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Message by the President of the Republic of Cyprus

Mr Nicos Anastasiades

It is indeed a great pleasure and honour to address the Annual Report 2019 of the Cyprus Shipping Chamber.

From the outset, I feel obliged to praise the Cyprus Shipping Chamber which, since its establishment in 1989, has remained true to its founding principle in:

“.....promoting the interests of Cyprus Shipping and furthering the reputation of the Cyprus flag, whilst promoting and protecting the interests of its Members both nationally and internationally.....”.

Therefore, it is no coincidence that the Chamber has proved to be one of the closest and most significant collaborators of the Government in substantially improving our infrastructure, policies and procedures as regards enhancing and strengthening Cyprus shipping.

Shipping is a sector for which Cyprus is proud of and represents an invaluable asset which in recent years has proven catalytic towards the steady recovery of our economy, acting not only as a gateway of foreign investments but also as an export destination for ship management services.

Today, Cyprus constitutes a sophisticated maritime cluster covering the full range of maritime and maritime-related activities, having one of the largest fleets in the world and enjoying international recognition for the quality of its flag and its services, as well as its positive contribution to the formation of international maritime policy.

Furthermore, since the set-up of the Shipping Deputy Ministry two years ago, the Cyprus’ maritime administration has been following a dynamic, yet diligent, plan of action as part of its

National Shipping Policy, implementing reforms, simplifying procedures, minimising bureaucracy, reorganising and digitising its departments and procedures.

Coupled with an intense and focused promotional strategy, with specific actions aiming to strengthen the Maritime Cyprus brand, active participation in international conferences and digital marketing, our efforts have yielded positive results so far, registering in the Cyprus fleet and on the number of shipping companies based in Cyprus.

In addition, the excellent infrastructure of our country, the accumulated shipping expertise, our strategic location and above all our determination to take necessary organizational, structural and tax reforms, indicate a promising future. Moreover, the discovery of hydrocarbons in our Exclusive Economic Zone creates new prospects for our country and economy, widening the horizons of our shipping industry, particularly as Cyprus has the potential to develop into an important Energy Centre in the Mediterranean.

In concluding, I would like to express my gratitude to the Cyprus Shipping Chamber for its 30 years of service to Cyprus Shipping, since its establishment in 1989, its ongoing trust and support in Cyprus, its active contribution to the economy and society of Cyprus, and the extremely high level of professionalism, expertise, specialisation and drive of both its members and its secretariat and I wish to all its members and supporters every success in their future endeavors.

Nicos Anastasiades
President of the Republic of Cyprus

It is with great pleasure and honour that I address once again the Cyprus Shipping Chamber, through its Annual Report, especially as 2019 marks thirty years of a most successful and fruitful course, dedicatedly fulfilling its mission of promoting the interests of the Cyprus maritime sector and furthering the reputation of the Cyprus flag on an international scale.

The Cyprus Shipping Chamber has indeed witnessed considerable growth since its establishment in 1989 and now comprises more than 200 major ship-owning, ship-management, chartering and shipping related companies, based either in Cyprus or abroad. This enormous increase is on par with the growth of the global seaborne trade, which is a significant contributor to international economic stability and sustainability.

Cyprus has succeeded in developing a robust and constantly evolving shipping industry of a renowned global standing. It is currently one of the largest ship management centres in the world, while the Cyprus Registry is the 11th largest merchant fleet globally, an impressive feat, especially when one considers existing challenges as a result of the embargo that Turkey imposes on Cyprus flag vessels. The position of Cyprus as a well-trusted and honest broker in the international maritime community has been further recognized through its recent re-election in November 2019 to the International Maritime Organization for a further two-year term. In this respect, it would be an oversight not to note the excellent and dedicated work of the President and Board of Directors, as well as of the Members of the Cyprus Shipping Chamber, whose tireless efforts lead the Cyprus shipping industry on a path of continuous growth and development. Cyprus' commitment to protecting and further advancing shipping as a growing and sustainable sector, was manifested with the establishment of the Shipping Deputy Ministry in March 2018.

As we look into the future, we must not remain complacent, but rather adapt to new trends and challenges taking into advantage the tremendous technological advances of our times. At the same time, we must keep in mind that shipping remains a vital global link to supporting sustainable international trade and a blue ocean economy. The Fourth Industrial Revolution offers significant opportunities for the shipping industry as well, that can benefit greatly from the technological advances in digitalization, Artificial Intelligence and robotics, as well as from advances in the area of renewable and alternative energy sources.

The shipping sector can also act as a catalyst in efforts to bring about stability and progress in the conflict ridden Eastern Mediterranean region. Cyprus has been recognized as an essential pillar of cooperation with neighbouring countries, in the context of the tripartite cooperation mechanisms that Cyprus and Greece have established with countries of the region. Furthermore, the discovery of hydrocarbons within Cyprus' Exclusive Economic Zone and the initiation of exploitation efforts create new opportunities for the shipping industry and provide further incentives for longer-term development and job creation.

To successfully address international competitive challenges, as well as regional socio-political challenges, the House of Representatives will always remain a trusted partner, who actively supports the shipping sector in its mission, through the adoption, where appropriate, of new legislation, contemporary regulations and additional mechanisms, which shall contribute to the further development of the Cyprus shipping industry and the economy in general.

Wishing you every success in your current work and future plans, I remain confident that through targeted and coordinated steps and the commitment of all involved, the Cyprus maritime sector shall continue to flourish, to the great benefit of the Cypriot economy and society.

Demetris Syllouris
President of the House of Representatives



Mr Demetris Syllouris

Message by the President of the House of Rep- resenta- tives



Message by the Shipping Deputy Minister

Mrs Natasa Pilides

2019 marks a great anniversary for the Cyprus Shipping Chamber, the conclusion of 30 years since its establishment in 1989. For all these years, the Cyprus Shipping Chamber has been one of the closest collaborators of the Government and is recognised for its active and significant contribution to the development of the shipping industry of our country. The Cyprus Shipping Chamber has played a great role in supporting and developing Cyprus Shipping for 30 years now, through good times but also through some difficult times for the global shipping industry.

As a great advocate for the creation of the Shipping Deputy Ministry, the Cyprus Shipping Chamber has remained one of the closest collaborators of the Cyprus shipping administration and, as such, forms part of the Consultative Committee presided by the Shipping Deputy Ministry which designs and oversees the implementation of the country's National Shipping Strategy. Since March 2018, our fruitful collaboration with the aim of further enhancing the competitiveness of the Cyprus Register and enlarging the Cyprus shipping cluster, has grown from strength to strength, with tangible positive results for the Cyprus shipping industry. Using the industry's valuable feedback, the Shipping Deputy Ministry has introduced a number of reforms and initiatives which have increased the competitiveness of the Cyprus Register of Ships, as well as ensuring that top quality services are provided to shipping companies in Cyprus and abroad on a 24/7 basis. The National Shipping Strategy is being implemented diligently with input and contribution from the public and private sector alike, and the first results are very positive and encouraging.

The knowledge and expertise of CSC has certainly been reflected in our useful input during Cyprus's EU Accession, as

well as in the efforts to modernise the maritime legislation, leading to the remarkable result of having the first ever approved tonnage tax system in the EU for an open registry, back in 2010. The CSC's input in technical and policy matters continues, and we look forward to further reinforcing the excellent collaboration with the Cyprus Government and the Shipping Deputy Ministry in particular.

The CSC's contribution to the promotion of Maritime Education is also of great value, with the successful organisation of the first ever maritime career fair last year, as well as many other awareness campaigns. The opportunities provided to cadets by our resident shipping industry are extremely significant in fostering and developing human talent in the maritime sector.

Within almost two years of the Shipping Deputy Ministry's set-up, a new organisational structure has been adopted to replace the old one of the Department of Merchant Shipping. It is envisaged that the restructuring will increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the Deputy Ministry in order to be able to tackle the current and future challenges that arise in the shipping industry.

A new and upgraded promotional strategy has also been adopted with promising results. This includes a new brand image, a new website with additional electronic functions, and many promotional activities all over the world. The automation and digitalization of the Shipping Deputy Ministry is already underway, while a reduction of bureaucracy and ISO certification of our processes and procedures has already been completed.



Our shipping taxation system continues to be a key competitive advantage in the shipping sector which we look forward to renewing for another ten years. The system has contributed enormously towards the development of the Cyprus Flag and the expansion of our shipping cluster, by creating a climate of stability, which in turn has enabled Cyprus to develop unique expertise in all areas of shipping, with a high availability of specialised, talented personnel across a number of disciplines. Joint efforts with the Cyprus Shipping Chamber in the area of innovation are already in the pipeline and are expected to increase and enhance the presence of marine technology companies in Cyprus and strengthen the link between private companies and academia.

