



International Propeller Club of the United States

Promoting the Maritime Industry Since 1927

June 2022 Newsletter

Message from the President



Tampa, and Washington, DC. Our local Propeller Club Ports are truly the backbone of our organization.

I am extremely pleased to report that we had a successful and enjoyable Salute to Congress event on May 17th – and I'm especially grateful to all the organizations and Propeller Club Ports that sponsored and supported this event. The response from our local ports was unprecedented and overwhelming, and special thanks go out to the Propeller Club Ports in Baltimore, Miami, Nashville, New Orleans, Port Manatee, San Diego, Tacoma,

I would be remiss if I did not again thank the American Maritime Partnership (AMP) and USA Maritime for their extraordinary sponsorship of the event. AMP is without question the leading organization fighting to ensure the full implementation and enforcement of our nation's cabotage laws, thereby ensuring that American companies, American shipyards, and American maritime workers participate in the carriage of America's waterborne commerce. I encourage everyone to become part of AMP's American Maritime Voices campaign and to sign up to receive their newsletter and other information important to the domestic maritime industry.

USA Maritime is the only organization of its kind in Washington, DC representing shipping companies operating U.S.-flag vessels in our nation's foreign trades, the maritime unions that provide the licensed and unlicensed mariners for these vessels, and their related DC-based maritime associations. USA Maritime is actively engaged in virtually all legislative and regulatory proposals affecting the operation of U.S.-flag deep-sea vessels and I encourage you to check out their website for information on the programs and policies affecting this segment of the maritime industry.

Of course, the primary purpose of the Salute to Congress was to present on behalf of the International Propeller Club the 2022 award to Congressman Joe Courtney, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces. As we have done each year since the Salute to Congress award was first presented in 1985, it has been presented to a Member of Congress who made it a high priority that the programs and policies important to the survival and growth of our industry are supported, funded, and implemented. In fact, I truly believe it is safe to say that if you have a connection to the U.S. maritime industry; that if you work directly or indirectly in or for or around shipbuilding, ship operations, maritime labor, or one of the many other segments of our industry, you and your job have been positively impacted by the leadership and work of this year's honoree, Chairman Joe Courtney. A wonderful part of our Salute this year was the presence of several WWII Merchant Marine veterans. It was great to have them with us and to recognize them for their tremendous contributions during WWII.

As we move forward, it is extremely important that we continue to expand the communications and exchange of information between Propeller Club Headquarters and our individual Propeller Club Ports and Regions. By keeping each other fully informed of any planned activities, issues, problems, and any other matters affecting your port operations and membership we will be in a much better position to respond and provide whatever assistance we can to help you. Along these lines, I welcome your comments and suggestions.

C. James Patti, International President
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From the Executive Vice President

With the Salute to Congress - which was a great success - and National Maritime Day behind us, it's time to look forward to our 96th International Convention in Athens, Greece. You will all soon receive a detailed announcement about how to register for the Convention and make hotel reservations. Don't forget that there will be an outstanding spouses program as well. The Convention will feature several panels on topics of great interest to the maritime community including current geopolitical events and their impact on trading patterns, energy routes, and ports of the East Mediterranean; Port operations in today's fast-changing environment; Preparing for the future - Maritime Education & reskilling; Navigating the "NEXT" stage of the shipping evolution driven by Digitalization; and sustainable shipping.



I recently sent an announcement to all Port Presidents and Regional Vice Presidents about the International Awards that will be announced at the Convention. There are three awards: International Maritime Person of the Year, the International Member of the Year, and International Port of the Year. Past International President Bob Fry will chair the Awards Committee. For Port Presidents, if you have a nominee for any of these awards, get in touch with your Regional VP. All award nominations must be sent to Bob no later than 20 August.

At the convention, we will also hold our annual Port President's meeting where we will take a comprehensive look at updating the Bylaws that guide our organization. The Bylaws Committee has been carefully reviewing our Bylaws for many weeks. The Convention will not be all work and no play, though. The Greek Convention Committee is planning many events for us that will highlight Greece in all its beauty. Set aside time for the Convention and for enjoying Athens, the home of democracy!

Joel Whitehead, Executive Vice President
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Mark your calendars!

