 247.com. 14 July 2020. Available from: [https://splash247.com/bangladeshi-widow-wins-landmark-shipbreaking-ruling/](https://splash247.com/bangladeshi-widow-wins-landmark-shipbreaking-ruling/) In a landmark decision that could shake up the ship recycling trades irrevocably, a judge in London has ruled that the Bangladeshi widow of a shipbreaker who fell to his death while working on an ex-Maran VLCC can sue the shipowner for negligence.


SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR


Samsung Heavy, Bloom Energy Partner to Develop Zero-Emissions Cargo Vessels.
Dimitra Kessenides and Kyunghee Park. gCaptain. 30 June 2020. Available from: https://gcaptain.com/samsung-heavy-bloom-energy-partner-to-develop-zero-emissions-cargo-vessels/ Samsung Heavy Industries Co. and Bloom Energy have announced an agreement to develop cleaner power for ships by jointly designing fuel cell-powered vessels that will reduce carbon emissions and help improve air quality.

Artemis Technologies to build zero emissions ferries following £60M funding.


Daewoo Shipbuilding joins hands with Port of Rotterdam to develop smartships.
Nam Kwang-sik. Yonhap News Agency (South Korea). 21 July 2020. Available from: https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN2020072100450 South Korea's second-largest shipbuilder Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering Co. said Tuesday that it has agreed with the Netherlands' Port of Rotterdam Authority to develop ship-related smart technologies.

Hyundai Mipo gets approval for ammonia-fuelled ships from Lloyd’s Register. Nam Kwang-sik. Yonhap News Agency (South Korea). 23 July 2020. Available from: https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20200723004600320 Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering Co. said Thursday that its shipbuilding unit Hyundai Mipo Dockyard Co. has obtained the green light for its ammonia-propelled ships from Lloyd’s Register, a British quality assurance and risk management company.

Sergey Buyanov: “There are no problems with the design of ice-class container ships in Russia”. Port News. 23 July 2020. Available from: https://en.portnews.ru/comments/2867/
In the run-up to the XV TRANSTEC International Transport Corridors Forum scheduled for 14-16 September 2020, Sergey Buyanov, General Director of Central Marine Research and Design Institute (CNIIMF), shares his expert opinion on the projects for the NSR cargo transit and development of the Northern Transport Corridor.


**SHIPPING**


Monitoring, Reporting and Validating (MRV) maritime vessels’ CO2 emissions performance: A new era in the Shipping Industry. Iosif Beloukas. Hellenic Shipping News. 30 June 2020. Available from: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/monitoring-reporting-and-validating-mrv-maritime-vessels-co2-emissions-performance-a-new-era-in-the-shipping-industry/ Maritime transport reportedly emits around 940 million tonnes of CO2 annually and is responsible for about 2.5% of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (3rd IMO GHG study), with a projection to increase significantly over the next few years (estimated increase rate amounts to 50%-250% by 2050), unless remediation measures are enforced.

Kuehne + Nagel CEO on climate target: "It's a race we have to win". Leonora Beck. ShippingWatch. 30 June 2020. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article A Danish CO2 tax is a step toward a more sustainable world, believes the CEO of Kuehne + Nagel, the world's second-largest freight forwarder.


INTERVIEW: Momentum in LNG shipping will build post-pandemic, says industry head. Paul Hickin. S&P Global Platts. 1 July 2020. Available from: https://bit.ly/3ICog8t LNG is creating its own momentum as a credible shipping fuel with infrastructure developing well and uptake is likely to resume where it left off after the global COVID-19 pandemic eases, according to SEA-LNG chairman Peter Keller.
ECSA calls on the German Presidency to support a stronger European shipping industry.  
*European Community Shipowners’ Associations (ECSA).* 1 July 2020. Available from:  
ECSA welcomes Germany taking over the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union from 1 July, calling on the German Presidency to support a stronger European shipping industry in order to support a rapid European recovery.

**Shipping Is A Necessity Regardless Of Crisis.** Peter Nuttall. *Fiji Sun Online.* 1 July 2020. Available from:  
Sustainable employment for over 100 highly qualified researchers bringing together science, business, industry and government to strategically reposition a major global industry.

**Joint Release by MPA and SMF: Inaugural Meeting of the International Advisory Panel on Maritime Decarbonisation.** *Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA).* 1 July 2020. Available from:  
[https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/2ad3581a-781d-4d9c-b61a-7c5c6e9cba71](https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/2ad3581a-781d-4d9c-b61a-7c5c6e9cba71)  
While the COVID-19 pandemic has been the primary global issue of the year, decarbonisation continues to be a high priority on Maritime Singapore’s agenda.

‘Just-in-time shipping is the smart thing to do’. Kim Link-Wills. *Freight Waves.* 1 July 2020. Available from:  
At the first meeting three years ago of the Global Industry Alliance, a partnership of the IMO and 14 companies dedicated to decarbonizing shipping, shipowners complained about their vessels waiting days to weeks at anchorage before being able to call at port.

