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Shipping & Marine  
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Capital Link is hosting the **17th Annual Shipping & Marine Services Forum** on **Tuesday, September 16, 2025**, at the BMA House, in **London**. The Forum is organized in partnership with **ABS** and in the context of the «**London International Shipping Week 2025**».

**With a 17-year track record, this Forum, organized on an annual basis**, aims to provide investors with a comprehensive review and current outlook of the various shipping markets, all while covering topics of critical interest to industry participants, financiers, and investors.

The upcoming Forum is honored this year as well, by the participation of three Ministers and the leaders of the foremost Maritime Regulatory Authorities:

- **Mr. Mike Kane MP**, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Minister for Aviation, Maritime and Security - **Department for Transport, United Kingdom**, **Mr. Vasilis Kikilias**, Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy - **Hellenic Republic**, **Ms. Marina Hadjimanolis**, Shipping Deputy Minister to the President - **Republic of Cyprus**, **Dr. Nikolas P. Tsakos**, Founder & CEO - **TEN Ltd. (NYSE: TEN)** ; Chairman - **INTERTANKO (2014-2018)**, will participate as **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS** on the panel discussion titled: **“SHIPPING IN A NEW ERA: ALIGNING AMBITION, REGULATION, & REALITY”**. **Mr. Andy McKeran**, Chief Commercial Officer - **Lloyd's Register** will be the **moderator** of the panel.
- **Mr. Arsenio Dominguez**, Secretary General – **IMO**, will deliver **KEYNOTE REMARKS**. Mr. Dominguez will be introduced by **Mr. Christopher J. Wiernicki**, Chairman and CEO – **ABS**.
- **2025 CAPITAL LINK SHIPPING LEADERSHIP AWARD CEREMONY**  
In the context of the Forum the **2025 CAPITAL LINK SHIPPING LEADERSHIP AWARD** will be presented to **Mr. Guy Platten**, Former Secretary General - **International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) (2018-2025)**. Mr. Platten will be introduced by **Mr. Esben Poulsson**, *Non-Executive Board Chairman, Board Member, Corporate Advisor*; Former Chairman - **International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) (2016 -2022)**.

**For more information and to register:** <https://forums.capitallink.com/shipping/2025london/agenda.html>

The following esteemed top executives of the biggest companies of the Greek, UK and international shipping communities, will participate on the panels and will discuss the following most important industry topics as described below.

## AGENDA TOPICS & PARTICIPATING SPEAKERS

*Registration & Coffee*

### WELCOME REMARKS

- **Mr. Christopher J. Wiernicki**, Chairman and CEO - **ABS**
- **Mr. Nicolas Bornozis**, President – **Capital Link, Inc.**

### SHIPPING IN THE STORM – NAVIGATING THROUGH A CHANGING GLOBAL TRADE LANDSCAPE

**Moderator:** Ms. Susan Riitala, Partner – Reed Smith LLP

**Panelists:**

- **Dr. Martin Kröger**, CEO – **German Shipowners' Association (VDR)**
- **Ms. Caroline Yang**, Board Member – **International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)**; President – **Singapore Shipping Association (2019-2025)**; CEO – **Hong Lam Marine Pte Ltd**
- **Mr. Mark Church**, Head of Sanctions Advice – **NorthStandard**; Chair – **International Group Sanctions Committee**
- **Mr. Hamish Norton**, President – **Star Bulk Carriers Corp. (NASDAQ: SBLK)**
- **Mr. Joe Kramek**, President & CEO – **World Shipping Council**

### KEYNOTE OPENING REMARKS

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

### FLEET RENEWAL & FUELS – A REALITY CHECK

**Moderator:** Ms. Cristina Saenz de Santa Maria, Chief Operating Officer – **DNV Maritime**

**Panelists:**

- **Ms. Sanne Henriksen**, Head of IMO and EU, Public & Regulatory Affairs – **A.P. Moller Maersk**
- **Ms. Fotini Ioannidou**, Director, DG for Mobility & Transport – **European Commission**
- **Ms. Marie-Caroline Laurent**, Group Senior Vice President, Head of Government Affairs & Maritime Policy – **Mediterranean Shipping Company S.A. (MSC)**
- **Mr. Haris Zografakis**, Partner – **Stephenson Harwood LLP**
- **Mr. William Fairclough**, Managing Director – **Wah Kwong Maritime Transport**

### SMART SHIPPING IS ALREADY HERE - AI & DIGITALIZATION AT SEA

**Moderator:** Mr. Lars Riisberg, Marine Digital Solutions Executive Director – **RINA**

**Panelists:**

- **Mr. Nik Hope**, Chief Commercial Officer – **90 Percent of Everything (90POE)**
- **Mr. Mark O'Neil**, President & CEO – **Columbia Group**; President – **InterManager (2020-2024)**
- **Mr. Kyle Hurst**, Senior Vice President of Fleet Communications & Technology – **Liberian Registry**
- **Mr. Yarden Gross**, CEO & Co-Founder – **Orca AI**
- **Mr. Ami Daniel**, Co-Founder & CEO – **Windward**

## KEYNOTE DISCUSSION

### SHIPPING IN A NEW ERA: ALIGNING AMBITION, REGULATION, & REALITY

- **Minister Mike Kane MP**, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Minister for Aviation, Maritime and Security – **Department for Transport, United Kingdom**
- **Minister Vasilis Kikilias**, Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy – **Hellenic Republic**
- **Minister Marina Hadjimanolis**, Shipping Deputy Minister to the President – **Republic of Cyprus**
- **Dr. Nikolas P. Tsakos**, Founder & CEO – **TEN LTD (NYSE: TEN)** ; Chairman – **INTERTANKO (2014-2018)**