We are very proud of the positive momentum Cyprus has achieved in recent years, enabling it to cement its position as one of the most sophisticated and comprehensive international shipping centres, with the 11th largest shipping fleet in the world and the 3rd largest in Europe. At the end of 2018, the Cyprus fleet reached 24 million gross tonnage, numbering more than one thousand ocean-going vessels. As it is well known, Cyprus represents the largest third-party ship-management Centre in Europe and one of the largest in the world. About 3.500 ships with a net tonnage of around 60 million are managed out of Cyprus. Recent statistics of the Central Bank of Cyprus illustrate the continuous growth of our ship management sector and its significant contribution to the economy. At the same time, we are witnessing the expansion and of our shipping cluster with new activities, such as maritime training academies, ship financing, P&I Clubs, bunkering activities, marine technology companies and more.

The prospects of our shipping industry look brighter than ever.

The excellent infrastructure of our country, the accumulated shipping expertise, the comprehensive incentives available, and above all our determination to make necessary reforms, in collaboration with the private sector, make for a promising future.

Furthermore, the discovery of hydrocarbons in our Exclusive Economic Zone generates new challenges and opportunities to our Shipping industry to further evolve and widen its horizons, creating significant synergies with the energy sector.

This year marks another important anniversary: 30 years since the first Maritime Cyprus Conference took place in 1989. The success of the Cyprus Shipping Conference 2019 is unquestionable, as we have received countless positive messages from all over the world for what seems to have been a milestone for our shipping industry. I would like to wholeheartedly thank the CSC for its valuable contribution to the success of the conference, as one of our valuable contributors and as co-organiser of the event.

Concluding, I would like to emphasize that the excellent collaboration of the public and the private sectors throughout the years, are the foundations of Cyprus's success in the shipping industry. They form one of the main foundations of the strong position and prominent role that Cyprus enjoys in the international shipping scene and its influential participation to the work of the International Maritime Organization. I am confident that the close cooperation between the Shipping Deputy Ministry and the Cyprus Shipping Chamber will continue, paving the way to new and greater achievements.

Natasa Pilides | Shipping Deputy Minister





Message by the Chairman of the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)

Mr. Esben Poulsson | ICS Chairman

2019 has been an important year for the international maritime sector and once again the Cyprus Shipping Chamber (CSC) has been playing a leading role in the industry's development throughout the years of its membership.

CSC officials have over the years acted as Members of the Board of ICS, as well as Chairmen of ICS Committees, actively participating in policy making, and consulting thoroughly on many complex topics with CSC's member shipping companies.

We have seen the ongoing concern of shipowners regarding the introduction of the IMO's Sulphur 2020 regulations, which has caused shipowners to undertake adjustments to their operations. We will see in 2020 just how these regulations work in practice, but shipowners have been at the forefront of the transition.

It is also important to recognise that the World Maritime theme for 2019, designated by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), focused on empowering women in the maritime community. Cyprus is truly at the forefront of this mission. The International Chamber of Shipping's community has been inspired by the leadership shown by Cyprus. Indeed, we recognise that in a changing world with new requirements we will need a more diverse workforce to deliver the future of shipping.

2019 has seen significant safety concerns for shipowners. Increased tensions in the Straits of Hormuz, and heightened levels of piracy in parts of Asia, Latin America but particularly in the Gulf of Guinea have all placed shipowners and their crew's as pawns in wider contexts. This is not acceptable, and we must do all we can to ensure that the maritime community can go about its lawful trade supporting the growth of nations.

The leadership shown by the Cyprus Shipping Chamber this year, particularly though the co-organising of the 30th Maritime Cyprus Conference of shipping leaders, bringing these issues to the fore, with the Cyprus Shipping Deputy Ministry, has been particularly important.

The most important change in 2019 has been the galvanising of the global maritime sector in its commitment to ad-

dress the issue of decarbonisation. In responding to the challenge set down by the IMO in April of 2018, when member governments concluded a ground-breaking agreement on CO2 emissions "The Paris Agreement for Shipping", the shipping community has shown leadership.

The transformation that we will see over the coming decades represents a 4th Propulsion Revolution for shipping. If we are to meet the challenge set out in the IMO 2050 strategy the reality is that companies are going to need to place orders for new 2050 compliant ships in the first half of the next decade, in a context of significant uncertainty about the future. This issue has been high on the agenda of the Cyprus Shipping Chamber, and its Board has often been at the forefront of thinking on this important issue.

In 2019 the shipping community unanimously put forward a joint industry proposal to form the world's first collaborative shipping R&D programme to help eliminate CO2 emissions from international shipping. The proposal includes core funding from shipping companies across the world of about USD 5 billion over a 10-year period. This represents true leadership and I am grateful for the support shown by the Cyprus Shipping Chamber.

Much still needs to be done to make this a reality but what is also very clear is that in parallel we need to ensure that our seafarers receive the training they need to enable the 4th Propulsion Revolution to succeed. Again, the Cyprus Shipping Chamber has been at the forefront of thinking here with the formation in 2019 of the "Cyprus Foundation of the Sea", which aims to shape the future of Blue Economy in Cyprus.

For the past 30 years the Cyprus Shipping Chamber has guided the Cyprus community to become a truly powerful global maritime cluster. We express our genuine appreciation for the Cyprus Shipping Chamber's contribution to the work of ICS and international shipping, over the past 30 years. As we look to the next 30 years Cyprus will continue to play a vital role on the global stage.

Esben Poulsson | ICS Chairman



Mr Panos Laskarides | ECSA President

Message by the President of the European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA)

Although 2019 will remain in history as the year that marked the beginning of one of the worst pandemics of modern life, Covid-19, with multiple and overwhelming effects on shipping, too, the year was also full of other developments and challenges for the shipping industry. As President of the European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA) during the aforementioned period, I have had both the privilege and the duty to deal first-hand with many of them, such as: the rise of protectionism, addressing climate change in an effective and feasible manner, maintaining the competitiveness of the European Union (EU) fleet, and many other.

An issue of priority is the appropriate communication and promotion of the strategic importance of EU shipping to both the EU institutions and the wider public. Shipping is the backbone of global trade, enabling the import and export of affordable goods on a scale that is not possible to take place by any other transport mode. The EU, in particular, relies on international shipping for more than 75% of its external trade, which includes the EU's vital imports of energy, raw materials and other essential goods, primarily carried by bulk/tramp shipping. EU shipowners control around 40% of the global fleet, 77% of which EU fleet is, in fact, involved in bulk/tramp shipping. EU shipping has a critical strategic significance for the EU in addition to its economic, social and environmental importance and the added value this creates. This strategic dimension of EU shipping has also most recently been depicted during the Covid-19 crisis with shipping bringing medicine, medical equipment, food supplies and other essential goods in the EU. The industry is firmly anchored in the European economy with a strong presence of shipping companies, the backbone of the maritime cluster. But it faces fierce global competition, especially from the growing Asian maritime nations, and its sustainability is at risk. The EU must not remain unresponsive to international challenges, it must effectively address the international competitiveness of its shipping so that neither its know-how, nor its shipping activity is lost to other regions in the world, as has, unfortunately, been the case with other industries, such as shipbuilding.

In this respect, regional arrangements run counter to the very needs of EU shipping and must be avoided, as they put EU shipping at a disadvantage and run the risk of leading to the collapse of an efficient regime for a vital international industry. Measures adopted in the combat of climate change should be seen through this prism and must aim for a universal scope and realistic application in order to have true environmental benefits. In connection with this, one thing that must be stressed is that shipping is the most efficient and environment-friendly mode of transport, and it is regretful that it often receives unduly blame, mainly due to lack of understanding of its characteristics or even its lack of political constituency. In 2019 a new European Parliament and a new European Commission was formed and it is vital that the newly-appointed high officials and technocrats recognise the role and significance as well as the special features of this strategic asset of the EU, i.e. its shipping industry. Trends and issues for EU shipping should be approached by the EU institutions in a holistic manner. ECSA is doing a very good job towards supporting this end and its work should be further enhanced and expanded, as new challenges for European shipping emerge every day. The concerted efforts of all ECSA members are needed at a united front, showing understanding and respect for the needs and peculiarities of different shipping sectors.

Shipping needs secure, free, rule-based trade and open markets around the world as well as a global level playing field in order to flourish and support the economy and the trade. We in Europe are very fortunate to have our very own international and cross-trading EU fleet to carry our imports and exports and which at the same time earn its living from also third parties. This should be acknowledged by EU officials and EU citizens alike. Greece and Cyprus are of course at the forefront of the EU shipping activity, being two of the most important EU states with vital shipping interests. We must continue to pursue the abovementioned primary shipping principles in the interests of the EU shipping industry and the welfare of EU citizens.

On the opportunity of the 30th anniversary since the establishment of the Cyprus Shipping Chamber, I would like to extend my best wishes to the Chamber to continue the excellent work it is doing, defending and promoting the interests of its members and of shipping at large.



