



The International Propeller Club of the United States

Promoting the Maritime Industry Since 1927

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IPCUS Newsletter

Message from the President:



As we head into our first winter being isolated with COVID-19 precautions, it is proving to be a challenging time for our local Propeller Clubs

and their members. Mental fatigue is setting in. Social distancing restrictions are getting monotonous – but necessary. The limited ability to have social interactions with friends and neighbors are challenging our soul. Social activities are integral to many of our Club activities.

Until a vaccine is distributed in sufficient quantities to provide safeguards for our communities, we will continue to experience these side-effects of the pandemic.

However, there are things that we can do to thrive during these times. Things that we can all do to promote and provide value to each other. Here are a few ideas:

- Take advantage of programs we are putting together for you at our international headquarters. These provide opportunities to network with members from all around the

world and learn how progress is continuing.

- View webinars that are being presented by many maritime organizations – many for free.
- Invite fellow colleagues to a virtual get-together to find out how they are doing and to keep up with various industries in your community.

We have found many advantages to holding our virtual meetings such as larger participation by our international members as well as students. Low cost to no cost for attending these events that previously was not available to you due to time and cost.

All of our clubs have had the ability to hear from speakers virtually that they would not have been able to have come to their meetings.

I have participated virtually in several local club meetings around the world and am willing to join in your clubs virtual meeting. Please feel free to contact me at niels@wgma.org

If we just follow the recommendations of our health care professionals, we will get through this pandemic safely. In the meantime, the cargo keeps moving – so we have to let the world know about the great job that the maritime industry is doing that allows factories to keep

producing and stores to keep goods on their shelves.

Please be safe.

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SALUTE TO CONGRESS



The 36th Annual Salute to Congress event this year was, like so many events, held virtually and recognized Senator Dan Sullivan (R-AK) for his

contributions and support of the maritime industry. Senator Sullivan graciously addressed the many attendees of this virtual event and answered many of the questions of the participants.

Senator Sullivan stated that the maritime industry drives the economy of America. He stated that our industry is the number three in per capita jobs in his home state of Alaska. With 34,000 miles of coastline, Senator Sullivan related that Alaskans rely on the maritime industry as their lifeline for goods and services.

Looking the to the future, Senator Sullivan stated that the future growth of the maritime industry is in the Arctic and is closely tied to the national security of the United States. As a strong supporter of U.S. national security, Senator Sullivan pointed out that the Senate National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) included \$1.4 billion above the President's request.

Senator Sullivan also spoke to the need to recapitalize the Coast Guard fleet of icebreakers, the need to fund port infrastructure, the importance of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), and the critical need of the Jones Act to the Alaskan communities.

During the question-and-answer period, Senator Sullivan addressed what may happen during the lame-duck session of Congress later this year, the potential for the development of rare earth minerals in Alaska, his support for providing the maritime industry financial relief from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the possible enactment of a Tanker Security Program (modeled after the Maritime Security Program), and the importance of providing assistance to veterans to enter the U.S. maritime industry.

While everyone missed the opportunity to network and share an enjoyable dinner together, they benefitted from hearing from Senator Sullivan. In fact, we had a record number of sponsors supporting this event.

We plan on placing Senator Sullivan's address on our web site in the near future.

Maritime Leadership Conference - A huge success!



The International Propeller Club held its first virtual conference October 20-22 in conjunction with the Annual Port President's Meeting. We had sessions on Learning How to Work with Different Styles to State of the Industry, Surviving to Thriving where an overview of trends and future outlook for the maritime industry was explored within different industry sectors. Having a virtual conference allowed us to have distinguished speakers from around the world. We had speakers from Istanbul, France, Dale Carnegie Institute, Maritime & Trade along with many prominent leaders from our Ports.

The purpose of the conference was to provide sessions that would help our members gain industry information and insight to support effective business planning and decision-making and to help you build knowledge and skills to grow as leaders in business, the industry, the community and your clubs.

Break-out sessions were included where participants were able to go into small groups and interact with each other on various topics. We attracted participants from around the world along with students from around the world. This was a great opportunity for members of the International Propeller Club to participate in a conference without having to travel,

make hotel arrangements and take multiple days away from work.

