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IMO NEWS & EVENTS

IMO approves net-zero regulations for global shipping

Draft regulations will set mandatory marine fuel standard and GHG emissions pricing for shipping to address climate change.

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has achieved another important step towards establishing a legally binding framework to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from ships globally, aiming for net-zero emissions by or around, i.e close to 2050.

The IMO Net-zero Framework is the first in the world to combine mandatory emissions limits and GHG pricing across an entire industry sector.

Approved by the Marine Environment Protection Committee during its 83rd session (MEPC 83) from 7–11 April 2025, the measures include a new fuel standard for ships and a global pricing mechanism for emissions.

These measures, set to be formally adopted in October 2025 before entry into force in 2027, will become mandatory for large ocean-going ships over 5,000 gross tonnage, which emit 85% of the total CO₂ emissions from international shipping.

Closing the meeting, IMO Secretary-General Mr. Arsenio Dominguez commended the spirit of cooperation and commitment demonstrated by Member States this week. He stated: “The approval of draft amendments to MARPOL Annex VI mandating the IMO net-zero framework represents another significant step in our collective efforts to combat climate change, to modernize shipping and demonstrates that IMO delivers on its commitments. “Now, it is important to continue working together, engaging in dialogue and listening to one another, if we are to create the conditions for successful adoption.”

Key elements of the IMO Net-Zero Framework

The IMO Net-Zero Framework will be included in a new Chapter 5 of Annex VI (Prevention of air pollution from ships) to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL).

MARPOL Annex VI currently has 108 Parties, covering 97% of the world’s merchant shipping fleet by tonnage, and already includes mandatory energy efficiency requirements for ships.

The goal is to achieve the climate targets set out in the 2023 IMO Strategy on the Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships, accelerate the introduction of zero and near zero GHG fuels, technologies and energy sources, and support a just and equitable transition.

Under the draft regulations, ships will be required to comply with:

1. **Global fuel standard:** Ships must reduce, over time, their annual greenhouse gas fuel intensity (GFI) – that is, how much GHG is emitted for each unit of energy used. This is calculated using a well-to-wake approach.
2. **Global economic measure:** Ships emitting above GFI thresholds will have to acquire remedial units to balance its deficit emissions, while those using zero or near-zero GHG technologies will be eligible for financial rewards.

Ensuring compliance

There will be two levels of compliance with GHG Fuel Intensity targets: a Base Target and a Direct Compliance Target at which ships would be eligible to earn “surplus units”.

Ships that emit above the set thresholds can balance their emissions deficit by:

- Transferring surplus units from other ships;
- Using surplus units they have already banked;
- Using remedial units acquired through contributions to the IMO Net-Zero Fund.

IMO Net-Zero Fund

The IMO Net-Zero Fund will be established to collect pricing contributions from emissions. These revenues will then be disbursed to:

- Reward low-emission ships;
- Support innovation, research, infrastructure and just transition initiatives in developing countries;
- Fund training, technology transfer and capacity building to support the IMO GHG Strategy; and
- Mitigate negative impacts on vulnerable States, such as Small Island Developing States and Least Developed Countries.

Next steps

Upon approval, the draft amendments to MARPOL Annex VI will be formally circulated to IMO Member States, followed by:

- **October 2025 (MEPC/ES.2):** Adoption of the amendments during an extraordinary session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee.
- **Spring 2026 (MEPC 84):** Approval of detailed implementation guidelines.
- **2027:** Expected entry into force, 16 months after adoption (in accordance with MARPOL articles).

Other MEPC 83 outcomes

The meeting discussed a range of issues related to protecting the marine environment from shipping activities, with the following key outcomes:

- Adoption of 2025 Action Plan to combat marine plastic litter
- Progress in the review of the Ballast Water Management Convention
- Approval of a proposal to designate the North-East Atlantic as an Emission Control Area and agreement in principle to designate two new Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas off South America's Pacific coast
- Approval of the draft Work plan on the development of a regulatory framework for the use of Onboard Carbon Capture Storage systems (OCCS)
- Approval of draft amendments to regulation 27 of MARPOL Annex VI regarding accessibility of the IMO Data Collection System
- Adoption of amendments to the 2021 Guidelines on the operational carbon intensity reduction factors relative to reference lines (CII reduction factors guidelines, G3)
- Approval of a new output to develop a legally binding framework on biofouling management, to prevent the spread of harmful invasive aquatic species

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Previous Meetings

[Marine Environment Protection Committee \(MEPC 83\)](#) 07-11 April

Intersessional Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (ISWG-GHG 19)
31 March-01 April

Forthcoming Meetings

Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR 12) 13-22 May

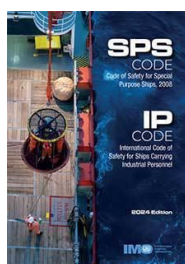
Technical Cooperation Committee (TC 75) 02-06 June

NEW IMO PUBLICATIONS



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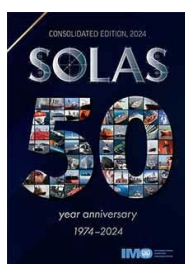
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This publication includes the *Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships, 2008* (2008 SPS Code), the new *International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel* (IP Code), and SOLAS chapter XV on safety measures for ships carrying industrial personnel.

The 2008 SPS Code sets safety standards for special purpose ships carrying 'special personnel' such as scientists and technicians involved in specific onboard activities. The IP Code, which came into force on **1 July 2024**, extends these safety principles to ships transporting 'industrial personnel'. This new code addresses the safety requirements for the offshore and energy sectors, ensuring safer transport and transfer of personnel involved in offshore industrial activities.



SOLAS Consolidated Edition, 2024 Edition

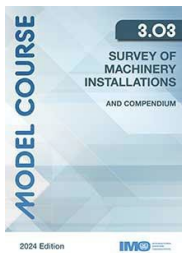
Digital format: KH110E (English)

ISBN: 978-92-801-1793-6 (English)

Of all the international conventions dealing with maritime safety, the most important is the *International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea*, better known as SOLAS, which covers a wide range of measures designed to improve the safety of shipping.

The Convention is also one of the oldest of its kind: the first version was adopted in 1914 following the sinking of the **Titanic** with the loss of more than 1,500 lives. Since then, there have been four more versions of SOLAS. The present version was adopted in 1974 and entered into force in 1980. This publication commemorates the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, a prominent international instrument for maritime safety.

This edition of the publication presents a consolidated text of the Convention, its Protocol of 1988 and all amendments that have entered into force on or before **1 July 2024**. Additionally, this edition includes the **unified interpretations of SOLAS regulations** approved by the Maritime Safety Committee.

**Model Course: Survey of machinery installations, 2024 Edition**

Digital format: KTB303E

ISBN: 978-92-801-1782-0

This course equips maritime professionals with the skills to survey and assess machinery installations, ensuring compliance with international standards. Flexible in design, the course can be tailored to the trainees' knowledge levels and training needs. Validated by the IMO Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and

Equipment, this course is a vital resource for standardizing machinery installation surveys, enhancing safety and competence across the global maritime industry.

The course covers the requirements of initial, annual, intermediate, and periodical and renewal surveys, as specified in SOLAS. It does not cover preliminary design or plan approvals, nor does it cover the survey or inspection of chemical tankers, gas carriers, special purpose ships or mobile offshore units.

UNITED NATIONS

UN-backed forum seeks to boost resilience of world's Least Developed Countries. *UN News.* 1 April 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/04/1161756> The third edition of the LDC Future Forum, which opened on Monday, focusses on how these 44 nations can better withstand systemic shocks, including the adverse effects of climate change and other global crises.

One preventable death every 7 seconds during pregnancy or childbirth. *UN News.* 6 April 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/04/1161936> Monday's World Health Day highlights a critical issue for global health: the particular vulnerabilities faced by women and girls.

AI's \$4.8 trillion future: UN Trade and Development alerts on divides, urges action. *UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD).* 7 April 2025. Available from: <https://unctad.org/news/ais-48-trillion-future-un-trade-and-development-alerts-divides-urges-action> Artificial intelligence (AI) is transforming economies, creating opportunities but also posing risks of greater inequality.

2025 Technology and innovation report. *UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD).* 7 April 2025. Available from: <https://unctad.org/publication/technology-and-innovation-report-2025> AI can fast-track the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), powering smart agriculture and energy grids, optimizing production and supply chains, improving water and city planning – and more. [Full report](#) 

Countries reach historic deal to cut shipping emission. Vibhu Mishra. *UN News.* 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/04/1162176> The framework – agreed during the just-concluded meeting of the UN International Maritime Organization (IMO) Marine Environment Protection Committee – aims for net-zero emissions from the sector by 2050 and will be formally adopted in October before coming into force in 2027.

Preparatory Commission for Historic Marine Biodiversity Treaty's Entry into Force Opens First Session. *United Nations.* 14 April 2025. Available from: <https://press.un.org/en/2025/sea2208.doc.htm> As the commission tasked with preparing for the entry into force of a new treaty on maritime biodiversity opened its first session today, speakers both underlined the importance of moving this process forward and emphasized that the proper care must be taken in designing the modalities by which to do so.

Countries finalize historic pandemic agreement after three years of negotiations. Vibhu Mishra. *UN News.* 16 April 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/04/1162301> In the early hours of Wednesday morning in Geneva, countries finalized a draft global agreement aimed at improving how the world prepares for and responds to pandemics, marking a historic step that will be submitted to the World Health Assembly in May for adoption.

AI lightens the workload – but risks remain, labour agency warns. *UN News.* 23 April 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/04/1162521> Artificial intelligence, robotics, and digitalization are rapidly reshaping how we work – but they're a source of unexpected risks too. [Revolutionizing Health and Safety: The Role of AI and Digitalization at Work](#)

World leaders rally for 'full-speed' climate action ahead of COP30. Laura Quinones. *UN News.* 23 April 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/04/1162516> At a high-stakes virtual summit on Wednesday, UN Secretary-General António Guterres and Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva brought together 17 national leaders from major economies and climate vulnerable countries.

CASUALTIES

Solong and Stena Immaculate interim report published. *UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB)*. 3 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/solong-and-stena-immaculate-interim-report-published> Today, we have published the initial findings of our investigation into the collision between the Portugal registered container ship *Solong* and the USA registered oil/chemical tanker *Stena Immaculate*, resulting in one fatality, 14 nautical miles north-east of Spurn Head at the entrance to the Humber Estuary, England, on 10 March 2025. [Interim Report](#) 📄

Final Court of Inquiry into HMNZS Manawanui grounding and sinking in Samoa released. *New Zealand Defence Force*. 4 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/navy/navy-news/final-court-of-inquiry-into-hmnzs-manawanui-grounding-and-sinking-in-samoa-released/> Royal New Zealand Navy ship *HMNZS Manawanui* ran aground with 75 people on board in Samoa whilst conducting a hydrographic survey of a reef on Saturday 5 October 2024. [Final Report](#) 📄

Fire breaks out on container ship in North Sea. *Sky News*. 9 April 2025. Available from: <https://news.sky.com/story/fire-breaks-out-on-container-ship-in-north-sea-13345247> The *Victoria L*, which was carrying 19 crew members, was around 56km (34 miles) from the coast of the Netherlands when the blaze broke out.

Explosion and fire rip through container ship in North Sea. Lucy Hine. *TradeWinds*. 9 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/casualties/explosion-and-fire-rip-through-container-ship-in-north-sea/2-1-1805300> A rescue operation is underway in the North Sea after an explosion and fire tore into a German-owned container ship.

Dutch Coast Guard responds to engine room fire on North Sea. Mariska Buitendijk. *SWZ Maritime (Netherlands)*. 10 April 2025. Available from: <https://swzmaritime.nl/news/2025/04/10/dutch-coast-guard-responds-to-engine-room-fire-on-north-sea/> The ship with nineteen crew members was sailing 56 kilometres west of Scheveningen on the North Sea.

2014 Sewol ferry tragedy caused by structural failures, state agency concludes. Yoon Min-sik. *Korea Herald (South Korea)*. 14 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.koreaherald.com/article/10464687> A report released Monday on the April 16, 2014 sinking of the *Sewol* ferry, which left 304 dead or missing, concluded that the disaster was caused by structural failures of the vessel, including a malfunction of the steering system and alterations to the ship that made it unstable.

NTSB Recommends Improving Preparedness of Land-Based Firefighters for Marine Vessel Fires. *US National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)*. 15 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.nts.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/NR20250415.aspx> The National Transportation Safety Board recommended Tuesday that land-based firefighters be better prepared for marine vessel firefighting following a fatal fire on the roll-on/roll-off container vessel *Grande Costa D'Avorio* in Newark, New Jersey.

Search ongoing for 7 Filipinos, 3 Chinese after vessel capsizes in Occidental Mindoro. Dominique Nicole Flores. *Philippine Star*. 16 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.philstar.com/nation/2025/04/16/2436473/search-ongoing-7-filipinos-3-chinese-after-vessel-capsizes-occidental-mindoro> Search and rescue operations are ongoing for 10 people — seven Filipinos and three Chinese nationals — who went missing after a vessel capsized off the waters of Occidental Mindoro, the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) said.

1 dead, 12 injured after recreational boat smashes into Clearwater Ferry in Florida.

Darren Reynolds and T. Michelle Murphy. *ABC News (US)*. 29 April 2025. Available from:

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/1-dead-mass-casualty-event-after-boat-crashes/story?id=121228624>

One person was killed and 12 people were injured when a boat struck the Clearwater Ferry in Clearwater, Florida, on Sunday evening. 🚢

ENVIRONMENT

Western Pacific nations launch new push to protect ocean biodiversity. UNESCO. 9 April 2025.

Available from: <https://www.unesco.org/en/articles/western-pacific-nations-launch-new-push-protect-ocean-biodiversity> With less than 90 days until the third United Nations Ocean Conference

(UNOC3), the largest global gathering ever dedicated to the ocean, nations across the Western Pacific committed to fostering cooperation in ocean science, strengthening the science-policy interface, and advancing sustainable resource management to restore ocean health and productivity.

Climate to suffer as ‘green energy’ on the back burner. Charles Ellinas. *Financial Mirror*

(Cyprus). 16 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.financialmirror.com/2025/04/16/climate-to-suffer-as-green-energy-on-the-back-burner/>

Donald Trump’s tariff blitz has sparked turmoil for the green energy sector. Duties pose a one-two punch for an industry already reeling from a renewed embrace of fossil fuels. The new tariffs are set to pummel the renewable energy industry, threatening to push up prices.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

Leaked files raise fears over safety of Shell oil production fleet, years after devastating spill.

Ed Davey. *Associated Press*. 3 April 2025. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/oil-spill-shell-nigeria-bonga-energy-pollution-49a5a62a94deb109d30ef567b7111250> Off the coast of Nigeria,

one of the world’s largest oil production ships, called the *Bonga*, was taking oil from a field on the ocean floor and transferring it to a tanker ship.

Russian Government Estimates Black Sea Oil Spill Damage at \$1B. *Moscow Times*.

4 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2025/04/04/russian-government-estimates-black-sea-oil-spill-damage-at-1b-a88609> Russia’s recent oil spill off the Black Sea coast has caused an estimated 84.9 billion rubles (\$1 billion) in environmental damage, the government environmental watchdog Rosprirodnadzor said Friday. 🚢

Russia continues December’s Kerch Strait oil spill clean-up from two storm-stricken Russian tank. *Euronews*. 5 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.euronews.com/green/2025/04/05/russia-continues-decembers-kerch-strait-oil-spill-clean-up-from-two-storm-stricken-russian>

Russia is continuing its extensive clean-up operation in the Black Sea’s Kerch Strait, according to the Ministry of Emergency Situations, following the oil spill caused by two storm-stricken Russian tankers last December.

Probe of oil spill at Johor port to start once clean-up works done: State official. *Straits Times*.

8 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/probe-of-oil-spill-at-johor-port-to-start-once-clean-up-works-are-done-says-exco-man> An investigation of the oil spill incident at Johor’s Tanjung Langsat Port Terminal (TLPT) will begin once clean-up operations have been completed, said a state executive committee member.

The EU strikes a landmark agreement to prevent plastic pellet pollution across land and sea. *Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA)*. 9 April 2025. Available from: <https://eia-international.org/news/the-eu-strikes-a-landmark-agreement-to-prevent-plastic-pellet-pollution-across-land-and-sea/> The decision came in the wake of yet another disastrous pellet spill in European waters off the English coast due to the collision of two ships, starkly illustrating how frequent pellet loss has become.