**The 96th International Convention and
Port Presidents Meeting will be held
in Athens, Greece from
September 20 - 22, 2022!**

Around our Propeller Club Ports



Port of Algeciras

This year, after a two-year absence, Diario del Puerto together with the Propeller Club of Algeciras, organized the III Logistics Festival of Algeciras. The event was held on June 10, in the Saladillo Dock at the Port of Algeciras.

With this initiative, the Port of Algeciras intends to strengthen the working relationships among the thousands of professionals who are dedicated to logistics.

III Algeciras Gastro-Logistic Festival was attended by more than 700 professionals and logistics managers, breaking all the records for such an event and, most importantly highlighting the potential of the logistics community of Campo de Gibraltar in general and Algeciras in particular.

In this picture, the IPC Port of Algeciras presents a plaque with the maritime captain of the Port of Algeciras. From left to right on the picture: Paco Prado, Director General of the Grupo Diario, Julio Berzosa Navazo, Maritime Captain of the Port of Algeciras, and Juan Ureta Perez, President of the Propeller Club Port of Algeciras. The port of Algeciras was the only port that did not prohibit the entry of vessels with COVID19 crew members, authorizing their disembarkation and transfer to a hospital.



Port of Port Canaveral

At a Memorial Day commemoration held at the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center on Merritt Island, Congressman Bill Posey presented Capt. Ed Lanni with the Congressional Gold Medal for World War II Merchant Mariners. He had a long and storied career in the

Merchant Marine achieving the rank of Captain and later held command of several ships at Port Canaveral supporting the Space program and the military.



Port of New Orleans

In a joint meeting of the Propeller Club of New Orleans and the Navy League, Ku'u'haku Park (middle), President of The American Maritime Partnership, spoke on The State of the U. S. Merchant Marine. The occasion was to recognize the importance of the U.S. Merchant Marine on National Maritime Day.



Port of New York

Propeller Club Members met at the American P&I Club in New York for a presentation by USCG Commander Staci Weist and Mr. John Hillin on U.S. Vessel inspections and Foreign Flag Vessels.



Port of Piraeus

On May 31, at the Greek Navy Club in the presence of the new ambassador of the United States to Greece and honorary club president Mr. George Tsunis, the Propeller Club of Piraeus welcomed 200 new members. "Today we welcome you our 200 new members," said our President, Kostis Frangoulis. "We have now

reached 700 members and are the largest Propeller in the world, first among 72 other Clubs. It gives me great joy from the fact of this great growth and renewal that we have achieved during the pandemic. The goal is to continue growth. Quality development as top members of the maritime community and beyond entered our family and beyond."



MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

CONNOR HELM - PORT OF NEW YORK



Connor Helm is the youngest member of the International Propeller Club's Board of Directors. He started his maritime industry career by attending Massachusetts Maritime Academy, majoring in International Maritime Business. It was during his tenure at MMA that he found a passion for the industry through classroom instruction, internships at Interlake Steamship Company (Middleburg Heights, OH) and Packer Avenue Marine Terminal (Philadelphia, PA), as well as what he describes as an "eye-opening" experiential learning trip to Durban, South Africa. It

was during these internships that Connor realized what he had been told by every maritime academy alumni he has met rung true - that the maritime industry may be large and international in nature, but everyone knows someone who knows someone. This is when Connor decided to join the student chapter of the International Propeller Club at Massachusetts Maritime. After one semester in the club, he was asked to assume the role of VP and later attended his first international conference as a student in Norfolk, VA.

After graduating from Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Connor took a role as Towing Coordinator at Weeks Marine before making a career change to where he currently works, Flexport. At Flexport, Connor worked his way through various supply chain operations positions before ultimately taking a role on the Tradelane Management team focusing on ocean exports out of the Indian Subcontinent region. It was shortly after Connor started at Flexport, when then-president Joel Whitehead nominated Connor to join the board of directors for the International Propeller Club because of his passion for the industry and helping students.

The decision to join the board of directors for the International Propeller Club was an easy one for Connor. He mentions that the connections and conversations he had during local Boston meetings and the international conference as a student helped him steer his career from the very beginning. For him, continuing to be involved with IPCUS after the student chapter was about building new connections, rekindling old ones, and giving back to the next waves of maritime academy grads who have chosen a similar path as himself.

Does your Port have an outstanding member we can highlight in our newsletter?
Let Joel know!