This has turned out to be a positive affect of the pandemic we are currently all facing. We plan on continuing to provide many more webinar and virtual conference opportunities throughout the coming year. We want to hear from you as to the topics you would like to see covered. These programs are put together to provide you, our members, value to help you grow professionally and personally. These programs also provide a networking opportunity with others you might not ordinarily get together with. As Julien Perottino, a member of the Student Port of Nantes Saint-Nazaire stated "the Leadership Conference was a great opportunity to meet and to exchange with members around the world, and strengthen our international relations".

Gerardo Tiedemann, PC Bilbao sums up what most people have said "I am sincerely enjoying this Conference its organization and different panels. Today's session 'From Surviving to Thriving' panel was very interesting, well organized and with outstanding speakers."

We would love to hear from you about this conference and ideas for future conferences. Please email me at cheryl@propellerclubhq.com or give me a call at 703-304-5717. I'd love to hear from you.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Bob Fry, Jr.



Bob Fry, Jr., former President of the International Propeller Club (2001-2005), was awarded the IPCUS Lifetime

Achievement Award at the Port Presidents Meeting on October 22, 2020. This is the highest award bestowed by the International Propeller Club to a member who has exemplified distinguished service.

Mr. Fry has been a member of the International Propeller Club for over 40 years and currently serves on our Board of Directors. During that span he served as President of the Houston Club, co-chair of the 1999 International Convention, the Houston Club's *Member of the Year* and the *Maritime Person of the Year*.

In addition to owning a towing vessel company, he has been very involved in maritime education and is currently the Chairman of the Texas A&M Galveston Board of Visitors and the founding Chairman of the San Jacinto College Maritime Advisory Committee, and past Chairman of the Houston Maritime Museum.

To help fill out his schedule, Bob was the Mayor of West University Place, TX, President of the Harris County Mayors and Councils Association, and currently represents Harris County small cities on the board of the Harris County Metropolitan Transit Authority.

The IPCUS would like to thank Bob and his wife Jo Ann for all of their contributions to our organization.

Letter to House & Senate leadership regarding crew changes

A humanitarian crisis in the global maritime industry has resulted in seafarers being forced to remain on ships for over a year, unable to fly home to their families. COVID-19 restrictions need to be adapted to meet the needs of mariners while also protecting the larger community.

On September 22, IPCUS and other maritime organizations, sent a letter to the Homeland Security Leadership of the Senate and the House of Representatives urging them to contact U.S. Customs and Border Protection to ask them to facilitate the repatriation of mariners through the U.S. This can include allowing overnight hotel stays, chartering flights, and to standardize procedures wherever possible throughout U.S. ports.

IPCUS is hopeful that the Homeland Security Leadership can help to bring this crisis to a reasonable conclusion.

The complete letter can be found at this link: [Crew Change Letter](#)

It's Not to Late, We Need your Help – RESPONSE REQUIRED!

The International Propeller Club is gearing up to plan its goals and strategies for 2021. To be sure that we are providing the benefits and services of value to you we need your input. We have organized a number of committees to ensure that all areas of the clubs are being enhanced, from membership to advocacy to education. Please look over the various opportunities and let us know which area resonates with you and you

can lend your expertise to us. We will only be successful in delivering what you want out of your membership if we hear from you. Check out the [committees here](#) and [sign-up here](#).

You not only be a part of the future of the International Propeller Club, but you will get to work with amazing members from across the globe and we'll have some fun along the way. No prior experience needed - just fresh ideas and passion.

2020-2021 International Propeller Club Leadership

Our sincere thanks to these members who have served on the board for last couple of years. Thank you. Rusty Barkerding and Carolyn Lake for your time and dedication to the International Propeller Club and helping us steer in the right direction. We hope that you will continue to remain active and share your expertise with us.

Congratulations to the 2020-2021 International Propeller Club Board of Directors who were inducted at the Port Presidents Meeting on October 22.