## NAVIGATING THE NEW SHIP FINANCE LANDSCAPE

**Moderator: Ms. Diana Syziu**, Partner, Corporate & Ship Finance – **Hill Dickinson LLP**

**Panelists:**

- **Mr. Philipp Wünschmann**, Head of Shipping – **Berenberg**
- **Mr. Martijn van Tuijl**, Managing Director, Maritime Finance – **First Citizens Bank**
- **Mr. Ivan Xu**, Senior Manager of Europe and America Department (Shipping) – **ICBC Financial Leasing Co., Ltd.**
- **Mr. Martin Hugger**, Managing Director – **Meerbaum Capital Solutions, Inc.**
- **Mr. Harris Antoniou**, Founder & Managing Director – **Neptune Maritime Leasing Ltd.**

## KEYNOTE REMARKS

### STEERING THE GLOBAL INDUSTRY THROUGH TRANSFORMATION

**Mr. Arsenio Dominguez**, Secretary General – **IMO**

**Mr. Dominguez** will be introduced by **Mr. Christopher J. Wiernicki**, Chairman and CEO – **ABS**.

## WHERE IS THE INDUSTRY GOING AFTER THREE DECADES OF NO CHANGE?

### WHAT'S NEXT?

Session Remarks will be delivered by **Dr. Martin Stopford**.

## INVESTING STRATEGIES IN MARITIME

**Moderator: Mr. George Macheras**, Partner, Global Maritime Sector Head – **Watson Farley & Williams**

**Panelists:**

- **Dr. Ibrahim Al Nadhairi**, CEO – **Asyad Shipping Company (MUSCAT: ASCO)**
- **Mr. Constantin Baack**, Co-CEO – **MPC Container Ships ASA (OSLO: MPCC)**; CEO – **MPC Capital AG**
- **Mr. Stratos Desypris**, COO – **Navios Maritime Partners L.P. (NYSE: NMM)**
- **Mr. Alex Ng**, VP - Corporate Development & Strategy – **Stolt Nielsen Limited (OSL: SNI)**
- **Mr. Andrew Hampson**, CEO – **Tufton Investment Management**

## DRY BULK SECTOR PANEL

**Moderator:** Mr. Emanuele (Manu) Ravano, Co-CEO – IFCHOR GALBRAITHS (IG)

**Panelists:**

- Mr. Mohammed Bin Battal, President – Bahri Dry Bulk
- Mr. Costas Delaportas, President & CEO – DryDel Shipping
- Mr. Mark Filanowski, CEO and Director – Pangaea Logistics Solutions (NASDAQ:PANL)
- Mr. Peter Weernink, Founder – SwissMarine

## GAS SECTOR PANEL

**Moderator:** Mr. David Barrow, SVP West Europe & The Americas (Marine & Offshore) – Bureau Veritas Group

**Panelists:**

- Mr. Kristian Sorensen, CEO – BW LPG Ltd. (NYSE: BWLP) (OSLO: BWLPG)
- Mr. Brian Gallagher, Executive Vice President – Capital Clean Energy Carriers Corp. (NASDAQ: CCEC)
- Mr. Eduardo Maranhao, CFO – Golar LNG Ltd. (NASDAQ: GLNG)
- Mr. Mads Peter Zacho, CEO – Navigator Gas (NYSE: NVGS)
- Mr. Carl-Johan Hagman, President & CEO – NYK Group Europe

## TANKER SECTOR PANEL

**Moderator:** Dr. Arlie Sterling, Co-Founder & President – Marsoft Inc.

**Panelists:**

- Mr. Hisham Nasir Alnughaimish, President – Bahri Oil
- Mr. Carlos Balestra di Mottola, CEO – d'Amico International Shipping S.A. (DIS.MI) (OTCQX: DMCOF)
- Mr. Lars H. Barstad, CEO – Frontline PLC (NYSE: FRO)
- Mr. Jan Rindbo, CEO – Norden
- Mr. Harrys Kosmatos, Co-CFO – TEN Ltd. (NYSE: TEN)

## 2025 CAPITAL LINK SHIPPING LEADERSHIP AWARD CEREMONY

**Honoree:**

**Mr. Guy Platten**, Former Secretary General - International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) (2018-2025)

**Introduced by:**

**Mr. Platten** will be introduced by **Mr. Esben Poulsson**, *Non-Executive Board Chairman, Board Member, Corporate Advisor*; Former Chairman - International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) (2016 -2022).

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## ABOUT THE FORUM:

### A High Caliber Audience of Shipping Professionals, Financiers & Investors

The Forum presents a unique opportunity to meet and network with a large, high-caliber audience of ship owning and offshore executives, institutional investors, research analysts, industry experts, commercial and investment bankers, risk advisors, private equity and venture capital firms, high-net worth investors, and financial media. The event will be open to the buy and sell side communities as well as the media. By attending, participants will gain a deeper understanding of the current state of the shipping and marine services industry, the subsequent effects on their investments, and a clear focus on the opportunities and challenges ahead.

Capital Link's Forums are known for combining rich informational content with unique marketing and networking opportunities.

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