Clumps of concern: Number of tar balls found near western NL shipwreck now at half a dozen. Gary Kean. *The Telegram (Canada)*. 18 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.saltwire.com/newfoundland-labrador/more-tarballs-found-by-grounded-nl-cargo-ship> While it's nearly certain tar balls found in the area have come from the grounded *MSC Baltic III*, an underwater inspection shows no consistent leak of contaminants from the cargo ship in Cedar Cove, NL.

Exposing the environmental costs of offshore oil: Greenhouse gas emissions, oil slicks, and flaring. Christian Thomas, Susan Stillman and Pete Davis. *SkyTruth*. 23 April 2025. Available from: <https://skytruth.org/section/environmental-costs-offshore-oil/> The global climate crisis demands an urgent reduction in fossil fuel production, yet the oil and gas industry continues to expand—particularly offshore. [Report](#) 📄

Staggering 84% of world's reefs impacted by coral bleaching. Rob Hutchins. *Oceanographic*. 24 April 2025. Available from: <https://oceanographicmagazine.com/news/staggering-84-of-worlds-reefs-impacted-by-coral-bleaching/> As scientists warn that the world's coral reefs are "entering uncharted waters" attention turns to local solutions, including coral restoration, pollution reduction, stemming overfishing, and selective coral breeding for means to improve coral health globally.

Ukraine's Black Sea coast is suffering from war damage, affecting birds and marine life. William Denselow and Kevin Lam. *Channel News Asia*. 25 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/world/ukraine-russia-black-sea-war-environment-wildlife-5089156> The war in Ukraine has contaminated huge swathes of its territory but ecologists fear the damage is not contained to just land, but in the ocean as well.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Seafarers should not have to choose between shore leave and rest. *Stella Maris*. 8 April 2025. Available from: <https://stellamaris.org.uk/seafarers-should-not-have-to-choose-between-shore-leave-and-rest/> As the International Labour Organization (ILO) meets to consider changes to the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) this week, leading maritime charity Stella Maris UK is calling for urgent protections to stop seafarers being forced to choose between shore leave and adequate rest, a decision that no seafarer should have to make.

Mental Health at Sea: Tackling Seafarers' Invisible Crisis. *Maritime Fairtrade*. 9 April 2025. Available from: <https://maritimefairtrade.org/mental-health-at-sea-tackling-seafarers-invisible-crisis/> Seafaring is a profession that carries with it unique challenges, many of which are invisible to those on land.

Marlow Navigation launches crew helpline with ISWAN. *International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN)*. 28 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.iswan.org.uk/news/marlow-navigation-launches-crew-helpline-with-iswan/> At the beginning of 2025, Marlow Navigation launched a dedicated emotional support service in partnership with the International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN) to ensure support for its seafarers is available around the clock.

From habit to hazard: Personal electronic devices can be a workplace distraction. *Gard*. 30 April 2025. Available from: <https://gard.no/insights/from-habit-to-hazard-personal-electronic-devices-can-be-a-workplace/> Despite being known risks factors in safety-critical industries like shipping, the constant use of mobile phones and other personal devices persists due to ingrained connectivity habits, the urge for instant responses, and the mistaken belief that individuals can effectively multitask while operating personal devices and performing critical duties.

IMO

The Daily View: Giving up isn't negotiating. Declan Bush. *Lloyd's List*. 1 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1153039/The-Daily-View-Giving-up-isnt-negotiating> As much as the IMO wants to avoid a vote on its mid-term climate policy next week, many in the pro-levy majority will be wondering whether they have the numbers, if procedural push comes to shove.

INTERVIEW: 'Clarity' and 'ambition': industry and Pacific States lay out their hopes for MEPC 83. Ariane Morrissey. *Bunkerspot*. 1 April 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/fax4ykw5> Representatives from Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and the International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA) concur in calling for IMO Member States to agree a strong economic measure or greenhouse gas levy when they meet for MEPC 83 next week, highlighting the 'vast' needs to fund shipping's energy transition whilst building climate resilience in developing countries.

IMO GHG talks hit critical juncture. *Baltic Exchange*. 2 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.balticexchange.com/en/news-and-events/news/baltic-magazine/2025/IMO-GHG-talks-hit-critical-juncture.html> The global maritime industry is holding its breath as the IMO races against time to finalise its crucial mid-term greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction measures.

MEPC 83: What's at stake if consensus fails? *Engine Technologies*. 2 April 2025. Available from: <https://engine.online/news/regulations/mepc-83-whats-at-stake-if-consensus-fails-6a10> The IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee convenes next week (MEPC 83), and the stakes couldn't be higher.

Pressure on IMO Member States to Agree on Global Fuel Standard and Levy. *Clean Shipping Coalition (CSC)*. 2 April 2025. Available from: <https://cleanshipping.org/news/pressure-on-imo-member-states-to-agree-on-global-fuel-standard/> After IMO member states failed to reach agreement on a draft legal text during this week's two-day meeting – a text that would have been due for approval during next week's MEPC 83, the Clean Shipping Coalition called on governments to commit to a fuel standard and greenhouse gas pricing mechanism – a levy – for the shipping industry that would lower emission reductions.

Tuvalu To Brazil: Our Success Is Your Success. 6PACplus. *Scoop (New Zealand)*. 2 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/WO2504/S00009/tuvalu-to-brazil-our-success-is-your-success.htm> Tuvalu and Brazil may be separated by oceans, but our futures are deeply intertwined.

Carbon levy on life support at IMO as Pacifics vow to fight on. Declan Bush. *Lloyd's List*.

2 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1153066/Carbon-levy-on-life-support-at-IMO-as-Pacifics-vow-to-fight-on> The global carbon price set to be imposed on shipping next week will probably take the form of a fuel standard without a separate carbon levy, although supporters of the latter are still hoping for a miracle.

Is the levy off the table? Latest IMO climate talks struggle to find common ground.

Craig Eason. *TradeWinds*. 2 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/is-the-levy-off-the-table-latest-imo-climate-talks-struggle-to-find-common-ground/2-1-1800917> Climate talks in London seem to have abandoned a popular levy proposal aimed at forcing shipping to decarbonise, instead forging ahead with a compromise of elements from a competing idea.

A bold decision or in deep water? Greenhouse gas talks chair pushes IMO member states to work together.

Craig Eason. *TradeWinds*. 2 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/a-bold-decision-or-in-deep-water-greenhouse-gas-talks-chair-pushes-imo-member-states-to-work-together/2-1-1801240> The chair of a two-day meeting at the IMO took a bold step. He introduced a working paper suggesting a new legal text that sought to bring together the opposing sides in the debates about how best to decarbonise shipping using economic measures.

UN carbon levy talks: Now is the time to show solidarity with climate vulnerable countries.

Naida Hakirevic Prevljak. *Offshore Energy*. 2 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.offshore-energy.biz/un-carbon-levy-talks-now-is-the-time-to-show-solidarity-with-climate-vulnerable-countries/> The IMO met in a technical working group ISWG-GHG-19 meeting from March 31 to April 1, 2025, to close in on a carbon price on global shipping, before its finalization at a climate summit next week (MEPC 83).

Shipping's climate summit will be free of talks on independent CO2 tax.

Mette Grube Condrup and Nidaa Bakhsh. *ShippingWatch*. 3 April 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article18057373.ece> An independent climate tax for the world fleet's greenhouse gas emissions is off the table ahead of the crucial negotiations on how shipping can become carbon neutral by 2050.

Troubled waters, polluted skies: Will a global shipping tax finally take off?

Georgia Hammersley. *Lowy Institute (Australia)*. 3 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.loyyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/troubled-waters-polluted-skies-will-global-shipping-tax-finally-take> This month, member countries to the IMO, the United Nations body responsible for regulating international shipping, will negotiate on a long-awaited plan to impose a levy on shipping fuel.

Lack of Urgency and Ambition Means IMO's Climate Action Hangs in Balance.

Clean Shipping Coalition (CSC). 4 April 2025. Available from: <https://cleanshipping.org/news/lack-of-urgency-and-ambition-means-imos-climate-action-hangs-in-balance/> As week one of a marathon series of IMO meetings closes today, all three elements of a successful shipping industry response to the climate crisis are hanging in the balance.

Hopes fade for climate cash from carbon price on shipping. Joe Lo. *Climate Home News*.

4 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.climatechangenews.com/2025/04/04/hopes-fade-for-climate-cash-from-carbon-price-on-shipping/> Government negotiators look set to agree to keep the money raised by taxing shipping emissions within the maritime sector.

INTERVIEW: 'It's not over': Pacific States vow to keep fighting for a GHG levy at MEPC 83.

Ariane Morrissey. *Bunkerspot*. 4 April 2025. Available from:

<https://www.bunkerspot.com/global/64793-imo-iswg-ghg-19-mepc-83-compromise-proposal-levy-pacific-states>

Representatives of Pacific States are disappointed that a universal GHG levy for shipping has been sidelined in the latest 'compromise' proposal being debated at the IMO, but are hopeful they can still incorporate elements of a levy in the final agreement set to be approved by MEPC 83 next week.

Nations divided ahead of decisive week for shipping emissions. *Channel News Asia*.

5 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/world/nations-divided-ahead-decisive-week-shipping-emissions-5045686>

Members of the IMO are divided over whether to approve a carbon tax on international shipping, ahead of a meeting starting on Monday (Apr 7) to finalise emissions-reduction measures.

Shipping Levy Remains On Table At IMO Climate Talks. *6PACplus. Scoop (New Zealand)*.

5 April 2025. Available from: <https://pacific.scoop.co.nz/2025/04/shipping-levy-remains-on-table-at-imo-climate-talks/>

The Group of ACP+ will continue to build on its proposed text to ensure the Chairs proposed framing of the mid-term measures can deliver on the 2023 Strategy in full.

WSC statement ahead of MEPC 83. *World Shipping Council*. 7 April 2025. Available from:

<https://www.worldshipping.org/news/wsc-statement-ahead-of-mepc-83> The IMO is on the cusp of striking the world's first global carbon pricing deal for any industry.

New report assesses economic impact of IMO's candidate GHG reduction measures on Nigeria's shipping and trade. *UCL Energy Institute. Shipping and Oceans Research Group*.

7 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.shippingandoceans.com/post/new-report-assesses-economic-impact-of-imo-s-candidate-ghg-reduction-measures-on-nigeria-s-shipping>

A comprehensive new report titled, "Impact Assessment of the IMO basket of candidate mid-term GHG reduction measures: The Nigeria Case Study," offers critical insights into the potential economic consequences of the IMO's candidate mid-term measures on Nigeria's key trade sectors.

At a pivotal meeting, the world is set to decide how to cut shipping emissions.

Simon Bullock, Christian De Beukelaer and Tristan Smith. *The Conversation*. 7 April 2025.

Available from: <https://theconversation.com/at-a-pivotal-meeting-the-world-is-set-to-decide-how-to-cut-shipping-emissions-253462>

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Island states calling for CO2-levy once again: "Decisions will shape our future".

Mette Grube Condrup and Nidaa Bakhsh. *ShippingWatch*. 7 April 2025. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/article18072355.ece> The smaller developing countries stand to suffer the most from climate change.

Coalition sounds alarm on biofuel risks to food security, deforestation, others.

Kizito Cudjoe. *Business & Financial Times (Ghana)*. 7 April 2025. Available from:

<https://thebftonline.com/2025/04/07/coalition-sounds-alarm-on-biofuel-risks-to-food-security-deforestation-others/>

A coalition of climate-focused organisations has raised concerns over the push for biofuels in international shipping, warning that its adoption under new climate measures could exacerbate food insecurity, deforestation and human rights violations.

Last-minute talks set table for historic IMO emissions debate. Craig Eason. *TradeWinds*.

7 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/last-minute-talks-set-table-for-historic-imo-emissions-debate/2-1-1803355> National delegations have been holding informal talks over the weekend ahead of the last round of climate talks at the IMO kick off today.

Poor countries say rich world betraying them over climate pledges on shipping.

Fiona Harvey. *The Guardian*. 7 April 2025. Available from:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/apr/07/poor-countries-say-rich-world-betraying-them-over-climate-pledges-on-shipping> Poor countries have accused the rich world of “backsliding” and betrayal of their climate commitments, as they desperately tried to keep alive a long-awaited deal to cut carbon from shipping.

Here’s what to know about nations considering the 1st global tax on emissions for shipping.

Jennifer McDermott. *Associated Press*. 7 April 2025. Available from:

<https://apnews.com/article/shipping-emissions-climate-change-25de476e26d3a2abd642bfd49430d1f> Nations are trying to reach an agreement to charge commercial vessels a fee for their emissions in what would effectively be the world’s first global carbon tax.

History’s vision of the future. Nick Savvides. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 7 April 2025.

Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulations/history-s-vision-of-the-future>

IMO member states seek a historically critical outcome to this week’s discussions at the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) 83 and will need to find a solution to US indifference to climate change and the vested interests that aim to delay the process.

Ship Carbon Charge Edges Closer With Optimism US Won’t Derail It. Jack Wittels. *gCaptain*.

7 April 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/ship-carbon-charge-edges-closer-with-optimism-us-wont-derail-it/> Governments from across the world are gathering in London this week to thrash out a landmark global carbon charge for the shipping industry.

Pacific nations push for universal carbon levy for international shipping at IMO talks.

Radio New Zealand. 8 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/557501/pacific-nations-push-for-universal-carbon-levy-for-international-shipping-at-imo-talks>

The 83rd session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 83) reconvenes this week, and a global shipping levy remains on the table, Marshall Islands’ special envoy for maritime decarbonisation says.

Pacific Nations Refuse to Drop Carbon Levy Demand at IMO. *Ship & Bunker*. 8 April 2025.

Available from: <https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/299213-pacific-nations-refuse-to-drop-carbon-levy-demand-at-imo> Delegates from Pacific nations are standing firm on their call for a carbon levy on shipping emissions to be included in the IMO mid-term measures, as discussions continue this week at the MEPC 83 meeting in London.

Pacific Ministers Push to Lock in Clean Energy Transition. *Solomon Times (Solomon Islands)*.

8 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.solomontimes.com/news/pacific-ministers-push-to-lock-in-clean-energy-transition/13198> Driven by Pacific leadership, the IMO is on the brink of making history with binding regulations to phase out fossil fuel use in global shipping.

Denmark asks for price advantage for green fuel. *Clean Shipping International*. 8 April 2025.

Available from: <https://www.cleanshippinginternational.com/denmark-asks-for-price-advantage-for-green-fuel/> In 2023, IMO member states agreed on a historic agreement that global shipping should be climate neutral by around 2050.

Crucial Climate Negotiations at the IMO: Now Is the Time to Deliver. *Danish Shipping.*

8 April 2025. Available from: <https://danishshipping.dk/en/latest-news/2025/crucial-climate-negotiations-at-the-imo-now-is-the-time-to-deliver/> At an IMO meeting in London, 176 countries must reach an agreement on climate regulations for international shipping. Danish Shipping hopes for an ambitious agreement that will impose requirements on and make it more attractive to sail using alternative green fuels.

African Nations Press for Equity in Global Shipping Emissions Levy. *Namibian Broadcasting Corporation.* 8 April 2025. Available from: <https://nbcnews.na/node/110301> African countries are intensifying their campaign for a fair and inclusive global shipping emissions levy as climate negotiations resumed Monday at the IMO.

The Commonwealth unpacks critical negotiations for decarbonising global shipping.

The Commonwealth. 8 April 2025. Available from: <https://thecommonwealth.org/news/commonwealth-convenes-experts-critical-negotiations-decarbonising-global-shipping> Ahead of these critical negotiations, more than 120 participants from 30 Commonwealth countries joined a high-level webinar on “Decarbonising Shipping: Key Decisions in IMO GHG Negotiations and their global impact”.

Arsenio Dominguez confident emissions agreement will be reached this week. *Sandra Boga. TradeWinds.* 8 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/arsenio-dominguez-confident-emissions-agreement-will-be-reached-this-week/2-1-1803929> Arsenio Dominguez is confident this week’s climate talks will reach an agreement — with no need for a back-up plan.

Governments set to agree fees for ships that miss green targets. *Joe Lo. Climate Home News.* 8 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.climatechangenews.com/2025/04/08/governments-set-to-agree-fees-for-ships-that-miss-green-targets/> Under a compromise proposal put forward by the chair of the talks, shipowners who fail to meet the targets for cleaner fuels will have to make up the difference through a combination of payments to those who have met the targets and money paid into a green fund administered by the IMO.