Foreword by the President of the Cyprus Shipping Chamber

Mr Philippos Philis | President Cyprus Shipping Chamber

The Chamber takes pride in its 30 years of history and multifaceted contribution to Cyprus Shipping, Economy and Society in general, since its establishment on 26 January 1989. For the past 30 years, the Cyprus Shipping Chamber has acted as the “Voice” of the Cyprus Shipping Industry and as an active lobbying organisation constantly making sure that the legitimate interests of its Member-Companies as well as Cyprus Shipping in general, are adequately safeguarded, both at a local as well as at an international level.

The target of the Shipping Chamber has always been to contribute to the further development of the Cyprus Register and keeping it competitive for Shipping companies. To that end, the Chamber lobbied during 2018 for the establishment of the Shipping Deputy Ministry (SDM) and then during 2019, worked with the SDM for the implementation of the National Shipping Strategy aiming to further upgrade its services, provide incentives and continue offering a high standard of support to its flag users and maintain the reputation of the Cyprus flag as a “Quality Flag”.

As a result of the excellent and close cooperation between Shipping Deputy Ministry, other Government/State Agencies, the Cyprus Shipping Chamber and the Cyprus Union of Shipowners, during 2019 Cyprus achieved the successful prolongation of the Cyprus Shipping Taxation System for another ten years with the approval of the European Commission. This significant achievement, ensures the viability of the Cyprus Shipping Register and the Cyprus Shipping Industry and must be followed with increased efforts to promote abroad the new Cyprus Shipping Taxation System, in order to attract even more ships to the Cyprus Register and Shipping Companies to Cyprus.

Equally important for Shipping matters, the Chamber is proud for acting as the “roving ambassador” of the Cyprus Shipping community at both the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) and European Community Shipowners’ Associations (ECSA), and through the valuable contribution of the Chamber’s Committees and expertise of its Members, which produced well-structured position papers on a series of important current matters, has gained a significant influence in shaping policy decisions concerning the shipping industry.

We need to be effective and influential in this work as in this way, Cyprus will continue to be able to contribute actively in the drafting of European and International Shipping policy, as well as to promote the interests of the Cyprus Shipping Industry globally. For that we aim to an even more constructive partnership with all shipping stakeholders, working towards the shared goal of continuing and enhancing the success story

of “Cyprus Shipping”. As we took time in this Report to reflect and commemorate the Chamber’s 30 years of contribution to our Industry, let us turn eagerly to the years that lie ahead. Navigating into the future, the Shipping Chamber, passionately commits to enhance even further its work and actions, to unite forces with all stakeholders in Cyprus, to exploit new opportunities, ensuring that the Cyprus Shipping Industry remains sustainable and competitive, for the benefit of its Member-Companies, the Cyprus Economy and for the European and International Shipping.

Cyprus Shipping has all the components for an event brighter future. Keeping Shipping moving forward is a task that falls to all of us. Sustaining and enhancing on all we have achieved the past years – to establish Cyprus as a world class shipping center, achieving the approval of our taxation system, to have a stronger voice in ECSA, where Cyprus now holds the Vice-President position, to become a key player when important national and international policies are formed, to develop to such extent our Shipping Industry – that is going to take all of us working together. The word “together” has never been more popular in current times, after having already a first glimpse into the challenging year 2020, with an unprecedented global health crisis that has a massive impact on the global economy. As a result, the Shipping Industry is facing a major economic challenge and the urgent adoption of a targeted recovery plan from Financial Institutions is needed to enable its sustainability through this crisis.

The Chamber has been following a proactive approach, monitoring closely the situation on a national level, in order to advise its Members and ensure that public health is a priority. In addition, it has been assessing the negative effects of this pandemic on a national and through its participation at ICS and ECSA, at an International and European level, in order to secure as much possible, the necessary support, which will allow the Shipping Industry to continue servicing the society. Within the framework of its Corporate Social Responsibility, the Chamber also appealed to its Member-Companies, to support the Cyprus Government in the difficult battle against the Covid-19 pandemic, with the purchase of a specialised complete medical respiratory system and through other commendable private initiatives and multifaceted actions of the Chamber’s Member-Companies.

Concluding, the Chamber would like to warmly thank all its partners and business associates in the Government and private sector who have worked closely with us throughout the 30 years of its existence, as well as its Member-companies for their continued support.

Cyprus Shipping: Current Status...

Cyprus Shipping remained on course during 2019 maintaining its leading role in the international Shipping arena whilst remaining one of the most financially important sectors of the Cyprus Economy, with its contribution in 2019 reaching again 7% of the GDP. The Shipping Industry supports the Cyprus Economy without any State investment, and operates successfully on a global basis, controlling a fleet of approximately 2200 vessels. The Cyprus Registry which is considered internationally as one of the most qualitative and safest registries globally, was classified again as the 11th largest merchant fleet worldwide and the 3rd largest fleet in the European Union (EU).

In addition, Cyprus is considered to be the largest Shipmanagement Centre in the EU and among the three largest globally. In excess of 200 internationally known and recognised Shipowning, Shipmanagement, Chartering and Shipping related companies operate from Cyprus. The wider Shipping Sector employs approximately 9,000 employees ashore and 55,000 seafarers.

The Shipping Industry saw steady growth, with tangible prospects for a bright future, with the continuous provision of incentives from the Shipping Deputy Ministry, which in collaboration with the resident Shipping Industry, continued their efforts to further enhance Cyprus Shipping.

The Shipping Deputy Ministry, one year after its establishment, have made significant progress with the implementation of the National Shipping Strategy and have already produced encouraging results as to the growth and competitiveness of the Shipping Industry. The arrival of new shipping companies and companies offering shipping related services, is a strong example of the Cyprus Shipping Industry's enhanced competitiveness, which provides stability and business growth opportunities. At the same time, according to the Shipping Deputy Ministry's statistics, companies registered under the Cyprus Shipping Taxation System have increased, while the number of Cyprus-based companies has increased by 33% over the last two years.



What can be said as the major achievement of 2019, was the successful renewal of Cyprus's competitive Shipping Taxation System, for another 10 years by the European Commission. This great achievement is the example of the close cooperation and the coordinated efforts between the Shipping Deputy Ministry, other Government/State Agencies, the Cyprus Shipping Chamber and the Cyprus Union of Shipowners. As a result, today Cyprus Shipping can continue its successful course with a very competitive, and at the same time, fully compatible with the European Acquis, Cyprus Shipping Taxation System, enabling the further growth of Cyprus Shipping.

The abovementioned achievement was accompanied with Cyprus re-election at the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Council and at the helm of European Shipping with the election of Mr. Philippos Philis and the Chamber's President as the Vice President of the European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA).

In addition, the Shipping Chamber continued its lobbying with regard to the lifting of the Turkish Embargo in Cyprus ships which can be resolved through a positive re-

sult of the ongoing efforts to solve the Cyprus Problem. The Chamber strongly welcomes the Government's efforts and is committed to continue to working tirelessly to maintain Cyprus' edge as a leading maritime centre.

On another positive development for Cyprus Shipping, the Chamber noticed with satisfaction the emphasis placed by the Maritime Administration and Industry on the fields of Maritime Education and "Blue Growth". To that end, 2019 saw the establishment of the "Cyprus Foundation of the Sea", which now acts as the platform whereby through proper research and development provides guidance as to the type of research, education and training that is required in the marine and maritime fields in order to promote "blue growth" and facilitate towards the implementing actions arising from the Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP), maintaining the sustainability of the Maritime Cluster, which is vital to the Cyprus economy and society.

The Cyprus Shipping Chamber anticipates that with such positive drivers, the current momentum for Cyprus Shipping can only have positive results.



The Cyprus Shipping Chamber

30 years Navigating Cyprus Worldwide

30 Years Anniversary

2019 was a landmark for the Cyprus Shipping Chamber in its long history and multifaceted contribution to Cyprus Shipping, the Economy and Society in general, since it marked the 30th Year Anniversary from its establishment on 26 January 1989.

History & Purpose

The Cyprus Shipping Chamber is the trade association of the Shipping Industry in Cyprus. Having witnessed considerable growth since its establishment in January 1989, with originally seventeen Founding Members, the Chamber today comprises all the major shipowning, ship-management, chartering and shipping related companies based in Cyprus.

The main purpose of the Chamber is to promote the interests of Cyprus Shipping and to continuously further the reputation of the Cyprus flag. At the same time, the Chamber acts as a lobbying group for the promotion and safeguarding of the legitimate interests of its Member-companies, at a national as well as at international level. Today, the Cyprus Shipping Chamber ranks as one of the largest national shipping associations in the world and undoubtedly, "Navigates Cyprus Worldwide".

International & Local Representation

The Cyprus Shipping Chamber has been promoting and safeguarding the interests of its Member-companies,

both locally and internationally with the same dedication and commitment for 30 years now. Both at a national and international level, the Chamber since its establishment has become an influential body and "roving ambassador" when policy decisions concerning shipping matters are taken by the Government of Cyprus or by other internationally recognised shipping bodies and organisations. Thus, it undoubtedly plays an important role in national and international Shipping affairs.

