



CYPRUS SHIPPING CHAMBER  
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# THE VOICE

Monthly Newsletter, March - April 2020

We keep "Navigating Cyprus Worldwide".

We stay safe by your side.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### CSC Secretariat returns to Office

Further to the latest announcement of the Cyprus Government on 29 April 2020, initiating the gradual lifting of restriction measures, the Chamber's Secretariat has returned back to its office as from **4 May 2020, on a Skeleton Employees Schedule.**

Feeling the responsibility to continue supporting the Government's efforts, to prevent as much as possible another spread of the COVID-19, the Chamber is limiting all face-to-face meeting activity at its offices, to only very urgent/necessary visits, in addition to any Chamber committee meeting which again will be conducted via tele-conference facilities until further notice.

Our top priority is the safety of the people while doing whatever is necessary to keep our Members interests safeguarded. During these critical times we kindly request your understanding and cooperation.

Please read [Here](#) Official announcement.

Thank you

**Cyprus Shipping Chamber**



Dear Members,

As you very well know, the Chamber has been closely monitoring developments with regard to the COVID-19 outbreak at local and global scale and has been following the advice provided by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Cyprus Government, acting in a proactive manner. In this respect we would like to brief you on the Chamber's efforts to tackle this important issue for the benefit of our Members, the Shipping Industry and Cyprus in general.

Following the early measures of the Cyprus Government for as many companies in Cyprus as possible, to apply "working from home" and feeling the responsibility to continue the Chamber has taken steps to ensure the people's safety and the Cyprus community by closing temporarily its offices and apply "working from home", between 18 March and 4 May 2020, when the office was reopened.

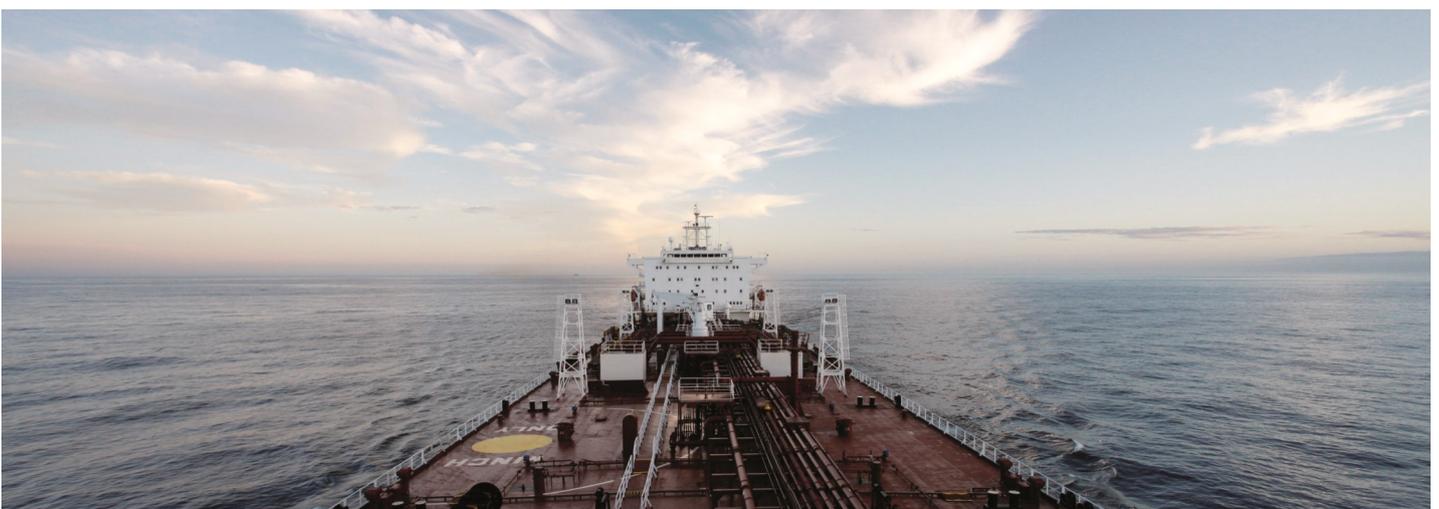
Our efforts focused initially to offer as much assistance as possible to Members who had stranded staff abroad to be repatriated to Cyprus, we then worked to keep Members promptly and properly advised on a number of new measures that the Government has introduced gradually the last few weeks to combat the spread of COVID-19 in Cyprus. We have been monitoring closely and we keep advising our Members with important updates on these measures with a number of Circulars.

