



International Propeller Club of the United States

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December 2022 Newsletter

Message from the President

As we say goodbye to 2022 and welcome 2023, it is important to not only look back on what we did and did not accomplish over the past year but to look ahead and to determine how we can best build on our successes and to further advance our goals and objectives for a stronger, larger, and more effective organization.

As International President, I have been most gratified over this past year by the hard work and enthusiasm of our International Officers, Board Members, Local Officers, our Members and our Headquarters Staff. They have set the example for all of us – all members of the International Propeller Club – to follow. No job was too large; no opportunity was missed; no request for assistance went ignored. Their help and support is a primary reason why we had the largest Salute to Congress celebration in our history this past May. Their tireless efforts led to one of our best attended and profitable International Conventions in September in Athens. And their hard work continues to help local Propeller Club Ports recover from the impacts of the pandemic and bring new Ports into the International Propeller Club family.

Of course, as we all know, the key challenge now is to continue to move our organization forward and I can assure you that we, the International Officers, will do everything we can to make this happen. However, it is also true that our likelihood of success is, as it always has been, inexorably linked to the participation, involvement and support of all our members.

I encourage all those willing to help and to get more involved to consider participating in one of our key committees. We will be focusing our efforts in 2023 on our Membership Committee, Communications Committee, Student Committee, Maritime Policy Committee, and our Corporate Sponsorship Committee. Taken together, these committees will work with the International Officers and Board to grow our organization, promote the activities of the International and Local Propeller Clubs, encourage young people to consider employment in our industry, advocate for those policies and programs that encourage the economic viability of all segments of our industry, and to solicit the greater involvement and support of maritime organizations in the activities of the International Propeller Club. If you are interested in sharing your expertise and experience with us through one of these committees or would like more information about these committees, please let us know by completing this interest form: [Join a Committee – International Propeller Club of the United States](#)

The Propeller Club is the only organization of its kind representing all segments of the maritime industry and this diversity among our members is our greatest strength and asset. Members of the Propeller Club are afforded the opportunity to interact with and exchange information with individuals involved in all aspects of the domestic and international maritime industry. I would encourage all of you to become more involved in our organization and activities and to thereby increase your interaction with others in our industry.

On a personal note, I am extremely grateful for all the help and support I have received throughout my first year as International President, especially from our Headquarters Staff: Executive Vice President Joel Whitehead and Associate Executive Vice President Cheryl Rothbart. Their help and their hard work have been indispensable.

I wish you all a Happy Holiday and a Healthy and Successful New Year.

Jim Patti, International President

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From the Executive Vice President

This year has marked a great comeback from the Covid era, and we have had many accomplishments:



- In May, we held the most successful “Salute to Congress” in our history with almost 300 in attendance and we recognized The Honorable Joe Courtney, Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Armed Services Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces. Also in attendance were representatives of all the U.S. Maritime Academies.
- We recognized National Maritime Day by offering webinars entitled “Do U.S. Exporters Need New U.S. Ships?” and another on “U.S. Inland Waterways Jones Act Carriers.”
- In September, we enjoyed our 96th International Convention and Port President’s meetings in Athens, Greece, with over 400 members, panelists, and guests attending. We had a fantastic line-up of speakers and panelists who spoke on such topics as current geopolitical events and their impact on trading patterns and energy routes, port operations in today’s fast-changing environment, preparing for the future in maritime education and reskilling, navigating the “NEXT” stage of the shipping evolution driven by digitalization and decarbonization, and sustainable shipping.
- At the Convention, we honored: Melina Travlos, President of the Union of Greek Shipowners as the International Propeller Club Maritime Person of the Year; Mr. Gerardo Tiedemann of the Port of Bilbao as the International Propeller Club Member of the Year; the Propeller Club of Seattle, Washington as the International Propeller Club Port of the Year; and awarded a very rare Lifetime Achievement Award to Mr. Francisco Roca Monzo of the Port of Valencia, Spain. Finally, we also presented the International President’s Special Award of Excellence to the Propeller Club Port of Piraeus, Greece.
- At our Port President’s meeting, we changed the name of our organization from the “International Propeller Club of the United States” to the “International Propeller Club” to better reflect the global nature of our Club.
- Throughout the year, we offered webinars, several in partnership with individual Propeller Clubs, on topics such as the Russian Sanctions, Sea Level Rise, and Maritime Workforce Development, and broadcasted virtual conversations with maritime and government leaders such as John Porcari, Port Envoy to the White House Supply Chain Disruptions Task Force and Richard Balzano of the Dredging Contractors of America.
- We rejuvenated six Ports that had suffered during Covid-19, and we are currently working to create new Propeller Club Ports in Bulgaria, Panama, British Columbia, and Australia.