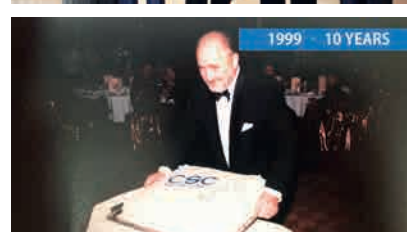
Social Unity & Contribution

The Shipping Chamber started out with 17 Founder Members in 1989, bringing the local Shipping Industry under one Association in order to speak as "One Voice". The establishment of the Chamber further united and strengthened the Shipping Industry, as it became a platform for social unity through its various business and social functions and multifaceted work, which involved Members communication and cooperation for the benefit of Cyprus Shipping and society.

In addition to its business/lobbying activities, the Chamber has in its core values a strong and consistent corporate social responsibility, believing that in order for an industry to flourish, the support of society is essential. Amongst other activities, the Chamber has been organising Blood Donations for the past 26 years and the Annual Beach Volley Tournament, donating to the "One Dream - One Wish Association" the proceeds of this charitable event for over 20 Years.



CSC HISTORY



NATIONAL LOBBYING



INTERNATIONAL LOBBYING



International Chamber of Shipping 2014 AGM, Cyprus



2018 CSC AGM - IMO Secretary General



IMO Secretary General EU Transport Commissioner 2017 Cyprus Visit



Cyprus - EU Accession Transport Commissioner

CYPRUS PROMOTION



"Maritime Cyprus" Conference 2013

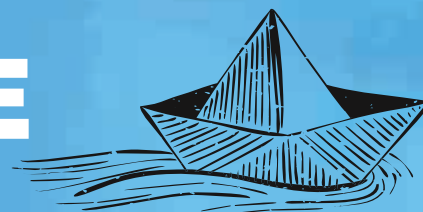




SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION



CYPRUS SHIPPING CHAMBER 30 YEARS OF HISTORY AT A GLANCE



CSC BECOMES A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF SHIPPING (ICS)



1993

1989

CYPRUS SHIPPING COUNCIL IS ESTABLISHED WITH **17** FOUNDING MEMBERS

2004

CSC BECOMES MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY SHIPOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (ECSA)



INNOVATIVE
“ADOPT A SHIP
PROGRAMME”
LAUNCHED

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06

NEW
CYPRUS
SHIPPING
TAXATION
SYSTEM
APPROVAL

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“CYPRUS SHIPPING
COUNCIL” RENAMED
TO “**CYPRUS
SHIPPING CHAMBER**”

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CSC CELEBRATES 25 YEARS
SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT.
**RECEIVES IMPORTANT
RECOGNITION FOR ITS
CONTRIBUTION TO CYPRUS
SHIPPING AND CYPRUS
IN GENERAL - IMH AWARD**

CYPRUS PARLIAMENT
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES
THE BILL TO ESTABLISH
THE “**SHIPPING DEPUTY
MINISTRY**”

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CSC RECEIVES
“GREEN OFFICE”
AWARD BY CYMEPA

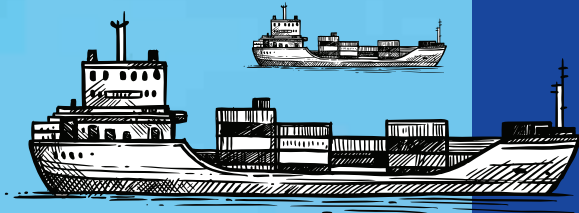
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THE OFFICIAL
ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE SHIPPING
DEPUTY MINISTRY.
**A NEW ERA
FOR CYPRUS
SHIPPING**

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CSC PRESIDENT,
MR. PHILIPPOS PHILIS
IS ELECTED AS
VICE-PRESIDENT
OF ECSA

CYPRUS TONNAGE TAX
SYSTEM **RE-APPROVED**
BY THE EU COMMISSION
FOR ANOTHER
10 YEARS



Chamber Membership

According to the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Cyprus Shipping Chamber admits as Members, companies which are owners, operators, managers or charterers of vessels and other shipping related companies. The Members of the Chamber are divided into five different categories as follows:

- Full Domestic Members: Companies operating from Cyprus, which are registered owners of ships, ship operators, ship managers providing full or partial management services, or charterers;
- Full International Members: Companies operating outside Cyprus which are registered owners of Cyprus Flag ships;
- Associate Domestic Members: Companies operating from Cyprus whose main object is shipping related services;
- Associate International Members: Companies operating from outside Cyprus, whose main object is shipping related services;
- Supporting Members: Natural or legal persons operating from Cyprus providing professional services to or otherwise connected with companies operating from Cyprus, which are registered owners of ships, ship operators, ship managers providing full or partial management services, charterers or companies providing shipping related services;

During 2019, the Chamber welcomed 17 new Members. At the end of the year, the Chamber comprised in total of 210 Member-companies of which 55 Full Domestic, 113 Associate Domestic, 39 Associate International and 3 Supporting Member.

The Cyprus Shipping Chamber comprises the major shipowning, shipmanagement, chartering and shipping related companies based in Cyprus. The 200 plus Member-Companies who benefit from the Chamber's lobbying actions, networking events, advise on technical, regulatory, legislative and commercial shipping issues and resources throughout the year.



Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Cyprus Shipping Chamber during 2019 consisted of the following Chamber Members' representatives:



First row, starting from left to right are:

- Mr. Themis Papadopoulos, Immediate Past President (Interorient Navigation Co. Ltd)
- Mr. Dieter Rohdenburg, Vice-President (Intership Navigation Co. Ltd)
- Mr. Philippos Philis, President (Lemissoler Navigation Co. Ltd)
- Mr. Andreas Neophytou, Vice-President (Marlow Navigation Co. Ltd)
- Mr. John Hadjiparaskevas, Vice-President (Uniteam Marine Ltd)
- Mr. Andreas Hadjipetrou, Vice-President (Columbia Shipmanagement Ltd)

Second row, starting from left to right are:

- Mr. Thomas Kazakos, Director General (Cyprus Shipping Chamber)
- Mr. Oleg Kalinin, Board Member (SCF Management Services (Cyprus) Ltd)
- Mr. Erwin Derlagen, Board Member (Enesel Limited)
- Ms Anna Vourgos, Board Member (Aphentrica Marine Insurance Brokers Ltd.)
- Ms Despina Panayiotou Theodosiou, Board Member (Tototheo Maritime Ltd.)
- Mr. Eugen Adami, Board Member (Mastermind Shipmanagement Ltd)
- Mr. Prabhat Kumar Jha, Board Member (MSC Shipmanagement Limited)

The Chamber's Board of Directors organised 8 scheduled meetings in 2019, during which it reviewed and discussed current developments in Shipping both at local and international level, and decided on numerous policy and administrative matters affecting the Chamber.

Industry Representation & Co-operation

As the representative of the Cyprus Shipping Industry, the Cyprus Shipping Chamber participates actively in numerous Committees and a number of specialist Working Groups, both at national and international level. For this reason, the Chamber is considered by the Cyprus Government as an expert consultant when it comes to the formulation of policies concerning Shipping.

At a national level, the Chamber since its establishment has become an influential body when policy decisions concerning shipping matters are taken by the Government. This has been achieved through the active participation of the Chamber at numerous joint working groups and committees with various Governmental and Semi-Governmental Departments, and in particular the Shipping Deputy Ministry, as well as to lesser extent, the Cyprus Ports Authority, with which the Chamber maintains very close relations. Furthermore, the Chamber is regularly called to appear before Parliamentary Committees as the representative body of the Shipping Industry in Cyprus, when matters affecting Cyprus Shipping are considered at the House of Representatives. The Chamber also cooperates with numerous local professional organisations, in an effort to improve and constantly enhance the shipping infrastructure of Cyprus.

At an international level, the Chamber operates as a roving ambassador of Cyprus Shipping through its long membership and active participation at various internationally recognised shipping bodies including mainly the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), the European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA) (through the Joint Cyprus Shipowners Association), as well as the Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO), and the International Association of Independent Tanker Owners (INTERTANKO). Furthermore, Chamber representatives participate in various international meetings organised by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), the International Labour Organisation (ILO), and the European Union (EU), as well as in a number of their Committees.

In an effort to further promote and safeguard the interests of the local Shipping Industry and enhance its infrastructure, as well as promote Cyprus as a foreign

investment and international business centre, the Chamber works closely with a number of other organisations, such as, the Cyprus Investment Promotion Agency (CIPA), the Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry ("KEBE") the Cyprus Employers and Industrialists Federation ("OEB"), the Cyprus Bar Association, and the Cyprus Association of Certified Public Accountants.

The Chamber also enjoys excellent relations with the Cyprus Marine Environment Protection Association (CYMEPA), the Cyprus Shipping Association (CSA), the Cyprus International Businesses Association (CIBA), the Cyprus Organisation for Standardisation (CYS), the local Unions (SEK, PEO and DEOK), and the Cyprus Union of Shipowners (CUS).

