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"MARITIME CYPRUS 2023" CONFERENCE HELD WITH SUCCESS



The international Conference "Maritime Cyprus 2023" was concluded with great participation and success once again. The Conference took place between 9-11 October 2023, organised the Shipping Deputy Ministry in cooperation with the Cyprus Shipping Chamber and the Cyprus Union of Shipowners, at the Parklane Resort & Spa, in Limassol.

The official Opening Ceremony of the working deliberations of the Conference on Monday, 9 October 2023, made by H.E. the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr. Nikos Christodoulides, was preceded by the Opening Reception earlier on Sunday, 8 October 2023, at the Presidential Palace where the "Cyprus Maritime Award 2023" was bestowed.

The Conference was a true celebration of maritime affairs, attracting over 900 prominent Shipping Industry representatives, decision-makers and top management from around the globe, demonstrating the significance of the Conference and Cyprus' Maritime Industry as a whole.



The theme for this year's Conference was, "Shipping in Action: An Agenda for Change," focusing on critical issues related to upcoming policy and regulatory changes in the international maritime arena and the active steps the Maritime Sector is taking in that direction. The official Opening Ceremony of the working deliberations of the Conference on Monday, 9 October 2023, was addressed by H.E. the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr. Nikos Christodoulides, who emphasised the importance of the Shipping Industry in Cyprus' economy, its competitive advantages, and the government's efforts to enhance further Cyprus's role at an international and regional level in shaping shipping policies.

Prominent stakeholders and professionals from the shipping world, including Mr. Kitack Lim, the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), Ms. Adina Vălean, the European Commissioner for Transport, Mr. Emanuele Grimaldi, the Chairman of the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), Mr. Philippos Philis, the President of the European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA), and Mr. Arsenio Dominguez, Secretary-General elect of the International Maritime Organisation, actively participated in high level discussions.

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On the first day of the Conference, the Chamber, organised a panel discussion entitled "Sustainable Shipping towards 2050: a Mission (Im)Possible?". The discussion addressed the challenges facing shipowners in transitioning to a fully decarbonised Shipping Industry by 2050 and whether these specific goals are achievable, requiring the introduction of additional mid-term and short-term targets to make the energy transition in the industry feasible aiming to ensure a sustainable and efficient maritime industry that will continue to provide essential services to the planet and future generations.

The discussion was moderated by Mr. Themis Papadopoulos, the President of the Cyprus Shipping Chamber, featuring as high level speakers, Mr. Emanuele Grimaldi, Chairman of

the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), Mr. Philippos Philis, President of the European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA), Dr. Gaby Bornheim, President of the German Shipowners' Association (Verband Deutscher Reeder - VDR), and Mr. Nikolaus H. Schües, President of the Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO).

During the Conference, there was also a 'Maritime Services Exhibition,' with more than 30 exhibitors, inaugurated by the President of the Republic, Mr. Nikos Christodoulides.

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EUROPEAN SHIPPING SUMMIT 2023



The Chamber participated at the European Shipping Summit, organised by the European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA) and other European shipping stakeholders on 19 and 20 September 2023, in Brussels. The Summit which is considered as one of the most important maritime events in Europe, gathered together shipowners, shipping professionals and policy makers of the European and International Shipping to discuss current shipping matters and stress the importance for both the Industry and the policy makers to navigate on the same course.

Cyprus was well highlighted through the active involvement of Mr. Philippos Philis, the President of ECSA, who opened the flagship Conference with a speech, stressing the message that "Shipping is a cornerstone of European food, energy and supply-chain security and that Europe needs a strong maritime sector to maintain its global leadership". During the working deliberations of the Conference, speeches were given by distinguished guests including the Former President of the European Commission,

Mr. José Manuel Barroso and the Director-General of DG MOVE, European Commission, Mrs. Magda Kopczynska, showing the importance attached to the Conference, as well as to European Shipping.

In addition, the Cyprus Shipping Chamber, co-organised within the framework of the European Shipping Summit with other shipowner's associations a side session, entitled "How to increase the share of maritime transport in Europe's trade". The discussion involved sharing best practice cases to shift to more maritime transport.