Further to the recent decision by the Council of Ministers to proceed with a gradual lifting of the restriction measures, we have turn our focus in another important project which is codifying the negative effects of COVID-19 on the Cyprus Shipping Industry at three levels:

1. **Internationally** through our active involvement in the **International Chamber of Shipping** Board of Directors, we are participating in bi-weekly video tele-conferences which, focusing on various issues such on crew changes, port/ships operations and ship supplying issues/problems and how these should be addressed on a global basis.
2. Similarly, on **European** level through **the European Community Shipowners' Associations**, we are working in a collective effort to secure as much and as wide range financial related measures as possible from the EU, towards Shipping and Maritime Transport at large, both on a European Union level as well as, on a national level.
3. Finally, on a **national** level on behalf of the overall Private Sector, we are participating on regular video conference calls with the Employer and Industrialists Federation (OEB), as well as keeping close communication with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KEBE), in order for any measures either already decided or being currently considered by the Government and Parliament, to offer as much tangible assistance as possible to affected companies (including Shipping and Shipping related companies) and their employees when finally implemented.
4. In an effort to further strengthen the our lobbying efforts the Chamber through various press releases, strongly appealed to the Political leadership to urgently approve the Government's Bill, which has been pending in Parliament for the past few weeks and provides state guarantees for the provision of financial liquidity to companies as well as waiving financial covenants related to loans.

Dear Members,

We recongise that these are challenging times for all of us, on a personal and business level and we assure you that, as always, we stand by the side of our Members and are here to assist any way we can.



## IMPORTANT CIRCULARS / Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Members can find below the latest Information sent by the Chamber on COVID-19. Please click on the below links to be redirected to the relevant Circular.

- All Members Circular No. 602020 - MLWSI - Deadline for payment of contributions extended
- All Members Circular No. 592020 - Minister of Health Decree No.20 - Crew Changes for merchant ships
- All Members Circular No. 582020 - Chamber's Office re-opening on Skeleton Employees Schedule, 4 May 2020
- All Members Circular No. 572020 - Cyprus Employers and Industrialists Federation COVID-19 "Check-List"
- All Members Circular No. 562020 - Shipping Deputy Ministry – Circular on New Cyprus "Tonnage Tax" Law
- All Members Circular No. 552020 - Possible out-bound flights from Cyprus for employees-professional personnel
- All Members Circular No. 542020 - Extension of the deadline for filing overdue Annual Returns
- All Members Circular No. 532020 IMPORTANT - Flights prohibition extended until 17 May 2020

## The Cyprus Shipping Industry "applauded" Seafarers around the world on Labour Day

The Cyprus Shipping Chamber, through its Member-companies, participated in a global initiative, in view of Labour Day, sounding the horns of ships in Limassol port together with other ships in ports across the world, on 1 May 2020, at 12 noon local time. With this gesture of solidarity, the International Shipping Community honoured the "unseen heroes" of global trade, its seafarers, wanting to remind the general public around the world, that the 1.6 million Seafarers worldwide are the 'blood cell' of Shipping that provides for each and every one of us not only during the Covid-19 pandemic but on a daily basis.

Calling all Ships in ports worldwide

**SOUND YOUR HORNS**

for the #HeroesAtSeaShoutout

**1st of May,  
Labour Day**  
Noon 12:00 pm  
local time at port

#HeroesAtSeaShoutOut #Covid19 #LabourDay @shippingios

Taking this opportunity, the Shipping Chamber highlights once more, the urgent need to find viable solutions to facilitate the movement of ship crews and allow seafarers to join ships or return to their countries, as well as to ensure access to medical treatment onshore to seafarers working on board and their repatriation in case of an emergency.