In addition, the Chamber maintains very good business relations with a diverse range of other organisations involved in Shipping including the Maritime Institute of Eastern Mediterranean, the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, the Mission to Seafarers, the Cyprus Nautical Institute, the Cyprus Master Mariners Association, the Cyprus Merchant Marine Officers Association, the Institute of Marine Engineer Scientists and Technologists, the Cyprus Naval Architects and Marine Engineers Association, the Women's International Shipping & Trading Association, the YoungShip Cyprus Organisation, the Cyprus University of Technology and the Cyprus Navy.

Last but not least, whatever the Chamber has achieved during the past 30 years, could not have been made possible, if it were not for the tangible and continuous support of its Member-companies, "through good and difficult times". In the journey towards the future therefore, we pledge our commitment to continue working with the same zeal for the interests of our Members and to work creatively on new shipping modalities for the overall benefit of Cyprus Shipping.

We sincerely hope and trust that with the valuable support of our Members and Business Associates, the Cyprus Shipping Chamber will continue to "Navigate Cyprus Worldwide" in the years to come.

Business and Social Functions

Within the framework of the Chamber's efforts to continuously upgrade its cooperation and relation with its Members, as well as its various business associates, and on the occasion of the Chamber's 30th Year Anniversary a series of business and social functions were organised during the period of 2019, which included:

30th Year Anniversary Gala Dinner



On the occasion of the successful completion of 30 Years since its establishment, the Cyprus Shipping Chamber hosted an Anniversary "Gala Dinner" on Friday, 29 March 2019, at the Parklane Hotel, in Limassol. The Dinner was attended by the Shipping Deputy Minister as well as the Ministers of Finance, of Transport, Communications and Works, Members of Parliament, Diplomats, other State Officials, representatives of Business Associations, as

well as top management personnel of the Cyprus Shipping Industry.

Within the framework of the Chamber's corporate social responsibility and significant charitable work done by the Cyprus Shipping Industry in general, the Chamber donated €10,000 to the "One Dream – One Wish" Association, through the proceeds of a special collection made in view of the Gala Dinner, amongst its Members.

30th Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is the Chamber's most important annual business function. The 30th Annual General Meeting (AGM), was held on 30 May 2019 at the Four Seasons hotel in Limassol, and was attended by, various Government dignitaries, including, the President of the Republic of Cyprus, the Shipping Deputy Minister, and other senior Government officials, as well as Members of the House of Representatives, the Diplomatic Core, business associates, Members of the Chamber and the Press/Media. In view of the Chamber's 30th Anniversary the General Meeting was also attended and addressed by the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) Chairman, Mr. Esben Poulsen and the European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA) Vice-President, Mr. Claes Berglund. During the General Meeting, the new Board of Directors was elected. The new Chamber President elected was Mr. Philippos Philis, replacing the outgoing President, Mr. Themis Papadopoulos, who was honoured during the General Meeting.



Corporate Social Responsibility

Annual Charity Beach Volleyball Tournament

The Beach-Volley Tournament, which is the Chamber's main Annual Sporting/Charity Event, was organised by the Chamber with great success during September 2019 in Limassol. This Sporting/Charity event, which is held for more than 20 years by the Chamber, with the constant support of the Chamber's Member-companies, donates the amount raised to the Charity Association "One Dream – One Wish", whose mission is to provide life incentives to children suffering from cancer, proving the significant charitable work done by the local Shipping community.



Blood Donation Drives

Within the framework of the Chamber's continuous philanthropic contribution, the Chamber for 26 years now, organises every year two Blood Donation Drives amongst the employees of its Member-Shipping Companies. As a result, over 3000 blood units have been collected. For this commendable social service, the Cyprus Shipping Chamber has been honoured several times by the District of Limassol Blood Coordinating Committee. In 2019, the blood donation drives were organised in May as part of the celebrations and the efforts to promote and support the 12th "EU Maritime Day and in December, projecting in this way the part of the social welfare work it carries out.

Without a doubt, within the framework of its "Corporate Social Responsibility" programme and the charity events and activities, the Cyprus Shipping Chamber "Navigates Cyprus Worldwide", carrying not only cargo and passengers but also "Messages of Social Solidarity".



Educational Activities

The Cyprus Shipping Chamber continued in 2019 its efforts to promote a “Career in Shipping” through a number of presentations to secondary schools and employment opportunities that exist within the wider Shipping Industry for university graduates through various presentations, lectures and other activities related to Shipping.

In an effort to raise public awareness about the image

and significance of the Cyprus Shipping Industry and its important contribution in matters concerning employment opportunities, the Cyprus Shipping Chamber has developed and initiated a Cyprus Shipping “Public Relations” Campaign, the aim of which is to promote further the employment opportunities that exist within the wider Shipping Industry for school and university graduates through various presentations, lectures and other activities related to Shipping.

“Adopt-A-Ship” Programme

The “Adopt-a-Ship” Programme has proven to be a very successful part of the general Cyprus Shipping “Public Relations” Campaign, of the Cyprus Shipping Chamber and it is now included in the educational programmes of schools.

The programme involves assigning to a number of elementary schools’ classrooms a particular vessel or a group of vessels for more personal email communication between the children and the crew of the vessel with the aim to inform the children about the itinerary and everyday activities taking place onboard the vessel.

Since the beginning of the programme in 2006, and through the valuable assistance of the Cyprus Marine Environment Protection Association (CYMEPA), more than 350 classes from 85 schools have participated in the programme. Furthermore, Member-Companies of

the Cyprus Shipping Chamber have assigned ships of different type, ranging from bulk carriers to containers and tankers for the purposes of the Adopt a Ship programme.

The Chamber therefore, would like to express its appreciation to the Cyprus Marine Environment Protection Association (CYMEPA), for its continuous support and co-operation towards the successful promotion of the Adopt a Ship programme.

The Chamber’s target, is that this pioneering program, which is part of the Chamber’s broader effort to inform the new generation of career prospects in the Shipping sector, to be extended to an even larger number of schools in Primary Education.



“Adopt a Ship” Programme - Award Ceremony

The Cyprus Shipping Chamber and the Cyprus Marine Environment Protection Association (CYMEPA), in cooperation with the Chamber’s Member Columbia Shipmanagement, hosted the Award Ceremony on 28 May 2019, in Limassol, during which, each teacher participating in the “Adopt a Ship” Programme was awarded with a Participation Certificate.



more than 300 educational presentations to schools and academic institutions.

The Chamber also participates at Career Fairs during which, Members of the Chamber’s Educational Activities Working Group provides information to the public about the employment opportunities that exist in the wider Shipping sector including a career at sea.



“Career in Shipping” presentations / Participation at Career Fairs

During the year, Chamber representatives also give various presentations promoting a “Career in Shipping” to high schools and other professional academic institutions. The presentations are carried out at a national scale, something which demonstrates that the Cyprus Shipping “Public Relations” Campaign of the Chamber has a positive effect on educational institutions and young people in general. Since the commencement of the Campaign in 2006, the Chamber has given



“Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (Cyprus Branch) - “Understanding Shipping”

Moreover, for more than two decades, the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (Cyprus Branch) in cooperation with the Cyprus Shipping Chamber offers the Training Course entitled “Understanding Shipping”.

The course has been customised through the years to meet the particular requirements of the Cyprus Shipping Industry and it is used by Chamber Members to offer a Shipping education to those employees in the companies that do not have a prior Shipping education. It is also a tool in order to stimulate the interest of the students for furthering their education by attaining the qualifying examinations and becoming members of the Institute as “Qualified Shipbrokers”.

Maritime Events

“Maritime Cyprus” Conference 2019

The world known “Maritime Cyprus” Conference celebrated, together with the Chamber, 30 years of organisation this year, by the Shipping Deputy Ministry in cooperation with the Cyprus Shipping Chamber and the Cyprus Union of Ship-owners. The main theme for this year was “Sea Change”, having a focus on important topics relevant to the Shipping Industry, including shifts in established business models, regulatory challenges, environmental protection and the impact of technological transformation.

The Conference was endorsed with the participation of distinguished guests including the Secretary General of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Mr. Kitack Lim, Director for Waterborne Transport, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport at the European Commission, Ms. Mag-

da Kopczynska, the Chairman of the International Chamber of Shipping, Mr. Esben Poulsen and other significant personalities of the International Shipping community.

The Conference opened officially by H.E. the President of the Republic of Cyprus Mr. Nicos Anastasiades on the 7 October 2019, at the Carob Mill Conference Centre. The following three days of the Conference, a series of presentations were held by distinguished speakers and panel discussions, where the International Shipping community had the opportunity to be informed and discuss the current International Shipping policy issues.



CSC Regatta – Sailing Event

On the occasion of the “Maritime Cyprus 2019” International Conference, a Regatta was organised once more by the Cyprus Shipping Chamber and the St. Raphael Yacht Club, on 4 October 2019.