The official opening ceremony of the working deliberations of the flagship Conference, on Wednesday 20 September, made by Mr. Philis, was preceded by a Gala Dinner earlier on Tuesday, 19 September, at the Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium, during which the European Commission Vice-President, Mr. Margaritis Schinas gave a keynote speech.

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ECSA SECRETARY GENERAL VISITS CYPRUS



The Chamber welcomed the Secretary General of the European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA), Mr. Sotiris Raptis, at its Monthly Members' Meeting, enhancing further the close relations the Chamber has as a Member of ECSA.

During the Monthly Members' Meeting, which was held within the framework of the "World Maritime Day" celebrations, on 28 September, the Chamber's members had the opportunity to hear from Mr. Raptis about the effects of recent European Union policies in Shipping.

According to Mr. Raptis, with less than a year left until the next European Parliament elections, the EU has recently finalised the most critical legislative proposals of the 'Fit for 55' climate package. With only a few months left for the Commission to introduce the implementing acts and the EU Member States to transpose the new regulations into national law, he focused on the most critical provisions of the new laws including the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS), FuelEU

Maritime, Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Directive (AFIR) and Renewable Energy Directive (RED). In particular, the possible effect on the uptake of cleaner fuels and a future alignment with the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) measures were highlighted.

In the framework of his visit, Mr. Raptis also had the opportunity to meet with the Chamber's Board of Directors and with the Permanent Secretary of the Shipping Deputy Ministry, Mr. Stelios Himonas. During the two courtesy meetings, there was a briefing of ECSA's plans regarding the current issues that concern European Shipping and its further strengthening. Both the Chamber and Shipping Ministry, expressed Industry's and Cyprus Government efforts to enhance EU Shipping, as Cyprus holds an important position with the third largest merchant fleet and largest shipmanagement center in the EU. The President of ECSA, Mr. Philippos Philis, who has been at the helm of the Association since January 2021, was also present at these meetings.

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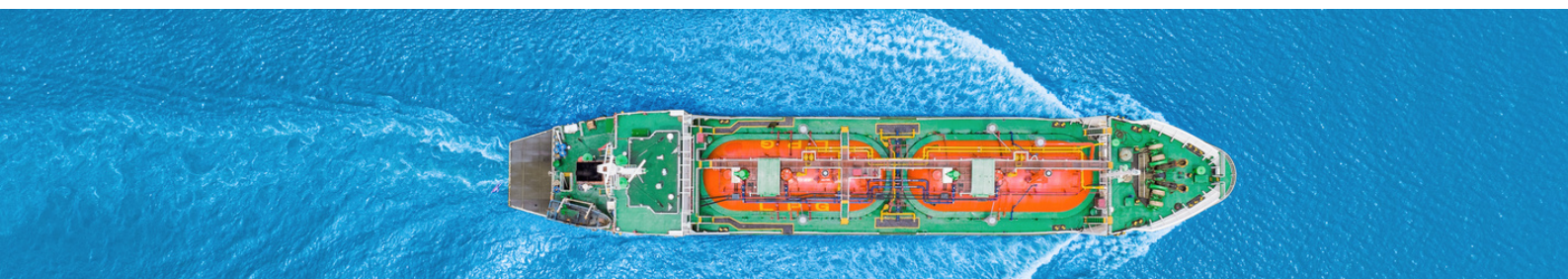
CSC MONTHLY MEMBERS MEETING, 26 OCTOBER



The Chamber held its Monthly Members' Meeting, on 26 October 2023, at the Four Seasons Hotel, in Limassol during which a presentation was held concerning the ESG landscape in the maritime industry to create impact.

Ms. Irene Loucaides, Managing Director of I.L Grow Sustainability Consulting Ltd., talked about the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) which requires approximately 55,000 corporations operating in the EU to report on their Sustainability performance.

The main requirements of this new directive as well as how organizations operating in the Maritime Industry can best prepare for it not just to achieve compliance but also to create positive environmental and social impact, were also presented.



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REPRESENTING CYPRUS SHIPPING ABROAD



ECSA

European Community Shipowners' Associations

The Chamber's Director General participated in a number of joint Shipping related meetings in Denmark organised by the European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA), actively representing the Cyprus Shipping Industry.

Meetings organised included Taxation Working Group, State Aid Committee, discussing the latest developments on state aid and tonnage tax regimes.

CSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET WITH STELIOS HIMONAS, SDM PERMANENT SECRETARY



The Chamber's Board of Directors had an official meeting with the Shipping Deputy Ministry's Permanent Secretary, Dr. Stelios Himonas on 4 October.

During the meeting, the Chamber's Board, briefed the Minister on the long-standing issue of social security for EU seafarers on Cyprus flag ships and a detailed discussion was held on the various options being proposed by the Chamber towards resolving this issue and the best way forward.

Among others matters, the Board of Directors emphasised the need for the further upgrade of the services offered to the Shipping Industry with the immediate creation of a specialised "One-Stop-Shipping-Centre" at the Shipping Deputy Ministry, the complete digitalisation of the Shipping Ministry and the implementation of the Bill for the formation of a Cyprus Shipping Company with Limited Liability, so that the Cyprus Maritime Administration can become even more competitive.

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CSC BEACH VOLLEY TOURNAMENT HELD WITH GREAT SUCCESS



The Cyprus Shipping Chamber Charity Beach-Volley Tournament 2023 was successfully completed on 17 September 2023.

We would like to congratulate and sincerely thank all Chamber Members who participated in this year's Beach-Volley Tournament and in this respect contributed to a worthwhile cause.

More than 27 teams from the Chamber's Member-Companies participated in this year's Beach-Volley Tournament, for which the amount of €14.750 from the proceeds of the Tournament, were donated during the Chamber's Monthly Members' Meeting, to the 'One Dream, One Wish' Charity Association, which fulfils wishes of children suffering from cancer.

This year's finalists who we warmly congratulate, are as follows:

- **1st Place:** Fameline Lions, Fameline Holding Group Ltd.
- **2nd Place:** MSC Boys, MSC Shipmanagement Limited
- **3rd Place:** CSM Ninjas, Columbia Shipmanagement Ltd.
- **4th Place:** Uniteam All Stars, Uniteam Marine Ltd.

Congratulations to the winners and all participating teams.

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SAVE THE DATES - CSC BUSINESS & SOCIAL FUNCTIONS



The Chamber is pleased to advise its Members, to save the following dates for the below coming functions.

Further details of these events will be provided in due course via the Chamber's Circulars.

USCG AMVER Awards Ceremony/Member's Meeting	30 November 2023	Four Seasons Hotel, Limassol
CSC December Blood Donation Drive	6 December 2023	Agios Georgios Chavouzas, Limassol
CSC Members Christmas Gathering	11 December 2023	TBA, Limassol



02 | INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS | SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2023

The Chamber's Secretariat and Representatives from its Member-Companies participated in the following meetings during September and October 2023, both at local and international level, in order to be able to offer as much assistance as possible to its Members in terms of information and updates related to important shipping matters. Members interested to receive more information on the matters discussed at these meetings, should contact the Secretariat.

1. EU Commission, Environment Dpt./issues EU ETS implementing provisions issues, 26/9
2. ICS ESG Ad hoc Working Group, 27/9
3. IMO GMAs Annual Meeting, 27/9
4. Ministry of Finance, Consolidated Tax Reform, 29/9
5. CBC 1st Annual Conference "The role of Monetary Policy in tackling inflationary pressures", 4/10
6. ICS information Presentation Meeting on Sea Cargo Charter, 5/10
7. 14th Limassol Economic Forum, 6/10
8. RLCF Alliance 2nd General Assembly, 16/10
9. ECSA Ship Finance/Social Policy Committee/State Aid /Taxation, 17-18/10
10. CIFA 90 International Funds Summit & EXPO, 23-24/10
11. ECSA Ad-Hoc Social Affairs Committee meeting, 25/10
12. LTM Working Group meeting to finalise draft GFS submission to IMO, 26/10



03 | COMMITTEES

COMMUNICATION AND IMAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, 2, 25/10

The Committee met to discuss and make recommendations in relation to the Chamber's Image and Communication Strategy to further support its "core business", which is technocratic/political

lobbying to the decision-makers and further enhance awareness in general, about the business and social responsibility activities of the Chamber from its internal and external communication procedures.

