



Dear Member,

The last six months has been an incredibly busy time for the Chamber, working with members on a range of high-profile issues as well as hosting some industry leading events, including our Annual Dinner. We also look forward to welcoming our new President, Graham Westgarth, who is replacing our outgoing President John Denholm.

**As always, we have continued to lobby on our members behalf and worked on a range of issues, including:**

- Helping establish the Maritime Sanctions Taskforce so industry can feedback directly to HMG on issues related to the invasion of Ukraine
- Working collaboratively with HMG on new Customs and Border Controls which were introduced in all UK ports
- Influenced the Global Travel Task Force for Ferry and Cruise members which allowed passengers to travel again
- Shipping services and offshore were included in new Free Trade Agreements with Australia and New Zealand, with more to follow
- Collaborated closely with DfT to develop guidelines on the UK MRV scheme which implements the EU MRV in UK waters in a post-Brexit era
- Launched the Second Edition of the Pilots' Pocket Guide & Checklist
- Released new guidance on Tow Ropes
- Developed and agreed on an IMO Market-Based Measure position
- Successfully influenced the ICS's Net-Zero by 2050 position and their IMO submission on the revision of the IMO GHG Strategy.
- Got the UK government and ICS to support the Chamber's position on the correction factors for the CII framework of the Cruise, RORO and HSC sectors
- Provided oral evidence to two Select Committees
- Actively engaged in the UK's domestic work for deployment of shore power infrastructure, economic incentives for domestic shipping, development of technology and fuels roadmap, and addressing international emissions
- Supported the launch of the Clydebank Declaration
- Became signatories to the Call to Action for Shipping Decarbonization of the GMF and the Operation Zero initiative
- Became a member of the Industry Advisory Group on Underwater Noise
- Had a positive influence on the Guidance on the Application of the National Minimum Wage to seafarers
- Secured roles for several member companies in the DfT's Cadet Training and Modernisation Programme
- Persuaded governments in the UK to enable visiting seafarers to be provided with Covid-19 vaccinations without the need to acquire an NHS number or to register with a GP
- Procured the establishment of an ad hoc working group involving the Home Office and DfT to examine seafarer immigration issues with a view to preparing revised guidance.

## Highlights from the Chamber

### RUSSIAN SANCTIONS

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has had a major impact on shipping right around the world and here in the UK. The Chamber is constantly engaged with partners including ECSA and the International Chamber of Shipping to help ensure Ukrainian and Russian seafarers are recognised as key workers and issues around their safety, rights and payments are dealt with quickly and efficiently.

With the international impact of sanctions and changes to trade routes we recognise there will be many economic and operational consequences during the coming weeks and months. We continue to work with the UK government through the new Maritime Sanctions Taskforce, proposed by the Chamber, to provide a forum for industry to advise government on the implementation and design of sanctions.

We also held an emergency meeting of our Legal, Insurance and Documentary Committee to get members views on the crisis and the Chamber, through all our forums, will continue to engage with members during the crisis.



### UK SHORE

In March the government announced a new unit, UK SHORE, to tackle shipping emissions and committed £206 million of new funding to accelerate research into the development of clean maritime technologies. This new funding is an important step in helping the industry on its journey to net zero. At the Chamber we have long called for serious investment from the government to help reduce shipping's emissions and we are pleased they have listened to us. The government will need to continue increasing investment and support for shipping if we are to catch up with the other leading maritime nations and we will continue to lobby the government on this.

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We will also press the government on how UK SHORE will deliver the second round of the Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition, ensuring that sufficient time is provided to the industry to come forward with the right proposals and collaborations to maximise the programme's success.

## TONNAGE TAX

Tonnage Tax has caused a renaissance in shipping since its introduction in 2000 and it was in urgent need of updating to respond to changing trends in shipping and to better protect and promote maritime UK and global Britain.