- Our national leaders and headquarters staff virtually attended and presented at Port meetings to meet your Port leadership and members.
- We sent monthly newsletters to keep you informed of industry news and what other clubs were doing.
- We have enabled credit card payments for membership dues.
- We held quarterly calls with regional Port leaders to share and learn what has worked for Ports and how we can provide more value to the clubs.
- We increased outreach to students to help them see the benefits of participating in your clubs.
- We continue to offer Ports the ability to host their websites within the propellerclub.us domain, reducing your hosting and design costs by thousands of dollars.

Congratulations also to several of our international Ports who celebrated momentous anniversaries as members of the International Propeller Club:

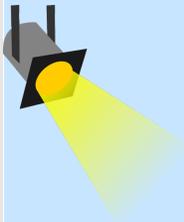
- Port of Paris, France - 50th Anniversary
- Port of Strasbourg, France - 40th Anniversary
- Port of Valencia, Spain - 25th Anniversary
- Port of Seville, Spain – 10th Anniversary
- Port of Bilbao, Spain – 10th Anniversary

Let's make 2023 an equally great year!

Joel Whitehead, Executive Vice President

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MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT:



Dorothea Ioannou **Propeller Club of New York and New Jersey** **and the Propeller Club of Piraeus, Greece**



Dorothea is one of our spectacularly impressive members and she was instrumental in planning our 96th International Convention in Piraeus, Greece. She is the CEO of the American P&I Club which is based in New York. Her work demands constant travel worldwide, especially between the P&I Club's offices in London and Piraeus. Dorothea is active in the shipping industry as a frequent speaker at events and is a known mentor for young professionals.

A lawyer by trade, she holds a J.D. from St. John's University School of Law in New York and a BA from the City University of New York. Her more than 30-year career began in the early 90s initially working in medical insurance and at law firms involved in commercial as well as maritime law. Dorothea entered the marine insurance industry in 1998 when she joined Allied Insurance Brokers Ltd. to manage the Marine Insurance Claims Department. She joined SCB (Hellas) Inc., the Piraeus Claims Liaison Office for Shipowners Claims Bureau, Inc. (SCB) in 2005 as a Claims Executive. She climbed the ranks of the maritime industry to become the first woman appointed to the Executive Committee of SCB. She became the Regional Business Development Director

for Europe Middle East and Africa in 2013 and was later promoted to Global Business Development Director; making her the first woman to occupy a top-level global executive position in the history of the American P&I Club and its Managers. Dorothea was named Chief Commercial Officer in 2018 and became Deputy Chief Operating Officer overseeing global operations early in 2020. In June of that year, she was appointed Secretary of the Board of Directors of the American P&I Club and as of August 2022 assumed the position of Chief Executive Officer of SCB, becoming the first female CEO to lead an International Group club in the 167 years since the first mutuals of the current Group were founded.

Her many awards in just this year include being named in Lloyd's List of 100 Most Influential People in the maritime industry, the 2022 Seatrade Maritime Award for Diversity & Inclusion, and the 2022 Lloyd's List Greek Shipping International Personality of the Year Award. She was also presented the Next Generation Shipping Award in 2017 at the Lloyd's List Global Awards in London.

