



15th Annual Capital Link Operational Excellence in Shipping Forum

Tuesday, September 30, 2025
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REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

8:45 – 9:30 AM

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WELCOME REMARKS

9:30 – 9:35 AM

Mr. Nicolas Bornozis, President – **Capital Link, Inc.**
Ms. Olga Stavropoulou, Director General – **HELMPEA**

OPENING REMARKS

9:35 – 9:40 AM

Mr. Christopher J. Wiernicki, Chairman and CEO – **ABS**

THE DEBATE ON NET ZERO - NAVIGATING BETWEEN AMBITION AND REALITY

Moderator: Mr. Christopher J. Wiernicki, Chairman and CEO – **ABS**

Panelists:

9:40 – 10:20 AM

- **Mr. Roel Hoenders**, Head of Climate Action and Clean Air, Marine Environment Division – **IMO**
- **Mr. Philippos Philis**, Chairman & CEO – **Lemissoler Navigation Co. Ltd**; President – **ECSA European Shipowners (2022-2024)**
- **Ms. Ioanna Procopiou**, Managing Director – **Prominence Maritime**; President Designate – **BIMCO**; Member of the Board – **Union of Greek Shipowners**
- **Ms. Charis Plakantonaki**, Chief Strategy Officer – **Star Bulk Carriers Corp.** (NASDAQ: SBLK)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & MARITIME TRANSFORMATION

Moderator: Mr. Spyridon Zolotas, Vice President, South Europe, Marine – **RINA**

Panelists:

10:25 – 11:05 AM

- **Mr. Richard Buckley**, Founder & CEO – **90 Percent of Everything (90POE)**
- **Mr. Alex Hadjipateras**, COO – **Dorian LPG Ltd.** (NYSE: LPG)
- **Ms. Eleni Polychronopoulou**, President – **Erma Tech Group**; BoD Member – **HELMPEA**
Mr. Theo G. Baltatzis, General Manager – **Technomar Shipping**
- **Mr. Tim Ponath**, CEO – **NSB Group**

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CHARTING A COURSE FOR OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE: BALANCING SAFETY, SUSTAINABILITY, AND EFFICIENCY

Moderator: Mr. George M. Teriakidis, Regional Manager, Southeast Europe – **DNV Maritime**

Panelists:

11:10 – 11:50 AM

- **Mr. Mark O'Neil**, President & CEO – **Columbia Group**; President – **InterManager (2020-2024)**
- **Mr. Dimitris Vastarouchas**, Chief Operating Officer & Vice President – **Danaos Corporation (NYSE: DAC)**
- **Mr. Evangelos Sfakiotakis**, Chief Operating Officer – **Diana Shipping Inc. (NYSE: DSX)**
- **Mr. Dimitris Patrikios**, Managing Director – **V.Ships Greece**

KEYNOTE REMARKS



11:55 – 12:05 PM

Minister Vasilis Kikilias

Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy
Hellenic Republic

KEYNOTE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Moderator: Mr. Christopher J. Wiernicki, Chairman and CEO – **ABS**

Panelists:

12:10 – 12:45 PM

- **Mr. Paolo d'Amico**, Chairman – **INTERTANKO (2018-2024)**; Chairman – **d'Amico International Shipping S.A. (BIT:DIS; OTCQX: DMCOF)**
- **Mr. Dimitrios Fafalios**, Chairman – **INTERCARGO (2019-2024)**; President / Director – **Fafalios Shipping S.A.**; Secretary of the Board of Directors – **Union of Greek Shipowners**
- **Ms. Karrie Trauth**, Executive Vice President Shipping and Maritime – **Shell plc**; Vice President – **UK Chamber of Shipping**

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THE “2025 MARITIME SUSTAINABILITY AWARD”

Presented to both:



Mr. Paolo d'Amico

Chairman

INTERTANKO (2018-2024)

Chairman

d'Amico International Shipping S.A.
(BIT:DIS; OTCQX: DMCOF)

&



Mr. Dimitrios Fafalios

Chairman

INTERCARGO (2019-2024)

President / Director

Fafalios Shipping S.A.

12:45 - 1:05 PM

Introduced by: **Dr. Nikolas P. Tsakos**, Founder & CEO - **TEN Ltd. (NYSE: TEN)**; Chairman - **INTERTANKO (2014-2018)**

Introduced by: **Mr. John Xylas**, Chairman – **INTERCARGO**; President and CEO – **Ariston Navigation Corp.**; Member of the Board – **Union of Greek Shipowners**

1:10 – 2:10 PM

NETWORKING LUNCHEON

FLEET RENEWAL IN A STATE OF FLUX: DECODING REGULATIONS, FUELS, TECHNOLOGY & GEOPOLITICS

Moderator: **Mr. Andy McKeran**, Chief Commercial Officer – **Lloyd's Register**

Panelists:

2:20 – 3:00 PM

- **Dr. George D. Pateras**, Deputy Chairman – **Contships Management Inc**; President – **Hellenic Chamber of Shipping (2016-2025)**
- **Mr. Marcos C. Vassilikos**, Managing Director – **Eurobulk**
- **Dr. Loukas Barmparis**, President – **Safe Bulkers, Inc. (NYSE: SB)**
- **Mr. George Saroglou**, President & Chief Operating Officer – **TEN Ltd. (NYSE: TEN)**

SHAPING THE FUTURE: NEXT-GEN SHIPS AND POWER OF MARITIME INNOVATION DRIVEN BY DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

3:00 – 3:15 PM

Presented By: **Dr. Toshiro Arima**, Executive Vice President – **ClassNK**

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SECURING THE MARITIME WORKFORCE OF TODAY & TOMORROW: STRATEGIES FOR RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, TRAINING & WELLBEING

Moderator:

3:20 – 4:00 PM

Panelists:

- **Capt. Panagiotis Drosos**, COO – **Capital Ship Management Corp.**
- **Ms. Amalia Marcou**, Crewing Director – **Enesel**
- **Ms. Metaxia Psalti**, COO – **Neda Maritime Agency Co. Ltd.**; Vice Chair – **INTERCARGO**
- **Mr. Marinos Kokkinis**, Managing Director – **OneCare Group**

FROM CADET TO CAPTAIN – REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE THE SEAFARERS' PERSPECTIVE

Moderator: **Ms. Venetia Kallipolitou**, Maritime Training and Education Advisor – **Tsakos Group**; Commander – **Hellenic Coast Guard (Retired)**

4:05 – 4:40 PM

Panelists:

- **Captain**
- **Second Engineer**
- **Junior Officer**
- **Electrotechnical Officer**
- **Cadet**

All seafarers from the Tsakos Group

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER - SHIPOWNERS' ROUNDTABLE COMPETITIVENESS & OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Moderator: **Ms. Paillette Palaologou**, Senior Vice President M&O East Europe, Mediterranean Sea, Middle East, Africa & India (EMA) – **Bureau Veritas**

4:45 – 5:25 PM

Panelists:

- **Mr. Antonis Kanellakis**, Managing Director - **Alpha Bulk Shippers Inc.**; Member of the Board - **Union of Greek Shipowners**
- **Ms. Semiramis Paliou**, Chief Executive Officer – **Diana Shipping Inc. (NYSE: DSX)**; Chairperson – **HELMPEA & INTERMEPA**; Member of the Board – **Union of Greek Shipowners**
- **Mr. Paolo Enoizi**, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer – **GasLog**
- **Mr. Thomas Lister**, Chief Executive Officer – **Global Ship Lease, Inc. (NYSE: GSL)**

5:25 – 6:00 PM

COCKTAIL RECEPTION

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