International President

Niels Aalund

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International Third Vice President

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Great Lakes Region

Candy Nigretto

Pacific Coast Region

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Turkey & Middle East Region

Gerhard Tiedemann

Iberian Region

Michel Derrouazi

Western Europe Region

Directors

Chris Carr

Bob Fry

Connor Helm

Jim Henry

Andrea Hough

Chris Johnsen

Bill Kuzmick

Peter Lehman

On Deck

United States

Congress

Senate – Great Lakes Winter Commerce Act

On September 15, Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) introduced S. 4570, the *Great Lakes Winter Commerce Act*, a bill to require the Coast Guard to conduct icebreaking operations in the Great Lakes to minimize commercial disruption in the winter months. Senator Baldwin's Press Release is at this link: <https://www.baldwin.senate.gov/press->

[releases/great-lakes-winter-commerce-act](#)]. The text of S. 4570 is at this link: [S4570IS](#)

Senate – bill introduced to establish Maritime Task Force

On September 16, Senator Scott (R-FL) introduced S. 4592, the “Set Sail Safety Act”, a bill to establish a Maritime Task Force and a private sector advisory committee to address the health, safety, security, and logistical issues relating to the continuation of maritime travel, including the resumption of cruise operations, in United States waters during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Senator Scott issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. <https://www.rickscott.senate.gov/sen-rick-scott-leads-bill-ensure-safety-cruise-line-passengers-and-employees>]. The text of S. 4592 is at this link: [S4592IS](#)

Senate – bill introduced re HMTF expenditures

On September 23, Senator Portman (R-OH) introduced S. 4654, the “Great Lakes Navigation Act of 2020”, a bill to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 to require that at least 12 percent of amounts appropriated out of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used for projects on the Great Lakes Navigation System, and for other purposes. Senator Portman issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. [<https://www.portman.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/portman-stabenow-introduce-great-lakes-navigation-act-increase-resources>]. The text of S. 4654 is at this link: [S4654IS](#)

House – amendment passes House making Offshore Wind Farm projects subject to the U.S. cabotage laws (Jones Act).

On September 25, Representative John Garamendi (D-CA) issued a [press release](#) announcing passage of his amendment ([Garamendi #33](#)) to the “Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act” ([H.R. 4447](#)) by the House of Representatives. Garamendi’s amendment clarifies that the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, a 1953 law governing offshore mineral and energy development, applies to lease sales for non-fossil fuel energy sources such as wind power, hydrokinetic, or ocean thermal energy conversion. The Garamendi amendment will make all offshore renewable energy production (such as wind farms) subject to the Jones Act. Congressman Garamendi issued a press release that can be found at this link: <https://garamendi.house.gov/media/press-releases/house-passes-garamendi-amendment-supporting-jones-act-enforcement-offshore-wind>. The amendment can be found at this link: [Garamendi Amendment on Offshore Wind Farms](#)

House – bill introduced to reduce carbon emissions

On October 20, Representative Grijalva (D-AZ) introduced H.R. 8632 a bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to provide for ocean-based climate solutions to reduce carbon emissions and global warming; to make coastal communities more resilient; and to provide for the conservation and restoration of ocean and coastal habitats, biodiversity, and marine mammal and fish populations; and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but the House Committee on Natural Resources issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. <https://naturalresources.house.gov/media/press-releases/chairs-grijalva-castor-introduce-landmark-oceans-solutions-bill-to-tackle-climate-crisis>

House – bill introduced re Alabama Underwater Forest NMS

On October 27, Representative Byrne (R-AL) introduced H.R. 8684 a bill to provide for the establishment of the Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Byrne issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (10/27/20) <https://byrne.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/byrne-introduces-bill-to-protect-underwater-forest>

House – bill introduced re: Erie Canalway

On October 27, Representative Tonko (D-NY) introduced H.R. 8699 a bill to extend the authorization for the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission. Official text of the bill is not yet available. A press release explaining the measure is available at this link: [Tonko Press Release](#)

Department of Transportation

The U.S. Department of Transportation made two announcements related to the maritime industry:

\$1 billion in infrastructure investments – On September 16 DoT issued a [press release](#) announcing the release of over \$1 billion in infrastructure investments, including several maritime and multimodal projects. <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/us-secretary-transportation-elaine-l-chao-announces-1-billion-upgrade-american>

DOT – National Freight Strategic Plan – On September 3 DoT issued the [National Freight Strategic Plan](#) (NFSP). The plan identifies

the vision and goals for the Nation's multimodal freight system and defines strategies to achieve those goals. (9/3/20)

[\[https://www.transportation.gov/freight/NFSP\]](https://www.transportation.gov/freight/NFSP).