MARINE COMMITTEE, 5/10

The Committee noted the latest developments on the below topics: GHG Short-Term Measures, GHG Mid and Long Term Measures, LCA guidelines, Low GHG Fuel Standard (GFS), EU Fit for 55 Package Status (EU ETS, FuelEU Maritime), Bunker Fuel Quality, Ship Recycling and Ballast Water Management.

The Committee discussed the compliance process of the CII and EEXI and the issue of Overridable Power Limitation (OPL).

TAXATION, FINANCE AND LEGAL COMMITTEE, 25/10

The Committee met in order to mainly discuss the relevant draft Bill which has been prepared by the Ministry of Finance for the purposes of harmonisation with the EU OECD Pillar II Directive. Discussions focused on the inconsistencies between the OECD rules and the EU Directive as regards the definition of "international shipping income", under which, income from, inter alia, shipmanagement activities, was not included in the definition thus being not eligible for the exclusion/carve-out.

The Chamber Secretariat explained how this negative development can be resolved based on the practical transposition and implementation/interpretation of the relevant EU Directive on a national level. The Committee also considered the Chamber's approach towards the Cyprus Government implementation of the BEFIT proposal and the EU Foreign Direct Investment Regulation.

EVENTS COMMITTEE, 26/10

The Committee reviewed the outcome of the CSC events (Annual Dinner Dance, Beach Volley Tournament, "Maritime Cyprus 2023" Reception and Conference).

Other matters discussed by the Committee was the Chamber's "35th Year Anniversary" Gala Dinner as well as Chambers Christmas social event.



04 | REPORTING

UKRAINE - RUSSIA & MIDDLE EAST CRISES

The Chamber continues to monitor closely the developments with regard to the war in Ukraine since the beginning of the conflict and has been following the regular updates provided by the Cyprus Government, the European Commission, the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) and the European Community Shipowners Associations (ECSA).

Furthermore, the Chamber also closely monitors the on-going developments in the Middle East, especially in Israel and Gaza, for which the Shipping Deputy Ministry has already issued a relevant Security Notice. Members will be updated accordingly on any new developments.

4TH CSN CYPRUS SHIPPING INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES CONFERENCE, 12 OCTOBER



The Chamber's Board Member and CEO of Tototheo Maritime, Mrs. Despina Panayiotou Theodosiou, addressed on behalf of the Chamber the 4th Cyprus Shipping Information and Communication Technologies Conference, held by Cyprus Shipping News, on 12 October 2023.

The Conference examined the opportunities and challenges of artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and maritime satellite technology involving the shipping sector, while discussing ways to embrace these technological changes to ensure a sustainable and prosperous future for our industry.

05 | MARITIME EDUCATION

THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SHIPBROKERS - PROFESSIONAL QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS (PQE)



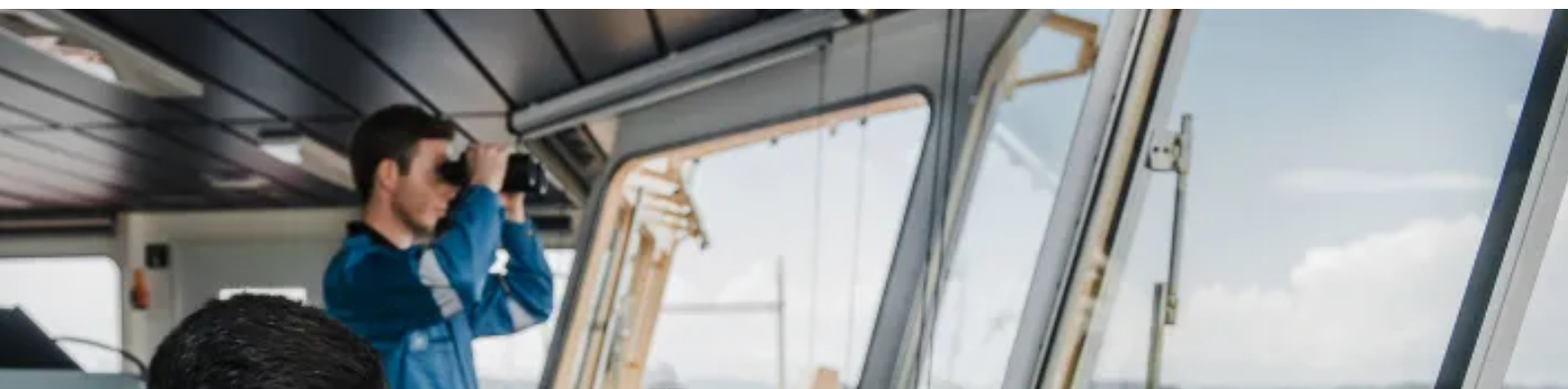
The Member-company employees who are considering sitting the examinations and who may require any advice are urged to make first contact with the Chamber's Marine Officer, Mr. Chrysostomos Efthymiou at the Chamber's Secretariat (Tel: 25 360717) or email c.efthymiou@csc-cy.org.