**Scrubber producer has laid off or sent home many employees.** Søren Pico. *ShippingWatch.* 2 July 2020. Available from:  
[https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article12262733.ece](https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article12262733.ece)  
ME Production has laid off or sent more than half of its employees home after the market for exhaust gas cleaning systems came to a halt due to the coronavirus crisis and oil collapse.

**Maritime Administrator Praises U.S.-Flag Industry COVID Response.** *Seafarers International Union (SIU).* 2 July 2020. Available from:  
Acknowledging the work done collectively by maritime unions, companies, ports, shipyards, military and government, U.S. Maritime Administrator Mark Buzby saluted the work of the U.S.-flag maritime industry to keep commerce moving during the worldwide coronavirus pandemic.

**Ammonia as a marine fuel: 65% ready to adopt.** Craig Jallal. *Marine Propulsion & Auxiliary Machinery.* 2 July 2020. Available from:  
Riviera’s webinar on ammonia as a marine fuel, sponsored by naval architect and marine engineering company NETSCo, gave timely and practical insights on the viability of ammonia in shipping, noting its production, supply and handling is already well-established.

**Critical answers to marine fuel testing questions.** Martyn Wingrove. *Marine Propulsion & Auxiliary Machinery.* 2 July 2020. Available from:  
With ship operators mandated to use very low sulphur fuel oil (VLSFO) to meet emissions requirements since the onset of IMO’s 2020 sulphur cap regulations on 1 January 2020, many have raised questions about the quality and specifications of these fuels.
ETF on long-awaited social study on maritime transport: we stand ready to contribute to further action! European Transport Workers’ Federation. 2 July 2020. Available from: https://www.etf-europe.org/etf-on-long-awaited-social-study-on-maritime-transport-we-stand-ready-to-contribute-to-further-action/ Today, the European Commission (DG Move) finally published the report of a study on social aspects of maritime transport in the EU.

Study on social aspects within the maritime transport sector. European Commission. 3 July 2020. Available from: https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/a14413d7-bf30-11ea-901b-01aa75ed71a1 The study collected and analysed as much existing information and data as possible and complemented this with primary data collection. Executive Summary

One year in particular is at the center of the debate about shipping’s climate efforts. Katrine Grønvald Raun. ShippingWatch. 3 July 2020. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article12266765.ece The base year for shipping’s climate ambitions has in recent months been fiercely debated in the EU.


EU lawmakers agree to include shipping emissions in EU carbon market. Marine Strauss. Reuters. 7 July 2020. Available from: https://reut.rs/3JEyLrW European lawmakers agreed on Tuesday to include international carbon emissions from the maritime sector in the EU carbon market, targeting an industry that does not yet pay for its pollution.
How to get more women seafarers on board. Liezelle Kumalo and Denys Reva. Institute for Security Studies (ISS). 7 July 2020. Available from: https://issafrica.org/iss-today/how-to-get-more-women-seafarers-on-board What lessons are there from two decades of promoting the role of women in the peace and security sector?


We need to talk about shipping. WWF Canada. 8 July 2020. Available from: https://wwf.ca/news-stories/we-need-to-talk-about-shipping/ Addressing the shipping sector’s climate impacts is a large part of our success in tackling the climate crisis.

Targeting innovation to reduce emissions. Carlos Tuulik. Cruise & Ferry. 8 July 2020. Available from: https://www.cruiseandferry.net/articles/targeting-innovation-to-reduce-emissions-1 The International Maritime Organization’s 2050 greenhouse gas reduction targets are, to say the least, very strict and challenging.

Five key fuel testing questions answered. Martyn Wingrove. Marine Propulsion & Auxiliary Machinery. 8 July 2020. Available from: https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/five-key-fuel-testing-questions-answerednbsp-60172 Shipping is going through a significant shift with the bunker fuels it uses with IMO regulations driving many owners to change to very low sulphur fuel oil (VLSFO) or installing emissions abatement technology.

Few female CEOs slow down more gender equality on shipping boards. Søren Pico. ShippingWatch. 8 July 2020. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article12274900.ece The fact that there are too few female CEOs in the shipping sector delays more gender equality on the boards of directors in the maritime sector.

UN Secretary General wants shipping aid to align with climate effort. Katrine Grønvald Raun. ShippingWatch. 9 July 2020. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article12 When countries provide state aid to sectors such as shipping, as has been the case during the coronavirus crisis, they should include a requirement for compliance with the goals set out in the Paris Climate Accord, says UN Secretary General.


Unique lever: Unilever’s net zero emissions commitment forces shipping change. Jason Jiang. Splash 247.com. 10 July 2020. Available from: https://splash247.com/unique-lever/ As another week of discussions about greenhouse gas emissions at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) comes to a close with nothing set in stone, increasingly shipping is facing up to the reality that cargo owners, not regulators, will enforce sweeping environmental change for shipping.