Why we need a global levy on international shipping. *James Mnyupe and Cynthia Kariuki. Splash 247.com.* 8 April 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/why-we-need-a-global-levy-on-international-shipping/> African nations suffer disproportionately from the devastating impacts of climate change yet have historically contributed very little to the greenhouse gas emissions that are warming our planet.

Nautilus urges global action after US abandons shipping climate talks. *Nautilus International.* 9 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/nautilus-urges-global-action-after-us-abandons-shipping-climate-talks/> Nautilus International has called for a worldwide commitment to worker-centred climate policies after the United States withdrew from crucial maritime environmental negotiations in London this week.

IMO chief negotiator turns up the heat: Seal a deal or we'll take over. *Mette Grube Condrup. ShippingWatch.* 9 April 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article18078044.ece> With their backs against the wall, member states of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) worked late into the evening on Tuesday to reach a compromise on what to write in the text obliging shipping to decarbonize.

US withdraws from IMO climate agreement and promises retaliation. *Mette Grube Condrup. ShippingWatch.* 9 April 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article18077719.ece> In a message sent out widely to IMO member states, the US administration says that the US will not support a global climate agreement.

Fear and loathing: How US climate talks exit is rattling the IMO.

Craig Eason and Eric Priante Martin. *TradeWinds*. 9 April 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/fear-and-loathing-how-us-climate-talks-exit-is-rattling-the-imo/2-1-1804948> The US delegation to the IMO announced its shock exit from the historic climate talks in a diplomatic message to their fellow member states, threatening retaliation if they agreed on a global carbon price.

How carbon pricing can chart a path to net zero shipping. Angie Farrag-Thibault and Natacha Stamatou. *World Economic Forum*. 9 April 2025.

Available from: <https://www.weforum.org/stories/2025/04/how-carbon-pricing-can-chart-a-path-to-net-zero-shipping/> At the IMO's 83rd Meeting of the Marine Environment Protection Committee, member states have been grappling with decisions that will lay the path for international shipping's decarbonization voyage.

Trump's IMO bombshell: US pulls out of carbon talks with retaliation threat.

Eric Priante Martin and Craig Eason. *TradeWinds*. 9 April 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/trump-s-imo-bombshell-us-pulls-out-of-carbon-talks-with-retaliation-threat/2-1-1804662> The Trump administration says it has pulled out of IMO negotiations to decarbonise shipping and threatened to retaliate against any fees imposed on US vessels.

World's first-ever global emissions tax is on the table at crunch shipping talks. Sam Meredith. *CNBC (US)*. 9 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.cnbc.com/2025/04/09/carbon-tax-first-ever-global-emissions-levy-on-the-table-at-imo-talks.html> The United Nations shipping agency is on the cusp of introducing binding regulations to phase out fossil fuel use in global shipping — with the world's first-ever global emissions levy on the table.

US exits carbon talks on shipping, urges others to follow - document.

Jonathan Saul, Michelle Nichols and Kate Abnett. *Reuters*. 9 April 2025. Available from:

<https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/boards-policy-regulation/us-exits-carbon-talks-shipping-urges-others-follow-document-2025-04-09/> The United States has withdrawn from talks in London looking at advancing decarbonisation in the shipping sector and Washington will consider "reciprocal measures" to offset any fees charged to U.S. ships, a diplomatic note said.

Trump's exit from climate deal leaves shipping "flabbergasted" but determined.

Jens Thomsen, Mette Grube Condrup, Katja Beaula and Daniela de Lorenzo. *ShippingWatch*.

9 April 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article18079545.ece>

Climate change is a hoax, according to US president Donald Trump, and Tuesday the US announced its withdrawal from the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) climate agreement for shipping – leaving parts of the industry baffled.

Governments set to agree fees for ships that miss green targets. *Pacific Islands News*

Association (PINA). 10 April 2025. Available from: <https://pina.com.fj/2025/04/10/governments-set-to-agree-fees-for-ships-that-miss-green-targets> Government negotiators at the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in London this week look set to agree that, from 2028, the owners or operators of ships that fail to meet targets to reduce emissions from their fuel should be penalised financially.

UN shipping agreement a victory for multilateralism but a failure for the climate.

Transport & Environment. 11 April 2025. Available from:

<https://www.transportenvironment.org/articles/un-shipping-agreement-a-victory-for-multilateralism-but-a-failure-for-the-climate> Negotiators at the UN's shipping body (IMO) managed to clinch a deal that might save multilateralism for another day, but will likely lead to the destruction of rainforests by promoting first-generation biofuels, says T&E.

IMO's MEPC Meeting Votes to Approve Decarbonisation Measure. *Ship & Bunker*. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/820734-imos-mepc-meeting-votes-to-approve-decarbonisation-measure> This week's session of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee has voted to approve a new measure on the decarbonisation of shipping.

Phase-out of fossil fuels in shipping begins in earnest: IMO measures unlikely to reach GHG reduction targets, but close the LNG business case and send clear long run signal for hydrogen-derived fuels. *UCL Energy Institute. Shipping and Oceans Research Group*. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.shippingandoceans.com/post/phase-out-of-fossil-fuels-in-shipping-begins-in-earnest> The IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee 83rd meeting has concluded with a weak agreement on mid-term measures that does not reduce the sector's emissions in line with targets in the IMO's revised GHG strategy.

UN agrees global carbon tax on maritime shipping, deal fails to address developing nations' climate finance needs. *EnviroNews (Nigeria)*. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.environewsigeria.com/un-agrees-global-carbon-tax-on-maritime-shipping-deal-fails-to-address-developing-nations-climate-finance-needs/> Diplomats at the UN's International Maritime Organisation (IMO) have agreed to the world's first-ever carbon pricing mechanism applied to a major polluting industry – global shipping.

UN shipping body approves global carbon pricing system. *France 24*. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20250411-un-shipping-body-approves-global-carbon-pricing-system> From 2028, all ships will be required to use a less carbon-intensive fuel mix or face financial penalties, the IMO said.

UN agrees deal on shipping emissions despite US threats. *Al Jazeera*. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/4/11/un-agrees-deal-on-shipping-emissions-despite-us-threats> Countries at the United Nations shipping agency have struck a deal on a global fuel emissions standard for the maritime sector, which will impose an emissions fee on ships that breach it and reward vessels burning cleaner fuels.

IMO approves two-tier GHG pricing mechanism. *Argus Media*. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.argusmedia.com/en/news-and-insights/latest-market-news/2677729-imo-approves-two-tier-ghg-pricing-mechanism> Delegates have approved the global greenhouse gas (GHG) pricing mechanism proposal at the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) 83rd Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) meeting, pending an adoption vote at the next MEPC in October.

Atlantic Shipping Emissions Cut Agreed, But IMO Scrubber Ban Delayed. *Clean Arctic Alliance*. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://cleanarctic.org/2025/04/11/atlantic-shipping-emissions-cut-agreed-but-imo-scrubber-ban-delayed/> As a meeting of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 83) closes today, the Clean Arctic Alliance welcomes member states' approval of a proposal for a new North-East Atlantic emission control area, scheduled to enter into force in 2027, which will lower emissions from ship operating in the region, including in the Arctic.

Landmark agreement towards achieving net-zero emissions from global shipping by 2050. *European Commission*. 11 April 2025. Available from: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1037 The European Commission welcomes today's agreement at the IMO, as a meaningful step towards achieving net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from global shipping by 2050.

European Shipowners welcome important global agreement on shipping decarbonisation. *ECSA European Shipowners*. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://ecsa.eu/european-shipowners-welcome-important-global-agreement-on-shipping-decarbonisation/> The critically important package of new greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction regulations – the “IMO net-zero framework” – will help ensure international shipping's transition to net zero.

Mixed reception of shipping's climate agreement – but the industry seems positive.

Nidaa Bakhsh and Mette Grube Condrup. *ShippingWatch*. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/regulation/article18090017.ece> The historic agreement at the IMO to provide a framework for shipping to decarbonize has been met with mixed reactions across stakeholder groups.

Back from the brink: IMO votes for carbon price rules to sidestep US and Saudi hostility.

Craig Eason. *TradeWinds*. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/regulation/back-from-the-brink-imo-votes-for-carbon-price-rules-to-sidestep-us-and-saudi-hostility/2-1-1806703> A divided IMO struck a compromise deal on Friday that for the first time will force ships to adopt cleaner fuels from 2028 or face financial penalties.

Q&A: Nations agree carbon-pricing system to steer shipping towards net-zero.

Josh Gabbatiss. *Carbon Brief*. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.carbonbrief.org/qa-nations-agree-carbon-pricing-system-to-steer-shipping-towards-net-zero/> A pivotal meeting at the UN's International Maritime Organization (IMO) in London revolved around efforts to make ship owners pay for their emissions and transition to cleaner fuels.

Shipping companies to pay for carbon dioxide produced by vessels. Fiona Harvey.

The Guardian. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/apr/11/shipping-companies-pay-carbon-dioxide-produced-by-vessels> Shipping companies will have to pay for the carbon dioxide produced by their vessels for the first time under new rules agreed by the world's maritime watchdog.

IMO vote creates certainty and sends clear demand signal - IBIA. Erik Hoffmann.

Engine Technologies. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://engine.online/news/regulations/imo-vote-creates-certainty-and-sends-clear-demand-signal-ibia-6a7e> The IMO's approval of a new global fuel standard may have fallen short of consensus, but sends a clear demand signal to fuel producers, says Dr Edmund Hughes, the International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA) representative to the IMO.

Governments agree green shipping targets and fees for missing them. Joe Lo.

Climate Home News. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.climatechangenews.com/2025/04/11/governments-agree-green-shipping-targets-and-fees-for-missing-them/> After a week of talks in London, they voted through a decision that ship owners should reduce the emissions intensity of their vessels – the amount of climate-heating emissions per unit of fuel – by 30% by 2035 and 65% by 2040, both against 2008 levels.

Major nations agree on first-ever global fee on greenhouse gases with plan that targets shipping. Jennifer McDermott and Sibi Arasu. *Associated Press*. 11 April 2025. Available from:

<https://apnews.com/article/shipping-emissions-climate-change-98ff23ca4739d8b4fc5a8f941a7ca0c4> Many of the world's largest shipping nations decided on Friday to impose a minimum fee of \$100 for every ton of greenhouse gases emitted by ships above certain thresholds, in what is effectively the first global tax on greenhouse gas emissions.

UPDATE: Global GHG pricing mechanism approved by MEPC 83 in rare vote. Ariane Morrissey.

Bunkerspot. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.bunkerspot.com/global/64864-imo-mepc-83-approves-global-ghg-pricing-mechanism-international-shipping-vote-results> Delegates at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) have approved a 'compromise' proposal to establish the first global pricing mechanism for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from international shipping, in a majority vote that exposed persisting divisions between member states.

Shipping to miss net-zero targets despite groundbreaking deal, say critics. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/shipping-to-miss-net-zero-targets-despite-groundbreaking-deal-say-critics/2-1-1806893> Global shipping will miss its target of hitting net zero by 2050 despite the first global deal to raise money from the most polluting ships, campaigners said on Friday.

MEPC 83 outcome: “Golden opportunity squandered”. Matko Rak. *World Cargo News*. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.worldcargonews.com/environment/2025/04/mepc-83-outcome-golden-opportunity-squandered/?gdpr=accept> In 2023, the IMO committed to achieving net-zero GHG emissions from international shipping by 2050, with intermediate targets of a 30% reduction by 2030 and 80% by 2040.

IMO Makes History with First Global Carbon Pricing Scheme for Shipping, Despite Mixed Reactions. Mike Schuler. *gCaptain*. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/imo-makes-history-with-first-global-carbon-pricing-scheme-for-shipping-despite-mixed-reactions/> In a landmark decision, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has approved the world's first meaningful global carbon pricing scheme for the shipping industry, marking a significant step toward maritime decarbonization.

Global breakthrough to tackle shipping emissions. Esme Stallard. *BBC News*. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c20xxv22wl9o> The agreement covers the vast majority of the world's commercial shipping and means that starting in 2028, ship owners will have to use increasingly cleaner fuels or face fines.

Landmark Climate Regulation Approved by Shipping's Global Regulator. Jack Wittels. *Financial Post (Canada)*. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://financialpost.com/pmnbusiness-pmn/landmark-climate-regulation-approved-by-shippings-global-regulator> Shipping's international regulator agreed new rules to slash the industry's future greenhouse gas emissions, paving the way for the end of oil as a maritime fuel in the decades to come.

Business Matters - Global markets continue to struggle after a difficult week.

BBC World Service. 12 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/w172zrs058kgzcl> Post MEPC 83 interview with Arsenio Dominguez, IMO Secretary-General, starts @ 34:00 min.

Pacific leaders disappointed at global shipping emissions deal. *Radio New Zealand*. 12 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/557969/pacific-leaders-disappointed-at-global-shipping-emissions-deal> Pacific leaders and allies expressed their disappointment at an agreement to tackle shipping emissions during the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) by refusing to support it.

Global shipping strikes landmark emissions deal. *Xinhuanet (China)*. 12 April 2025. Available from: <https://english.news.cn/20250412/a02f8a981c1f416484ebae9e08681897/c.html> Following years of intense negotiations, nations reached a landmark agreement on Friday to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from global shipping by setting mandatory fuel standards and introducing an industry-wide carbon pricing mechanism.

IMO Climate Summit: UN approves carbon pricing regulations for global shipping. Abdulkareem Mojeed. *Premium Times (Nigeria)*. 12 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/787420-imo-climate-summit-un-approves-carbon-pricing-regulations-for-global-shipping.html> The United Nations International Maritime Organisation (IMO) has agreed on an ambitious climate policy aimed at making the global shipping industry more environmentally friendly.

India, 62 countries agree to world's 1st global carbon tax in shipping industry. Vishwa Mohan. *Times of India*. 13 April 2025. Available from: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/india-61-countries-agree-to-worlds-1st-global-carbon-tax-in-shipping-industry/articleshow/120241845.cms> India joined 62 other countries in agreeing to the world's first-ever global carbon tax by bringing commercial shipping under this mechanism to tackle the greenhouse gas emissions in the sector.

IMO 2028 Deal Sparks Disappointment as Flat Levy Ditched. *Ship & Bunker*. 14 April 2025. Available from: <https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/467376-imo-2028-deal-sparks-disappointment-as-flat-levy-ditched> Reaction to the historic IMO 2028 deal agreed in London last week has been relatively downbeat so far, with celebration of shipping being the first industry to take on a global emissions framework tinged with disappointment that a flat levy on emissions could not be agreed.

ITF Welcomes MEPC83 Agreement: Seafarers Central to Decarbonisation Efforts. *ITF Seafarers*. 14 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/itf-welcomes-mepc83-agreement-seafarers-central-decarbonisation-efforts> The agreement lays the groundwork for a legally binding global framework to cut greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from shipping, with the goal of reaching net-zero by around 2050 – and, crucially, it also acknowledges the indispensable role of seafarers in making that happen.

Lloyd's List Podcast: The MEPC post-mortem. *Lloyd's List*. 14 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.lloydslist.com/LL1153177/The-MEPC-post-mortem> On Friday, some 20 years of decarbonisation work at the International Maritime Organization culminated in a historic agreement, with countries voting 63-16 in favour of an emissions fuel standard with a built-in carbon price.

After IMO Carbon Deal, Activists & States Say They'll Return for More. *Maritime Executive*. 14 April 2025. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/after-imo-carbon-deal-activists-states-say-they-ll-return-for-more> The IMO's new greenhouse gas fee is not quite a full-scale carbon levy, since it is only charged on some emissions, and not quite a green-fuel mandate, as it allows a long economic runway for biofuels.

Global shipping faces new carbon rules but emissions may keep rising. *Radio France Internationale (RFI)*. 14 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.rfi.fr/en/environment/20250414-global-shipping-faces-new-carbon-rules-but-emissions-may-keep-rising> The agreement was reached last Friday at the IMO in London, after a week of negotiations that exposed deep divisions between countries.

IMO's climate agreement disappoints NGOs and island states greatly – Maersk sees good signs. Katja Beaula. *ShippingWatch*. 14 April 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/suppliers/article18096318.ece> It was an important signal for the shipping industry when a historic climate agreement was reached on Friday.

Here are the key points of the historic climate agreement. Katja Beaula and Mette Grube Condrup. *ShippingWatch*. 14 April 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/Container/article18093719.ece> A majority of member states of the UN's IMO, have signed an agreement to ensure a climate-neutral world fleet by 2050.