Maritime Administration

MARAD – Advisory re GPS interference -- On September 22, the Maritime Administration (MARAD) posted an [Advisory](#) reporting that multiple instances of significant GPS interference have been reported worldwide in the maritime domain. This interference is resulting in lost or inaccurate GPS signals affecting bridge navigation, GPS-based timing, and communications equipment. Satellite communications equipment may also be impacted. Over the last year, areas from which multiple instances have been reported include the eastern and central Mediterranean Sea, the Persian Gulf, and multiple Chinese ports. <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/msci/2020-016-various-gps-interference>

MARAD – Port Planning & Investment Toolkit – On October 8, the Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a [press release](#) announcing the launch of a new Marine Highway module of the Port Planning & Investment Toolkit (Toolkit), which helps U.S. ports plan, evaluate, and finance freight transportation projects. This easy-to-read, easy-to-understand, and easy-to-execute Toolkit, which was produced as part of a cooperative agreement between MARAD and the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA), helps guide ports toward fruitful investments. <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/newsroom/press-releases/us-department-transportation-launches-new-marine-highway-module-port>

MARAD – \$220 million for port infrastructure – On October 15, the Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a [press release](#) announcing the award of more than \$220 million in discretionary grant funding to improve port facilities in 16 states and territories through the Port Infrastructure Development Program. <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/newsroom/press-releases/us-transportation-secretary-elaine-l-chao-announces-over-220-million-grants>

MARAD – apply for Center of Excellence designation – On October 20, the Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a [press release](#) stating that it is accepting applications from eligible and qualified institutions to apply for a Centers of Excellence (CoE) designation, which will recognize and support community or technical colleges and maritime training centers that prepare Americans for careers in the maritime industry. The Press Release can be found at this link: [press release COE](#)

Then on October 23, MARAD published in the Federal Register a notice inviting eligible and qualified training entities to apply for designation as a Center of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education (CoE). The National Defense Authorization Act of 2018 provided the Secretary of Transportation with the discretionary authority to designate eligible and qualified entities as CoEs. CoE designations will serve to assist the maritime industry in obtaining and maintaining the highest quality workforce. Applications should be received by 22 December. [85 Fed. Reg. 67599](#)

Committee on the Marine Transport System (CMTS)

CMTS – ‘Military to Mariner’ program report - On September 2, the Committee on the Marine Transport System (CMTS) issued the [report](#) on the ‘Military to Mariner’ Program supporting the transition of active duty service members and military veterans to the merchant marine. https://www.cmts.gov/downloads/report_of_mp_m2m_2020.pdf

CMTS – Interagency COVID-19 Working Group - On September the Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS) issued a [bulletin](#) announcing establishment of the Interagency COVID-19 Working Group to facilitate interagency coordination in response to the pandemic. https://www.cmts.gov/downloads/CMTS_COVID19_20200929.pdf

CMTS – Resilient Path Forward for MTS -- On October 19, the Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS) issued a [bulletin](#) recapping the 6 October CMTS Resilience Integrated Action Team (RIAT) presentation of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) webinar titled *A Resilient Path Forward for the Marine Transportation System* (<https://webinar.mytrb.org/Webinars/Details/1425>). The objectives of the webinar were to discuss broad challenges, practices, and successes of hurricane resilience; identify whether challenges have been addressed between hurricane seasons; and determine how to use data and communication to become more resilient. The presentation discussed the response and recovery efforts that were done to better prepare between the 2017-2019 hurricane seasons and identify and prioritize recommendations to minimize the impact from future storms and other disruptive events. <https://www.cmts.gov/posts/49beeb37-b9a5-4728-85aa-78c73e054205>

Congressional Research Service (CRS)

CRS – Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund expenditures -- On September 10, the Congressional Research Service (CRS) issued

a [report](#) on the distribution of Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF) expenditures. <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/IF/IF11645>