Greek Shipping Retains its “Crown” as the World’s Leading Maritime Force in Terms of Tonnage

20 May - In its latest annual report, headlined for the first time by the newly elected President Ms. Melina Travlos, the Union of Greek Shipowners (UGS) highlighted the importance of shipping as a “beacon of stability in the volatile global environment”. “Greek shipping, which ranks first in the world with almost 21% of the world’s tonnage and accounts for 59% of the European Union fleet, has a responsibility to undertake and support initiatives, in order to inform and enlighten the wider public about the strategic importance of the industry and the need for its prioritization by the political leaders worldwide”, Ms. Travlos noted.

Greece remains the top shipowning nation in the world (Figure 1), as Greek shipowners with 5,514 ships currently control approximately 21% of the global fleet, in terms of capacity (deadweight tonnes – dwt). The total capacity of the Greek-owned fleet has increased by 45.8% compared to 2014, while even during the COVID-19 pandemic, i.e., since 2019, capacity rose by 7.4%. **Hellenic Shipping News** Read [more](#)

Roadmap to port competitiveness

23 May - Decarbonising the maritime industry and digitalisation are the key challenges in helping ports become more competitive. That is the key message from a collaboration between the International Association of Ports and Harbors and the World Bank in its ‘Close the Gaps – A global roadmap to raise port competitiveness’ initiative.

Eight online workshops have taken place over the last year involving 85 senior port executives and other key stakeholders to facilitate closer working between shipping companies and ports to help overcome the challenges of the future.

“There is clearly a difference between what the shipping industry can do and what the ports can do,” IAPH director, Patrick Verhoeven, told the audience at a recent IAPH Conference session on port competitiveness.

“Investment in ports is a complicated matter, the lead time to create new infrastructure is much longer than on the shipping side, planning is much more complicated, environmental permits, the whole thing.” **Port Strategy** Read [more](#)

Solidarity, defense of port workers and growth, keys to the IDC General Assembly

6 Jun - Leaders of dockers’ unions representing more than 130,000 dockworkers in more than 50 countries around the world as members of the International Dockworkers’ Council (IDC), concluded the 9th IDC General Assembly last week in New Orleans, Louisiana, calling the two-day convention an overwhelming success. Dockers’ delegates left the Assembly with renewed energy and focusing the force of their collective solidarity on the fight for labor rights, job security, respect and recognition of dockers as highly qualified professionals and the defense of jobs in the face of automation, privatization and legislative attacks from governments in every country where the IDC has planted its flag.

“We are more united and stronger than ever,” said Dennis A. Daggett, General Coordinator of the IDC, who was re-elected for a new four-year term and will lead the global dockworkers organization until 2026. “No employer, no shipping company, no terminal operator, no government will hold the IDC back from our goal of providing power and representation to our members around the world.”

The IDC General Assembly addressed a thorny issue regarding membership compliance with the IDC Bylaws. After lengthy debates and discussions, the IDC made the harsh decision that IDC affiliated unions that refuse to abide by the rules of the Constitution – such as refusing to pay membership dues – will be expelled by the governing body of IDC delegates. **Port News** Read [more](#)

Modern Port Operations Must Consider Cybersecurity from the Start

18 May - The concerning level of shipping congestion off the U.S. coast, along with recent global supply chain disruptions, is evidence that U.S. ports are in desperate need of technological modernization. Ports are the nexus in complex supply chains, yet many of the largest dockyards in the world continue to struggle with disruptions and fluctuations in volume and congestion.

Connectivity is essential to modernizing our ports and preparing for increased supply chain demand. Connected devices like sensors, cameras, and navigation systems stand to enhance everything from unloading time to equipment uptime for an industry that contributes over \$150 billion to the nation's economic growth annually, according to a study for the Transportation Institute. **HS Today** Read [more](#)

Empowering Women in Shipping: The Route to Achieving Gender Equality

17 May - Elpi Petraki, Operations, Chartering, and Business Development Manager at ENEA Management, and President of WISTA Hellas, says it is vital that the industry works together to empower women working in shipping and eliminate gender inequality. Much has changed in the maritime industry over the last decade. The industry is in a period of transition as it embraces new technologies, modernizes, and moves towards a more sustainable future. However, shipping itself is also changing as it strives to rectify its historic gender imbalance and create a more diverse and gender-balanced industry.

Over the last 24 years, Elpi Petraki has seen more women enter and succeed in the maritime industry. "At the start of my career, there were very few women working directly in the shipping industry. Greece was one of the exceptions, as there have always been many women working in maritime-related positions, but this was not the case internationally," she explains.