She has had a long association as a member of the International Propeller Club. *"In my professional experience, there really is no better platform to develop and strengthen relationships than the Propeller Club. It offers a forum for stakeholders from all industries regardless of trade or sector, to come together for valuable dialogue through a wide range of activities which creates opportunities for learning and advancing education as well as for real business connections, creating awareness for and promoting the value of sea-based commerce on a global level. It is truly a worldwide maritime network, and I am very proud to be a part of it."*

Does your Port have an outstanding member we can highlight in our newsletter?
Let [Joel](#) know!



Former International President Bob Fry was presented with the International Propeller Club's Lifetime Achievement Award

Bob Fry, former International President from 2003-2005, was presented the International Propeller Club's Lifetime Achievement Award by Niels Aalund, Immediate Past International President. Bob was awarded the Achievement award for his long service to the Houston

Propeller Club and in the International Club in 2020 but was unable to be presented it due to Covid until now. Congratulations on a lifetime of service, Bob!

Around our Propeller Club Ports



Port of Galveston, Texas

In December, the Port of Galveston had its very first annual Holiday Fundraiser for the Galveston Seafarers Center, and it was a huge success.

With the support of their sponsors and membership, the Port was able to donate \$7,500 to the Galveston Seafarers Center, and they hope to do better next year as they continue to grow support for their club.



Port of Monaco

The Port of Monaco received a presentation in November from Mr. Mark Williams entitled "ESG in Shipping – Carrots and Sticks Are Both Good for You." Williams is a well-known speaker at international shipping conferences and in the wider media. He has made many presentations on macroeconomics and shipping to ship owners and operators, shipbuilders and insurers, shipping banks, and investors around the world. Williams has worked as an analyst and consultant in the shipping and energy industries since 1996. In that time, he has advised major ship owners, investors, banks, insurers and regulators, national and international energy companies, and traders. He has built several successful research and consultancy teams and has experience in establishing start-ups.



Port of New Orleans

On October 1st, 14 WWII Merchant Marine veterans were honored at the National WWII Museum in New Orleans. The event was sponsored by the American Merchant Marine Veterans Association with additional funding from the International Propeller Club Port of New Orleans and the Greater New Orleans Council of the Navy League and their members. The Gary Sinise Foundation funded the travel and hotel expenses, enabling veterans from all corners of the United States to come to the Big Easy and be presented Congressional Gold medals for their brave service in WWII. U.S. Merchant Mariners suffered the highest rate of casualties of any service in World War II.



Port of Piraeus, Greece

On December 2nd, the Propeller Club of Piraeus hosted its 30th Annual AMVER Awards ceremony, recognizing 247 Greek-owned shipping companies and their 1,976 vessels honored for their participation in this voluntary program. The AMVER System (Automated Mutual Assistance Vessel Rescue) monitors ships, identifies possible problems, and informs ships in the vicinity of an incident at sea to approach and provide assistance.

Costis Frangoulis, President of the Piraeus Club welcomed those many attending: "Tonight is a very special night since this year the AMVER awards event completes 30 years in Greece. This is a particularly important anniversary for Greek Shipping", said Frangoulis, in front of 950 guests who had the opportunity to network and enjoy an entertaining evening full of camaraderie and inspiration. As every year, tonight we honor our seafaring heroes who, with self-sacrifice and self-denial, hurry to save lives in the seas of the world, defying all danger. We honor the ships and their management companies. We honor all of you who are at the helm of decisions and support this very important US Coast Guard program that began in 1958 in the North Atlantic and has expanded worldwide since 1971. A program that since 2000 has helped save 7,000 lives". The event also had as guests and participants Greek Deputy Minister of Maritime Affairs & Insular Policy, Kostas Katsafados, and Mary Olson, Deputy Chief of Mission of the US Embassy in Greece.



Port of Valencia, Spain

In early December, the Propeller Club of Valencia gathered 200 professionals from the logistics sector to hold its Charity Dinner which netted a total of 18,215 Euros. All of the proceeds will be given to Aportem-Puerto Solidario Valencia. Through this alliance between companies,

professionals, associations, and institutions linked to maritime transport and logistics, the Propeller Club of Valencia makes a commitment to improving economic development, social progress, and environmental protection of those in the port community.

