



PRESS RELEASE

Capital Link 13th Annual Operational Excellence in Shipping Forum Best Industry Practices - Building Long Term Value Through Sustainability

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Capital Link is hosting the “13th Annual Operational Excellence in Shipping Forum - Best Industry Practices - Building Long Term Value Through Sustainability”, on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at the Divani Caravel Hotel in Athens, Greece.

With a **13-year track record** it is the only Forum that showcases **Operational Excellence in the Maritime Sector** and explores **Best Industry Practices** across all major areas such as fleet management, technological innovation, crewing, energy efficiency and the environment, safety & security. Special attention will be paid to sustainability and ESG considerations.

The Forum provides an **interactive platform** on the topic of Operational Excellence, Best Industry Practices and Sustainability **linking** shipping companies, charterers, regulators, government and non-government industry associations, classification societies, P&I Clubs, flag registries, technology & service providers and the financial and investment community.

This year's forum will once more feature industry leaders sharing their insight on critical industry issues.

Registration at the following link: <https://forums.capitallink.com/opexcellence/2023/>

AGENDA

BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION

Breakfast Sponsored by Castor Maritime

WELCOME REMARKS

Mr. Nicolas Bornozis, President - Capital Link

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Mr. Antonis S. Papadimitriou, President – Onassis Foundation

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THE IMPORTANCE OF TRANSPARENT EMISSIONS REPORTING – BENEFITS TO SHIPOWNERS

Shipowners need to provide regularly emissions data to various stakeholders such as bankers, insurers, charterers and regulators. The discussion will focus on the differences among emissions reporting systems, the need for standardization and the benefits this can generate for the industry.

Moderator: Mr. Dimitris Anassis FCI Arb, Partner - Hill Dickinson

Panelists:

- **Mr. Stamatis Fradelos**, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs - **ABS**
- **Mr. Vassilios Maroulis**, Managing Director, Global Industry Head, Shipping, Logistics & Offshore – **Citi**
- **Mr. Jeff Wakker**, General Manager - **Viterra Chartering**
- **Ms. Charis Plakantonakis**, Chief Strategy Officer - **Star Bulk Carriers Corp.**
- **Mr. Angelos Vatikalos**, Director of Strategic Business Development and Planning – **Signal Maritime**

ALTERNATIVE FUELS – PRESENTATION

Dr. M. Abdul Rahim, Corporate Officer, Managing Director for Europe and Africa – **ClassNK**

THE FLEET RENEWAL LANDSCAPE – SHIPS & FUELS OF TODAY & TOMORROW

While the jury is still out in terms of which is the ultimate “winning green fuel”, shipowners need to continue with fleet renewal in order to maintain competitiveness and achieve compliance with environmental regulations and market expectations. This panel will focus on fleet renewal strategies implemented by major shipowners sharing their insight as to their strategy and approach.

Moderator: Ms. Elina Papageorgiou, Vice President, Greece – **Lloyd’s Register**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Stelios Troulis**, Director, Green Ship, Energy Transition & Sustainability – **Angelicooussis Group**
- **Mr. Aristides J. Pittas** - Chairman & CEO – **EuroDry (EDRY) & Euroseas (ESEA)**
- **Mr. Thomas Lister**, CCO & Head of ESG – **Global Ship Lease (GSL)**
- **Dr. George D. Pateras**, President – **Hellenic Chamber of Shipping**; Vice Chairman – **ContShips Management**
- **Dr. Loukas Barmparis**, President and Director – **Safe Bulkers Inc.**

SAFE SHIPS IN CLEAN SEAS

Human element, environmental consciousness and safety as cornerstones of Sustainability and Quality Shipping

Ms. Semiramis Paliou, CEO - **Diana Shipping (DSX)**; Chairperson – **HELMEPA**; Chairperson - **INTERMEPA**

KEYNOTE REMARKS

**Minister of Maritime Affairs & Insular Policy
Hellenic Republic
H.E. Christos Stylianides**

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS & PRESENTATION OF THE
“2023 CAPITAL LINK MARITIME SUSTAINABILITY AWARD”**



Keynote Introductory Remarks

Mr. Evangelos Marinakis
Founder and Chairman, Capital Maritime &
Trading Corp.

“2023 Capital Link Maritime Sustainability Award”

Honoree

Mr. Rasmus Bach Nielsen
Global Head of Fuel Decarbonization, Trafigura Group



NETWORKING LUNCHEON

Luncheon sponsored by The Marshall Islands Registry

THE GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN, SUSTAINABILITY & THE ROLE OF CHARTERERS

The panel will provide charterer insight on three main topics – how market conditions develop in the face of current geopolitical and economic challenges; strategies in pursuit of green shipping; how charterers advance sustainability issues throughout the supply chain through their own policies and guidelines/requirements they ask their trading partners to adhere to.