Aftermath of IMO's net-zero framework: 'Historic' agreement or 'total shipwreck'? Ajsa Habibic. *Offshore Energy*. 14 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.offshore-energy.biz/aftermath-of-imos-net-zero-framework-historic-agreement-or-total-shipwreck/> During the session held from April 7 to April 11, MEPC 83 approved the IMO Net-Zero Framework, said to be the first in the world to combine mandatory emissions limits and greenhouse gas (GHG) pricing across an entire industry sector.

INTERCARGO Responds to IMO's Decision on GHG Reduction Measures.

International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (INTERCARGO). 15 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.intercargo.org/media-release-intercargo-responds-to-imos-decision-on-ghg-reduction-measures/> At last week's landmark MEPC 83 meeting, IMO Member States assumed responsibility and agreed on a medium-term greenhouse gas reduction measure that differs from the levy-based approach INTERCARGO and industry partners have advocated for many years.

Fatal flaws in IMO carbon deal risk creating a cost burden rather than a climate catalyst.

Julian Bray. *TradeWinds*. 15 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/opinion/fatal-flaws-in-imo-carbon-deal-risk-creating-a-cost-burden-rather-than-a-climate-catalyst/2-1-1808074> As the smoke cleared from an intense final week of climate talks at the International Maritime Organization, those involved came spluttering into fresh air and daylight from the windowless negotiating room, struggling to comprehend what had just happened.

Is Shipping's First Carbon Levy 'Too Little, Too Late'? James Darley. *Sustainability Magazine*.

15 April 2025. Available from: <https://sustainabilitymag.com/articles/is-shippings-first-carbon-levy-too-little-too-late> The International Maritime Organisation (IMO) has agreed to implement the world's first global carbon levy on shipping, marking a historic moment for climate policy in a sector that accounts for around 3% of global greenhouse gas emissions.

MEPC 83's net-zero framework by the numbers. Gary Howard. *Seatrade Maritime News*.

15 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/regulations/mepc-83-s-net-zero-framework-by-the-numbers> Opinions on the mid-term measures agreed at MEPC 83 have been aired, but what are the costs to shipowners?

IMO 2028: How Much Is it Going to Cost? Jack Johnson. *Ship & Bunker*. 15 April 2025.

Available from: <https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/726574-imo-2028-how-much-is-it-going-to-cost> The IMO 2028 deal approved last week makes shipping the first international industry to have a framework for how to charge it for its GHG emissions.

MEPC fails to incentivise scaling of alternative fuels. Nick Savvides. *Seatrade Maritime News*.

15 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/alternative-fuels/mepc-fails-to-incentivise-scaling-of-alt-fuels> A new global regulation is in place but Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) believe that the latest move by IMO at MEPC 83 is not likely to incentivise alternative transitional fuels but will more likely drive production of damaging biofuels from soy and palm oil.

Vanuatu abstains from International Maritime Organisation vote to reduce carbon emissions.

ABC (Australia). 16 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.abc.net.au/pacific/programs/pacificbeat/vanregenvanu/105181406> Vanuatu Climate Minister Ralph Regenvanu says his delegation had abstained from a recent International Maritime Organization vote on reducing carbon emissions from ocean vessels.

Global shipping moves toward net-zero emissions. *Channel Africa (South Africa)*.

16 April 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/3fr5v9a6> The IMO has introduced a landmark set of rules aimed at slashing greenhouse gas emissions from international shipping.

IMO carbon levy breakthrough reshapes shipping's decarbonisation landscape.

Edwin Lampert. *Riviera Maritime*. 16 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/imo-carbon-levy-breakthrough-reshapes-shippings-decarbonisation-landscape-84559> Just days after the landmark decision at MEPC 83 to advance Singapore's J9 proposal as the frontrunner carbon pricing framework, industry leaders gathered in Singapore itself for the Maritime Decarbonisation Conference Asia to assess its implications.

IMO's net-zero strategy for global shipping starts with pricing carbon but it's not perfect.

Rico Luman. *ING Bank N.V.* 16 April 2025. Available from: <https://think.ing.com/opinions/imos-net-zero-strategy-for-global-shipping-is-a-start-of-pricing-carbon-but-its-not-perfect/> On Friday, 11 April, the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the International Maritime Organization agreed upon a set of mid-term measures to get the sector on track to net-zero by 2050.

Why the shipping industry's new carbon tax is a big deal — and still not enough.

Joseph Winters. *Grist*. 16 April 2025. Available from: <https://grist.org/international/why-the-shipping-industrys-new-carbon-tax-is-a-big-deal-and-still-not-enough/> Each year, all the cargo ships that crisscross the oceans carrying cars, building materials, food, and other goods emit about 3 percent of the world's climate pollution.

SI expresses concern over gas emission. *Solomon Star (Solomon Islands)*. 17 April 2025.

Available from: <https://www.solomonstarnews.com/si-expresses-concern-over-gas-emission/> The Government of the Solomon Islands acknowledges the approval of the mid-term package measures aimed at reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from international shipping by Member States of the IMO at the conclusion of the 83rd Marine Environment Protection Committee Meeting in London on Friday, April 11, 2025.

Ships carbon levy: Mombasa shippers brace for freight hike. Patrick Beja.

The Standard (Kenya). 17 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/amp/coast/article/2001516710/ships-carbon-levy-mombasa-shippers-brace-for-freight-hike> The carbon levy on ship emissions will likely burden consumers in Kenya and Africa, despite the continent contributing the least to greenhouse gases.

How petrostates succeeded in watering down the world's plan to cut shipping emissions.

Christian De Beukelaer and Simon Bullock. *The Conversation*. 17 April 2025. Available from: <https://theconversation.com/how-petrostates-succeeded-in-watering-down-the-worlds-plan-to-cut-shipping-emissions-254638> The UN's IMO has just agreed to start charging ships for the greenhouse gases they emit. After decades of ineffective incremental tweaks to shipping emissions, the breakthrough came on April 11 at a summit in London. It makes shipping the first industry subject to a worldwide – and legally binding – emissions price.

Shipping's climate deal sets up battle over pollution calculations for gas and biofuels.

Joe Lo. *Climate Home News*. 18 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.climatechangenews.com/2025/04/18/shipping-climate-deal-sets-up-battle-over-pollution-calculations-for-gas-and-biofuels/> The IMO will set emissions intensity levels for different fuels that decide how ship owners will be rewarded or penalised for using them in new green push.

High stakes, low ambition: A look into IMO's fragile shipping deal. Céline Mulrean. *Earth.Org*.

18 April 2025. Available from: <https://earth.org/high-stakes-low-ambition-a-look-into-imos-fragile-shipping-deal/> As climate impacts intensify, environmental groups have criticized the shipping sector's global emissions agreement reached last week as “too little, too late.”

IMO plans tough rules to curb shipping emissions. Anthony Kitimo. *East African (Kenya)*.

19 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/tea/sustainability/climate/imo-plans-tough-rules-to-curb-shipping-emissions-5008904> The IMO has agreed to establish a legally binding framework to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from ships globally effective 2028 as several African nations join Pacific Island states withholding their support for a global shipping emissions agreement.

Pacific nations split, as NZ abstains vote from global shipping emissions pledge.

Eloise Gibson. *Radio New Zealand*. 21 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/558678/pacific-nations-split-as-nz-abstains-vote-from-global-shipping-emissions-pledge> The world's maritime watchdog has agreed to a landmark deal for shipping companies to pay for their carbon dioxide emissions - but New Zealand abstained from the vote.

Back diversity campaign with cash, IMO tells nations. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 22 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/back-diversity-campaign-with-cash-imo-tells-nations/2-1-1809279> The IMO's five-year plan to promote the role of women in shipping is being hampered by a cash shortage.

A disunited Africa at MEPC83: yeses, nos, abstentions, and no-shows. Stanley R. K. Ahorlu. *Business and Financial Times (Ghana)*. 23 April 2025. Available from: <https://thebftonline.com/2025/04/23/a-disunited-africa-at-mepc83-yeses-nos-abstentions-and-no-shows/> The 83rd session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the IMO concluded on April 11, 2025, with the adoption of new regulations aimed at achieving the targets set by the IMO's 2023 Revised GHG Strategy.

Fortescue Executive Chairman hails historic global shipping climate accord. *Fortescue*. 24 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.fortescue.com/en/articles/fortescue-executive-chairman-hails-historic-global-shipping-climate-accord> Fortescue Executive Chairman Dr Andrew Forrest AO has welcomed the landmark carbon pricing agreement reached by the UN's IMO, describing it as clear evidence that when industry is at the table, global cooperation can actually work – and drive serious economic change where politics usually stalls

ETF's first response to IMO's climate agreement: What net-zero means for maritime and ports. *European Transport Workers' Federation*. 24 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.etf-europe.org/etfs-first-response-to-imos-climate-agreement-what-net-zero-means-for-maritime-and-ports/> In April 2025, the IMO adopted a global carbon pricing mechanism for shipping, to take effect in 2028, with a \$100-per-tonne levy on CO₂ emissions above targets.

World's cargo ships to pay more for dirty fuel under new rules. Bob Henson. *Yale Climate Connections*. 28 April 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/yn2e7r3h> Despite opposition from the U.S. and other major fossil-fuel producers, a binding agreement will impose fees on carbon-intensive vessels.

IMO mid-term measures: expert guidance required following MEPC 83. *Lloyd's Register*. 29 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.lr.org/en/knowledge/insights-articles/imo-mid-term-measures-expert-guidance-required-following-mepc-83/> LR experts unpack the draft IMO emissions measures post-MEPC 83 and highlight why strategic, early action is essential for long-term competitiveness and compliance.

Shipping 'misses boat' to decarbonisation. Emma Fenton. *The Ecologist*. 29 April 2025. Available from: <https://theecologist.org/2025/apr/29/shipping-misses-boat-decarbonisation> Maritime sector's new climate plans are historic - but also highly flawed.

Time to raise a glass. *Splash 247.com*. 30 April 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/time-to-raise-a-glass/> April's MEPC meeting was never going to please everyone, but as our special correspondent reports, the IMO's progress on decarbonisation is a cause for cheer.

LAW & POLICY

Gov't moves to strengthen maritime legislation. *BVI News (British Virgin Islands)*. 1 April 2025. Available from: <https://bvinews.com/govt-moves-to-strengthen-maritime-legislation/> The government is changing its maritime laws through the Maritime Law Review Project to improve safety, protect the marine environment, and increase enforcement powers.

Seaport Industry Bill to position Barbados as leading transshipment hub. Shanna Moore. *Barbados Today*. 1 April 2025. Available from: <https://barbadostoday.bb/2025/04/01/seaport-industry-bill-to-position-barbados-as-leading-transshipment-hub/> Barbados is taking decisive steps to transform its maritime sector into a major transshipment and logistics hub with the introduction of the Seaport Industry (Management, Operations and Development) Bill, 2025.

Statement of Chairman Louis E. Sola – Registries Must Close Rolls to Shadow Fleet Vessels. *US Federal Maritime Commission (FMC)*. 7 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.fmc.gov/ftdo/statement-of-chairman-louis-e-sola-registries-must-close-rolls-to-shadow-fleet-vessels/> Pariah regimes use shadow fleets to evade sanctions, generate revenue, and by extension, maintain power.

Contract for Hong Kong company to operate Panama Canal ports had irregularities, audit finds. *Associated Press*. 8 April 2025. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/panama-canal-hong-kong-ports-us-audit-223e36a9c17ba1d4704f7a78bca27c58> Panama's comptroller authority said Monday an audit found irregularities in the renewal of a 25-year port concession in the interoceanic canal and it would request an investigation into the authorization of the contract to a Hong Kong company.

Seven arrests in hit against Egyptian criminal network smuggling irregular migrants across the Mediterranean. *EUROPOL*. 9 April 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/kuacbv46> During an action day conducted on 8 April 2025, Italian law enforcement authorities took decisive action against a migrant smuggling network largely comprised of Egyptian suspects.

CARICOM coordination on ocean governance under BBNJ ramps up. *CARICOM*. 9 April 2025. Available from: <https://caricom.org/caricom-coordination-for-high-seas-biodiversity-conservation-ramps-up/> Government representatives, policy experts, and key stakeholders from across the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) met in Miami, Florida, last week to chart a coordinated approach to implementing the Agreement on Marine Biodiversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ).

MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company SA (Appellant) v Conti 11 Container Schiffahrts-GmbH & Co KG MS "MSC Flaminia" (Respondent). *UK Supreme Court*. 9 April 2025. Available from: <https://supremecourt.uk/cases/press-summary/uksc-2023-0131> It is an established feature of international maritime law that shipowners and certain others involved in ship operation are entitled to limit their liability for claims arising out of a maritime casualty or incident.

US Government Investigates Strategic Importance of Northern Sea Route as Part of Study on Maritime Chokepoints. Malte Humpert. *High North News (Norway)*. 9 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.highnorthnews.com/en/us-government-investigates-strategic-importance-northern-sea-route-part-study-maritime-chokepoints> The U.S. Government has identified Russia's Northern Sea Route as an emerging and critical choke point in international shipping that could reshape global trade patterns.

Rising seas threaten nation's survival as Pacific gears up for UN Ocean talks: Tuvalu PM Teo warns. *Pacific Islands News Association (PINA)*. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://pina.com.fj/2025/04/11/rising-seas-threaten-nations-survival-as-pacific-gears-up-for-un-ocean-talks-tuvalu-pm-teo-warns/> Tuvalu Prime Minister and chair the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS), Feleti Teo didn't hold back Thursday as he opened the Oceans Ministers meeting in Suva—warning that the ocean sustaining island nations is now the threat that could drown them.

Next Phase for High Seas Treaty: Advancing Smooth Implementation.

Nichola Clark and Ingrid Banskchikova. *Pew Charitable Trusts*. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/articles/2025/04/11/next-phase-for-high-seas-treaty-advancing-smooth-implementation> In the nearly two years since the United Nations adopted a historic agreement to protect the high seas, U.N. member countries have been hard at work paving the way to implement the treaty under their national processes.

The ITLOS Advisory Opinion on Climate Change: A Brief Review. Dimitrios Dimitrakos.

American Society of International Law (ASIL). 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.asil.org/insights/volume/29/issue/5> On May 21, 2024, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) delivered its Advisory Opinion on the obligations of states on climate change and international law (Opinion) at the Request of the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law (COSIS).

What is the international agreement to protect the high seas and why is it important?

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). 14 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/story/what-international-agreement-protect-high-seas-and-why-it-important> This week, delegates from around the world will gather in New York City to discuss what has been called one of the most important environmental accords in recent history: the Agreement on Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement).

Iran-related Designations; Publication of Updated Iran Shipping Advisory.

US Department of the Treasury. 16 April 2025. Available from: <https://ofac.treasury.gov/recent-actions/20250416> Today, the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) has issued an Advisory for Shipping and Maritime Stakeholders on Detecting and Mitigating Iranian Oil Sanctions Evasion. [Guidance for Shipping and Maritime Stakeholders on Detecting and Mitigating Iranian Oil Sanctions Evasion](#)

Global growth on recessionary path amid trade tensions and uncertainty. *UN News*.

16 April 2025. Available from: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/04/1162306> The world economy is on a recessionary trajectory as global growth is expected to slow to 2.3 per cent this year due to escalating trade tensions and uncertainty, the UN trade and development body, UNCTAD, said in a new report published on Wednesday.

Trade and development foresights 2025: Under pressure – uncertainty reshapes global economic prospects. *UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)*. 16 April 2025. Available from:

<https://unctad.org/publication/trade-and-development-foresights-2025-under-pressure-uncertainty-reshapes-global> <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/04/1162306> This report provides an assessment of global economic prospects for 2025. It highlights emerging risks – especially for vulnerable economies – and outlines key policy priorities to strengthen resilience in a fragile global economy. [Full report](#) 📄

China and Philippines trade accusations after tense Scarborough Shoal encounter.

Liu Zhen. *South China Morning Post*. 16 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy/article/3306712/china-philippines-exchange-accusations-after-tense-scarborough-shoal-encounter> Chinese coastguards and their Philippine counterparts accuse each other of dangerous behaviour south of the contested area.

Preparatory body begins work on funding rules for ocean biodiversity treaty. *United Nations*.

17 April 2025. Available from: <https://press.un.org/en/2025/sea2211.doc.htm> The commission assigned to prepare for the entry into force of a high-seas biodiversity treaty continued its first session today, addressing financial rules governing the instrument's operationalization.