CRS – Water Resources Development Acts -

- On September 22, the Congressional Research Service (CRS) posted an updated [Primer](#) on Water Resources Development Acts. <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/IF/IF11322>

CRS – USCG Waterways Commerce Cutter Program

-- On October 27, the Congressional Research Service (CRS) issued a [background paper](#) on the USCG Waterways Commerce Cutter (WCC) Program. <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/IF/IF11672>

Center for Disease Control – Cruise Ship warning

On October 21, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) issued a [bulletin](#) recommending that, due to COVID-19, travelers avoid cruise ship travel worldwide. This advisory is in place of the no-sail order that expires on October 31, 2020. The advisory can be viewed at this link: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/warning/coronavirus-cruise-ship>

USCG – pilot transfer arrangements

On October 21, 2020, the US Coast Guard issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin ([MSIB 21-20](#)) providing recommendations for pilot transfer arrangements. The bulletin can be viewed at this link: [MSIB - pilot transfers](#)

NTSB – CAROL database

The [National Transportation Safety Board](#) (NTSB) issued a [news release](#) announcing launch of its new public-facing database query system for NTSB investigations, safety recommendations, and dockets across all of the NTSB's investigative modes. The new query system, [Case Analysis and Reporting Online – or CAROL](#) – not only helps users more easily access NTSB data, but it also changes the way the NTSB shares its information with other agencies. (10/13/20) [<https://www.nts.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/NR20201013.aspx>].

International

IMO – crew change humanitarian crisis

On September 8, 2020, the IMO issued a [news release](#) stating that the failure to allow crew changes is creating a humanitarian crisis. <http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/26-Allow-crew-changes.aspx>.

UN – Joint Statement re: crew changes

On September 11, 2020, the IMO posted a [Joint Statement](#) by the United Nations Specialized Agencies calling for action on the humanitarian crisis facing seafarers due to COVID-19 and the various barriers to crew changes. <http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20add/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204Add.30%20Joint%20Statement%20Seafarers.pdf>

UN – Joint Statement re COVID-19 and crew change crisis

On October 5, 2020, the UN Human Rights Office (OHCHR), the UN Global Compact, and the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights issued a [Joint Statement](#), providing in part that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is continuing to put our societies to the test, exposing profound inequalities and injustices and deepening existing human rights protection gaps.² The situation of workers of the international shipping industry stranded at sea because of the pandemic, which UN agencies have recently qualified as a “humanitarian crisis”, requires an urgent and concrete response from all actors involved – including the business sector.³ Workers in the maritime shipping industry play a critical role in sustaining global supply chains; their role has become even more vital during the pandemic, as they work to ensure the continuous flow of medical equipment, food and other essential goods.⁴ However, seafarers have become collateral victims of COVID-19-related measures imposed by Governments. These include travel bans, embarkation and disembarkation restrictions or suspension in the issuance of travel documents, which have severely strained the working conditions in the global shipping sector. https://unqc-communications-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/docs/publications/Joint-statement-Covid19-and-seafarers_OHCHR_GC_WGBHR.pdf

Panama – facilitating crew changes

On September 14, 2020, the Panamanian Maritime Authority (AMP) issued a [news release](#) stating that, since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has facilitated the landing of 5,890 and boarding of 1,514 seafarers of various nationalities, including Panamanians, from different types of vessels that come to Panamanian jurisdictional waters and ports. [https://amp.gob.pa/notas-de-](https://amp.gob.pa/notas-de)

[prensa/acciones-tomadas-por-la-amp-en-pro-de-la-gente-de-mar-durante-el-covid-19/](#).