Maritime News

IMO seeks successor to Kitack Lim

Dec 14 - The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has set in motion the process to elect a successor to Kitack Lim as secretary-general. Under recently published guidelines applications for candidates for the top posting at the United Nations body must be submitted by the end of March next year, with the election then taking place in July with a view to the new secretary-general starting work on January 1, 2024.

Lim, a South Korean national, is the eighth elected IMO secretary-general. He headed up Busan Port Authority prior to winning the race for the IMO post where he will have served two four-year terms by the time of his retirement.

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How warehouse solutions can help navigate 7 disruptive supply chain trends entering 2023

Dec 01 - Even though it might not always seem like it, things are getting better across global industry supply chains that have been impacted since the pandemic. As shipping ports are easing up, companies are proactively investing in new technologies and building contingency plans in hopes of making their supply chains more resilient and agile.

As we look to 2023, companies need to bridge the gap between data and visibility into their warehouses to give a real-time competitive advantage in resolving problems that cannot be fixed without the right solutions in place. While 93% of supply chain executives claim to be investing in making their supply chains more resilient¹, only 21% of supply chains are highly resilient², thus showing the need for an end-to-end warehouse solution to navigate continued supply chain challenges and disruptive forces. As it's important to find the right solution partner that understands a specific company's supply chain, here are seven disruptive trends expected to continue into 2023 that a warehouse solution can help navigate through. **American Journal of Transportation** Read [more](#)

BIMCO to revise War Risk Clauses

Dec 9 - Work to revise the BIMCO War Cancellation Clause 2004, the BIMCO War Risks Clause for Time Chartering 2013 (CONWARTIME 2013) and the BIMCO War Risks Clause for Voyage Chartering 2013 (VOYWAR 2013) clauses has begun, and the subcommittee has just had its third meeting.

BIMCO has established a subcommittee to review the BIMCO War Cancellation Clause 2004, the BIMCO War Risks Clause for Time Chartering 2013 (CONWARTIME 2013) and the BIMCO War Risks Clause for Voyage Chartering 2013 (VOYWAR 2013). Generally, charter parties contain war clauses which are also known as "War Risk Clauses" and from time to time also the war cancellation clause is included. It is important that these clauses reflect the nature of modern conflicts, and the subcommittee has started discussing this topic and whether amendments are needed to update the clauses.

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Trade slowdown to worsen in 2023: UNCTAD

Dec 13 - The UN trade body's Global Trade Update for December 2022 noted that after a record year, global trade growth had turned negative in the second half of 2022.

UNCTAD pegged global trade at \$32trn for 2022, comprising \$25trn in goods and \$7trn in services. Those estimates represent a 10% increase in trade of goods over 2021, and a 15% increase in services.

“Those record levels are largely due to robust growth in the first half of 2022. Conversely, trade growth has been subdued during the second half of the year,” said UNCTAD. It’s figures show a 1% drop in the trade of services in Q3 2022 compared to Q2 2022, with a 1.3% increase in trade of services.

UNCTAD’s nowcast assessment of current trade “indicates that the value of global trade will decrease in Q4 2022 both for goods and for services.”

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Maersk appoints new CEO to steer shipping firm through 'turbulence' to come

Dec 12 - A.P. Moller-Maersk (MAERSKb.CO) said on Monday it had appointed company veteran Vincent Clerc as its new chief executive to lead the shipping giant through a period of slowing container demand.

Clerc, 50, will take over from Soren Skou on Jan. 1 at a time of rapid growth for Maersk as it seeks to develop its land-based logistics business while seeing freight rates in its core container shipping business plummet as a global recession looms.

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View from the Panama Canal’s Workforce: The Cornerstone of Global Trade

Dec 12 - The resilience of global trade flows has connected the world, rising above recent disruptions caused by the pandemic, supply chain shocks, and geopolitical conflict. By the end of this year, trade in goods is expected to outpace GDP growth, highlighting the continued need for interdependence to support local, regional, and global economies.