Further information on these matters may be obtained from the Education Officer of the Cyprus Branch, Costas Silitziotis, on 99 464012 or Stella Mavrommatis, Assistant Education Officer, at: icscy.education@gmail.com.

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.

Opening of Academic Year	12 June 2023
May 2023 Exam Results Published	24 August 2023
Deadline for Post Examination Review for May 2023 Exams	7 September 2023
Deadline for Back to School Discount	25 September 2023
Final Deadline for November 2023 Exam Registration	19 October 2023
Deadline for Deferment, Exam Centre or Subject Changes for November 2023 Exams	26 October 2023
November 2023 Exam Session	20-30 November 2023
Deadline to Request Exceptional Exam Centres for May 2024 Exams	9 February 2024
November 2023 Exam Results Published	22 February 2024
Deadline for Post Examination Review for November 2023 Exams	7 March 2024
Final Deadline for May 2024 Exam Registration	11 April 2024
Deadline for Deferment, Exam Centre or Subject Changes for May 2024 Exams	18 April 2024
May 2024 Examination Session	13 - 23 May 2024
May 2024 Examination Results Published	22 August 2024



06| EMPLOYMENT



CANDIDATES

Ms. Andri Manoli

51, Cypriot. Diploma in Book Keeping LCCI Accounting. Extensive experience as Accounts and Office Manager in the shipping sector. Languages: Fluent in Greek and English. Good knowledge of Italian and French.

Ms. Irene Shipilli

Holder of a Professional Diploma in Business Administration and a Higher Diploma in Accounting. Previous experience as Premier banker with significant experience in managing a wide range of business and lending activities for a large portfolio of bank's clients. Languages: English and Greek

Ms. Nadia Socratous

37, Cypriot. Holder of Bachelor of Arts with Upper Second Class Honours in Recording Arts. Previous experience in positions such as Office Manager, Client Manager and Banking Administrator. Languages: Greek and English

Mr. Michalis Thoma

24, Cypriot. Holder of a Bachelor in Shipping, Trade and Transport. Languages: Greek and English.

Mr. George Patouris

29, Cypriot. Diploma in Book Keeping LCCI Accounting. Previous experience as Crew Superintendent. Languages: Greek and English.

Ms. Mikaella Filokyprou

20, Cypriot. Third year undergraduate student in Shipping Management. Looking for part-time or internship opportunities. Languages: Greek and English.

Ms. Vasiliki Patrozou

37, Greek. Studies in Accounting and Secretarial. Previous experience as Receptionist and Assistant Secretary. Languages: Greek and English.

Mr. Christos Kyriacou

36, Cypriot. Holder of LLB Law and LLM International Energy Law. Previous experience as Property and Corporate Lawyer. Languages: Greek and English.

Mr. Giorgos Piskopos

24, Cypriot. Graduate of BSc in Commerce, Finance and Shipping. Languages: Greek and English.

Ms. Eleni Iapona

Cypriot. Holder of a Bachelor of Law. Experienced Internal Legal Advisor accomplished in advising Companies to handle and settle Legal and Court Cases. Languages: Greek and English.

Mr. Themis Pytharides

23, Cypriot. Graduate of MEng Marine Technology with Hons in Marine engineering. Languages: Greek and English.

Mr. Stelios Christofides

Cypriot. BSc and MSc in Computer Science. Software engineering professional with 19 years of experience in the field. Languages: Greek, English and Russian.

Mr. Marinos Syntychakis

32, Greek. Captain Class B (Merchant Marine Academy). Languages: Greek and English.

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