This great initiative was organised by the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) and the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF), with the enthusiastic support of the Shipping Deputy Ministry, the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Work and the Cyprus Port Authority.



Further to our Circular No. 39/2020, calling to our Members for their support in the "CSC Fight against the spread of Covid-19" Campaign aiming to offer tangible support to Cyprus during this crucial period, we are very proud to advise you, that the Chamber has gathered through its Members donations, a substantial amount very close to €80.000.

Following the above and in full coordination and cooperation with the Ministry of Health and the State Health Services Organisation, in order to contribute to the current and immediate needs of the Cyprus General Health System and Hospital Units fighting against the pandemic, the Shipping Chamber has purchased a specialised complete medical respiratory system (Nitric Oxide Treatment Machine with Gas Cylinder Support).

In addition, the valuable contribution of the Shipping Industry to the Cyprus society was strengthened more through the commendable private initiatives and multifaceted actions of the Chamber's Member-Companies, which included the donation of specialised ventilators, medical equipment and consumables (surgical masks, gloves, protective suits), offering merchant ships for the transport of specialised disinfectants to Cyprus, but also with social actions such as the food catering of hospital units, reduced calls prices for seafarers on board in order to have regular contact with their families, free online shipping training licenses and offering practical support to vulnerable groups.

This substantial contribution which supports the fight against the pandemic, once again presents the Cyprus Shipping Industry's tireless drive to contribute to the Cyprus Society, sending the message that, "Shipping, does not only carry Cargo and Passengers, but also carries Messages of Social Solidarity and Support".

Taking this opportunity, the Chamber would like to express its sincere and deepest appreciation to All Members for their multifaceted contribution, of any kind and extent, in this cause. Once again, we have proved that the Shipping sector remains at the front line when our Society is in need, showing the Cyprus Shipping Industry's solidarity.

**For transparency purposes we list below the Members (in alphabetical order) that have contributed financially to this campaign.**

## Full Domestic Members

Bernhard Schulte Shipmanagement (Cyprus) Ltd.  
Cassiopeia Shipmanagement (Cyprus) Ltd.  
Columbia Shipmanagement Ltd.  
Diana Wilhelmsen Management Ltd  
EDT Shipmanagement Ltd.  
Enesel Limited  
FML Ship Management Ltd.  
Interorient Navigation Co. Ltd.  
Intership Navigation Co. Ltd.  
Lemissoler Navigation Co. Ltd  
Lowland International Shipping (Cyprus) Ltd  
Marlow Navigation Co. Ltd.  
Mr. Andreas Neophytou  
Mastermind Shipmanagement Ltd  
MSC Shipmanagement Ltd.  
OSM Ship Management Cyprus Ltd.  
Petronav Shipmanagement Ltd.  
Reederei Nord Shipmanagement Ltd.  
SCF Management Services (Cyprus) Ltd  
Uniteam Marine Ltd.  
V.Ships Ltd.

## Associate Domestic Members

Albatross Adjusters Limited  
Aphentrica Marine Insurance Brokers Ltd.  
Brandenburg Marine Insurance Brokers Ltd.  
Deep Blue Insurance Brokers Ltd  
Epsco (Cyprus) Ltd.  
Island Oil Ltd.  
Marsh Insurance Brokers Ltd.  
Monjasa Ltd  
OCL Oceanic Catering Ltd.  
Raytec Marine Co. Ltd.  
Shoham (Cyprus) Ltd.  
Steamship Mutual Underwriting Association (Europe) Ltd  
Tototheo Maritime Limited  
Wilhelmsen Ships Service Cyprus Ltd

## Associate International Members

Stichling Hahn Hilbrich GmbH

## Cyprus Tonnage Taxation System: **Unanimous Approval by the House of Representatives**

Following the great success of the official approval by the European Commission of the revised and upgraded Cyprus Shipping Taxation System, on December 2019, Cyprus Shipping has been strengthened even more with the approval of the relative Bill for the upgraded Shipping Taxation System unanimously by the Plenary of the House of Representatives, on 15 April 2020.