The country's maritime plan is finally ready. *Ekathimerini (Greece)*. 17 April 2025.

Available from: <https://www.ekathimerini.com/politics/foreign-policy/1267249/the-countrys-maritime-plan-is-finally-ready/> The ministries of Foreign Affairs and Environment and Energy unveiled the country's maritime spatial planning (MSP) on Wednesday, fulfilling a long-delayed obligation to the European Union, but also irking neighboring Turkey, which said that the plans encroach on its jurisdiction.

The UK's maritime decarbonisation strategy and MEPC 83.

Richard Allingham, Will Curtis and Ariel Edesess. *Hill Dickinson LLP*. 17 April 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/4vdwwdbm> In February 2025, the UK's Climate Change Committee (CCC) – the Government's expert adviser on climate change – released the Seventh Carbon Budget.

Caribbean advocacy secures major victory as US exempts region from costly shipping tariffs.

Elesha George. *Antigua Observer (Antigua and Barbuda)*. 22 April 2025. Available from: <https://antiguaobserver.com/caribbean-advocacy-secures-major-victory-as-us-exempts-region-from-costly-shipping-tariffs/> Caribbean leaders, businesses, and trade organisations are celebrating a major victory after the United States government announced it would exempt the region from proposed tariffs targeting Chinese-built ships — a move that could have crippled maritime trade across the Caribbean.

MOL opens office in Washington, D.C. *Mitsui O.S.K. Lines*. 24 April 2025.

Available from: <https://www.mol.co.jp/en/info/article/2025/0424.html> TOKYO-Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd. today announced that MOL will open a new office in Washington, D.C., through its U.S. subsidiary, MOL (Americas) LLC.

Commission takes further step to protect biodiversity in the High Seas. *European Commission*.

24 April 2025. Available from: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1098 Today, the Commission is presenting a proposal to integrate the landmark international Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction' (BBNJ) Agreement, which aims to protect the ocean, tackle environmental degradation, fight climate change, and curb biodiversity loss, into EU law.

Cook Islands govt defends *Eagle S* case, reaffirms commitment to maritime compliance.

Talaia Mika. *Radio New Zealand*. 24 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/558961/cook-islands-govt-defends-eagle-s-case-reaffirms-commitment-to-maritime-compliance> The Ministry of Transport (MoT) and Maritime Cook Islands (MCI) have defended and clarified that the vessel *MT Eagle S*, which has been at the centre of international scrutiny following an undersea cable incident in the Gulf of Finland, is not, and has never been, under sanctions.

Trump signs 'deeply dangerous' order to fast-track deep sea mining. *Radio New Zealand*. 25 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/559056/trump-signs-deeply-dangerous-order-to-fast-track-deep-sea-mining> An ocean conservation non-profit has condemned the United States President's latest executive order aimed at boosting the deep sea mining industry.

The race to sanction Russia's growing shadow fleet. Robin Brooks and Ben Harris. *Brookings Institution*. 25 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.brookings.edu/articles/the-race-to-sanction-russias-growing-shadow-fleet/> Ever since Western nations began to levy sanctions on Russia in response to its illegal invasion of Ukraine, a race has emerged between Russia's efforts to amass a shadow fleet of oil tankers and efforts by the European Union, United Kingdom, and United States to sanction an ever-larger number of ships.

MEPs urge Greek prime minister to crack down on Russia's shadow fleet. Jorge Liboreiro. *Euronews*. 25 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2025/04/25/meps-urge-greek-prime-minister-to-crack-down-on-russias-shadow-fleet> Selling old ships to Russia is a "completely irresponsible business practice", a group of MEPs has told the Greek prime minister.

Treasury targets vessels delivering oil derivatives to the Houthis. *US Department of the Treasury*. 28 April 2025. Available from: <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sb0113> Today, the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is targeting three vessels and their owners for providing support to Ansarallah, commonly known as the Houthis, which is part of the Iranian regime's network of terrorist proxies and partners.

Our Ocean Conference delivers \$133 billion for ocean action. *World Resources Institute*. 28 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.wri.org/news/our-ocean-conference-delivers-133-billion-ocean-action> The Our Ocean Conference (OOC) has mobilized \$133 billion in funding for ocean action over the past decade, according to a new report launched today by World Resources Institute (WRI) to mark the conference's 10th anniversary. [10 Year Progress Report](#)

Foreign Minister Tsahkna: We will continue to deter Russian shadow fleet vessels sailing under flags of convenience. *Government of Estonia*. 28 April 2025. Available from: <https://vm.ee/en/news/foreign-minister-tsahkna-we-will-continue-deter-russian-shadow-fleet-vessels-sailing-under> Foreign Minister Margus Tsahkna said today that Estonia will continue to work with the countries bordering the Baltic Sea and the North Sea to protect the environment and ensure the safety of shipping and underwater infrastructure in the Gulf of Finland.

Relief for Jamaican shipping in USTR fee ruling. *The Gleaner (Jamaica)*. 29 April 2025. Available from: <https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/shipping/20250429/relief-jamaican-shipping-ustr-fee-ruling> Jamaican shipping and trade stakeholders are breathing a sigh of relief following the United States Trade Representative's (USTR) decision to exempt Caribbean shipping from steep port call fees proposed under a new Section 301 action targeting Chinese dominance in the global maritime and logistics sectors.

'We belong to one ocean': Indigenous leaders push for seat at the table of high seas biodiversity treaty. Sonam Lama Hyolmo. *Mongabay*. 29 April 2025. Available from: <https://news.mongabay.com/2025/04/we-belong-to-one-ocean-indigenous-leaders-demand-seat-at-the-table-of-high-seas-biodiversity-treaty/> In Native Hawaiians' genealogical stories, says Solomon Kaho'ohalahala, the coral polyp is considered the oldest ancestor, and they hold spiritual relationships with migratory animals, including the Koholā, or humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*).

Former U.S. climate envoy says transition to clean energy 'unstoppable'. Kim Na-young. *Yonhap News Agency (South Korea)*. 29 April 2025. Available from: <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20250429011400320> John Kerry, former U.S. secretary of state and special climate envoy, said Tuesday the global transition to clean energy is "unstoppable" despite uncertainties in the U.S. administration's climate policies.

MARINE TECHNOLOGY

Eni, Fincantieri and RINA Assess Alternative Fuel Trajectories. *MarineLink*. 1 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.marinelink.com/news/eni-fincantieri-rina-assess-alternative-524156> Eni, Fincantieri and RINA have produced a new report: "Sustainable Maritime Transport Outlook" which is focused on the maritime sector and developed with the technical support of Bain & Company Italy.

LNG's critical role in shipping's energy transition revealed in LR's latest 'Fuel for Thought' report. *Lloyd's Register*. 1 April 2025. Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/42z287th> Lloyd's Register's (LR) latest Fuel for Thought report reveals that liquefied natural gas (LNG) remains the dominant alternative marine fuel readily available to the shipping industry. [LNG Expert insights into the future of alternative fuels](#) 

Aviation could consume almost all available biofuel for decarbonization – maritime shipping needs to broaden its own strategy. Jonathan Lewis. *Clean Air Task Force (CATF)*. 4 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.catf.us/fr/2025/04/aviation-could-consume-almost-available-biofuel-decarbonization-maritime-shipping-needs-broaden-own-strategy/> The aviation industry and the maritime industry have both made commitments to reduce their net greenhouse emissions to near-zero by mid-century.

Powering the future: how battery technology is reshaping maritime engineering. *Nautilus International*. 7 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/telegraph/powering-the-future-how-battery-technology-is-reshaping-maritime-engineering/> The maritime industry is undergoing a transformative shift as battery technology gains momentum across various vessel types.

Study: Burning heavy fuel oil with scrubbers is the best available option for bulk maritime shipping. Adam Zewe. *MIT News*. 8 April 2025. Available from: <https://news.mit.edu/2025/study-burning-heavy-fuel-oil-with-scrubbers-best-option-bulk-maritime-shipping-0404> <https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acs.est.4c10006> When the International Maritime Organization enacted a mandatory cap on the sulfur content of marine fuels in 2020, with an eye toward reducing harmful environmental and health impacts, it left shipping companies with three main options.

Expert Assessments of Maritime Shipping Decarbonization Pathways by 2030 and 2050. Imranul I. Laskar, Hadi Dowlatabadi and Amanda Giang. *Earth's Future*. 9 April 2025. Available from: <https://agupubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1029/2024EF005255> International shipping conveys over 80% of global trade by volume and emits an estimated 3% of the world's greenhouse gases (GHGs).

TotalEnergies asserts role of LNG within marine fuel mix for maritime decarbonisation. *Manifold Times (Singapore)*. 10 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.manifoldtimes.com/news/totalenergies-asserts-role-of-lng-within-marine-fuel-mix-for-maritime-decarbonisation/> Global integrated energy company TotalEnergies, amongst the largest producers and exporters of liquified natural gas (LNG) worldwide, has a clear LNG bunkering and future marine fuel development strategy planned for the shipping sector.

MCA customer process for alternative fuels - methanol. *UK Maritime & Coastguard Agency.*

16 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mca-customer-process-for-alternative-fuels-methanol/mca-customer-process-for-alternative-fuels-methanol> Methyl Alcohol (Methanol - CH₃OH) is a light, volatile, colourless, and flammable liquid alcohol.

Are electric motors the future of shipping? Gero Rueter. *Deutsche Welle (Germany).*

19 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.dw.com/en/are-electric-motors-the-future-of-shipping/a-72276713> 📰 Around the world, ships are increasingly turning to electric battery-powered motors as a way to reduce toxic, planet-heating emissions. But when it comes to crossing the oceans, it's not so easy.

Alternative fuels and energy efficiency: two sides of the same coin. John Snyder.

Riviera Maritime. 28 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/alternative-fuels-and-energy-efficiency-two-sides-of-the-same-coin-84607> DNV Americas regional manager, Craig Koehne, discusses the measures that will yield substantial fuel and emissions savings during the transition to expensive carbon-neutral fuels.

S. Korea to devise long-term strategy to commercialize autonomous vessel technology.

Kim Na-young. *Yonhap News Agency (South Korea).* 29 April 2025. Available from: <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20250429000900320> South Korea will set up a long-term strategy this year to commercialize autonomous marine vehicle technology as part of efforts to innovate the shipping industry, the oceans minister said Tuesday.

UK project trials carbon capture at sea to help tackle climate change. Jacopo Prisco. *CNN.*

29 April 2025. Available from: <https://edition.cnn.com/climate/carbon-capture-sea-seacure-spc/index.html> The world is betting heavily on carbon capture — a term that refers to various techniques to stop carbon pollution from being released during industrial processes, or removing existing carbon from the atmosphere, to then lock it up permanently.

Artificial intelligence in maritime transport. Sergey Karianskyi. *Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST).* 30 April 2025.

Available from: <https://www.imarest.org/resource/mp-artificial-intelligence-in-maritime-transport.html> The maritime transport sector is currently experiencing a seismic shift, driven by the rapid evolution of digital technologies.

Emerging technology: digital age. Simon Brooks. *DCN - Daily Cargo News (Australia).*

April 2025. Available from: <https://www.thedcn.com.au/magazine-issues/emerging-technology-digital-age/> Global shipping is beginning to adapt to digitalisation, with the potential for technology to enhance efficiency, safety and sustainability.

MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING

Enhancing the Global Competitiveness of Japan's Maritime Industry. *Hellenic Shipping News*. 2 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/enhancing-the-global-competitiveness-of-japans-maritime-industry/> The University of Osaka, in collaboration with Imabari Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., Japan Marine United Corporation, Nippon Kaiji Kyokai, and MTI Co., Ltd., will establish the Open Collaboration Laboratory for Enabling Advanced Marine Systems (OCEANS) at the Techno Alliance Building within the Graduate School of Engineering at The University of Osaka in April 2025.

UK global leadership in maritime training to support safer, cleaner seas. *UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency*. 3 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-global-leadership-in-maritime-training-to-support-safer-cleaner-seas> UK submissions have been accepted by the Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW) sub-committee of the IMO to develop into a major amendment to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW).

Adopt-A-Ship program: Bridging classrooms and oceans. Remedios Lucio. *Maritime Fairtrade*. 6 April 2025. Available from: <https://maritimefairtrade.org/adopt-a-ship-program-bridging-classrooms-and-oceans/> The maritime industry has long been the backbone of the Philippine economy.

Maritime Security Strategy workshop successfully concluded. *SIBC (Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation)*. 7 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.sibconline.com.sb/maritime-security-strategy-workshop-successfully-concluded/> A one-day workshop aimed at providing critical reflections and validation of the Solomon Islands Maritime Security Strategy (MSS) was concluded at the Solomon Islands National University (SINU) Friday last week.

Centre committed to modernising maritime education: Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal. *Lokmat Times (India)*. 8 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.lokmatimes.com/technology/centre-committed-to-modernising-maritime-education-union-minister-sarbananda-sonowal-1/> Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal on Tuesday laid the foundation stone for a girls' hostel building and virtually inaugurated infrastructure development projects across six campuses of the Indian Maritime University (IMU) for the upgradation of maritime education and infrastructure.

GCMD: Industry must embrace a 'learning by doing' culture to speed up alternative fuel adoption. *Safety4Sea*. 10 April 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/cm-gcmd-industry-must-embrace-a-learning-by-doing-culture-to-speed-up-alternative-fuel-adoption/> In an exclusive interview to SAFETY4SEA, Professor Lynn Loo, Chief Executive Officer of the Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation (GCMD), emphasizes the need for the industry to adopt a hands-on approach to accelerate the adoption of alternative fuels such as ammonia and biofuels.

IMO Expert Lectures on ISPS Code. *World Maritime University (WMU)*. 14 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.wmu.se/news/imo-expert-isps-code> On 10 April, Mr Andrew Clarke, Technical Officer for the Maritime Security Section of the IMO's Maritime Safety Division, delivered a lecture on the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code and its Implementation.

Roundup: Hong Kong holds shipping seminar to pool wisdom, join efforts toward net zero.

Xinhuanet (China). 16 April 2025. Available from:

<https://english.news.cn/20250416/73946b641bfc4747a151e071f0bab272/c.html> "We cannot stop the ongoing geopolitical headwinds, but we can steer our sails and navigate toward net zero through greater synergy," shipping industry professionals told a seminar held here on Wednesday.

Government increases investment in International Maritime Law Institute. *TVM News (Malta)*.

21 April 2025. Available from: <https://tvmnews.mt/en/news/government-increases-investment-in-international-maritime-law-institute/> During a visit to the International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI), Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works Chris Bonett closely followed the country's potential and the Government's commitment to maritime education and international cooperation.

Training for alternative fuels. *World Maritime University*. 22 April 2025. Available from:

<https://www.wmu.se/news/training-for-alternative-fuels> Commissioned by the IMO, the World Maritime University (WMU), in collaboration with the Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre (MTCC) Asia headquarters, based at Shanghai Maritime University (SMU), successfully concluded the world's first, full-scale Train-the-Trainer programme on Alternative Fuels for Sustainable Shipping from 14 to 18 April in Shanghai, China.

Norwegian Training Center celebrates 35 years of maritime excellence in the Philippines.

Gregers Møller. *ScandAsia*. 25 April 2025. Available from: <https://scandasia.com/norwegian-training-center-celebrates-35-years-of-maritime-excellence-in-the-philippines/> The Norwegian Training Center (NTC) marked its 35th anniversary on Thursday 24 April 2025 with a conference and celebration at the Peninsula Manila Hotel, highlighting three and a half decades of contributions to maritime training and development in the Philippines.

CMU ranks among top 15% of maritime universities worldwide. Peta-Gay Hodges.

Jamaica Information Service. 28 April 2025. Available from: <https://jis.gov.jm/cmu-ranks-among-top-15-of-maritime-universities-worldwide/> The Caribbean Maritime University (CMU) now ranks among the top 15 per cent of maritime universities, colleges and academies worldwide.

A New Chapter for Maritime Education in Kenya. Andrew Mwangura. *The Coast (Kenya)*.

30 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.thecoast.co.ke/2025/04/30/a-new-chapter-for-maritime-education-in-kenya/12/39/opinion-commentary/thecoast/8785/05/> The recent developments at Bandari Maritime Academy signal important shifts in Kenya's approach to maritime education and training.

MARITIME SAFETY

US Marines practice with Finns to intercept shadow fleet. *Yle (Finland)*. 1 April 2025.