IMO – resolution re crew change facilitation

On September 22, 2020, the IMO issued a [news release](#) announcing that IMO Member States meeting during an extraordinary session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) have called on all Governments to take urgent action to resolve the humanitarian and safety crisis faced by the international shipping community as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Committee adopted a resolution on *Recommended action to facilitate ship crew change, access to medical care and seafarer travel during the COVID-19 pandemic*, which urges specific action to address the issue, including designating seafarers as key workers with access to the necessary safe travel arrangements. <http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/29-MSC-Ex-Session-seafarer-resolution.aspx>

IMO – 400,000 seafarers stranded on ships

On September 25, 2020, the IMO issued a [news release](#) stating that some 400,000 seafarers from across the globe are now stranded on ships, continuing to work but unable to be relieved, in a deepening crew change crisis which threatens trade and maritime safety. During a high-level event on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly (24 September), Captain Hedi Marzougui, who was in command of a vessel between December 2019 and May 2020, appealed to Governments to act to allow seafarers to come home. <http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/32-crew-change-UNGA.aspx>

UK – seafarer working and living rights

On September 9, 2020, the UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a [bulletin](#) on seafarer working and living rights. <https://www.gov.uk/seafarer-working-and-living-rights>

IMO & WHO – health measures on ships

On August 26, 2020, the IMO issued a [Circular Letter](#) forwarding guidance from the World Health Organization (WHO) concerning the promotion of public health measures on cargo ships and fishing vessels. <http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.28.pdf>

European Parliament – vote to include maritime sector in ETS

On September 16,, 2020, the European Parliament issued a [press release](#) stating that it voted to

include CO2 emissions from the maritime sector in the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS). <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20200910IPR86825/parliament-says-shipping-industry-must-contribute-to-climate-neutrality>

UK – distraction avoidance

On September 18, 2020, the UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a Marine Guidance Note ([MGN 638\(M&F\)](#)) to mariners on the use of mobile phones or other personal electronic devices and the dangers of not using them appropriately when working. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/919340/MGN_638_M+F_Human_element_guidance_part_3_distraction_the_fatal_dangers_of_mobile_phones_and_other_personal_devices_when_working.pdf

UK – MCA annual report

On October 22, 2020, the UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued its [Annual Report and Accounts for 2019 - 2020](#). The report includes the agency achievements during the year and the change programs implemented, as well as details of its objectives for the year and how the agency performed against them. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/928608/MCA_Annual_report_and_accounts_2019_-_2020.pdf

UK – MAIB Safety Digest

On September 1, 2020, the UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued its [Safety Digest 2/2020](#), consisting of articles involving vessels from the merchant, fishing and small craft sectors to help the marine community to learn lessons arising from a variety of accidents. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/923196/2020-SD2-MAIBSafetyDigest.pdf

IMO – NextGEN initiative

The IMO issued a [news release](#) stating that a new concept for a collaborative global ecosystem of maritime transport decarbonization initiatives has been introduced by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and Singapore, during a global webinar on decarbonization (17 September). The NextGEN initiative aims to facilitate information sharing on decarbonization initiatives across many stakeholders (including IMO Member States, NGOs, industry, and academia); identify opportunities and gaps for decarbonization in the global shipping community; and create important networks and platforms for collaboration across

these initiatives. This network initiative has been named "NextGEN", where GEN is short for "Green and Efficient Navigation". <http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/28-NEXTGEN.aspx>

IMO – short-term measures to implement GHG strategy

The IMO issued a [news release](#) stating that draft new mandatory measures to cut the carbon intensity of existing ships have been agreed by an International Maritime Organization (IMO) working group. This marks a major step forward, building on current mandatory energy efficiency requirements to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions from shipping. The proposed amendments to the MARPOL convention would require ships to combine a technical and an operational approach to reduce their carbon intensity. This is in line with the ambition of the Initial IMO GHG Strategy, which aims to reduce carbon intensity of international shipping by 40% by 2030, compared to 2008.

<https://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/pages/36-ISWG-GHG-7.aspx>

International Chamber of Shipping

In September, the International Chamber of Shipping released their Annual Review that addresses topics critical to the maritime industry including COVID-19, Decarbonizing Shipping, IMO 2020, and many other interesting articles. The complete report can be found at this link: [ICS2020 Review](#)

Around the Clubs

Charleston

On October 28 the Charleston Club hosted a virtual event at which they heard the annual "State of the Port" from the President & CEO of the South Carolina Ports Authority.

Detroit

On October 7, the Detroit Club had an outdoor lunch and tour of the Detroit fire boat.