As previously advised, the renewed Cyprus Shipping Taxation System for another ten years, fully covers in their most modern form, the three basic Shipping activities that are offered today in International Shipping, namely Shipowning, Shipmanagement and the Chartering of ships, maintaining Cyprus as a major Shipping Center in European and International Shipping. **This is indeed a very important and positive development for Cyprus Shipping.**

We now focus our efforts in working closely with the Shipping Deputy Ministry (SDM) in order for the new "Tonnage Tax" Law to be implemented the soonest possible. Towards that aim, and in order for Members to receive proper official advice on the provisions of the new Law, the SDM has issued a relevant Circular with a consolidated text in English. Please see [here](#) for the Circular and [here](#) for the TTS Law in English .

This notwithstanding though, any Member wishing to receive more details on the new Law, should feel free to contact the Secretariat.



**Cyprus Shipping Taxation System  
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Representatives**

## CSC Survey on Seafarers Mental Health & Crew Change amid Covid-19

The Secretariat carried out a survey on seafarers' mental health and crew changes amid the continuing Covid-19 pandemic. This survey aimed to gather information from Members on the above mentioned matters and therefore enable the Chamber to draft its position based on Members' feedback, for which we warmly thank them.

The consolidated feedback received is presented in this Circular and will also be forwarded to the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) and European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA) for their consideration in drafting their positions on mental health and crew changes amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

The survey was conducted between 21-27 April 2020 and for the purpose of this survey, the Secretariat drafted a short questionnaire consisting of ten questions in two sections. Section 1 called "Seafarers & Mental Health" and Section 2 called "Seafarers & Crew Changes".

Twenty seven Members submitted response to the questionnaire. Members participating in this survey are operating either through ownership, full management or partial management, 2111 vessels with 74,683,370 GT in total. This represents approximately 97% of the total fleet of ships under ownership, full and partial management by the Chamber Members.

Members can find the Survey Results [Here](#)





### Marine Committee, 6 March

The Committee held a meeting on 6 March 2020, during which Members were invited to share experiences with the Global Sulphur Cap and discussed various issues raised through the ICS Marine Committee Agenda Notes. In addition, the Committee discussed various proposals, including the ICS, submitted at the 7th session of the IMO's ISWG-GHG (ISWG-GHG 7) on short-term measures for the reduction of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions from ships.



## 03/ International Representation

### ICS Marine Committee, 11 March

The Chairman of the Chamber's Marine Committee, Mr. Erwin Derlagen, participated to the ICS Marine Committee meeting on 11 March 2020, through a video conference call. During this meeting the ICS IMRB proposal was discussed as well as the implementation of Global Sulphur Cap, short term measures for the reduction of GHG emissions from ships, Ballast Water Management Convention (BWMC), ship recycling, marine plastic litter and other forthcoming important environmental and safety regulations as well as security, piracy and armed robbery against ships. The Committee has also endorsed the Chamber's proposal for the collection of evidence by Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) about deficiencies.