As the Panama Canal continues to play a predominant role in meeting global trade needs, the waterway’s operations entirely depend on its world-class workforce. Under the leadership of Deputy Administrator and Vice President of Operations Ilya Espino de Marotta and Vice President of Infrastructure and Engineering Miguel Lorenzo, workers undertake continuous improvement projects to ensure the Canal can provide safe, reliable services for thousands of vessels that transit the waterway each year.

The long-term success of the Canal is propelled by its world-class workforce, diligent operational maintenance, and commitment to supporting and cultivating young leaders.

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Valencia to double box throughput with massive MSC investment

Dec 5 - The Spanish port of Valencia will get a fourth container terminal with Terminal Investment Limited (TIL), a subsidiary of Mediterranean Shipping Co (MSC), spending more than EUR1bn (\$1.05bn) to develop the 5m teu facility to the north of existing box infrastructure.

The new container terminal project will have a surface area of some 137 ha and 1,970 m of berthing line and is being promoted as a green site, with all electricity coming from renewable sources and cold ironing on offer.

Last year the port handled 5.6m teu, overtaking Piraeus to become the busiest boxport in the Mediterranean. **Splash 247** Read [more](#)

German port now able to ID all containers coming on and off ships

Dec 5 - The Port of Duisburg (Duisport), the world's largest inland port, located near the confluence of Germany's Rhine and Ruhr rivers, has developed what it calls a Rivergate, through which the ID of each container being loaded on, or unloaded from, a vessel is digitally recorded and compared with the ship's loading list within seconds. The system also records the condition of each container, including the integrity of the customs seal, as it is handled.

Vitronic, which creates machine vision systems for the logistics and other industries, developed the system using high-resolution 12K cameras that the port tested on two cranes. The test indicated a recognition rate of almost 100%.

As a container passes the crane bridge, the system records the condition of the loading unit in high-resolution images. Several specially developed algorithms work in the background, making the data immediately available to the port's crane management system and terminal operation system.

Rivergate will initially be used on a crane at the Duisburg Trimodal Terminal (D3T) at logport I in Duisburg-Rheinhausen and on a crane at the GWW terminal at logport II in Duisburg-Hochfeld. The camera systems will enable efficient and transparent condition documentation and recording in real time, even at night and in poor weather conditions. **Splash 247** Read [more](#)

California Long Ruled U.S. Shipping. Importers Are Drifting East

Dec 13- Sharpie maker Newell Brands Inc. is opening distribution centers in Pennsylvania and North Carolina to lessen dependence on seaports in California. Abercrombie & Fitch Co. is moving more merchandise through New York and New Jersey to avoid West Coast bottlenecks. Air-conditioning manufacturer Trane Technologies PLC is sending most of its cargo this year through ports in the South, instead of the Los Angeles area.

The hierarchy of U.S. ports is getting shaken up. Companies across many industries are rethinking how and where they ship goods after years of relying heavily on the western U.S. as an entry point, betting that ports in the East and the South can save them time and money while reducing risk.

Their reasons range from fears of a dockworkers strike along the West Coast and a repeat of the bottlenecks that roiled supply chains early in the pandemic to a reduced dependence on Chinese production and the need to get products to all parts of the country faster.

In August, Los Angeles lost its title as busiest port in the nation to the Port of New York and New Jersey as measured by the number of imported containers. It trailed its East Coast rival again in that measure during September and October, according to the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association and ports data.

The share of all U.S. containerized cargo handled by Los Angeles and a neighboring port in Long Beach fell through the first 10 months of the year to a combined 25% as measured by weight, according to census data analyzed by Jason Miller, interim chair of Michigan State University's supply chain management department. That was their lowest level in nearly two decades, down from a height of 33%.