Moderator: Mr. Stamatis Tsantanis, Chairman & CEO – Seenergy Maritime Holdings Corp. (SHIP); Founder, Chairman & CEO – United Maritime Corporation (USEA)

Panelists:

- **Mr. George Wells, Commercial Head for Structured Deals and Decarbonization - Cargill**
- **Mr. Matt Caddock, Senior Commercial Manager - Chevron Shipping**
- **Ms. Heidi Aakre, Vice President of Shipping - Equinor**
- **Mr. Bud Darr, EVP, Maritime Policy and Government Affairs – MSC**
- **Mr. Scott Bergeron, Managing Director, Global Engagement & Sustainability - Oldendorff Carriers**
- **Mr. Andrea Olivi, Global Head of Wet Freight - Trafigura Group**

SAFETY & THE HUMAN ELEMENT

The recruitment, training, retention and welfare of seafarers and onshore personnel remain a critical issue for the shipping industry exacerbated by the geopolitical challenges of today. The panel will address the evolving landscape in this area and will also focus on the role of the Human Factor in Ship Safety.

Moderator: Mr. Michalis Pantazopoulos, General Manager - Liberian Registry (LISCR Hellas)

Panelists:

- **Mr. Alex Hadjipateras, Managing Director & SEVP – Dorian LPG**
- **Ms. Venetia Kallipolitou, Cross Department HR & Training Manager – Tsakos Group; Commander - Hellenic Coast Guard (Retired)**
- **Mr. Helio Vicente, Director of Employment Affairs – ICS**
- **Mr. Petros Achtypis, Founder & CEO – Prevention at Sea**
- **Ms. Elpi Petraki, President – WISTA International**

ALL ABOUT CARBON – CARBON OFFSETS, CARBON CAPTURE, CARBON CREDITS, EU ETS, SLOW STEAMING

Do all available options and strategies lead to reduction of carbon emissions? What is best to use and how? The discussion will provide insight on how alternative strategies help achieve carbon reduction especially in light of the recent IMO and EU regulations and market expectations.

Moderator: Mr. Jason Stephanatos, Global Decarbonization Director - DNV

Panelists:

- **Mr. Jacopo Visetti, Co-Founder – Aither Group**
- **Mr. Simon Bennett, Deputy Secretary General – ICS**
- **Mr. Stavros Niotis, Chief Sustainability Officer – Prime Marine**
- **Mr. Frederic Bouthillier, Head of Shipping – Vertis Environmental Finance**
- **Mr. Theo Baltazis, Managing Director – Technomar**

TECHNOLOGY – TAKING SHIPPING TO THE NEXT STAGE

Technology has a transformational impact across all areas of shipping optimizing technical and operational performance – reducing costs, improving efficiency and communications, enhancing safety & security, meeting decarbonization targets and more. The advent of Artificial Intelligence is about to accelerate technology's impact on the industry. This panel will discuss how leading shipowners and solutions providers are using technology to optimize their operations and the priority areas to which they allocate capital.

Moderator: Mr. Spyridon Zolotas, Marine Southern Europe & Africa Area, Senior Director - RINA

Panelists:

- **Mr. Pankaj Sharma, Group Director Digital Performance Optimisation - Columbia Shipmanagement**
- **Mr. Dimitris Vastarouchas, Deputy COO – Danaos Corporation**
- **Mr. Michalis Malliaros, General Manager - Euronav**
- **Mr. Yarden Gross, Co-Founder & CEO - Orca AI**

NAVIGATING THROUGH INDUSTRY TRANSFORMATION – SHIPOWNERS’ ROUNDTABLE

The panel will provide the shipowners perspective on the current challenges and opportunities across shipping segments today, taking into consideration regulatory, geopolitical, technological, financial and market developments.

Moderator: Mrs. Paillette Palaologou, Vice President M&O Division, South East Europe, Black Sea & Adriatic Zone – Bureau Veritas

Panelists:

- Mr. Jerry Kalogiratos, CEO – Capital Product Partners (CPLP)
- Mr. George Margaronis, CEO – Latsco Shipping Ltd.
- Mr. Stamatis Tsantanis, Chairman & CEO - Seanergy Maritime Holdings Corp. (SHIP); Founder, Chairman & CEO United Maritime Corporation (USEA)
- Mr. George Saroglou, President – Tsakos Energy Navigation (TNP)

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