After a huge amount of work from Gavin Simmonds in the policy team, the Chancellor announced changes to the Tonnage Tax regime in his Autumn Budget. These will strengthen the UK Flag, encourage innovation in the offshore energy sector and attract international investment. There is more work to be done to promote the employment and training of seafarers, and broadening the regime, but it is testament to the work of the Chamber and our policy team that we secured such a positive outcome for our members.



## NATIONALITY AND BORDERS BILL

We spent months lobbying the Home Office on the new Nationality and Borders Bill. The original draft of the Bill left open the possibility that seafarers may be convicted for saving the life of someone in distress.

After extensive engagement from the Chamber, the Government tabled an amendment to the Bill which will exempt seafarers from criminal prosecution for helping rescue people at sea.

And this is what the Chamber is here for. It is here to protect our seafarers and our members, promote what they do and lobby government on their behalf.



## DECARBONISATION

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The Chamber and its members have also worked closely with the Government over the past six months. We facilitated workshops about how best to transition the Clydebank Declaration for green shipping corridors from an agreement to a working reality and became a supporting member of the Operation Zero initiative that aims to demonstrate shipping's leadership in climate action in the offshore wind sector.



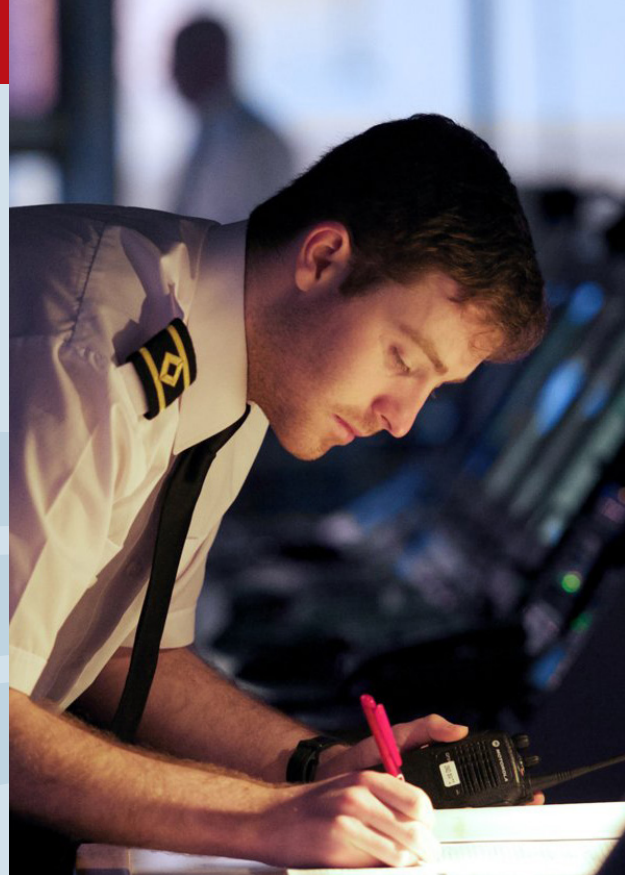
## MARITIME SKILLS COMMISSION



We have played our role in the Maritime Skills Commission which was set up to ensure the UK's maritime industry has the talent to serve the sector and compete with the rest of the world. At the beginning of 2022 we held a day's workshop with members to help develop our own proposals for the Commission which not only reflect the views of the shipowners but give the Commission practical steps on what is needed to ensure we have a vibrant, skilled talent pool in the future. This has helped us reach a common view on what future skills and training must comprise, alongside of a practical method of effective delivery. We will shortly be in a position to put our own proposals before the Government.