Members with associates and friends participated at the Regatta and enjoyed a pleasant sailing outing. The Regatta was placed under the auspices of the Shipping Deputy Minister Mrs Natasa Pilides, who also attended the after-event dinner, during which she presented all those who participated at the Regatta with commemorative trophies.



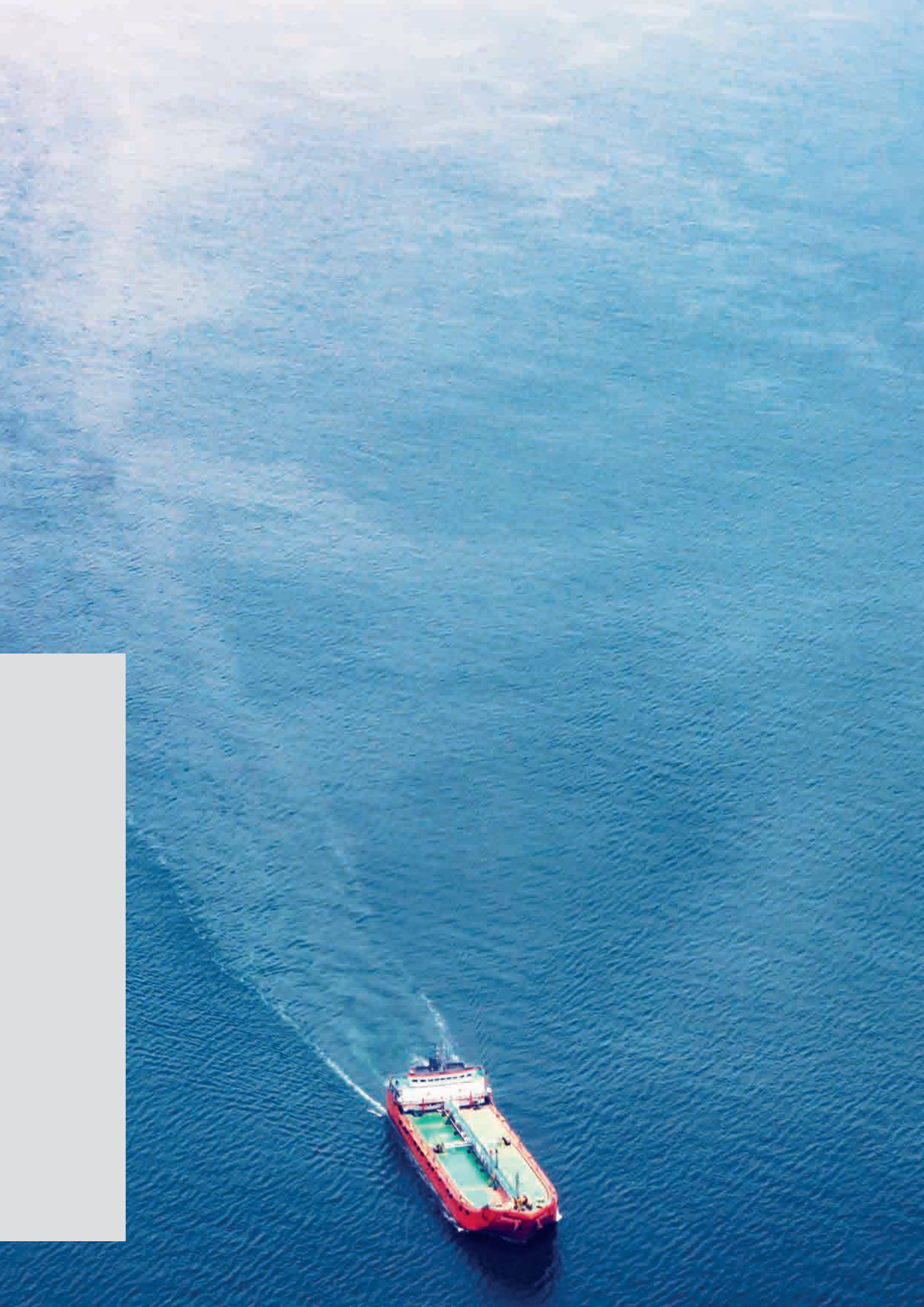
International “Day of the Seafarer”



The International Shipping Community celebrates every year on 25 June the “Day of the Seafarer” set by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), which aim to recognise and honour the efforts of Seafarers around the world, who play a vital role in world trade and truly contribute in ensuring a stable world economy and society. With 55,000 seafarers employed onboard the ships operated by the Member-Companies of the Chamber, the Cyprus Shipping family can only feel indebted and proud of them. The theme for 2019 “Day of the Seafarer” campaign was entitled “I am on board with gender equality”, highlighting and promoting gender equality in maritime careers and professions.

In view of this Day, the Chamber co-organised with Women’s International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA) Cyprus, a dedicated event on 20 June 2019, during which Mrs. Natasha Brown, Media and Communications Officer of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), gave a presentation on the “Seafarers’ Day” Theme. WISTA International President, Mrs. Despina Panayiotou Theodosiou, addressed also the event. In recognition of the immense contribution of Seafarers, the Cyprus Shipping Chamber organised its annual promotional campaign, collecting a large number of photos from its Member- Companies of which their employees dressed on this special occasion with an item of blue clothing!

We thank them!





Policy Issues

The Cyprus Shipping Chamber continued to promote the high value worth and the substantial contribution of the Cyprus Shipping Industry as foreign and local direct investment into the Cyprus Economy, reiterating that it must be maintained and strengthened even more.

Evaluating the year 2019, we can conclude that Cyprus Shipping was correctly “navigated”, with the commendable actions undertaken by the Government and the Shipping Industry as well with their close cooperation on shipping policy related matters, targeting to further upgrade Cyprus position within the International Shipping arena. As a result, Cyprus maintained its image as a well-respected top class International Maritime Centre worldwide.

In this respect, let us review, what measures and actions took place during 2019 in support of Cyprus Shipping:

Cyprus Shipping Taxation System

During the end of 2019, the Shipping Chamber welcomed with satisfaction the successful renewal of the Cyprus Shipping Taxation System by the European Commission for another ten years, which is the example of the close cooperation and the coordinated efforts between the Shipping Deputy Ministry, other Government/State Agencies, the Cyprus Shipping Chamber and the Cyprus Union of Shipowners. To that end, Cyprus Shipping can continue its successful course with a very competitive, and at the same time, fully compatible with the European Acquis, Cyprus Shipping Taxation System, maintaining its prominent position in International Shipping and develop it even further.

The renewed Cyprus Taxation System, 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 vessels, maintaining Cyprus as a major Shipping Center in European and International Shipping.

Following its successful renewal, it is now expected to intensify its promotion abroad in order to attract additional quality shipowners and shipping companies in Cyprus, further enhancing the viability of the Cyprus Registry and Industry.



Shipping Deputy Ministry

The Cyprus Shipping Chamber welcomed the successful completion of one year since the establishment of the Shipping Deputy Ministry, on 1 March 2018, whilst observing with satisfaction the smooth operation of the Deputy Ministry’s new structure.

Since its establishment, the Shipping Deputy Ministry has made important progress with regard to the implementation of the “National Shipping Strategy”, in cooperation with the Shipping Industry and with the implementation of new supportive measures and flexible mechanisms, which will facilitate the further promotion of Cyprus Shipping, strengthen the competitive advantages of Cyprus, in order to attract additional quality shipowning and shipping related companies in Cyprus and expand the Cyprus registry, resulting to a positive impact on the Economy as well.

Cyprus Shipping Industry – CSC/CUS Merger Agreement

Within the spirit of enhancing their existing cooperation in the service of Cyprus Shipping, the Cyprus Shipping Chamber (CSC) and the Cyprus Union of Shipowners (CUS) Board of Directors, approved towards the end of 2019 a Merger Outline Agreement. The merging of the two Associations, aims to create a new unified association which will further strengthen the representation of Cyprus shipowners, shipmanagers and the wider Shipping Industry at large, in Cyprus and internationally, on all policy, operational and labour shipping matters.

With the Cyprus Shipping Chamber completing in 2019, 30 years of multifaceted and active work in the service of Cyprus Shipping, this is indeed a very important development and promising opportunity for the future of Shipping in Cyprus.

The main aim of this Merger is the effective and dynamic lobbying of common interests for the benefit of Cyprus Shipping, thus making it ready to meet the emerging demands of the global economy and international competition. Both Associations continue the relevant discussions in order for the Merger Outline Agreement to be formally approved by Chamber and CUS Members the soonest possible.



Maritime Education and “Blue Growth”

During 2019, the Shipping Chamber noticed with satisfaction the continued state/governmental support in the fields of Maritime Education and “Blue Growth”, such as the “Cyprus Foundation of the Sea”, which was initiated by the Shipping Chamber, as well as to the enhancement of the public and private Maritime Academies in Cyprus, which are vital to maintain the sustainability of the Maritime Cluster, the Cyprus Economy and society.