However, Petraki highlights that women can now be seen throughout the sector and hold a wide range of positions, in ship chartering, brokering and operations, engineering, technical management, and QHSE, and as crew onboard vessels.

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Study warns of global challenges for US waterways

May 27 - The National Waterways Foundation (NWF) has released a study, "Waterborne Competitiveness: U.S. and Foreign Investments in Inland Waterways," that focuses on the current state of the U.S. inland waterways system and compares it to others from around the world. The study, commissioned by NWF, was conducted by the Eno Center for Transportation.

The study uses case studies of river systems from Europe (Rhine River, Danube River), Asia (Yangtze River, Mekong River), and South America (Amazon River, Parana-Paraguay rivers) to compare investment levels, commodity flows, governance and investment priorities. The case studies also reveal the effects of foreign direct investments on internal and external good movement, including the role of investment in other uses such as damming for hydroelectric power, have on the capacity to move goods to global markets.

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Could U.S. built and crewed ships help U.S. exporters?

May 20 - The United States is facing growing challenges exporting agricultural products abroad at a time when it lacks the U.S. flagged vessels to support international trade, according to panelists addressing a Maritime Day symposium entitled "Do U.S. Exporters

Need U.S. Ships?"

In his welcoming remarks, Jim Patti, president, International Propeller Club of the United States argued that the United States needs to build more commercial vessels as it faces shortfalls in vessel carrying capabilities for exports of agricultural goods and for energy products such as LNG.

Paul Snell, chief executive officer, British American Shipping, Long Beach, California discussed "Challenges for U.S. Exporters in 2022." He said that ocean carriers will likely not resume their traditional number of sailings at ports such as the Port of Oakland. This will adversely impact U.S. exporters selling to Asian and European markets in 2022.

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Maritime Labor Convention updates bring internet access for all

17 May - Seafarers' groups have won the right to mandatory social connectivity for crews – including internet access – in updates to the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (MLC), but are disappointed that shipowners and governments may seek to charge for it.

The MLC is an international treaty designed to protect seafarers' rights and has been ratified by more than 100 countries, who represent over 90% of the world fleet. One of its provisions is that governments, shipowners, and seafarer representatives meet periodically to keep the convention under review and up to date. The latest Special Tripartite Committee (STC) meeting ended in Geneva on May 13, with agreement on a number of changes including a commitment to better social connectivity for seafarers.

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Why Maritime Academies Rank High in Money's 'Best Colleges' List

When you imagine a typical college experience, you might picture dorm life, late-night study sessions in the library, and getting involved in clubs. What probably doesn't come to mind is regularly spending weeks at sea aboard military ships.

But for four of the schools on Money's 2022 Best Colleges list — three of which cracked the top 20 — daily life is a blend of the typical and the nautical.

Massachusetts Maritime Academy (No. 4), California State University Maritime Academy (No. 15), Maine Maritime Academy (No. 16), and State University of New York (SUNY) Maritime College (No. 64) are career-focused public colleges that train students for careers related to merchant marine operations. This includes programs such as marine and mechanical engineering, international maritime business, and oceanography.

"Maritime industry is huge in the US," says Capt. Mark Woolley, a retired US Navy captain and current chief of staff at SUNY Maritime College. "The merchant mariner includes anybody driving a small ferry all the way up to large cargo ships."

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Crowley wins US Coast Guard's highest honor for environment, safety

May 26 - Crowley has been awarded the Rear Admiral William M. Benkert Marine Environmental Protection Award for Excellence, the U.S. Coast Guard's most prestigious merchant marine honor, for the global shipping and logistics company's commitment to safety and sustainability while exceeding essential standards for operations. Crowley received the Osprey designation, the Benkert Award program's highest distinction.

"The Benkert Award is a tremendous honor that above all reflects the dedication of the men and women in every facet of our organizations to go above and beyond basic regulations and industry standards. Each day, our mariners live our commitment to Integrity, and safety is essential to what we do – from our vessels, to our terminals, to our engineering and shoreside safety professionals and all others," said Tom Crowley, the

company's Chairman and CEO. "We appreciate the trust and recognition of our work by the U.S. Coast Guard, who are the maritime industry's partners in ensuring our marine transportation safely operates to deliver cargo for America."