Available from: <https://yle.fi/a/74-20153073> Nato member states operating in the Baltic Sea have considerably improved their reaction time in responding to suspicious vessels since launching the operation Baltic Sentry earlier this year.

Code of safe working practices for merchant seafarers 2025 edition. *UK Maritime and*

Coastguard Agency. 1 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/code-of-safe-working-practices-for-merchant-seafarers-2025-edition> This document includes the text and images from the code of safe working practices for merchant seafarers (COSWP) 2025 edition, published on 24 March 2025.

New Zealand's concerns over Cook Islands' shadow fleet revealed in OIA request.

Caleb Fotheringham. *Radio New Zealand*. 2 April 2025. Available from:

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/556903/new-zealand-s-concerns-over-cook-islands-shadow-fleet-revealed-in-oia-request>

New Zealand is concerned about Cook Islands' shipping registry following a link to Russia's shadow fleet and has offered experts to help improve its standard, according to Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade emails.

Commission strengthens the EU Mandatory Ship Reporting Systems. *European Commission*.

23 April 2025. Available from: https://transport.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/commission-strengthens-eu-mandatory-ship-reporting-systems-2025-04-23_en

The European Commission has adopted a crucial measure to enhance maritime safety and environmental protection around the EU's coasts. [Vessel Monitoring Directive](#)

EU aims crackdown at shadow fleet requiring filing of insurance documents.

Maritime Executive. 24 April 2025. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/eu-aims-crackdown-at-shadow-fleet-requiring-filing-of-insurance-documents>

The European Commission has adopted what is being called a crucial measure to enhance maritime safety and environmental protection around the EU's coastline.

United approach key to maritime safety – Tawake. Ana Madigibuli. *Fiji Times*. 23 April 2025.

Available from: <https://www.fijitimes.com.fj/united-approach-key-to-maritime-safety-tawake/>

The third consultation phase of the Fiji IMO Instruments Compliance Strategy 2025-2030 two-day workshop was held this month in Suva.

Reps say 1,723 vessels engage in sharp practices on Nigerian waters. Adaku Onyenucheya.

Guardian (Nigeria). 24 April 2025. Available from: <https://guardian.ng/news/reps-say-1723-vessels-engage-in-sharp-practices-on-nigerian-waters/>

About 1,723 vessels conducting 'dark activities' in Nigerian waters without transmitting the Automatic Identification System (AIS) to evade tracking between January and April 2025 have been identified.

"Sooner or later an accident will happen". Atle Staalesen. *Barents Observer (Norway)*.

24 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.thebarentsobserver.com/news/sooner-or-later-an-accident-will-happen/428629>

A sanctioned shadow fleet oil tanker has sailed back-and-forth for a week outside Norway's far northern Varanger Peninsula.

Assessing the stowaway risk is key. *Gard*. 30 April 2025. Available from:

<https://gard.no/insights/assessing-the-stowaway-risk-is-key/>

Gard's comprehensive Guidance on Stowaways outlines the problem, the applicable regulations, assessing the risk of stowaways, prevention at port and humane handling of stowaways found on board.

Fringe shipowners and small flags a 'growing menace', warns compensation body.

Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 30 April 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insurance/fringe-shipowners-and-small-flags-a-growing-menace-warns-compensation-body/2-1-1813119>

Oil pollution fund urges states to carry out proper checks in insurers and crackdown on illicit shipping operations.

MARITIME SECURITY

GMA engages fishery stakeholders on maritime security, sea safety. Elizabeth Larkwor Baah. *Ghana News Agency*. 5 April 2025. Available from: <https://gna.org.gh/2025/04/gma-engages-fishery-stakeholders-on-maritime-security-sea-safety/> Dr. Kamal-Deen Ali, Director-General of the Ghana Maritime Authority (GMA), has engaged stakeholders in the fishery sector on enhancing maritime safety, sustainable fishing practices, and combating illegal activities at sea.

CTF 153 Uncrewed Vessel Operations Enhance Red Sea Security.

Combined Maritime Forces (CMF). 7 April 2025. Available from: <https://combinedmaritimeforces.com/2025/04/07/ctf-153-uncrewed-vessel-operations-enhance-red-sea-security/> Combined Maritime Forces' (CMF) Combined Task Force (CTF) 153 recently deployed uncrewed surface vessels (USVs) on a continuous patrol of the Red Sea for more than 50 days, marking CMF's first maritime surveillance patrol using these vessels.

Protecting maritime data: the next frontier for shipping cybersecurity. Keri Allan.

ShipTechnology. 7 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.ship-technology.com/features/protecting-maritime-data-next-frontier-cybersecurity-shipping/> The shift towards the digitalisation of shipping operations is changing the maritime industry's risk landscape.

Egyptian Navy Assumes Command of CMF's Red Sea Task Force. *Combined Maritime Forces*

9 April 2025. Available from: <https://combinedmaritimeforces.com/2025/04/09/egyptian-navy-assumes-command-of-cmfs-red-sea-task-force/> The Egyptian Navy assumed command of the Combined Maritime Forces' (CMF) Combined Task Force (CTF) 153 from the Royal Australian Navy at a ceremony held aboard Naval Support Activity Bahrain, April 9.

Asian maritime security in Q1 – surprising developments in the Singapore Strait.

Seatrade Maritime News. 14 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/security/asian-maritime-security-in-q1-surprising-developments-in-the-singapore-strait> Risk Intelligence examines security incidents and concerns in Asian waters in the first quarter of 2025.

Pronounced spike in low-level crimes in Singapore Straits. *International Chamber of Commerce*

15 April 2025. Available from: <https://icc-ccs.org/pronounced-spike-in-low-level-crimes-in-singapore-straits/> The ICC International Maritime Bureau (IMB) has revealed a rise in global piracy and armed robbery incidents in the first quarter of 2025 – driven by a spike of incidents in the Singapore Straits.

Defence and Customs strengthen maritime security with uncrewed surface vessels.

New Zealand Defence Force. 15 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/navy/navy-news/defence-and-customs-strengthen-maritime-security-with-uncrewed-surface-vessels/> The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) and the New Zealand Customs Service have unveiled and named two new state-of-the-art Bluebottle uncrewed surface vessels (USVs) to help combat transnational serious and organised crime.

Houthi capabilities hit as Iran pulls Navy from Red Sea: Reports. *Ship & Bunker*. 21 April 2025.

Available from: <https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/202974-houthi-capabilities-hit-as-iran-pulls-navy-from-red-sea-reports> Satellite images reveal that the Iranian Navy has withdrawn from the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden after maintaining a presence in the region since 2008.

Are maritime hackers pushing at an open door? *ShipTechnology*. 23 April 2025.

Available from: <https://www.ship-technology.com/comment/are-maritime-hackers-pushing-at-an-open-door/> Applying IACS regulations to newbuildings but not to existing ships creates an opportunity for malign operators, writes Tore Morten Olsen of Marlink.

Email security is broken – and crews are paying the price. Jamie Jones. *Splash 247.com*.

29 April 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/email-security-is-broken-and-crews-are-paying-the-price/> Cyber attacks are getting smarter. Email security tools are getting noisier.

NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATIONS

The Swedish Club Enhances TELP with New Seasonal Iceberg Advisory. *Swedish Club*.

1 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.swedishclub.com/news/press-release/the-swedish-club-enhances-telp-with-new-seasonal-iceberg-advisory/> The Swedish Club is proud to introduce a new seasonal iceberg and sea ice Advisory feature within its Trade Enabling Loss Prevention (TELP) system.

Russia says Arctic shipping will not get easier until 2050. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*.

1 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/russia-says-arctic-shipping-will-not-get-easier-until-2050/2-1-1800469> Russia does not expect global warming to cause significant changes to ice cover along the Northern Sea Route (NSR) until 2050.

Risk of collision with offshore installations from attendant vessels. *Gard*. 2 April 2025.

Available from: <https://www.gard.no/insights/risk-of-collision-with-offshore-installations-from-attendant-vessels/> Collisions happen because personnel responsible for watchkeeping and the safe navigation of vessels are distracted by non-navigational tasks, meaning situational awareness is not properly maintained, combined with insufficient communication among the bridge team.

What is Russia's shadow fleet doing in the Baltic Sea? Ahmad Kalaji.

Deutsche Welle (Germany). 2 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.dw.com/en/what-is-russias-shadow-fleet-doing-in-the-baltic-sea/video-72092467> Two ships loaded with sanctioned oil drift near the German coast. They are suspected of sabotaging data cables and engaging in espionage.

Guadeloupe-led Green Ferry Project explores feasibility in Antigua and Barbuda.

Jennelsa Johnson. *Antigua Observer (Antigua and Barbuda)*. 8 April 2025. Available from: <https://antiguaobserver.com/guadeloupe-led-green-ferry-project-explores-feasibility-in-antigua-and-barbuda/> The twin island nation could soon be part of a groundbreaking fossil fuel-free ferry network as a Guadeloupe-led initiative assesses the feasibility of launching an environmentally friendly inter-island transport system.

Egypt highlights improved navigation security in Red Sea at Suez Canal celebration.

Amr Mohamed Kandil. *Egypt Today*. 16 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.egypttoday.com/Article/1/139621/Egypt-highlights-improved-navigation-security-in-Red-Sea-at-Suez> Prime Minister Mustafa Madbouly said maritime navigation security has improved in the Red Sea in recent month in light of a halt in attacks on vessels since December, as he attended a celebration for the Suez Canal Authority (SCA) on Wednesday.

Trans-Pacific blank sailings soar as ocean shipments plunge. Stuart Chirls. *FreightWaves*. 21 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.freightwaves.com/news/trans-pacific-blank-sailings-soar-as-ocean-shipments-plunge> In recent weeks, the container shipping industry has seen significant changes in scheduled vessel capacity, particularly on routes connecting Asia to North America, in response to the volatile trade climate and the rapidly changing tariff situation.

Next-generation scientists set sail to harness space for oceans. *European Space Agency* 22 April 2025. Available from: https://www.esa.int/Applications/Observing_the_Earth/Next-generation_scientists_set_sail_to_harness_space_for_oceans A new wave of ocean scientists has embarked on an extraordinary six-week voyage aboard a majestic tall ship that set sail today from Norway bound for southern France.

Blue whale decline in Sri Lanka tied to climate and human activity. Simon Payne. *Mongabay*. 30 April 2025. Available from: <https://news.mongabay.com/2025/04/blue-whale-decline-in-sri-lanka-tied-to-climate-and-human-activity/> Sri Lankan waters are considered a haven for the largest creatures ever to have lived, the blue whale, a rare place for a resident, year-round population to thrive.

PIRACY

Piracy can have serious national and economic consequences - GITA. Laudia Sawyer. *Ghana News Agency*. 2 April 2025. Available from: <https://gna.org.gh/2025/04/piracy-can-have-serious-national-and-economic-consequences-gita/> Mr. Jerome Deamesi, a Board Member of the Ghana Industrial Trawlers Association (GITA), has said that piracy and other criminal activities at sea can threaten the country's fishing industry and have serious national and economic consequences.

CIMAG underscores the need for effective measures to combat piracy. Laudia Sawyer. *Ghana News Agency*. 7 April 2025. Available from: <https://gna.org.gh/2025/04/cimag-underscores-the-need-for-effective-measures-to-combat-piracy/> The Centre for International Maritime Affairs, Ghana (CIMAG), has underscored the need for effective measures to combat piracy in the Gulf of Guinea, following the recent piracy attack on the Ghanaian-flagged fishing trawler, *MENGXIN 1*.

Piracy on the rise across the world — maritime watchdog. Timothy Jones. *Deutsche Welle (Germany)*. 15 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.dw.com/en/piracy-on-the-rise-across-the-world-maritime-watchdog/a-72249554>  <https://icc-ccs.org/pronounced-spike-in-low-level-crimes-in-singapore-straits/> Pirates have posed a growing problem for global shipping this year, with 45 cases of piracy and armed robbery against ships recorded in the first quarter, according to the London-based International Maritime Bureau (IMB).

Pirates board tanker and container ship in two attacks on key shipping route. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 21 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/pirates-board-tanker-and-container-ship-in-two-attacks-on-key-shipping-route/2-1-1809041> Two vessels were boarded in separate pirate attacks over the weekend in a newly emerging hot spot off Indonesia.

Attempted Sea robbery in Nigerian waters. Osagie Edward. *Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA)*. 25 April 2025. Available from: <https://nimasa.gov.ng/attempted-sea-robbery-in-nigerian-waters/> Officials of the NIMASA at the C4i center monitoring the situation on Tuesday 21st April 2025 noted an illegal boarding of a Marshall Islands-flagged chemical tanker “Sea Panther” southwest of Brass, Nigeria.

PORT STATE CONTROL

IRGC Navy seizes two tankers for smuggling fuel in the Persian Gulf. *Islamic Republic News Agency - IRNA (Iran)*. 1 April 2025. Available from: <https://en.irma.ir/news/85791984/IRGC-Navy-seizes-two-tankers-for-smuggling-fuel-in-the-Persian> The IRGC Navy also arrests all 25 crew members of the two seized vessels.

Iranian forces seize two foreign tankers as Middle East tensions with US ramp up. Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 1 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/tankers/iranian-forces-seize-two-foreign-tankers-as-middle-east-tensions-with-us-ramp-up/2-1-1800439> Iran's Revolutionary Guards have seized two overseas-registered tankers accused of fuel smuggling.

CDC May Stop Inspecting Cruise Ships. *Cruise Industry News*. 5 April 2025. Available from: <https://cruiseindustrynews.com/cruise-news/2025/04/cdc-may-stop-inspecting-cruise-ships/> The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is said to be lacking the resources to continue any cruise ship health inspections under its Vessel Sanitation Program (VSP).

In First, Estonia Detains Russian 'Shadow Fleet' Tanker. *Moscow Times*. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2025/04/11/in-first-estonia-detains-russian-shadow-fleet-tanker-a88699> Estonia has detained a Russia-linked tanker, marking the Baltic country's first maritime operation targeting the so-called "shadow fleet" transporting Russian oil in violation of Western sanctions, the Postimees news outlet reported.

Estonian authorities detain Russian 'shadow fleet'-linked oil tanker near Tallinn. Sertac Aktan. *Euronews*. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2025/04/11/estonian-authorities-detain-russian-shadow-fleet-linked-oil-tanker-near-tallinn>  <https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2025/04/11/in-first-estonia-detains-russian-shadow-fleet-tanker-a88699> A Kremlin-linked oil tanker was detained by Estonian authorities on Friday just outside Tallinn, in what marks the first time the Baltic country has directly targeted Russia's "shadow fleet".

Foreign Minister Tsahkna: deterrence for Russia's shadow fleet works and continues for as long as necessary. *Government of Estonia*. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://vm.ee/en/news/foreign-minister-tsahkna-deterrence-russias-shadow-fleet-works-and-continues-long-necessary> Tsahkna said it was the first shadow fleet vessel detained by Estonia, and commended the Estonian Defence Forces.

Experts: Detaining tanker for a long time brings no benefits to Estonia. Vahur Lauri. *ERR News (Estonia)*. 13 April 2025. Available from: <https://news.err.ee/1609663319/experts-detaining-tanker-for-a-long-time-brings-no-benefits-to-estonia> Detaining the *Kiwala* tanker for an extended time is not in Estonia's interests, the Transport Administration and a maritime law expert said on Saturday.

Sweden says no proof Chinese ship meant to damage cables. Timothy Jones. *Deutsche Welle (Germany)*. 15 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.dw.com/en/sweden-says-no-proof-chinese-ship-meant-to-damage-cables/a-72250803> Swedish authorities say they have not found evidence that a Chinese vessel deliberately cut Baltic Sea cables last year.

Russian 'shadow fleet' tanker *Kiwala* cleared to leave Estonian waters. *ERR News (Estonia)*. 26 April 2025. Available from: <https://news.err.ee/1609676453/russian-shadow-fleet-tanker-kiwala-cleared-to-leave-estonian-waters> An oil tanker that is part of Russia's "shadow fleet" is now free to leave Estonian waters after the issues that led to its impounding over two weeks ago were resolved.

Finnish Coast Guard Reports Dangerous Incident with Shadow Fleet Tanker.

Maritime Executive. 29 April 2025. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/finnish-coast-guard-reports-dangerous-incident-with-shadow-fleet-tanker> Finland joined its neighbour Estonia in reporting a continuing increase in the number of suspicious vessels sailing in the Gulf of Finland and the waterways of the Baltic to and from Russia.

Linking ship to shore: Enabling direct communication between onboard crew with Port State Control.