Within this framework, the Chamber has been emphasizing for the past years, via various campaigns and initiatives, the importance and the need to educate young people who have a keen interest in professions linked with the maritime sector, as well as, the need to urgently recognize that modern maritime education is the key to stabilise and grow our industry and be able to maintain its pace of progress and expansion.

Taking into consideration the prospects offered by the shift of both Europe and the United Nations towards “Blue Growth”, the Shipping Deputy Ministry and governmental authorities are expected to continue their support in pro-

moting “Blue Growth”, through initiatives such as the “Cyprus Foundation of the Sea”, as well as to public and private Maritime Academies in Cyprus, maintaining the sustainability of the Maritime Cluster, which is vital to the Cyprus economy and society.

Turkish Embargo on Cyprus ships

Another crucial factor that can dramatically drive the growth the Cyprus Shipping Industry resulting to the further expansion of the Cyprus Registry and to an even more flourishing Shipping industry, is a viable and functional solution to the Cyprus Problem leading to the lifting of the Turkish Embargo on Cyprus Ships, which since 1987, hinders the further development of the Cyprus Register as well as Cyprus ports.

Taking therefore, into account that, around 2000 ships under foreign flag are managed by shipping companies in Cyprus (in addition to their Cyprus ships), these could easily be re-registered in the Cyprus Register if the Turkish Embargo and other operational problems are resolved, one could very easily acknowledge that the prospects for quantitative development of the Cyprus Register, are very realistic.

In this respect, the Cyprus Shipping Chamber, continued to follow the matter closely within the framework of the negotiations being headed by H.E. the President of the Republic, Mr. Nicos Anastasiades and his Negotiating Team for the solution of the Cyprus Issue, as well as any discussions Turkey will maintain with the European Union.

It is therefore, imperative for the Cyprus State to follow a multiple-level campaign both at EU and internationally, for the imposition of maximum pressure on Turkey to immediately lift this illegal trade restriction (e.g. via the revision of the Customs Union between Turkey/EU, or/and as a “Confidence Building Measure” in a new round of Negotiations of the Cyprus Problem). Within this framework, the Chamber will enhance its lobbying action at EU level even more through its membership at the European Community Shipowners’ Associations (ECSA), with targeted campaigns vis-à-vis the European Commission, aiming at lifting this illegal ban for the benefit of EU Shipping at large.





Θέματα Πολιτικής

Το Κυπριακό Ναυτιλιακό Επιμελητήριο συνέχισε να προωθεί την υψηλή αξία και την ουσιαστική συμβολή της Κυπριακής Ναυτιλιακής Βιομηχανίας ως ξένη και τοπική άμεση επένδυση στη Κυπριακή Οικονομία, επαναλαμβάνοντας ότι πρέπει να διατηρηθεί και να ενισχυθεί ακόμη περισσότερο.

Αξιολογώντας το 2019, συμπεραίνουμε με ικανοποίηση ότι η Κυπριακή Ναυτιλία ακολούθησε τη σωστή πορεία μέσω των υποστηρικτικών μέτρων/δράσεων και ευέλικτων μηχανισμών που εφαρμόστηκαν από την Κυπριακή Κυβέρνηση και τη Ναυτιλιακή Βιομηχανία, αλλά και με τη στενή τους συνεργασία σε ναυτιλιακά θέματα πολιτικής, αναβαθμίζοντας περαιτέρω την εικόνα της Κύπρου ως ένα από τα σημαντικότερα Διεθνή Ναυτιλιακά Κέντρα, με απτές προοπτικές περαιτέρω ανάπτυξης.

Ως εκ τούτου, μετά από ανάλυση για το έτος 2019, τα ακόλουθα μέτρα και δράσεις πραγματοποιήθηκαν προς στήριξη της Κυπριακής Ναυτιλίας:

Κυπριακό Ναυτιλιακό Φορολογικό Σύστημα

Κατά το τέλος του 2019, καλωσορίσαμε με ικανοποίηση την επιτυχή ανανέωση του Κυπριακού Ναυτιλιακού Φορολογικού Συστήματος (Φόρος Χωρητικότητας), από την Ευρωπαϊκή Επιτροπή για ακόμη δέκα χρόνια, αποτέλεσμα της στενής συνεργασίας και συντονισμένων προσπάθειών τόσο του Υφυπουργείου Ναυτιλίας, άλλων Κυβερνητικών/Κρατικών Υπηρεσιών, όσο και του Κυπριακού Ναυτιλιακού Επιμελητηρίου και της Κυπριακής Ένωσης Πλοιοκτητών. Ως εκ τούτου, η Κυπριακή Ναυτιλία μπορεί σήμερα να συνεχίσει την επιτυχημένη πορεία της με ένα πολύ ανταγωνιστικό και ταυτόχρονα πλήρως συμβατό με το Ευρωπαϊκό κεκτημένο, Κυπριακό Ναυτιλιακό Φορολογικό Σύστημα, διατηρώντας την εξέχουσα θέση της στην Παγκόσμια Ναυτιλία και συνεχίζοντας τη συνεχιζόμενη ανάπτυξή της.

Το ανανεωμένο Κυπριακό Ναυτιλιακό Φορολογικό Σύστημα, καλύπτει πλήρως και με την πιο σύγχρονη μορφή τους, τις τρεις βασικές ναυτιλιακές δραστηριότητες που προσφέρονται σήμερα στην Παγκόσμια Ναυτιλία, δηλαδή την Πλοιοκτησία, την Πλοιοδιαχείριση και τη Ναύλωση Πλοίων, διατηρώντας την Κύπρο ως ένα από τα σημαντικότερα ναυτιλιακά κέντρα στην Ευρωπαϊκή και Διεθνή Ναυτιλία.

Ακολουθώντας την επιτυχή ανανέωση του, καθίσταται αναγκαία η οργανωμένη προώθηση του Κυπριακού Φορολογικού Συστήματος, με την περαιτέρω εντατικοποίηση επισκέψεων και επαφών σε χώρες του εξωτερικού για την προσέλκυση περισσότερων πλοίων στο Κυπριακό Νηολόγιο και Ναυτιλιακών Εταιρειών στην Κύπρο, ενισχύοντας τη βιωσιμότητα του Κυπριακού Νηολογίου και της Ναυτιλιακής Βιομηχανίας.

Υφυπουργείο Ναυτιλίας

Το Κυπριακό Ναυτιλιακό Επιμελητήριο χαιρέτισε τη συμπλήρωση ενός χρόνου από την 1 Μαρτίου 2018, που σήμανε την έναρξη εργασιών του Υφυπουργείου Ναυτιλίας, παρατηρώντας με ικανοποίηση ταυτόχρονα την ομαλή λειτουργία της νέας δομής του Υφυπουργείου.

Από την ίδρυσή του, το Υφυπουργείο Ναυτιλίας έχει προχωρήσει σημαντικά με την εφαρμογή μίας ολοκληρωμένης “Εθνικής Στρατηγικής για τη Ναυτιλία”, σε συνεργασία με τη Ναυτιλιακή Βιομηχανία, αλλά και με την εφαρμογή νέων υποστηρικτικών μέτρων/δράσεων και ευέλικτων μηχανισμών, έτσι ώστε η Κύπρος να παραμείνει ένα βιώσιμο ναυτιλιακό κέντρο και να αναβαθμίσουν την εικόνα της Κυπριακής Ναυτιλίας. Συγκεκριμένα, οι πιο πάνω ενέργειες είχαν ως στόχο την περαιτέρω βελτίωση των υπηρεσιών που παρέχονται σε υφιστάμενες Ναυτιλιακές Εταιρείες αλλά και την προσέλκυση επιπρόσθετων ποιοτικών πλοιοκτητριών και ναυτιλιακών εταιρειών στην Κύπρο, με αλυσιδωτή θετική επίδραση στην περαιτέρω μείωση της ανεργίας και στην ενίσχυση άλλων οικονομικών κλάδων που παρέχουν υπηρεσίες προς τη Ναυτιλιακή Βιομηχανία.



Κυπριακή Ναυτιλιακή Βιομηχανία – Συμφωνία Συνένωσης Επιμελητηρίου/ΚΕΠ

Στα πλαίσια της περαιτέρω ενίσχυσης της εκπροσώπησης και δράσης της Κυπριακής Ναυτιλίας σε Διεθνής και Ευρωπαϊκούς Οργανισμούς, το Κυπριακό Ναυτιλιακό Επιμελητήριο και η Κυπριακή Ένωση Πλοιοκτητών (ΚΕΠ), ενέκριναν προς το τέλος του 2019, Πλαίσιο Συμφωνίας Συνένωσης σε επίπεδο Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου, με στόχο τη δημιουργία ενός καινούργιου και ενιαίου οργανισμού, ο οποίος θα εκπροσωπεί δυναμικά την Κυπριακή πλοιοκτητική, πλοιοδιαχειριστική και Ναυτιλιακή Βιομηχανία γενικότερα, στην Κύπρο και διεθνώς, σε όλα τα θέματα ναυτιλιακής πολιτικής, εργασιακών και λειτουργικών θεμάτων. Με το Κυπριακό Ναυτιλιακό Επιμελητήριο να συμπληρώνει επιτυχώς το 2019, 30 Χρόνια πολυσχιδούς προσφοράς προς την Κυπριακή Ναυτιλία, θεωρείται ότι αυτή είναι μια πολύ σημαντική και πολλά υποσχόμενη εξέλιξη για το μέλλον της Κυπριακής Ναυτιλίας.