Operating more than 170 vessels, Crowley has built on its established safety and environmental management systems and leadership programs – which include stop-work authority for every employee and contractor – in recent years, setting its ambition to be the most sustainable maritime, logistics and technology company in the Americas. The company has committed to reach net-zero emissions across all scopes using the Science Based Targets Initiative standards, and Crowley is the first maritime corporation to use Salesforce's Net Zero Cloud to measure that progress.

The largest U.S. employer of merchant mariners, the company also has enhanced its concentration on development and empowerment opportunities for mariners and administrative personnel even as it overcame challenges of COVID-19 in daily service. The company's commitment to inclusion includes resource groups recognizing the diversity of employees. **AJOT** Read [more](#)

Shipping moves closer to EU's carbon trading system as lawmakers push for GHG cuts

May 18 - Shipping has moved further toward being covered by the EU's carbon market (ETS) after the policymakers in the European Parliament's environment committee (ENVI) voted to further bolster the emissions-reduction scheme. The ETS reform was put forward by the European Commission last July as part of a massive package to align the bloc's economy with a stricter emissions-reduction target for 2030.

MEPs on Tuesday endorsed a string of changes to the carbon market, including expanding the scheme to cover 100% of voyages by 2028, as well as the charterer-pays clause and the creation of a dedicated fund for the energy transition of the sector.

Europe's clean transport campaigner, Transport & Environment, welcomed the decision but warned that exemptions for ice-class vessels and voyages to the outermost regions would undermine its effectiveness.

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Valenciaport Notes that War, Inflation, Shortages Hamper Spanish Export Activity

18 May - The geopolitical situation marked by the world crisis in the energy sector, the war in Ukraine, the price of fuel, the increase in the cost of energy, and the shortage of raw materials are weighing down the activity of Spanish companies that use the docks of Valenciaport to sell their products abroad, while domestic demand continues to rise.

In the first four months of the year, data from the Statistical Bulletin of the Port Authority of Valencia (PAV) show that total traffic amounted to more than 27 million tonnes, which represents a decrease of 3.66% compared to the same period in 2021, while TEUs (standard 20-foot container) amounted to 1,702,236, with a drop of 7.99%. Regarding containers, full containers dedicated to foreign sales have decreased by 12.72%, while those dedicated to imports have grown by 6.96% during the first four months of the year. A situation that is also seen in the month of April, where full cargo containers fell by 19.87% while those for unloading grew by 35.5%. **MarineLink** Read [more](#)

Government Highlights

MEPC 78: 'Wasted opportunity' or 'important progress' on GHG emissions?



13 Jun - Industry reaction has been mixed after the 78th Session of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) concluded last week.

MEPC 78 had a long list of environmental regulatory items to consider and progress, but chief among them was the global shipping regulator's actions on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. IMO secretary-general Kitack Lim thanked participants for a productive week, highlighting progress towards the revision of the Initial GHG Strategy and approval of carbon intensity guidelines.

The World Shipping Council (WSC), a lobby group for container lines, said it saw important progress at MEPC 78 and called for sustained momentum to decarbonize the industry. "Container and vehicle carriers are already investing in the development of zero GHG technologies and are committed to enabling the industry's transition to zero. Governments need to take decisive action now to provide clear regulatory structures and market signals that drive investment and support ambitious front runners," said John Butler, President & CEO of WSC. The group called for flexibility, creativity, and innovation in negotiating regulations for shipping.

Environmental association the Clean Shipping Coalition saw that the majority of delegates at IMO now support the decarbonization of shipping by 2050, taking that as an encouraging development, if long-overdue. But as the shipping industry lumbers towards adopting net-zero by 2050, CSC said the target has moved.

John Maggs at CSC said: "States are now talking about ending ship climate emissions by 2050, but years of inaction mean that target is no longer good enough. A failure to act earlier means the shipping industry has already burnt a large part of its 1.5°C carbon budget. Talk of enhanced ambition is welcome but having failed to act earlier the shipping industry must now halve its emissions by 2030 and decarbonize entirely by 2040, not 2050, to keep global heating below 1.5°C."

