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CONTINUING OFFICIAL MEETINGS



The Chamber continued during October, its official courtesy meetings with government state officials and other business associates, within the framework of a strategic plan which aims to the further promotion of the Cyprus Shipping Industry's interests.

During these meetings, the Chamber's President accompanied by the Director General, briefed the relevant authorities of the the current difficulties faced by the Cyprus Shipping Industry and the need for immediate political support, in order for these issues to be resolved the soonest.

Among other meetings held, the Chamber representatives met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Nikos Christodoulides on 8 October 2021, and discussed ways to safeguard the competitiveness of Cyprus Shipping and enhancing Cyprus' role at EU and International level concerning critical Shipping policy issues, were discussed.

Later on the same day, the Chamber's delegation met with the General Secretary of Progressive Party of Working People (AKEL), Mr. Stefanos Stefanou, who was briefed on current operational problems faced by the

Shipping Industry for which he pledged his support in resolving same.

On 15 October, a working luncheon was held with the President of the Democratic Rally (DISY), Mr. Averof Neophytou and other DISY Members of European Parliament, Messrs. Lefteris Christoforou and Loucas Furlas. The purpose of the luncheon was to brief the MEPs on current issues affecting Cyprus, European and International Shipping for which the assistance of the MEPs is needed in promoting the positions of the Shipping Industry at European Parliament level.

The MEPs fully appreciated and welcomed the briefing by the Chamber and confirmed their commitment to support the Shipping Industry at the European Parliament, on the issues discussed. Furthermore, they invited the Chamber to continue these helpful briefings on future issues as well.

The Chamber also met with other Associations such as Cyprus Employers & Industrialists Federation (OEB) and Cyprus Stock Exchange, discussing matters of mutual interest and cooperation.

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OCTOBER MEMBERS' MEETING



The Cyprus Shipping Chamber held its Monthly Members' Meeting, on 21 October 2021, at the Amathus Beach Hotel, in Limassol. For this Meeting, the Chamber invited the Shipping Deputy Minister, Mr. Vassilios Demetriades, for a presentation and discussion with the Chamber's Members, of the Shipping Ministry's New Long-Term Strategy for Cyprus Shipping, "SEA CHANGE 2030".

During the presentation Mr. Demetriades explained that the Strategy is based on three main pillars, which are "Sustainability", "Extroversion" and "Adaptability" and elaborated on important shipping topics, such as international regulation, seafarer welfare and the long-term sustainability of shipping and explained the new approach, initiatives and actions that will enable the Shipping Deputy Ministry to materialise its vision for Cyprus Shipping.

Taking this opportunity, the Chamber's President, Mr. Themis Papadopoulos, presented a cheque to the "One Dream, One Wish" Charity Association, which provides assistance to the children suffering from cancer and related illnesses, with the amount of €10,000, which was raised from the proceeds of the "Beach Volley" Charity Tournament, which was organised by the Shipping Chamber with the participation of its Member-Companies in September.

The meeting ended with the traditional "social hour", where Members had the opportunity to reconnect and network with the Ministry's representatives.



Next Members' Meeting

17 November 2021, 17:00

Amathus Beach Hotel, Limassol

"Forthcoming P&I Renewal - Are we heading into a Perfect Storm?"

Messrs. Malcolm Godfrey, Head of P&I, and Wayne Godfrey, Director of P&I, from Arthur J. Gallagher (UK) Ltd.

02 | COMMITTEES

MARINE COMMITTEE | 11 OCTOBER

The meeting considered the ICS Marine Committee and ICS Environment Sub-committee agendas. Emphasis was in the discussions was given to the below issues:

- GHG Working Group Report – EEXI, CII, SEEMP
- Update on ICS MBM/Bunker Levy Proposal
- IMO 2050 Net – Zero target
- EU ETS
- Fuel EU

TAXATION, FINANCE AND LEGAL COMMITTEE | 12 OCTOBER

The Committee considered matters relating to Sustainable Finance, which included the EU Taxonomy file and the Green Asset Ratio (GAR), a KPI suggested by the European Banking Authority (EBA) that can be used to identify whether banks are financing sustainable activities. Other matters discussed included the recent update of the Poseidon Principles technical metrics and vessel size brackets as well as the recent agreement of the G20 on a global tax reform.

MANNING AND TRAINING COMMITTEE | 13 OCTOBER

The Committee reviewed the agenda notes of the ICS Manning & Training Sub-Committee meeting held on 19 October 2021. The Committee noted the outcome of the 104th session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) that was held from 4 to 8 October 2021. The Committee also discussed STCW matters, crew certification, crew changes, vaccination of seafarers and the shortage of cadet placements for Cypriot cadets.

OFFSHORE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE | 20 OCTOBER

The Committee received an update on the latest developments on the hydrocarbon exploration activities offshore Cyprus from Dr. Stelios Nicolaides, Director at Hydrocarbon Service who attended the meeting and delivered a presentation.

EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE | 27 OCTOBER

The Chamber's Employment, Labour and Social Affairs Committee met on 29 October 2021. The Committee considered issues pertaining to the vaccination of seafarers with particular focus on parameters such as, supply, mixing of vaccines and certification, legal, liability and insurance matters, as well as, mandating vaccination as a means of a pre-condition for employment. Other items on the agenda included the European Commission's proposal for a Directive in setting an Adequate Minimum Wage.

03 | INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION



INTERNATIONAL VIDEO-CONFERENCE MEETINGS | OCTOBER 2021

The Chamber's Secretariat and Representatives from its Member-Companies participated in the following weekly/bi-weekly video conference meetings during October 2021. Members interested to receive more information on the matters discussed at these meetings, should contact the Secretariat.

1. ICS Vaccinations Task Force 7/10, 14/10, 21/10
2. ECSA Safety & Environment Committee 4/10
3. ICS Crew Change Task Force 5/10, 19/10
4. 13th ESSF Plenary Meeting 7/10
5. ICS Comms Bi Weekly Meeting 11/10, 25/10
6. ECSA Ship Finance Working Group 12/10
7. ICS Environment Sub-Committee 12/10
8. ICS Marine Committee 13-14/10
9. ECSA Safety and Environment Committee 15/10
10. ECSA Taxation Working Group 18/10
11. ECSA Maritime Security Working Group 19/10

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SUPPORTING THE "THALASSA" 2021 EXPERIENCE



The Cyprus Shipping Chamber, supported with its participation the "THALASSA 2021" event organised by the Shipping Deputy Ministry and the Limassol Municipality, which was held on Saturday, 23 October at the Limassol Seafront area.

Member-Company Bernhard Schulte Shipmanagement (Cyprus) Ltd, offered guided tours to interested visitors, of its Marine Training Centre, showing the modern practices of marine education, through virtual reality systems.

Continuing its educational activities for over 30 years, the Chamber during the event carried out a campaign, informing visitors about the wide range of career choices in the field of Shipping, the educational programs offered within Cyprus, while promoting the important role of Shipping for the well-being of society and the Chamber's multifaceted work. At the same time, the Chamber through its

In addition, the Chamber participated in the 5 km Run, which took place within the framework of this event, as a way for Cyprus Shipping to express its appreciation to Seafarers, who transfer uninterruptedly and under difficult conditions due to the Pandemic, the vital goods for the well-being of our society and country.



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CSC PARTICIPATES AT THE 2ND CSN ICT CONFERENCE



The 2nd Cyprus Shipping News ICT Conference, was held on 14 October 2021, with the support of the Chamber and with the participation of a number of the Chamber's Members.

The Chamber's Director General, Mr. Thomas Kazakos, addressed the first session of the Conference, presenting the current developments in the digital transformation process of the Shipping Industry and ways of which digitalisation will drive the decarbonisation of the sector.

During the second session, the Chamber was represented by its Deputy Director General,

Mr. Alexandros Josephides, as a panelist and the Chamber's Marine Officer, Mr. Chrysostomos Efthymiou as moderator of the panel discussion.

A wide range of matters related to ICT were discussed, such as the integration process of shipping companies into the new digital age, how digital technology can improve safety at sea, how intelligent data can be used to drive environmental, social, and economic sustainability and finally how digitalisation will drive decarbonisation for the maritime sector.



05 | MARITIME EDUCATION

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.

November 2021 Exam Session:	15 - 25 November 2021
Deadline to Request Exceptional Exam Centres for May 2022 Exams:	3 February 2022
November 2021 Exam Results Published:	24 February 2022
Deadline for Post Examination Review for November 2021 Exams:	10 March 2022
Final Deadline for May 2022 Exam Registration:	12 April 2022
Deadline for Deferment, Exam Centre or Subject Changes for May 2022 Exams:	19 April 2022
May 2022 Examination Session:	16 - 26 May 2022
May 2022 Examination Results Published:	11 August 2022

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.

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.

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

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CANDIDATES

Mr. Aristotelis Alexandrou

25, Cypriot. Graduate, holder of a BEng/MEng in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering. Fluent in Greek and English.

Mr. Demetris Fotiou

27, Cypriot. Graduate, holder of a BSc Shipping Trade and Transport. Fluent in Greek and English.

Ms. Fotini Michaelidou

53, British/Cypriot. Holder of a degree in Tourism and Hotel Management. Certificate in Travicom Skytrack Reservation - IATA. Extensive experience in positions such as Human Resources Manager. Fluent in Greek and English.

Mr. Pantelis Tzortzatos

29, Cypriot. Holder of degrees in Maritime Business Management and in Business Management and Finance. Previous experience in STCW Certification Department. Fluent in Greek and English.

Mr. George Savva

49, Cypriot. Professional with extensive experience in the fields of purchasing and crew coordination. Fluent in Greek and English.

Mr. Kyriacos Olympiou

53, Cypriot. Holder of a Master Mariner License, Master in Leadership and Education, Diploma in Maritime Education & Training and Diploma in Marine Meteorology. Previous experience as Master Mariner, Marine Lecturer and Nautical Science Coordinator. Fluent in Greek and English.

Contact us at csc@csc-cy.org to receive any of the above CVs.