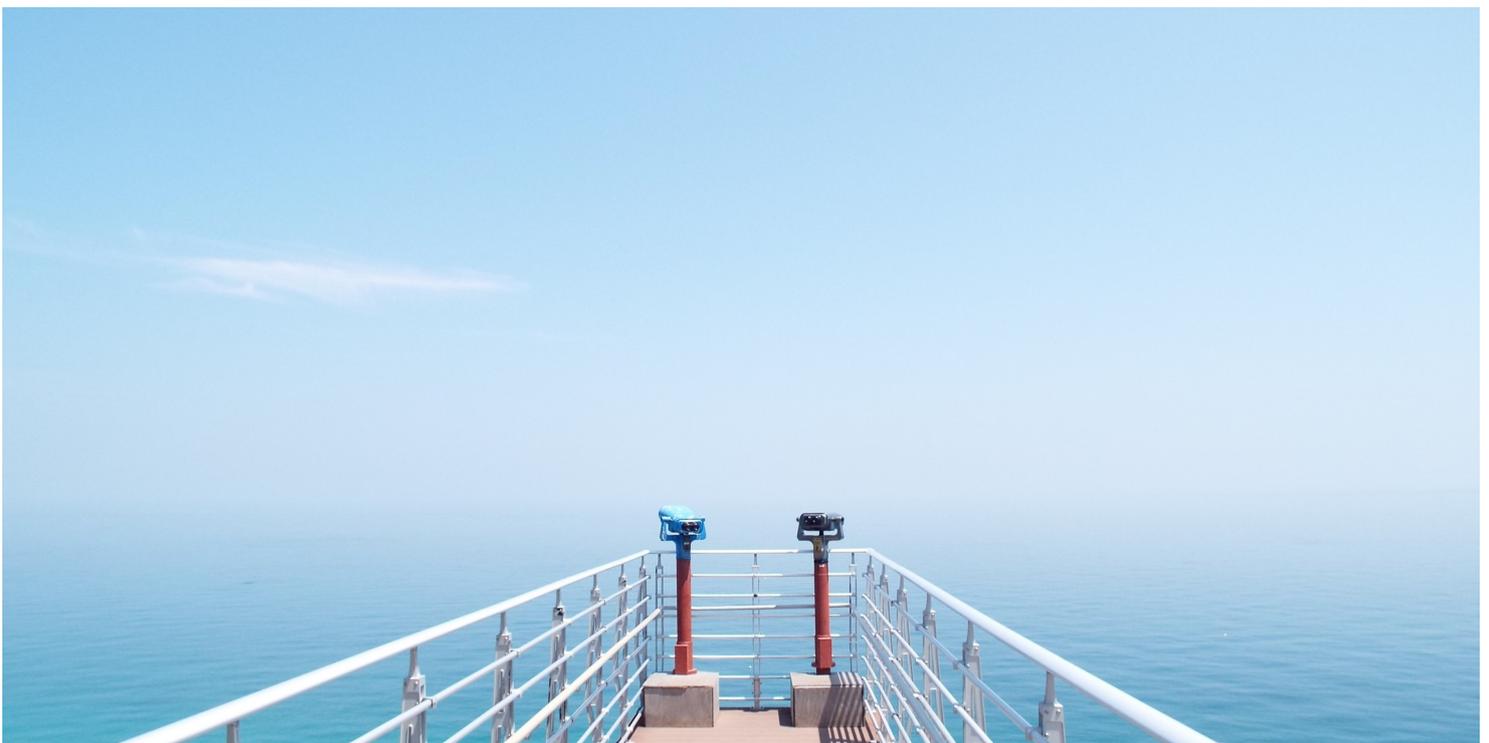
### ICS & ECSA Video-Conference Meetings, March & April 2020

The International Chamber of Shipping and the European Community Shipowners' Associations, in view of the Covid-19 pandemic and the postponement of all scheduled meetings abroad, has been hosting weekly video-conference meetings with their Board of Directors and various Working Groups and Task Force Group, to tackle the impact of the pandemic on the shipping industry.

In this respect the Chamber's Secretariat has participated at the following weekly video conference meetings during March and April 2020:

- ICS Bi-Weekly Covid-19 Update Video Conference Meeting
- ECSA Weekly MDs/CEOs of National Associations Video Conference Meeting
- ICS Weekly Corona-virus Strategy Group Video Conference Meeting
- ECSA Weekly Taxonomy Report of the Technical Video Conference Meeting
- ICS Crew Change Task Force Video Conference Meeting
- ICS Weekly Press and Communications Group Video Conference Meeting
- ECSA Weekly Communications Working Group Video Conference Meeting

Members interested to receive more information on the matters discussed at these meetings, should contact the Secretariat.



## SMI Cyprus Shipmanagement Round Table Debate, 3 March



A number of the Chamber's Board Members and the Chamber's Deputy Director General, Alexandros Josephides participated at a "Round Table" Debate on Cyprus Shipping, which was organised by the "Shipmanagement International" magazine, on 4 March. Discussions included environmental matters, "Blue Growth" strategy as well as innovation and education within the Cyprus Maritime Cluster. It was kindly hosted by the Chamber's Member-Company, Mastermind Shipmanagement Ltd.