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Charleston has deepest harbor on East Coast at 52 feet

Dec 06 - Charleston Harbor is now the deepest harbor on the East Coast at 52 feet. At 52 feet, the biggest ships calling the East Coast can access South Carolina Ports' terminals any time, any tide. Ships filled with record imports and heavy exports can seamlessly sail through Charleston Harbor to SC Ports' terminals. This depth makes SC Ports more competitive, helping to attract new ship services, first-in-calls and more cargo to South Carolina.

Governor Henry McMaster and other state elected leaders, Congressional Members, project partners, business and maritime community leaders, and SC Ports officials gathered to mark the successful completion of the project. The deepened harbor will support South Carolina's economy and Southeast supply chains.

"It is a truly historical moment to be celebrating this monumental achievement. Charleston Harbor has been deepened to 52 feet," SC Ports President and CEO Barbara Melvin said to cheers. "With the deepest harbor on the East Coast, we can efficiently work mega container ships at any tide. This investment will bring economic success to South Carolina for generations to come." **American Journal of Transportation** Read [more](#)

MSC, Ports America Invest in New Container Terminal Near New Orleans

Dec 12 - The Port of New Orleans has announced a landmark public-private partnership with the State of Louisiana, port operator Ports America and ocean carrier MSC to build a big-ship container terminal in the town of Violet, about 11 miles downriver from downtown New Orleans.

The \$1.8 billion project will have enough capacity to handle two million TEU per year of cargo. Its location will allow it to benefit from the deeper 50-foot channel in the river below New Orleans, as well as unlimited air draft. The port's sole existing container terminal is restricted by the 170-foot clearance below the Crescent City Connection, the twin-span cantilever bridge that carries U.S. Route 90 over the river.

Ports America and MSC plan to put \$800 million into the new terminal project, and the \$1 billion balance will come from the port authority, the state and the federal government.

"This public-private partnership with the Port of New Orleans, TiL and Ports America has the potential to become one of the most impactful economic development projects in our state's history," Gov. John Bel Edwards said in a statement.

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US offshore wind ambitions – 110 vessels and 2,100 turbines needed by 2030

Dec 06 - Aspirations and ambition are one thing, but along the waterfront, reality is infused with more than clever slogans. At the Marine Money 2022 Marine Finance Forum, held end November in New Orleans, Greg Lennon, Head of Global Offshore Wind at the Class society American Bureau of Shipping (ABS), provided some context- noting ABS's deep involvement with boats serving the offshore oil business. He then provided an estimate of potential vessel demand to service offshore wind in the timeframe leading up to 2030; he pegged demand at 110 vessels, with an estimated price tag of some US\$6.48bn.

To achieve the remaining 29 gW, beyond the projects now under development, Lennon suggested that 2,100 turbines would need to be installed- five per week for the rest of the decade, not considering the optimal weather timing. Within the Service Operation Vessel (SOV) sector, he put demand at 12 – 15 vessels, with two newbuild announcements so far, both from Edison Chouest, and two conversions announced by OSV stalwart Otto Candies. **Seatrade Maritime News** Read [more](#)

Oil tankers waiting to pass through Istanbul strait fall to 13

Dec 13 - The number of tankers waiting to pass through Istanbul's Bosphorus Strait on the way to the Mediterranean fell to 13 on Monday from 17 a day earlier, the Tribeca shipping agency said, showing an easing of the recent build-up in traffic.

A Turkish measure in force since the start of the month has caused shipping delays. It requires vessels to provide proof of insurance covering the duration of their transit through the Bosphorus Strait or when calling at Turkish ports. Five tankers were scheduled to go through the Bosphorus southbound on Monday, Tribeca said. The number of ships waiting in the Black Sea to pass through the strait had stood at 20 on Friday.

The average waiting time for tankers decreased to 2.8 days from 4.2 days a day earlier, the Tribeca data indicated. Average waiting time peaked at above 6 days last week.
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Shipping unprepared for lithium battery fires

Nov 30 - Lithium-ion batteries are commonplace in modern life and are the go-to technology for electric vehicle batteries. One failure mode of such batteries is thermal runaway, where the battery expels toxic gases and can ignite, bringing a rapid increase in temperature. Thermal runaway can be brought on by mechanical stress to the battery, heat stress, or electrical stresses like over- or under-charging.