Safety4Sea. 30 April 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/linking-ship-to-shore-enabling-direct-communication-between-onboard-crew-with-port-state-control/> In the following article, Fabian Fussek, Co-Founder & CEO of Kaiko Systems, and Apo Belokas, Founder & CEO of RISK4SEA, discuss how their collaboration has improved Port State Control (PSC) processes by introducing the maritime industry's first frontline intelligence platform, allowing onboard crews to communicate directly with PSC authorities.

PORTS & HARBOURS

Cruise Port Rotterdam shore power installation commissioned. *Port of Rotterdam*.

31 March 2025. Available from: <https://www.portofrotterdam.com/en/news-and-press-releases/cruise-port-rotterdam-shore-power-installation-commissioned> The shore power installation was built by Danish company PowerCon in collaboration with Port of Rotterdam Authority, the municipality of Rotterdam, STEDIN, IGUS and project partners J.P. van Eesteren, Heijmans, Royal HaskoningDHV and Xylem on behalf of Cruise Port Shore Power.

Port of Rotterdam takes important step in making shipping more sustainable: pilot prepares port for safe bunkering of ammonia. *Port of Rotterdam*. 14 April 2025. Available from:

<https://www.portofrotterdam.com/en/news-and-press-releases/port-rotterdam-takes-important-step-making-shipping-more-sustainable-pilot> The pilot involved transferring 800 cubic meters of liquid, cold ammonia at -33 degrees Celsius between two ships.

AD Ports Group expands sustainable fuel solutions with first ship-to-ship LNG bunkering at Khalifa Port. *Emirates News Agency (UAE)*. 16 April 2025. Available from:

<https://www.wam.ae/en/article/15iqwzq-ports-group-expands-sustainable-fuel-solutions> AD Ports Group recently hosted its first ship-to-ship (STS) liquified natural gas (LNG) bunkering operation at its flagship deep-water Khalifa Port, reinforcing Abu Dhabi's position as a key hub for alternative marine fuels and sustainable maritime solutions.

US unveils new port fees on China-built ships after industry backlash. *Channel News Asia*.

18 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/business/us-unveils-new-port-fees-china-built-ships-after-industry-backlash-5072056> The United States unveiled new port fees on Chinese-built and operated ships on Thursday (Apr 17), in a bid to boost the domestic shipbuilding industry and curb China's dominance in the sector.

World Shipping Council urges constructive solutions following USTR port fee

Announcement. *World Shipping Council*. 18 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.worldshipping.org/news/world-shipping-council-urges-constructive-solutions-following-ustr-port-fee-announcement> The World Shipping Council (WSC) today voiced serious concerns regarding the port fee regime announced by the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), cautioning that the measures could undermine American trade, hurt U.S. producers, and weaken efforts to strengthen the nation's maritime industry.

IAPH: Ports must evolve into sustainable energy supply hubs. *Safety4Sea*. 22 April 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/cm-iaph-ports-must-evolve-into-sustainable-energy-supply-hubs/> In an exclusive interview with Jens Meier, CEO of the Hamburg Port Authority (HPA), we explore emerging sustainability trends affecting ports worldwide.

Korea–Europe Green Shipping Corridor aims for 70% CO₂ cut, sets blueprint for maritime decarbonization. *Solutions for Our Climate (SFOC)*. 23 April 2025. Available from: <https://forourclimate.org/newsroom/1071> A new report by Solutions for Our Climate (SFOC) projects the proposed Korea–Europe Green Shipping Corridor (GSC) to cut carbon emissions by over 70% along key trade routes between Pyeongtaek Port and major European automotive hubs. [Charting a Net-Zero Pathway: A Korea-Europe Green Shipping Corridor Linking Pyeongtaek and Key European Ports](#) 

With launching of e-ticketing service at port, everything is going by rules: CPA chair. *Daily Observer (Bangladesh)*. 25 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.observerbd.com/news/522545> Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) Chairman Rear Admiral SM Moniruzzaman has said that everything is going according to the rules as the e-ticketing service has been introduced at port.

A massive explosion at an Iranian port possibly linked to missile fuel kills 25, injures some 800. Jon Gambrell. *Associated Press*. 27 April 2025. Available from: <https://apnews.com/article/iran-explosion-fire-bandar-abbas-72637c6b3e152a30045275f57ace29ed> A massive explosion and fire rocked a port Saturday in southern Iran purportedly linked to a shipment of a chemical ingredient used to make missile propellant, killing 25 people and injuring around 800 others.

Iran declares Monday as day of national mourning after blast. Kamal Iranidoost. *MEHR News Agency (Iran)*. 27 April 2025. Available from: <https://en.mehrnews.com/news/231120/iran-declares-Monday-as-day-of-national-morning-after-blast> In a statement on Sunday, President Masoud Pezeshkian's Government spokeswoman, Fatemeh Mohajerani, declared Monday a day of national mourning after the tragic blast and subsequent fire at Shahid Rajaei Port in Bandar Abbas.

Death toll from blast in southern Iran rises to 28. *Islamic Republic News Agency - IRNA (Iran)*. 27 April 2025. Available from: <https://en.irna.ir/news/85815184/Death-toll-from-blast-in-southern-Iran-rises-to-28> The huge blast that happened on Saturday in Shahid Rajaei Port has so far claimed 28 lives, injured about 800 people, and left 6 more missing.

Port Safety and Security top on Government agenda, says Minister Boolell. *Government of Mauritius*. 28 April 2025. Available from: <https://govmu.org/EN/newsgov/SitePages/Port-Safety-and-Security-top-on-Government-agenda.-says-Minister-Boolell.aspx> “Port safety and security is our top priority. It is the security of the state and there should be no compromise”, ...

Iran restores op. at its largest container port after blast. Morteza Ahmadi Al Hashem. *MEHR News Agency (Iran)*. 28 April 2025. Available from: <https://en.mehrnews.com/news/231167/iran-restores-op-at-its-largest-container-port-after-blast> Iranian authorities say operations at the country's largest container port have resumed a day after a huge explosion rocked the port, causing a closure in all of its docks and customs facilities.

Investigation committee releases report on causes of Shahid Rajaei Port explosion.

Islamic Republic News Agency - IRNA (Iran). 29 April 2025. Available from:

<https://en.irna.ir/news/85817258/Investigation-committee-releases-report-on-causes-of-Shahid-Rajaei>

The Committee to Investigate the Causes of the blast incident in Shahid Rajaei Port said Monday that the reason for the blast and the inferno was "failure to observe safety and passive defense standards.

Weight of freight: The Red Sea and Suez Canal - full utilisation and its impact. *Argus Media*.

29 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.argusmedia.com/en/news-and-insights/energy-and-commodity-podcasts/weight-of-freight-the-red-sea-and-suez-canal-full-utilisation-and-its-impact> 

Listen to this episode as our Crude Oil Reporter, Rhys van Dinther, puts forward some important questions to Delia He, Freight Analyst at Vortexa, following developments in the Suez Canal.

Global Port Volumes Pressured by Trade War, Economic Slowdown. *Fitch Ratings*.

29 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.fitchratings.com/research/infrastructure-project-finance/global-port-volumes-pressured-by-trade-war-economic-slowdown-29-04-2025>

Global port activity is under pressure due to heightened trade tensions and a slowing global economic growth, Fitch Ratings says in a new report.

Port Security: NIMASA, PFSSO advocate comprehensive maritime strategy. *Godwin Oritse*.

Vanguard (Nigeria). 29 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2025/04/port-security-nimasa-pfso-advocate-comprehensive-maritime-strategy/>

The NIMASA and the Port Facility Security Officers Forum of Nigeria (PFSSOFN) are in discussions to develop a National Maritime Security Strategy aimed at enhancing the security of the nation's ports.

Indonesia to develop Makassar Port as new export hub. *Antara News (Indonesia)*. 30 April 2025.

Available from: <https://en.antaranews.com/news/353529/indonesia-to-develop-makassar-port-as-new-export-hub>

Antoni Arif Priadi, Director General of Sea Transportation at the Ministry of Transportation, said Makassar—one of the largest urban centers in eastern Indonesia—is strategically positioned to serve as a transit point for trade with Asia, Europe, and the Americas.

REGULATIONS

Statement on the announcement by The Metals Company. *Leticia Carvalho*.

International Seabed Authority. 28 March 2025. Available from: https://www.isa.org/im/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Statement_Announcement-by-The-Metals-Company.pdf 

Distinguished Delegates, It is my duty as Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority to keep the members of the Council informed of any questions which may be of interest to the Council.

Global seabed regulator concerned by mining company's unilateral actions. *Kristine Sabillo*.

Mongabay. 2 April 2025. Available from: <https://news.mongabay.com/short-article/2025/04/global-seabed-regulator-concerned-by-mining-companys-unilateral-actions/>

The International Seabed Authority has expressed concern following reports that the U.S. subsidiary of The Metals Company is seeking deep-sea mining permits from the U.S. instead of waiting for the global regulator's finalization of a mining code.

Plastic pellet losses: Council and Parliament agree on new rules to reduce microplastic pollution. *European Council*. 8 April 2025. Available from:

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2025/04/08/plastic-pellet-losses-council-and-parliament-agree-on-new-rules-to-reduce-microplastic-pollution/>

Today, the Council and the European Parliament provisionally agreed on a regulation on preventing the loss of plastic pellets – the industrial raw materials used to make plastic products – into the environment.

IMO 2028: How much will 'surplus units' cost? Jack Jordan. *Ship & Bunker*. 18 April 2025.

Available from: <https://shipandbunker.com/news/world/156111-imo-2028-how-much-will-surplus-units-cost> The generation of tradeable 'surplus units' for overcompliance with bunker carbon intensity targets is one of the many complicating factors in the new IMO 2028 deal.

New EU plastic pellet rules greeted with caution. Alex Shaw. *Mongabay*. 22 April 2025.

Available from: <https://news.mongabay.com/2025/04/new-eu-plastic-pellet-rules-greeted-with-caution/> A coalition of leading European environmental groups has cautiously welcomed a “landmark” agreement by lawmakers in Brussels on new rules aimed at curbing a major source of microplastic pollution in the world’s oceans.

Regulatory clarity brings operational consequences. Edwin Lampert. *Riviera Maritime*.

23 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.rivieramm.com/news-content-hub/regulatory-clarity-brings-operational-consequences-84602> The consequences of recent MEPC 83 decisions reverberated throughout the second day of Riviera’s Maritime Decarbonisation Conference Asia.

Explainer: the IMO’s new global fuel standard, economic measure, and how it will likely force ships out of service. Jim Wilson. *Shipping Australia Ltd*. 24 April 2025. Available from:

<https://www.shippingaustralia.com.au/explainer-the-imos-new-global-fuel-standard-economic-measure-and-how-it-will-likely-force-ships-out-of-service/>

A draft new fuel standard has been voted upon by IMO to help the shipping industry decarbonise; a further vote will be needed to bring the new rules into force.

Clients seek clarity on interaction between IMO and EU fuel rules, Reed Smith’s Austin says.

Gary Dixon. *TradeWinds*. 25 April 2025. Available from:

<https://www.tradewindsnews.com/sustainability/clients-seek-clarity-on-interaction-between-imo-and-eu-fuel-rules-reed-smith-s-austin-says/2-1-1810605>

Transport partner says new global net-zero framework will not override FuelEU Maritime or EU carbon levy.

Three key impacts of the IMO’s new fuel intensity target on S&P activity. Oliver Kirkham.

Hellenic Shipping News. 26 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/three-key-impacts-of-the-imos-new-fuel-intensity-target-on-sp-activity/>

The IMO recently hosted the 83rd meeting with the Marine Environmental Protection Committee (MEPC 83), resulting in a new fuel intensity target, which is set to come into force no later than March 2027.

Stricter air and water pollution limits for shipping in the Mediterranean Sea. *European Commission*.

30 April 2025. Available from: https://environment.ec.europa.eu/news/stricter-air-water-pollution-limits-shipping-mediterranean-2025-04-30_en Sulphur oxide emissions in the EU have decreased by approximately 70% since 2014, primarily due to the establishment of an Emission Control Area in Northern Europe.

NABU: Mediterranean Sea ECA to improve many lives. *Safety4Sea*. 30 April 2025.

Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/nabu-mediterranean-sea-eca-to-improve-many-lives/>

Starting May 1, 2025, the Mediterranean Sea will become an Emission Control Area for Sulphur (SECA), significantly reducing harmful ship emissions and improving air quality for millions of people, with NABU leading efforts to push for stronger environmental regulations.

SALVAGE

Marine fuel removal: Brokers must help lighten the load. Yasmin Donald. *Insurance Business*. 7 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.insurancebusinessmag.com/uk/news/marine/marine-fuel-removal-brokers-must-help-lighten-the-load-531190.aspx> It was recently announced that the US oil tanker, *M.V. Stena Immaculate*, would have its contents removed following the tragic incident involving a container ship in the North Sea.

***Stena Immaculate* on the move more than a month after North Sea crash.**

The National (Scotland). 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.thenational.scot/news/national/25081542.stena-immaculate-move-month-north-sea-crash/> The US tanker has been undergoing salvage operations since the incident on March 10, about 12 miles off the coast of East Yorkshire.

SEAFARERS

TALKING POINT: Addressing barriers for women seafarers in Nigeria.

International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN). 27 March 2025. Available from: <https://www.iswan.org.uk/news/talking-point-addressing-barriers-for-women-seafarers-in-nigeria/> Koni Duniya, Founder/President of the Female Seafarers Association of Nigeria (FESAN), discusses gender discrimination and how to bridge the gap between the shipping industry and women seafarers in Nigeria.

Shore Leave: Rare, Brief and in Danger of Extinction. *ITF Seafarers' Trust*. 1 April 2025.

Available from: <https://www.seafarerstrust.org/news-and-press-releases/news/shore-leave-rare-brief-and-danger-extinction> A new report from the ITF Seafarers' Trust and the World Maritime University highlights the continuing absence of shore leave for the world's seafarers. [Report](#) 📄

ITF and Panama reaffirm commitment to seafarer support. *ITF Seafarers*. 1 April 2025.

Available from: <https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/itf-and-panama-reaffirm-commitment-seafarer-support> ITF and largest flag state continue joint work spanning seafarer abandonment, new technology and union agreement coverage.

***Stena Immaculate* Mariners Rise to the Occasion.** *Seafarers International Union (SIU)*.

1 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.seafarers.org/seafarerslogs/2025/04/stena-immaculate-mariners-rise-to-the-occasion/> On March 10, the Madeira-flag containership *Solong* hit the Crowley-operated *Stena Immaculate* even though the U.S.-flag tanker had been anchored off Britain's east coast for at least 15 hours.

ISWAN advocates for a seafarer-centred future. *International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN)*. 1 April 2025.

Available from: <https://www.iswan.org.uk/news/iswan-advocates-for-a-seafarer-centred-future/> The maritime sector is having to adapt rapidly to respond to major challenges, including the urgent need to decarbonise and the targeting of shipping in geopolitical conflicts.

PCG hails its first-ever female two-star general. Evelyn Macairan. *Philippine Star*. 1 April 2025.

Available from: <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2025/04/01/2432629/pcg-hails-its-first-ever-female-two-star-general> As National Women's Month drew to a close, Rear Admiral Mitzie Silva-Campo made history as the first female two-star general in the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).

Russian insurer wrangles over unpaid wages of abandoned crew. Paul Peachey. *TradeWinds*. 1 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/insurance/russian-insurer-wrangles-over-unpaid-wages-of-abandoned-crew/2-1-1799736> A small cargo ship's eight crew members have been stranded in Algeria for four months with dwindling supplies of food and water while their Russian insurer wrangles over unpaid wages.

Four crew members of Dutch dredger that caused 2024 Singapore oil spill fined. Vanessa Lim. *Channel News Asia*. 2 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/crew-members-dutch-dredger-fined-2024-singapore-oil-spill-5039131> Four crew members of a Dutch dredger that hit a bunker vessel in June 2024, resulting in a massive oil spill in Singapore, were fined on Wednesday (Apr 2) for failing to discharge their duties properly.

Norwegian shipowners slam plan to boost pay for seafarers working in national waters. Jonas Walsgård. *TradeWinds*. 4 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/law/norwegian-shipowners-slam-plan-to-boost-pay-for-seafarers-working-in-national-waters/2-1-1803032> The government has proposed that shipowners must pay Norwegian wages on ships in national waters and on the continental shelf.