## ESSF Sub – Group Meeting on Ship Energy Efficiency, Teleconference, 3 March

The Chamber's Technical Officer, Mr. Demetris Lemsianos, participated at the second European Sustainability Shipping Forum (ESSF) Sub-Group meeting on Ship Energy Efficiency on 3 March 2020, in Brussels. The Sub-Group discussed developments of ship energy efficiency, improving energy efficiency of existing ships based on the existing Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI) and on the existing Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan (SEEMP) frameworks. In addition, the Sub-Group discussed an EEDI framework for new ships beyond Phase 3.

## Increase of ship-management companies' contribution to Cyprus Economy

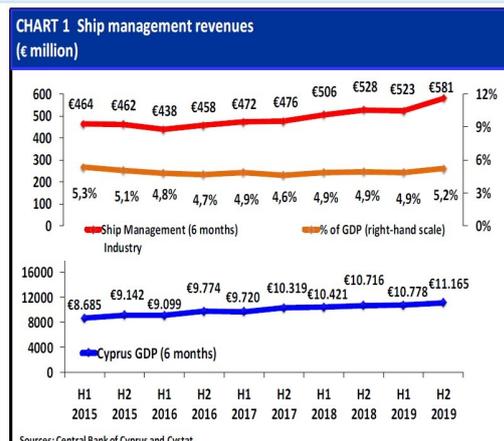
The results of the newest "Ship Management Report", published by the Statistics Department of the Central Bank of Cyprus, for the second half of 2019, which covers the period 1 July – 31 December have been recently published. The results indicate that industry revenues from Ship-management companies further increased during the second half of 2019, reaching €581 million, a percentage of 5,2% of Cyprus's GDP (as turnover), as opposed to €523 million and 4,9% of Cyprus's GDP (as turnover), during the first half of 2019.

According to the report, the present study does not include information on the effects of the pandemic Covid-19 on the shipmanagement industry, since the outbreak started in 2020. The Central Bank of Cyprus will present an analysis in a future edition of the report, as more information and data from the shipping markets become available.

The contribution of Cyprus Shipping to the Cyprus Economy, is reflected once again in the results of this report, demonstrating its robustness and the tangible prospects for its further development. In addition, it is worth mentioning that, in a very few other maritime nations, the economic contribution of the local shipping industry reaches such high level, so it is important to receive the appropriate financial and operational support, to deal with the effects of this pandemic crisis, keeping world trade and maritime transport moving.

Read the full report on the link below:

[https://www.centralbank.cy/images/media/pdf\\_el/SMS%202019H20004.pdf](https://www.centralbank.cy/images/media/pdf_el/SMS%202019H20004.pdf)



## Cyprus Shipping: Cyprus Flag further upgraded

The Cyprus Shipping Chamber welcomed with satisfaction the inclusion of the Cyprus Flag to the "Qualship 21" list of the US Coast Guard after being removed from the Targeted flaglist of the USCG, further improving its safety performance as to the applicable regulations and quality image.

This very positive outcome, comes as a result of a targeted strategy set by the Cyprus Maritime Administration and is expected to reduce ship inspections at USA ports and further establish Cyprus Registry as one of the safest and of high standards in the world.

The Shipping Chamber, congratulated the Shipping Deputy Ministry for this important achievement and stands ready to continue its close cooperation with the Shipping Ministry and other shipping stakeholders, for the further promotion and development of Cyprus Shipping.

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD



QUALSHIP 21



### The Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers - Professional Qualifying Examinations (PQE)



The Professional Qualifying Examinations (PQE) are the entry level requirement for membership with the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers. The mission of the Institute is promoting professionalism in the shipping industry worldwide. Once you pass the examinations you are eligible to apply for membership.

The examinations take place in Limassol each year in May and November as arranged by the Cyprus Branch of the Institute.

