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Capital Link's 5th Annual Singapore Maritime Forum

Monday, April 24, 2023
The Westin Singapore

Friday, March 31, 2023

Capital Link's 5th Annual Singapore Maritime Forum will take place on **Monday, April 24, 2023** as an **in-person** event at **The Westin Singapore**. The Forum is held in partnership with **Columbia Shipmanagement** and **Singhai Marine Services**. It is held in conjunction with the **Singapore Maritime Week**.

The Forum aims to highlight the significant role of Singapore as the gateway to Asia and the global shipping markets. It will discuss the developments and trends in the energy, commodities, the various shipping sectors, the global financial and capital markets, as well as issues pertaining to shipping regulatory developments, decarbonization, digitalization, technology, and Seafarers.

The event will highlight the competitive positioning and advantages of Singapore as a maritime hub and also regional business and trading opportunities in Asia.

In the context of the Forum, the **2023 Capital Link Shipping Leadership Award** will be presented to **Mr. Esben Poulsson**, Executive Chairman - **Enesol Pte. Ltd.**, for his outstanding contribution to global shipping & Singapore.

Introductory Remarks will be delivered by **Mr. Andreas Sohmen-Pao**, Chairman of **BW Group** ; Chairman of the **Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation** ; Director of **Navigator Holdings** ; Trustee of the **Lloyd's Register Foundation**

Opening Keynote Remarks in the context of the session "**A Reality Check on Decarbonization in Shipping – Alternative Pathways**" will be delivered by **Mr. Christopher J Wiernicki**, Chairman, President & CEO – **ABS**.

REGISTRATION

Please register at: <https://forums.capitallink.com/shipping/2023singapore/agenda.html>

AGENDA TOPICS

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Welcome Remarks: Mr. Nicolas Bornozis, President – Capital Link
Navigating Through Industry Transformation - Geopolitics, Sanctions & World Trade

Moderator: Dr. Gregory Xu, Partner - Stephenson Harwood (Singapore) Alliance

Panelists:

- **Mr. Mark O’Neil, President – Columbia Shipmanagement; President – InterManager**
- **Mr. Nick Brown, CEO – Lloyd’s Register**
- **Mr. Jeremy Nixon, CEO – Ocean Network Express**
- **Mr. Khalid Hashim, Managing Director – Precious Shipping**
- **Dr. Martin Kröger, CEO - VDR – German Shipowners’ Association**

A Reality Check on Decarbonization in Shipping – Alternative Pathways

The panel will address the evolving landscape in regulations, technology and fuels. Also, options to meet short term challenges from the new regulations that came into effect in 2023 while positioning to achieve the longer term decarbonization objectives for 2030 and 2050. Are these goals attainable?

Opening Keynote Remarks

Mr. Christopher J. Wiernicki, Chairman, President & CEO – ABS

Moderator: Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Partner, Strategy & Transactions | ASEAN Resources Market Segment Leader | APAC Oil & Gas Leader - EY Singapore

Panelists:

- **Mr. Christopher J. Wiernicki, Chairman, President & CEO – ABS**
- **Mr. Roberto Coustas, Co-Founder & President – DeepSea Technologies**
- **Mr. Frederik Pind, Managing Director Njord – Maersk Tankers**
- **Mr. Arlie Sterling, President & Co-Founder – Marsoft**
- **Mr. Roger Holm, President – Wärtsilä Marine Power; Executive Vice President – Wärtsilä Corporation**

Fleet Renewal Options and Strategies – Positioning for Long Term Competitiveness

Investing in environmental technologies and modernizing the fleet are key to maintain competitiveness for the long term. But how can/should shipowners approach this given the uncertainty when it comes to fuels and technology? Renew the fleet placing newbuild orders? Wait? Buy and upgrade secondhand vessels?