Where fuel and cargo fires tend to build in temperature and intensity over a matter of minutes, eventually reaching a flashpoint where surrounding materials combust, thermal runaway of lithium-ion batteries can ignite and reach flashpoint and a temperature of over 1000 degrees in a matter of seconds. Videos were shown of buses with lithium-ion batteries moving from venting gases to fierce burning within seconds.

The speed and ferocity of battery fires poses a particular risk to shipping, as current practice when a fire alarm is sounded is to visually confirm the fire before taking action. In a battery fire, the situation develops so quickly that the fire may well be out of control before it is confirmed, and the toxic gases released by burning batteries pose a serious risk to the health of crew approaching a blaze. The same smoke also impairs cameras which may otherwise be used to confirm and monitor a fire.

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Greek and Cypriot shipowners welcome ETS progress

Dec 12 - The Union of Greek Shipowners (UGS) says the agreement reflects to a significant extent the positions of the European shipping industry, namely the due application of the “polluter pays” principle and the earmarking of part of the revenues generated from shipping for the decarbonisation of the sector. Both proposals have been consistently advocated by the UGS since April 2021.

“We view several aspects of this provisional agreement positively, notwithstanding the fact that the EU ETS is a regional measure. Many important parameters of its application remain to be determined and vigilance is needed to ensure they are suitable for the sector,” said UGS president, Melina Travlos.

“We are pleased to note the EU institutions have embraced a number of positions promoted by the shipping industry, which will assist in the shipping’s decarbonisation through a more pragmatic and realistic implementation of the EU ETS for shipping,” said the Cyprus Shipping Council (CSC).

Both bodies are firmly committed to the decarbonisation of shipping and to this end, they highlight again the importance of committing all the relevant out-of-sector stakeholders to this challenging undertaking. “Effective mandatory measures for the other stakeholders, such as fuel producers and suppliers, are also necessary,” said the UGS.

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4 college students killed, 3 hurt in fiery crash in Maine

Dec 10 - Four Maine Maritime Academy students were killed when a sport utility vehicle crashed into a tree and burst into flames early Saturday after the last day of classes for the semester, authorities said. The driver and two other passengers — all of them students, as well — survived the fiery crash in Castine and were transported to local hospitals, state police spokesperson Shannon Moss said.

“Our community is grieving for these young lives and for their families. While we have lost

beloved members of our student body, tonight there are four families who have lost their children,” Jerry Paul, president of Maine Maritime Academy, said in an evening statement. **AP News** Read [more](#)

Government Highlights



MEPC 79 starts in London

Dec 12 - Delegates from across the world will attend the 79th gathering of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) at the London headquarters of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) from this morning. The five days of discussions will be watched closely for any sign of a consensus building to make stricter green targets for shipping. The United Nations body is currently in the process of revising its existing climate strategy.

Member states at IMO's sister body at the UN, the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), voted in October to adopt a collective long-term global aspirational goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, something that is far head of IMO's current demands, which call for emission cuts of 50% compared to a 2008 baseline.

IMO delegates met in London for a round of technical talks last week, with the conclusions of this session being submitted for further deliberations at MEPC 79. The strategy revision is set to be concluded at MEPC 80 next year.

The regulator is also negotiating on a basket of different measures to reduce emissions from ships in the medium-term, including a carbon levy and a fuel standard.

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The Annual Overview of Marine Casualties

The Annual Overview of Marine Casualties and Incidents consists of a high-level analysis of marine casualties or incidents accidents reported until 31 December 2021 by the EU

Member States in the European electronic database (EMCIP) established by the Directive 2009/18/EC. Get it [here](#)



U.S. House Approves Bill to Update Maritime Liability Laws

Dec 9 - The U.S. House of Representatives has approved a reform to the maritime liabilities laws specifically designed to help victims of boating disasters similar to the 2019 fire aboard the dive boat Conception seek compensation. The measure passed in the House would make it possible for owners of small passenger vessels to be held legally responsible for damages and compensation in future boating accidents.