## SEAFARER TRAINING

In November the Maritime & Coastguard Agency confirmed a further six-month extension to the Maritime Training (SMarT) Fund, for cadets unable to finish their training due to COVID, something the Merchant Navy Training Board has long been calling for. We are pleased that the MCA listened to our plea to provide additional funding to support our cadets through this difficult time. We know this extension has benefitted those cadets whose training has been severely impacted by COVID and this was a major policy win for the Chamber in 2021. To find out more about the Merchant Navy Training Board, please visit - [mntb.org.uk](http://mntb.org.uk)



## LOOKING AHEAD

At our AGM we will confirm Graham Westgarth as our new President, taking over from John Denholm who led the Chamber from March 2022. We will also welcome JB Rae-Smith as our new Vice President.

Graham has had a distinguished career in the shipping and maritime sector spanning over 40 years. He entered the industry as a Master Mariner, and his career has seen him hold several senior executive roles with companies including GasLog Limited, Teekay Corporation and Maersk UK.

In 2018, his focus became ship management when he was appointed CEO of V.Group. Having helped the company achieve operational excellence, he moved to the role of Chairman in 2020. Everyone at the Chamber is looking forward to working with Graham over the next two years.





**700 guests**  
attended the UK  
Chamber of Shipping's  
Annual Dinner

## EVENTS

### **The Chamber was delighted to welcome more than 700 guests to our Annual Dinner in February.**

The Chamber was delighted to welcome more than 700 guests from 100+ different shipping businesses to our Annual Dinner at the JW Marriott Grosvenor Hotel, London in February.

It was wonderful to see so many people from across the industry after such a long time since we have been able to host such an event. Thank you again to our sponsors Northern Marine,

Denholm, UK Ship Register, Lloyd's Register, Jotun, V.Group, MLA College, Seapeak, Vortexa and Aberdeen Harbour Board for helping us put on such an enjoyable evening and you can see all the photos from the event [here](#).

Our chose charity for the evening was The Mission to Seafarers who do such amazing work around the world and we were delighted that the evening raised £5,421 which is an amazing amount of money.

Additionally, the Chamber staged an online Safety Culture Conference over two days in September. Chaired by Mike Bradshaw of V Ships, who also chairs the Chamber's Safety Culture Working Group, the event featured a keynote speech from Dr Grahaeme Henderson, a panel session chaired by Vice-President Graham Westgarth and a session on Learner Mindset

drawing on the experiences of Shell. The 2022 conference will take place in-person in Liverpool in September.

One of the next major events for the Chamber is the British Tugowners Association Conference and Dinner on 11 May on the "Future of Towage" and we also have our Summer Lunch in Edinburgh on 14 June.

Our regular policy committee and panel meetings will continue to take place. For all the latest information on these please do check out our events page on our website.

The Chamber will continue to host a range of events in the future. Should you or your organisation be interested in supporting these please get in touch with Tony Jerome – [tjerome@ukchamberofshipping.com](mailto:tjerome@ukchamberofshipping.com)

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**BTA Conference: 10th-12th May 2022**

**Annual Summer Lunch: 14th June 2022**

**Safety Culture Conference: 20th-21st September 2022**

Please visit [www.ukchamberofshipping.com/events](http://www.ukchamberofshipping.com/events) for more information

## ENGAGEMENT

Please remember to use our experienced Policy Team who are here to help you. Here is a reminder of their names and contact email addresses:



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### Please also encourage your staff to sign-up to the Chamber communications.

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Having more members of your staff accessing this important information will result in better member value for your business. All you need to do is forward them the list below and ask them to email [kneeme@ukchamberofshipping.com](mailto:kneeme@ukchamberofshipping.com) with the numbers next to the Communications they would like to receive:

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All the sector news straight into your inbox

##### 3 Event Updates



#### Committee circulars:

- 4 Defence and Security Committee
- 5 Documentary sub-committee
- 6 Employment Committee
- 7 Ferry & Cruise Panel
- 8 Harbour Towage Panel
- 9 Health & Safety Sub-Committee
- 10 Legal Insurance & Documentary Committee
- 11 Offshore Panel
- 12 Safety & Environment Committee
- 13 Short Sea Shipping Panel
- 14 Taxation and Economics Committee