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A Proclamation from President Biden on National Maritime Day, MAY 20, 2022

"From sea to shining sea, whether in still or raging waters, America has always been a Nation of maritime travel. Across our 25,000 miles of waterways and over 360 commercial ports, the United States Merchant Marine is integral to our Nation's prosperity. From helping move

goods throughout the supply chain to supporting our troops wherever they are deployed, the Merchant Marine plays a vital role in the economic security and defense of our country. On National Maritime Day and every day, we honor the Merchant Marines for their service and sacrifice and acknowledge their crucial role in protecting our Nation's security and commerce.

Today, our Merchant Marine remains inextricably linked to our national and economic security and competitiveness. Merchant mariners' legacy of perseverance and dedication is carried on by today's civilian mariners. As tyranny and violence again cause the tragic loss of innocent lives and senseless destruction in Europe, our merchant mariners have answered the call of duty by crewing vessels of our United States Ready Reserve, moving vital military cargo to help the Ukrainian people in their defense of freedom."

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Members of Congress come together to award Congressional Gold Medal

18 May - In a display of bipartisanship, leaders from both parties in the House and Senate came together to award a Congressional



Gold Medal to the Merchant Mariners of World War II. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, and House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy all attended the Wednesday morning ceremony.

The House and Senate voted in 2020 to award members of the Merchant Mariners a Congressional Gold Medal. The bill was signed by President Donald Trump on March 13, 2020.

“Throughout the Second World War, our armed forces relied on the Merchant Marine to ferry supplies, cargo and personnel into both theaters of operation, and they paid a heavy price in service to their country,” said Rep. John Garamendi, a California Democrat. “The Merchant Marine suffered the highest per capita casualty rate in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II. An estimated 8,300 mariners lost their lives, and another 12,000 were wounded, to make sure our servicemembers could keep fighting. Yet, these Mariners who put their lives on the line were not even given veteran status until 1988.”

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WRDA 2022 Passes Out of Committee on a Bipartisan Vote, Heads to House Floor

May 18 - The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure voted to advance the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (WRDA) out of committee, and it now heads to the House floor for a vote. This legislation provides authority for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to carry out water resources development projects and studies. Passing WRDA is key to preserving our nation’s economy, strengthening U.S. and international commerce, protecting our communities and businesses, and maintaining our quality of life.

“I am pleased to pass a fifth consecutive, bipartisan WRDA bill out of committee—now headed to the House floor—to invest in our ports, harbors, waterways, and other key water resources infrastructure,” Chair DeFazio said. “WRDA 2022 will unleash the power of our coastal communities, sustain U.S. jobs, and provide critical authorizations and improvements to Corps projects. This legislation will also continue to provide federal resources to rural and urban communities alike, as well as help communities most vulnerable to climate change to prepare for its impacts. I am thankful to Chair Napolitano and Ranking Members Graves and Rouzer for their work to move this important legislation forward and I urge my colleagues to pass this bill on the House floor without delay.”

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Cantwell, Wicker Introduce MARAD Reauthorization to Boost Investment in U.S. Maritime Industry

8 Jun - U.S. Sens. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Chair of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and Ranking Member Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) today introduced the bipartisan U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) Reauthorization Act. The \$1.6 billion bill would invest in the maritime workforce, strengthen maritime infrastructure, and expand research and development into new technologies to advance fleet sustainability and innovation. The bill would also strengthen protections against sexual assault and sexual harassment at sea.

“This bill makes critical investments in America’s maritime workforce, shipyards, and port infrastructure that are key to keeping our supply chains moving,” said Sen. Cantwell. “It will create a new innovation center to explore cleaner fuels and new technologies to boost resilience of our maritime fleet and ensure the U.S. maritime industry remains competitive well into the future.”

“A strong Maritime Administration is essential for our national and economic security. I am glad to support this bill, which would improve our marine highway system, help protect against sexual assault and harassment within our merchant fleet and at the Merchant Marine Academy, support maritime education, and reauthorize the port infrastructure development program,” Sen. Wicker said. U.S. Senate Read [more](#)



Fagan Confirmed as Next Coast Guard Commandant

The U.S. Senate confirmed Adm. Linda Fagan Wednesday to lead the Coast Guard as its next commandant, said Kara Noto of the Coast Guard's MYCG staff. Fagan will be the first woman to lead a U.S. military service branch. Fagan has served as the service's vice

commandant since June 2021, when she became the first woman four-star admiral in Coast Guard history.