**POSTPONED MAY 2020 EXAMINATION SESSION IN July 2020**

**Final deadline for registration – 8 June 20**

**July 2020 Exam results published 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

The Member Company employees who are considering sitting the examinations and who may require any advice are urged to make first contact with the Training Officer, Mr. Ben Casey at the Chamber's Secretariat (Tel 25 360717) or email [b.casey@csc-cy.org](mailto:b.casey@csc-cy.org)

Further information on these matters may be obtained from the Education Officer of the Cyprus Branch, Costas Silitziotis, on 99 464012 or email [education.icscy@gmail.com](mailto:education.icscy@gmail.com)

Mr. Casey is in close liaison with the Chairman and Committee of the Cyprus Branch at all times.





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**Mr. Pavlos Pavlou**

27, Cypriot. Holder of BSc in Maritime Studies. Fluent in English and Greek.

**Mr. Andreas Spyridis**

27, Cypriot. Holder of BSc in Maritime Business and Logistics and MSc Maritime operations and management. Fluent in English and Greek.

**Mr. Minos Peratikos**

27, Cypriot. Holder of BSc in Business Management and International Tourism and Hospitality Management. Some experience in Office Management. Fluent in Greek and English.

**Ms. Georgia Christodoulou**

23 Cypriot. BSc in Shipping Administration and MA in Human Resource Management and Corporate Strategy Responsibilities. Diploma In Marketing Studies. Fluent in Greek, Philippine and good knowledge of English.

**Ms. Sofia Zanti**

22, Cypriot. Third year student in Business and Public Administration- Operations Management. Available for summer internship.