The Small Passenger Vessel Liability Fairness Act, proposed by Congressman Salud Carbajal and Senator Dianne Feinstein (both of California), changes an 1851 law that can prevent maritime accident victims and their families from receiving compensation from

those responsible for the accident. The Limitation of Liability Act of 1851 limits compensation claims to the value of the boat. In effect the sponsors of the new bill point out, the 171-year-old law stipulates that the owner of a vessel may not be held financially liable for any losses incurred as a result of the fire – including loss of life – because the boat had no value after it was destroyed.

The measure passed by the House would make it possible for owners of small passenger vessels to be held legally responsible for damages in future boating accidents and incidents, regardless of the value of the boat. The bill, which was originally introduced in September 2021, was drafted in consultation with the Coast Guard and the Justice Department and makes it possible to seek compensation, notwithstanding the value of the boat. It also increases from 6 months to 2 years the period of time during which victims can file a claim. **Maritime Executive** Read [more](#)



BOEM Advances Review for Two Proposed Wind Projects Off Atlantic Coast

Dec 12 - As part of the Biden-Harris administration’s goal of deploying 30 gigawatts of offshore wind energy capacity by 2030, today the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) announced the availability of two draft Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) for offshore wind projects for public review and comment. The Coastal Virginia Wind (CVOW) project and the Sunrise Wind project, if approved, could provide over 4,000 megawatts (MW) of offshore wind energy capacity, enough to power over 1.3 million homes.

These projects represent the fourth and fifth projects at this stage of regulatory review by BOEM. In addition to today’s action, the Department of the Interior has approved what will be the nation’s first two commercial scale offshore wind projects, initiated review on an additional ten projects, and held three offshore wind lease auctions.

“BOEM is committed to President Biden and Secretary Haaland’s vision for a clean energy future – one that will combat climate change, create good-paying union jobs, and ensure economic opportunities are accessible to all communities. Central to that is the comprehensive and rigorous review of projects,” said BOEM Director Amanda Lefton. “As BOEM continues to make unprecedented progress, we will continue to work collaboratively with our Tribal, state, and local government partners to harness the transformative potential of U.S. offshore wind, while avoiding or minimizing potential impacts to marine life and other ocean users.”

The proposed CVOW commercial project offshore Virginia Beach could provide up to 3,000 MW of energy, enough to power at least 1 million homes. The proposed Sunrise Wind project offshore New York, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island could provide up to 1,034 MW of energy, enough to power at least 350,000 homes. **BOEM**



FMC probing shipping lines’ anti-retaliation compliance

15 Dec - The Federal Maritime Commission is asking the top 20 shipping lines calling the United States to provide information on how they are complying with the new prohibitions on retaliation established by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2022 (OSRA).

The added protections against retaliation were created by Section 5 of OSRA and became effective immediately upon the law’s enactment in June. The prohibitions apply to common carriers, marine terminal operators (MTO), and ocean transportation intermediaries.

The Commission’s Vessel-Operating Common Carrier (VOCC) Audit Team is examining how ocean carriers are adapting to the increased prohibitions on retaliatory and

discriminatory behavior. The Team will specifically focus on how companies are training personnel at all levels to act legally, and how those same employees are being made aware of the consequences for violating the law.

“The Ocean Shipping Reform Act made it clear that it is absolutely illegal for ocean carriers to discriminate or retaliate against a shipper for filing a complaint or challenging a charge. The FMC will thoroughly investigate any allegation of illegal behavior and prosecute aggressively when warranted. This is something that everyone in a company, from the newest sales associate to the CEO, must understand and that is why the VOCC Audit Team is carrying this message directly to ocean carriers serving the United States. Even a simple verbal threat to a shipper from an ocean carrier employee could undermine U.S. law and will not be tolerated,” said Chairman Daniel B. Maffei.

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