Houston

THE PROPELLER CLUB OF THE UNITED STATES PORT OF HOUSTON INVITES YOU TO OUR

2020 ANNUAL TEXAS CLAY SHOOT

November 19th, 2020
American Shooting Center
14500 Westheimer Parkway, Houston, TX 77082

COVID-19 Safety Protocols in Place

Lewis Class Scoring / 100 Clays / Ammo Included

Schedule	Fees
9:00 am Registration	\$750 5-man team
10:15 am Shotgun Start	\$150 Individual
1:30 pm Lunch & Awards	

Golf Carts rentals are available through ASC

Los Angeles – Long Beach

In September 2020, the Los Angeles – Long Beach Club held two virtual webinars:

September 17, 2020

John McLaurin, President of the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association

September 28, 2020

Duane Kenegy, P.E. Executive Project Engineer on the Completion of The Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project

Mobile

On October 22, the Mobile Club hosted their 2020 Maritime & Industrial Propeller Club Golf Classic at the Turtle Creek Golf Club.

New York / New Jersey



On October 20 the New York Club held a luncheon at the Stone Street Tavern to discuss the current climate at the Port of New York and New Jersey. (Masks were required)

Northern California



On September 29, the co-founders of Watermaster North America discussed new dredging technology such as the single operator dredge which can be deployed for shallow (less than 20 feet) dredging projects in Northern California. On October 13, the Northern California Club held a ZOOM meeting update from the President of the Harbor Trucking Association who addressed how harbor truckers are coping with the COVID-19 crisis as well as other trucking issues at California ports.

Seattle

On September 30 the Seattle Propeller Club held their annual meeting virtually and had an opportunity to talk with Brian Salerno, the Senior Vice President for Global Maritime Policy with the Cruise Lines Industry Association (CLIA).

Tacoma

On September 11, the Tacoma Club held their 39th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit their Scholarship Fund.

On October 20, the Tacoma Club held a virtual general meeting using ZOOM, at which International President, Niels Aalund, joined them from Houston.

Washington, D.C.

On September 16 the Washington, D.C. Club held a virtual event titled "COVID-19 and Pilotage: Navigating in the New Normal" and heard from the Executive Director of the Florida Harbor Pilots Association and the President of the American Pilots' Association.

International Clubs

Many European countries are on lockdown due to the second COVID-19 wave are limiting movement and activities of most non vital companies and imposing travel restrictions or curfews on their citizens. Most clubs had to cancel all live events, including monthly luncheons due to these measures

Top priority being health of our members, many clubs tried to organize virtual member meetings however with very differing success rates. Western European and Iberian region members are by far preferring live meetings to virtual events, the idea was mostly abandoned by most clubs. Webinars addressing mainly maritime topics were sent out regularly to club members, mainly internally, sometimes externally when held in English language.

Istanbul

On October 22, the Istanbul Club held a meeting at which they heard from the CEO of 2C Project House on the topic of "the next generation of start-ups now emerging and developing over the next

decade” that will ignite the creation of the “New Economy”.

Nantes-Saint Nazaire

International Propeller Club-Port of Nantes-Saint Nazaire who had invited the European clubs to attend the Vendée-Globe sailing race start were forced to cancel the event due to new more restrictive state imposed measures against the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Monaco

The Monaco Club will hold a webinar in English on **Green Technologies** on November 26 from 17:00 to 18:00. See below link to register and get your access to the web registration which is open to all.

Guest speakers will be :

1. Mr. Alexandre Albertini, **CEO**, Marfin Management

Theme : Hybrid Solar Bulk Carrier

2. Mr. Noah Silberschmidt, CEO, Silverstream Technologies

Theme : Air Lubrication System

Online Meeting from [HERE](#).

Algeciras



The Port of Algeciras won the European Seaports Organization (ESPO) awards 2020. See the press release below and at [Press Release ESPO Award Port of Algeciras Social Integration](#)

Piraeus

This summer the Piraeus Club released a movie titled “Propeller Club of Piraeus: The movie”. It is a wonderful video about the purpose of the Propeller Club (in a mix of English and Greek with subtitles). A must watch for all International Propeller Club members.

[Propeller Club of Piraeus: The Movie](#)

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