The White House issued the following May 12 statement from President Joe Biden: "It is with deep pride that I congratulate Admiral Linda L. Fagan on her confirmation by the Senate as Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard. Admiral Fagan is the Coast Guard's first woman to hold the rank of four-star admiral. Today, she again makes history not only as the first woman to lead the Coast Guard—but also as the first woman Service Chief of any U.S. military service. Admiral Fagan's leadership, experience, and integrity are second to none, and I know she will advance the Coast Guard's mission to ensure our nation's maritime safety and security. **Seapower** Read [more](#)

2021 Flag State Control Domestic Annual Report

10 June - The Coast Guard's Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance is pleased to announce the publication of the 2021 Flag State Control Domestic Annual Report. This report highlights U.S. domestic fleet deficiencies, inspection, and marine casualty statistics and serves as a powerful tool to study trends, identify key performance indicators, and bring attention to issues in the fleet.

The report presents information reflecting the entire U.S. Flag fleet, including: barges, cargo vessels, passenger vessels, vessels operating on the Outer Continental Shelf, research and school ships, fishing vessels, and towing vessels. USCG Read [more](#)



Ann Phillips Confirmed as Next MARAD Administrator

10 May - The U.S. Senate on Tuesday confirmed Ann C. Phillips as Administrator of the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD), filling a position that has been left vacant at the Department of Transportation (DOT) since January 2021. Phillips was confirmed by a vote of 75-22.

Phillips, a retired U.S. Navy rear admiral, takes over as head of the DOT's maritime agency amid continued shipping and supply chain disruption as well as historic levels of government funding for maritime and port infrastructure projects. She succeeds Mark Buzby, who resigned from the role in the wake of the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol in January 2021. Lucinda Lessley has been serving as MARAD's acting administrator since January 20, 2021. MarineLink Read more

Federal Maritime Commission



FMC Announces Three New Initiatives to Assist Shippers and Improve Supply Chain Performance

The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) is establishing three new initiatives that will provide enhanced assistance to shippers, continue to improve legal and regulatory compliance of regulated entities, and focus on remedies to supply chain problems.

At the direction of Chairman Daniel Maffei, the Commission will establish a new and permanent International Ocean Shipping Supply Chain Program, re-establish the Export Rapid Response Team, and take the steps necessary for carriers, marine terminal operators, and operating seaports to employ a designated FMC Compliance Officer. Each of these was contained in the Final Recommendations made by Commissioner Rebecca Dye in the Fact Finding 29 Final Report she issued to the Commission in May and issued publicly earlier this month. **FMC** Read [more](#)

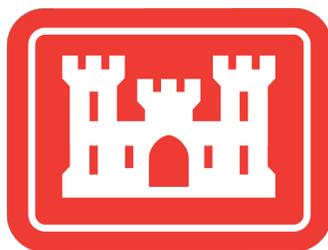


US Department of Transportation appoints new port and supply chain envoy to work on supply chain disruptions

May 30 - The White House and the US Department of Transportation announced on May 27 that retired general Stephen Lyons, former commander of the US Transportation Command, will be the new Port

and Supply Chain Envoy to the Biden-Harris Administration Supply Chain Disruptions Task Force. Lyons will take over the role from John Porcari.

Lyons will work with the US Department of Transportation (USDOT), the White House National Economic Council (NEC), ports, rail, trucking, and other private companies across supply chains to continue to address bottlenecks and speed up the movement of goods. **Splash247** Read [more](#)



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Releases Work Plan for Fiscal 2022 Civil Works Appropriations

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) delivered to Congress its Fiscal Year 2022 (FY 2022) Work Plan for the Army Civil Works program on May 25, 2022.

® On March 15, 2022, President Biden signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, Public Law 117-103, of which Division D is the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Act). Of the \$8.3 billion in appropriations provided for the Army Civil Works program, approximately \$7.9 billion is appropriated in five accounts: Investigations; Construction; Operation and Maintenance; Mississippi River and Tributaries; and the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). **USACE** Read [more](#)

PROPELLER CLUB FACTOID:



What are the largest Propeller Club Ports in the U.S. and in Europe?

The largest European Propeller Club Port is the Port of Piraeus, with over 700 members! The largest in the U.S. is the Propeller Club of Tampa with over 450 members.

Upcoming Events

96th Annual International Propeller Club Convention, Athens, Greece, Sept. 20-22, 2022

World Maritime Day, September 30, 2022

97th Annual International Propeller Club Convention, Charleston, SC

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