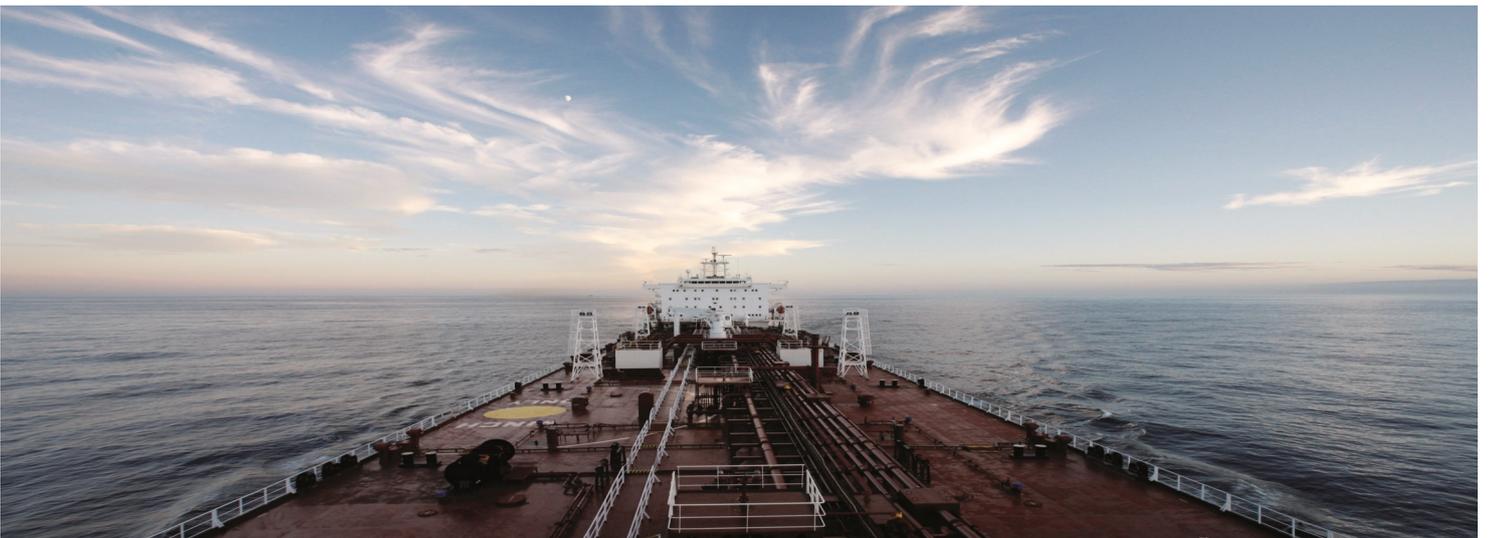
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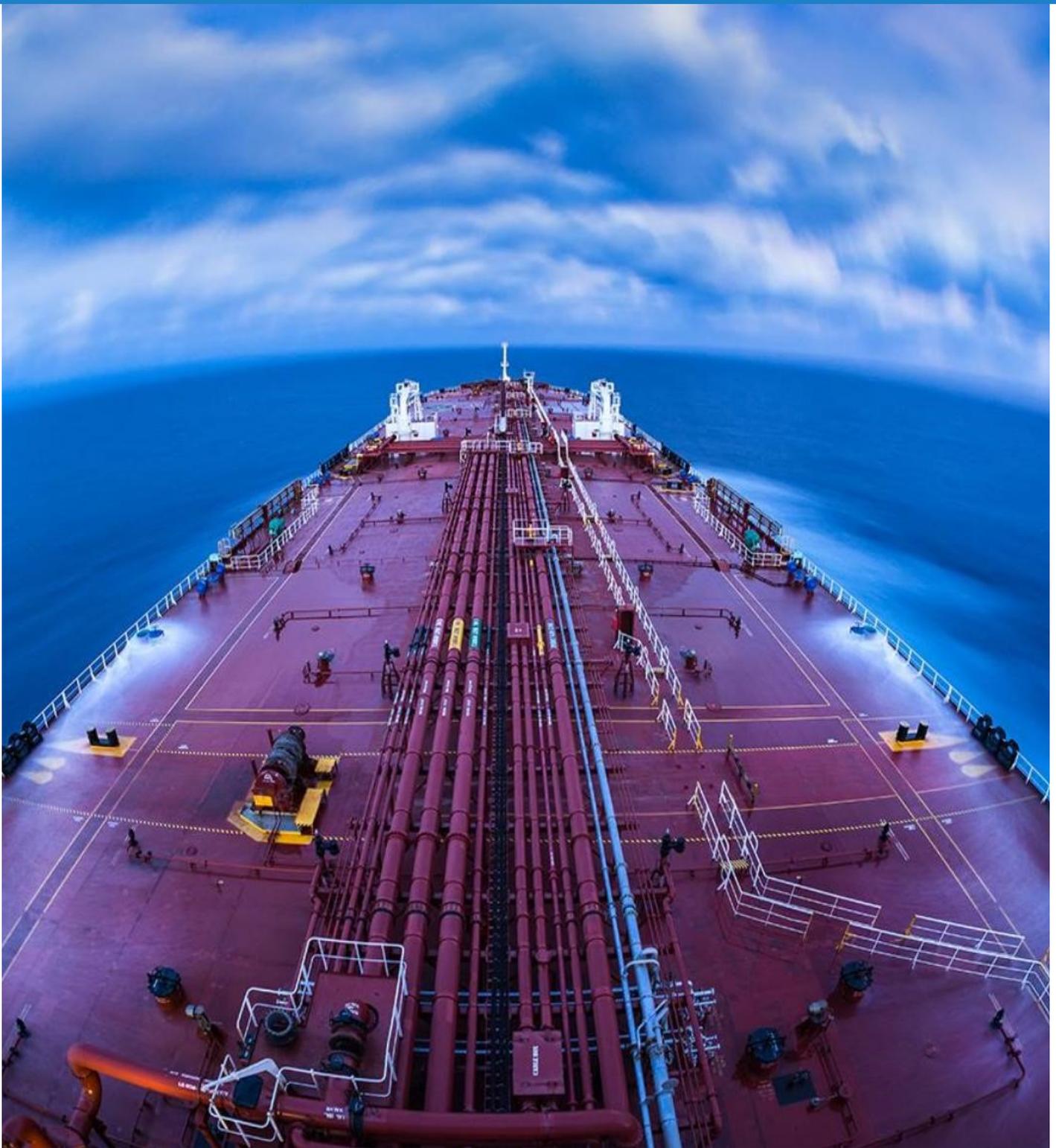
28, Cypriot. Merchant Marine Academy graduate and holder of 2nd Officer license. Experience in sea service as 2nd Officer in a shipping company. Fluent in Greek and good knowledge of English.

[Need a CV of the above candidates? Click here to request it](#)



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