DMW: All reported abandoned Filipino seafarers repatriated. *Philippine News Agency (PNA)*. 7 March 2025. Available from: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1245634> The Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) on Friday said all reported abandoned Filipino seafarers have been rescued and repatriated to the Philippines.

Maritime workforce. Clearing the decks for gender parity. Aneesh Phadnis. *Hindu BusinessLine (India)*. 7 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/logistics/clearing-the-decks-for-gender-parity/article69420406.ece> Shipping companies are stepping up efforts to make their operations more inclusive through cadet programmes and HR practices that promote the safety and well-being of women sailors.

Filipino seafarers face investigation after major drug bust in South Korea. Cristina Chi. *Philippine Star*. 8 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2025/04/08/2434515/filipino-seafarers-face-investigation-after-major-drug-bust-south-korea> The all-Filipino crew of a Norwegian-flagged bulk carrier is under investigation by South Korean authorities after around two metric tons of cocaine were discovered aboard their ship.

ICMA at the ILO – an interview with Phil Schifflin. Jason Zuidema. *International Christian Maritime Association (ICMA)*. 10 April 2025. Available from: <https://icma.as/icma-at-the-ilo-an-interview-with-phil-schifflin/> ICMA is a recognized NGO at the International Labour Organization. From April 7-11, the ILO hosted the Special Tripartite Committee of the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC,2006) to agree updates.

Global register of fatalities at sea: Experimental data collection - Preliminary report. *International Labour Organization (ILO)*. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.ilo.org/sites/default/files/2025-04/STCMLC-2025-Information%20document-EN.pdf>  Seafaring has long been one of the most hazardous occupations. It is associated with high risks of mortality from occupational accidents, health-related issues, suicide, unexplained disappearances at sea and undetermined causes.

Princess Royal opens Nautilus House at Mariners' Park. *Nautilus International*. 11 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.nautilusfederation.org/en/news/princess-royal-opens-nautilus-house-at-mariners-park/> Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal has officially opened Nautilus House, a new residential complex for retired seafarers and headquarters of Nautilus International, during a visit to Mariners' Park in Wallasey on Friday 11 April 2025.

Global shipping community reaffirms support for seafarers with groundbreaking updates to ILO's Maritime Labour Convention. *International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)*. 14 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.ics-shipping.org/press-release/global-shipping-community-reaffirms-support-for-seafarers-with-groundbreaking-updates-to-ilos-maritime-labour-convention/> The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) welcomes the series of landmark updates to ILO's Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), following an intense week of negotiations at the International Labour Organization (ILO) headquarters in Geneva.

Seafarers officially recognised as 'key workers' after successful Geneva negotiations. *ITF Seafarers*. 14 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/news/seafarers-officially-recognised-key-workers-after-successful-geneva-negotiations> The Seafarers' Group at the ILO led by International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) affiliates has won a raft of significant changes to seafarers' rights in Geneva this week.

Cargo ship crash captain appears in court. *BBC News*. 14 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c2lz79q2y1vo> Vladimir Motin, 59, appeared at London's Central Criminal Court, known as the Old Bailey, via video link from prison on Monday.

Philippines provides legal support to Filipino seafarers involved in drug probe. *Liz Lagniton. Maritime Fairtrade*. 14 April 2025. Available from: <https://maritimefairtrade.org/philippines-provides-legal-support-to-filipino-seafarers-involved-in-drug-probe/> In a high-profile maritime case drawing international attention, 20 Filipino seafarers are under investigation in South Korea after authorities discovered approximately two metric tons of cocaine concealed aboard their cargo vessel, *M/V Lunita*.

ILO delivers on key worker rights and fair treatment for seafarers. *Seafarers' Rights International (SRI)*. 15 April 2025. Available from: <https://seafarersrights.org/ilo-delivers-on-key-worker-rights-and-fair-treatment-for-seafarers/> The fifth meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee (STC) of the MLC concluded last week with some hard-fought achievements for seafarers, led in the negotiations by ITF Seafarers' Section Vice Chair, Mark Dickinson.

Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers reaches agreement to increase seafarer minimum wage following negotiations. *International Labour Organization*. 16 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/subcommittee-wages-seafarers-reaches-agreement-increase-seafarer-minimum> Through social dialogue, Shipowners' and Seafarers' representatives agreed to gradually raise the minimum wage over the course of the next three years.

Resolution on Recognizing Seafarers as Key Workers. *International Labour Organization*. 16 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.ilo.org/sites/default/files/2025-04/STCMLC-2025-Resolution-Key%20workers-EN.pdf> 📄 Calls upon ILO Members to effect the early implementation of Guideline B2.5.2 – Key workers, and designate and recognize seafarers as key workers and take appropriate measures to facilitate their safe movement when travelling in connection with their employment or work, including, but not limited to, access to shore leave, repatriation, crew changes and medical care ashore.

Indian crew stranded without pay calls renewed attention to abandonment. *Maritime Executive*. 17 April 2025. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/indian-crew-stranded-without-pay-calls-renewed-attention-to-abandonment> The crew aboard an offshore support vessel has taken to social media with the aid of the International Transport Workers' Federation to highlight their plight.

Behind closed doors: How seafarers put the squeeze on shipowners in landmark pay deal. Sandra Boga. *TradeWinds*. 24 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/interviews/behind-closed-doors-how-seafarers-put-the-squeeze-on-shipowners-in-landmark-pay-deal/2-1-1808739> Hardball talks see seafarer unions extract concessions from employers and governments.

Greek unions call strike after seafarer is killed as ferry unloads. *Maritime Executive*. 25 April 2025. Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/greek-unions-call-strike-after-seafarer-is-killed-as-ferry-unloads> The Panhellenic Seaman's Federation and other unions in Greece are demanding an investigation and better enforcement of safety regulations after a seafarer was killed as a ferry was unloading overnight in Patras.

South Africa wants to man the international fleet. Daniela De Lorenzo. *ShippingWatch*. 28 April 2025. Available from: <https://shippingwatch.com/logistics/article18015205.ece> When Maersk left South Africa, the seafarers community suffered. Now the country is working to hit the market with a new generation of seafarers.

Seafarers need a stronger voice in maritime Just Transition. *Nautilus International*. 30 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/mla-webinar-just-transition/> 🗣️ Seafarers must be given a stronger voice in the maritime industry's decarbonisation process to ensure a Just Transition, according to MLA College senior lecturer Alina Prylipko, who spoke at a Nautilus International webinar.

Managing the crew burden cycle. Steven Jones. *Splash 247.com*. 30 April 2025. Available from: <https://splash247.com/managing-the-crew-burden-cycle/> Steven Jones, founder of the Seafarers Happiness Index, discusses how the demands of old ships and new tech are taking something of a workload toll.

SEARCH & RESCUE

Search on for missing crew of capsized Chinese vessel in Occ. Mindoro. Marita Moaje. *Philippine News Agency (PNA)*. 17 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1248284> The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) has ramped up its search and rescue operations for the missing seafarers of a Chinese sand carrier that capsized off Rizal town in Occidental Mindoro on Tuesday.

SHIP RECYCLING

Stop South Korea's toxic ship dumping. *NGO Shipbreaking Platform*. 31 March 2025.

Available from: <https://shipbreakingplatform.org/stop-south-korea-ship-dumping/> South Korean shipping companies continue to fuel environmental and human rights violations by offloading their end-of-life vessels on the beaches of South Asia for scrapping.

Alang beached 113 ships for recycling in FY25, lowest in a decade. P Manoj.

Economic Times (India). 2 April 2025. Available from:

<https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/ports-shipping/alang-beached-113-ships-for-recycling-in-fy25-lowest-in-a-decade/119909602> Alang-Sosiya in Gujarat's Bhavnagar district—home to the world's largest stretch of ship-breaking facilities—beached 113 ships for recycling in FY25, the lowest in a decade.

Shipowners and recyclers ask Basel COP for removal of obstacles to safer ship recycling.

BIMCO. 15 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.bimco.org/news-insights/press-media/press-releases/2025/20250415-removal-of-obstacles-to-safer-ship/> BIMCO has drafted a paper to submit to the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (BC COP-17), asking for more clarity and for obstacles to be removed as the Hong Kong Convention enters into force in two months.

[Ship Recycling Alliance non-paper](#) 📄

Op-Ed: To save Bangladesh's ship recycling industry, phase in the HKC. Ishtiaque Ahmed.

Maritime Executive. 27 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/editorials/op-ed-to-save-bangladesh-s-recycling-industry-phase-in-the-hkc> Bangladesh ratified the International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, known as the Hong Kong Convention (HKC), on 26 June 2023.

SHIPBUILDING & SHIPREPAIR

World's largest car carrier sets sail, meets new international environmental standards.

Global Times (China). 22 April 2025. Available from:

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202504/1332616.shtml> The world's largest car carrier the Shenzhen was officially delivered and set sail from East China's Jiangsu Province on Tuesday, state broadcaster CCTV reported. The vessel is scheduled to complete vehicle loading at Taicang Port in the province this week before heading to Brazil.

BYD delivers fourth vehicle carrier to enhance global delivery capabilities. *China Daily*.

23 April 2025. Available from:

<https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202504/23/WS680846c1a3104d9fd3820fbe.html>

Chinese leading electric vehicle manufacturer BYD has launched the world's largest cargo ship for vehicles, marking a significant advancement in its global sales and supply chain layout.

Odfjell completing first near carbon-neutral transatlantic voyage using sails and biofuel, saving five tons of fuel every day and improving GHG intensity by 85%. *Odfjell*. 25 April 2025.

Available from: <https://tinyurl.com/4pr7p5rz> Odfjell's chemical tanker Bow Olympus is currently crossing the Atlantic powered by a combination of wind-assisted propulsion and a certified sustainable 100% biofuel.

Domestic shipbuilders have succeeded in winning large-scale orders for container ships ...

Jaeyoon Woo. *Maeil Business Newspaper (South Korea)*. 28 April 2025. Available from:

<https://www.mk.co.kr/en/business/11303710> Domestic shipbuilders have succeeded in winning large-scale orders for container ships, increasing their market share.

SHIPPING

Rare Earth - How to Clean Up the Shipping Industry. *BBC Radio 4*. 28 March 2025.

Available from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m00297dc> 📻 Interviewed: Paddy Rodgers, Director of Royal Museums Greenwich and former CEO of Euronav; Tristan Smith, Professor of Energy and Transport, Bartlett School of Environment, Energy & Resources (UCL); and Aoife O'Leary, CEO of Opportunity Green.

China port fees need more nuanced strategy, shipping industry tells hearing. Stuart Chirls.

FreightWaves. 31 March 2025. Available from: <https://www.freightwaves.com/news/china-port-fees-need-more-nuanced-strategy-shipping-industry-tells-hearing> The first of two days of federal hearings March 24-25 on proposed port fees targeting Chinese ships as expected drew opposition from trade-related maritime industry stakeholders who said that while they support a revitalization of U.S. shipbuilding, the charges in most cases will make their cost of doing business more expensive.

Shipping executives 'stumped by Trump'. Barry Parker. *Seatrade Maritime News*. 2 April 2025.

Available from: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/dry-bulk/shipping-executives-stumped-by-trump-> Uncertainty was the over-arching theme from speakers at the Capital Link International Shipping Forum in New York this week.

Shipping industry on global trade war: Uncertainty won't subside any time soon. Katja Beaula and Jens Thomsen. *ShippingWatch*. 8 April 2025. Available from:

<https://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article18074979.ece> "We are currently seeing a global commodity and shipping market characterized by great uncertainty," notes Jacob Winthereik, interim chief executive of dry bulk operator Lauritzen Bulkcarriers in a written response to ShippingWatch.

IRGC Seizes a Third Tanker for Fuel Smuggling. *Maritime Executive*. 9 April 2025.

Available from: <https://maritime-executive.com/article/irgc-seizes-a-third-tanker-for-fuel-smuggling> Iran Islamic Revolutionary Guard (IRGC) Navy (Nedsa) has seized another small tanker suspected of smuggling fuel within the Gulf, Nedsa reported on April 8.

WISTA Norway: Diversity, equity, and inclusion can safeguard industry's resilience.

Safety4Sea. 9 April 2025. Available from: <https://safety4sea.com/cm-wista-norway-diversity-equity-and-inclusion-can-safeguard-industrys-resilience/> Capt. Jaquelyn Burton underscores the importance of embracing cultural shifts that involve everyone.

BIMCO adopts reviews of War Risk Clauses. *BIMCO*. 9 April 2025. Available from:

<https://www.bimco.org/news-insights/press-media/press-releases/2025/20250207-seafarer-safety/> The Documentary Committee of BIMCO has approved revisions to its War Risk Clauses to reflect changes in the geopolitical challenges facing the shipping industry.

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Trump's China Ship Fees Set to Hit Global Shipping Giants. *gCaptain.* 15 April 2025.

Available from: <https://gcaptain.com/trumps-china-ship-fees-set-to-hit-global-shipping-giants/> Container ships, the workhorses of global trade transporting almost 90% of the world's manufactured goods, have become a target in Donald Trump's conflict with China — and none of the major carriers stand to escape the extra costs.

Greener shipping may come at a price. Richard Rennie. *Farmers Weekly (New Zealand).*

16 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.farmersweekly.co.nz/news/greener-shipping-may-come-at-a-price/> New Zealand exporters and freight operators appear to still be in the dark about the full impact of a global greenhouse gas fee to be levied on shipping companies.

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Latest data reveals global ocean container shipping emitted all-time high carbon emissions in 2024, driven largely by the impact of conflict in the Red Sea.

We started checking Russian shadow vessel insurance. Now what? Elisabeth Braw. *POLITICO.*

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Offshore Energy: GCMD unpacks cost and compliance tool for IMO's new climate framework.

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GLOBAL: Industry actors optimistic that IMO GHG pricing will boost green fuel production and uptake. Ariane Morrissey. *Bunkerspot*. 23 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.bunkerspot.com/global/64933-imo-mepc-83-ghg-pricing-shipping-reactions-new-fuels-transition-ammonia-methanol-lng-hydrogen-wind-propulsion> Organisations representing suppliers of ammonia, methanol, LNG, green hydrogen and wind propulsion have welcomed the 'strong signals' sent by the IMO's global GHG pricing agreement, which they hope will help accelerate investment in both the production and uptake of new fuels and energy sources in shipping.

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Maritime unions support Norway's move to eliminate gendered terms at sea. *Nautilus International*. 24 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.nautilusint.org/en/news-insight/news/maritime-unions-support-norways-move-to-eliminate-gendered-terms-at-sea/> The Norwegian Maritime Authority has proposed making language and titles gender neutral, removing 'mann' (Norwegian for 'man') from terms like 'mann-over-bord-situasjon' ('man over board situation') and replacing it with 'person', the same word in English and Norwegian.

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Container shipping giant CMA CGM reflags one of its vessels to Indian flag. P Manoj. *Economic Times (India)*. 25 April 2025. Available from: <https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/ports-shipping/container-shipping-giant-cma-cgm-reflags-one-of-its-vessels-to-indian-flag/120621451> A second ship will also be converted to the Indian flag soon, giving a big fillip to India's bid to make the country a destination for flagging ships and boost tonnage.

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Towards the future of zero-emission dredging. Mariska Buitendijk. *SWZ Maritime (Netherlands)*. 29 April 2025. Available from: <https://swzmaritime.nl/news/2025/04/29/towards-the-future-of-zero-emission-dredging/> The drive toward zero-emission dredging is gaining momentum, with electrification, alternative fuels, and hybrid power systems emerging as pivotal solutions.

Registration of ships under Indian flag is part of a big picture, says French container shipping giant CMA CGM. P Manoj. *Economic Times (India)*. 29 April 2025. Available from: <https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/ports-shipping/registration-of-ships-under-indian-flag-is-part-of-a-big-picture-says-french-container-shipping-giant-cma-cgm/120723055> By flagging four container ships in India, CMA CGM is looking to boost intra-regional trade and tap the opportunity to help India play a “pivotal role” on the western route in the backdrop of the India-Middle East-Europe-Economic Corridor (IMEC).

Carriers slap on surcharges as Mediterranean becomes next low-emission zone. Ian Lewis. *TradeWinds*. 30 April 2025. Available from: <https://www.tradewindsnews.com/containers/carriers-slap-on-surcharges-as-mediterranean-becomes-next-low-emission-zone/2-1-1813326> Container liner operators have begun rolling out new surcharges for shipments to and from the Mediterranean Sea to offset higher costs tied to stricter fuel regulations.

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