Multiple Boxship Firms are Achieving IMO 2030 Target a Decade Early. Maritime Executive. 13 July 2020. Available from: https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/multiple-boxship-firms-are-achieving-imo-2030-target-a-decade-early On Friday, Greek shipowner Danaos Shipping joined the growing ranks of container ship companies that have announced that they are already compliant with the IMO 2030 carbon intensity goal.


China: First comprehensive study of methanol as bunker fuel started by Chinese think tank. Manifold Times (Singapore). 14 July 2020. Available from: https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/china-first-comprehensive-study-of-methanol-as-bunker-fuel-started-by-chinese-think-tank/ A study to consider the technical and operational requirements for the use of methanol as a bunker fuel has been started by the China Waterborne Transportation Research Institute (CWTRI), the think tank of the Chinese Ministry of Transport, said the Methanol Institute (MI) on Tuesday (14 July).


Microsoft chief calls on shipping companies to include more women. Soren Pico. ShippingWatch. 17 July 2020. Available from: https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article12291779.ece Marianne Dahl is head of Microsoft in Western Europe and a member of the DFDS board of directors, where close to one in three employees will be female a few years from now.

Crewing costs soar as shipping’s spat with airlines leaves seafarers stranded. Michelle Wiese Bockmann. *Lloyd's List.* 17 July 2020. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1133126](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1133126) The price of flights and quarantine accommodation has increased exorbitantly and added to the delays seafarers are facing.


Shipping’s biggest event, Posidonia, is cancelled for 2020. Holly Birkett. *TradeWinds.* 20 July 2020. Available from: [https://www.tradewindsnews.com/people/shippings-biggest-event-posidonia-is-cancelled-for-2020/2-1-845281](https://www.tradewindsnews.com/people/shippings-biggest-event-posidonia-is-cancelled-for-2020/2-1-845281) Event had been rescheduled for October, but organisers have made the difficult decision to axe it for this year.


Portugal Shipping Week to host the world’s first carbon neutral shipping conference. *All About Shipping.* 21 July 2020. Available from: [https://www.allaboutshipping.co.uk/2020/07/21/portugal-shipping-week-to-host-the-worlds-first-carbon-neutral-shipping-conference/](https://www.allaboutshipping.co.uk/2020/07/21/portugal-shipping-week-to-host-the-worlds-first-carbon-neutral-shipping-conference/) Portugal Shipping Week (PSW), taking place from 21-25 September in Lisbon, will not only be one the first major maritime events taking place in situ as the world gradually emerges from Coronavirus lockdown, but it will also include the world’s first carbon neutral shipping conference thanks to a partnership between PSW organiser Petrospot and carbon trading and offsetting specialist AitherCO₂.

Is shipping to blame for the crew crisis? Janet Porter. *Lloyd’s List.* 21 July 2020. Available from: [https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1133141](https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1133141) Shipowners who shun publicity and choose to flag vessels in countries with which they have few or no commercial connections, should not be surprised if governments fail to take up their cause.


LPG’s role to grow in shipping’s decarbonisation drive. John Snyder. LNG Shipping & Terminals. 27 July 2020. Available from: https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/lpgs-role-to-grow-in-shippings-decarbonisation-drive-60385 Backed by a major charterer and VLGC owners, the use of LPG as a fuel is set to expand, with at least 31 VLGCs to be fitted with dual-fuel propulsion.


After IMO 2020, decarbonization in spotlight for shipping sector: Fuel for Thought. Surabhi Sahu. S&P Global Platts. 29 July 2020. Available from: https://bit.ly/2DnOEeSH Shipping companies in Asia and around the globe are steaming ahead with efforts to minimize their carbon footprint as the urgency to decarbonize intensifies after a fairly smooth transition to the International Maritime Organization’s low-sulfur mandate for marine fuels.


**Shipowning: A sunny place for shady people.** Sam Chambers. *Splash 247.com*. 31 July 2020. Available from: [https://splash247.com/shipowning-a-sunny-place-for-shady-people/](https://splash247.com/shipowning-a-sunny-place-for-shady-people/) Now as the sector faces among its most acute crises of the last 50 years – the crew change conundrum during Covid-19 – shipping’s inability to get its position across to the powers that be has been brought into sharp focus.


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Drazen JC, Smith CR, et al. Opinion: Midwater ecosystems must be considered when 
evaluating environmental risks of deep-sea mining. _Proceedings of the National Academy of 
Sciences_. 28 July 2020. Available from: [https://www.pnas.org/content/pnas/117/30/17455.full.pdf](https://www.pnas.org/content/pnas/117/30/17455.full.pdf) Despite rapidly growing interest in deep-sea mineral exploitation, environmental research and 
management have focused on impacts to seafloor environments, paying little attention to pelagic 
ecosystems.
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