Moderator: Mrs. Cristina Saenz de Santa Maria, Regional Manager South East Asia, Pacific & India – DNV Maritime

Panelists:

- **Mr. Fergus Eley, Head of Supply Chain | Commercial | Energy Transition - BHP**
- **Mr. Stamatis Tsantanis, Chairman & CEO - Seanergy Maritime Holdings Corp (SHIP); United Maritime Corporation (USEA)**
- **Mrs. Yvette van der Sommen, Director Asia Pacific – Value Maritime**
- **Mr. Hing Chao, Executive Chairman- Wah Kwong Maritime Transport Holdings**
- **Mr. Shmuel Yoskovitz, CEO - X-Press Feeders**

Capital Link Shipping Leadership Award Presentation to Mr. Esben Poulsson
for his outstanding contribution to Global Shipping & Singapore

1x1 Keynote Discussion “Shipping – The Road Ahead”

Mr. Esben Poulsson, Executive Chairman – ENESEL; Former Chairman - International Chamber of Shipping; Former President - Singapore Shipping Association;

Mr. Andreas Sohmen-Pao, Chairman – BW Group

Investing in Shipping

Where are the opportunities in shipping today? The panel will feature the viewpoints of stakeholders from different backgrounds – capital providers, private equity investors, portfolio managers and shipowners.

Moderator: Mr. Hoyoon Nam, Partner – Seward & Kissel LLP

Panelists:

- **Mr. David Barrow**, VP South Asia, at Bureau Veritas Marine & Offshore - Singapore – **Bureau Veritas**
- **Mr. Per Olav Karlsen**, CEO, Managing Partner – **Cleaves Securities AS**
- **Mr. Erland Sommerfelt Hauge**, Co-Founder / Managing Director – **Oceanis GmbH**

The Charterer's Perspective

Charterers play a critical role in the direction of the overall shipping industry. The panel will discuss the evolving trends in geopolitics, regulations, technology and fuels. The discussion will also focus on the significance of ESG issues in today's commercial landscape.

Moderator: Mr. Iain Sharp, Partner – Hill Dickinson LLP

Panelists:

- **Mrs. Sarah Greenough**, Head of Sustainability and Supply Chain Excellence - **BHP**
- **Capt. Mani Raaj Sivalingam**, MBA, Master Mariner, Managing Director - **Clearlake Shipping Pte Ltd**
- **Mr. Scott Bergeron**, Managing Director, Global Engagement & Sustainability – **Oldendorff Carriers**
- **Mr. Matthew Tan**, General Manager for Chartering - **Rio Tinto**
- **Mr. Bernardo Abdu**, Iron Ore Sales Manager SE Asia & India – **Vale International SA Singapore Branch**

Focusing On The Human Factor – Optimizing The Recruitment, Training, Retention & Well Being Of Seafarers

Seafarers are the backbone of the shipping industry. Recent geopolitical challenges, coming at the heel of those due to the pandemic, are creating a new landscape for crewing. It is vital for the shipping industry to ensure adequate and continuous access to a pool of qualified seafarers and to provide proper incentives to those who choose a seafaring career.

The panel will provide an overview of the changing landscape in crewing and will focus on the strategies of leading shipping companies to optimize the recruitment, training, retention and well-being of seafarers. The implementation of proper policies in this field have become a core part of the overall corporate ESG focus and a competitive advantage to those companies who follow them.

Moderator: Mr. Terence Zhao, Managing Director – Singhai Marine Services

Panelists:

- **Captain Fared Khan**, HR Director – **Eaglestar**
- **Mr. Surajit Chanda**, VP, Technical In-House Fleet – **Hafnia**
- **Mr. Aristos Philis**, Co-Founder & CEO - **KeelX**
- **Captain Ashish Mediratta**, Head of Crewing, Fleet Management and Technology – **Maersk**
- **Captain Lee Chee Seong**, Divisional Director, Fleet Management - **Pacific Carriers Limited (PCL)**; Chairman – **SMEF (Singapore Maritime Employers' Federation)**

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