Κοινός στόχος αυτής της Συνένωσης είναι η αποτελεσματική και δυναμική προώθηση κοινών συμφερόντων προς όφελος της Κυπριακής Ναυτιλίας, θέτοντας την σε ετοιμότητα ανταποκριθεί στις συνεχώς εξελισσόμενες απαιτήσεις της Παγκόσμιας Οικονομίας και του διεθνούς ανταγωνισμού. Οι δύο Σύνδεσμοι συνεχίζουν τις σχετικές επαφές έτσι ώστε το Πλαίσιο Συμφωνίας Συνένωσης να καταστεί δυνατόν να εγκριθεί επίσημα από τα Μέλη του Επιμελητηρίου/ΚΕΠ το συντομότερο δυνατόν.

Ναυτική Εκπαίδευση και 'Γαλάζια Ανάπτυξη'

Το Ναυτιλιακό Επιμελητήριο παρατήρησε επίσης το 2019 με ικανοποίηση, την πολιτειακή στήριξη σε θέματα της "Γαλάζιας Ανάπτυξης", όπως στο "Κυπριακό Ίδρυμα Θάλασσας", στη σύσταση του οποίου πρωτοστάτησε το Επιμελητήριο, καθώς και στην προώθηση ενίσχυσης κρατικών και ιδιωτικών Εκπαιδευτικών Ναυτικών Σχολών στην Κύπρο, που είναι ζωτικής σημασίας για τη βιωσιμότητα ολόκληρου του Κυπριακού Ναυτιλιακού Συμπλέγματος, αλλά και για την Κυπριακή οικονομία και κοινωνία.

Μέσα σε αυτά τα πλαίσια, το Επιμελητήριο προωθεί εδώ και χρόνια τη σημασία και την ανάγκη εκπαίδευσης νέων ανθρώπων που δείχνουν έντονο ενδιαφέρον για επαγγέλματα που συνδέονται με τον τομέα της Ναυτιλίας, καθώς και στην επιτακτική ανάγκη να αναγνωρίσουμε ότι η σύγχρονη ναυτική εκπαίδευση είναι το κλειδί για τη διατήρηση και ανάπτυξη της βιομηχανίας μας για να είναι σε θέση να διατηρήσει το ρυθμό προόδου και επέκτασης της.

Λαμβάνοντας υπόψη τις προοπτικές που προσφέρει η στροφή τόσο της Ευρώπης αλλά και των Ηνωμένων Εθνών προς τη "Γαλάζια Ανάπτυξη", αναμένεται η συνέχιση στήριξης του Υφυπουργείου Ναυτιλίας και της Κυβέρνησης γενικότερα, σε ενέργειες που αφορούν την "Γαλάζια Ανάπτυξη" και τη Ναυτική Εκπαίδευση.

Τουρκικό Εμπάργκο σε Κυπριακά πλοία

Τροχοπέδη στην περαιτέρω ανάπτυξη του Κυπριακού Νηολογίου και Βιομηχανίας, παρέμεινε το θέμα του Τουρκικού Εμπάργκο στα Κυπριακά πλοία το οποίο απαγορεύει σε πλοία που συνδέονται με την Κύπρο να προσεγγίζουν σε Τουρκικά λιμάνια, παρεμποδίζοντας την ομαλή της ανάπτυξη και λειτουργία.

Ως εκ τούτου, λαμβάνοντας υπόψη το γεγονός ότι, γύρω στα 2000 πλοία με ξένη σημαία τυγχάνουν σήμερα διαχείρισης από ναυτιλιακές εταιρείες στην Κύπρο (πέραν των πλοίων τους υπό Κυπριακή σημαία), τα οποία εύκολα μπορούν να μετεγγραφούν στο Κυπριακό Νηολόγιο, εάν το Τουρκικό Εμπάργκο και άλλα προαναφερθέντα διαθρωτικά προβλήματα επιλυθούν, γίνεται εύκολα κατανοητό ότι οι άμεσες προοπτικές ποσοτικής ανάπτυξης του Κυπριακού Νηολογίου με την άρση του παράνομου αυτού Τουρκικού Εμπάργκο, είναι πολύ ρεαλιστικές.

Το Κυπριακό Ναυτιλιακό Επιμελητήριο, ως εκ τούτου, συνέχισε τη στενή παρακολούθηση του θέματος στα πλαίσια των διαπραγματεύσεων που πραγματοποιεί η Α.Ε. Πρόεδρος της Κυπριακής Δημοκρατίας, κ. Νίκος Αναστασιάδης και η Διαπραγματευτική Ομάδα για την επίλυση του Κυπριακού Προβλήματος, καθώς και στα πλαίσια οποιοδήποτε επαφών της Τουρκίας με την Ευρωπαϊκή Ένωση.

Καθίσταται λοιπόν επάναγκες, να ακολουθηθεί μία πολυεπίπεδη διεκδικητική εκστρατεία από την Κυπριακή Πολιτεία τόσο στην Ευρωπαϊκή Ένωση αλλά και διεθνώς, για την άσκηση μέγιστης πίεσης στην Τουρκία να άρει άμεσα αυτή την παράνομη απαγόρευση (πχ., μέσω της επικείμενης αναθεώρησης της Τελωνειακής Ένωσης Τουρκίας / Ε.Ε., ή/και σαν "Μέτρο Οικοδόμησης Εμπιστοσύνης" σε ένα νέο κύκλο διαπραγματεύσεων του Κυπριακού Προβλήματος). Μέσα σε αυτά τα πλαίσια, το Επιμελητήριο θα ενισχύσει ακόμα περισσότερο τη δράση του μέσω της συμμετοχής του στην Ευρωπαϊκή Ένωση Πλοιοκτητών (ΕCSA) στα πλαίσια μιας στοχευμένης στρατηγικής σε επίπεδο Ευρωπαϊκής Επιτροπής, με στόχο την άρση αυτού του παράνομου εμπάργκο για το ευρύτερο συμφέρον της Ευρωπαϊκής Ναυτιλίας.

Environment and Climate Change

Shipping Industry proposal for a \$5 billion R&D Fund to eliminate CO2 emissions

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has adopted in April 2018 the initial strategy on the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from ships (the initial IMO strategy). Among its ambitious goals is the 50% reduction of GHG emissions from shipping by 2050, comparing with 2008 emissions data. To achieve this goal the development of commercially viable zero carbon-emission ships by the early 2030s is vital thus, extensive research and development (R&D) is required.

In an unprecedented move, the international shipping community has announced plans to create the first collaborative shipping R&D Fund, intended to eliminate CO2 emissions from international shipping. The move will provide funding to much needed advances in maritime innovation and technology, to help develop the zero-emission solutions of the future that shipping sorely needs.

The proposal includes core funding from shipping companies across the world of about USD 5 billion over a 10-year period. This R&D Fund will be financed by shipping companies worldwide via a mandatory R&D contribution of USD 2 per tonne of marine fuel purchased for consumption. Although the R&D scheme and its funding is an initiative of the leading international ship owners' associations, additional stakeholders' participation is welcomed. This move is a vital step towards the decarbonisation of the shipping industry.

The proposal will be discussed at the 75th session of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee in March/April 2020.

The Chamber was actively involved in the development of the R&D Fund proposal and fully supports this initiative. The global shipping industry, through this proposal, shows that it recognises the problem and takes a proactive and tangible approach. Furthermore, Cyprus as a leading international shipping centre will play an active part in the global shipping industry's efforts to decarbonise.

Adoption of short-term measures for the reduction of GHG emissions

The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) at its 74th session in May 2019 adopted a number of measures to support meeting the ambitious goals of the initial IMO strategy. The vision of the initial IMO strategy is to reduce GHG emissions from international shipping and phase them out, as soon as possible in this century.

Among the most important decisions was the adoption of draft amendments that will bring forward (from 2025 to 2022) the entry into force of phase 3 of Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI) requirements for a number of ship types.

MEPC 74 also adopted a resolution encouraging Member States to support a voluntary cooperation between ports and ships to contribute to the reduction of GHG emissions from ships. This could include regulatory, technical, op-



erational and economic actions, such as the provision of onshore power supply (preferably from renewable sources); safe and efficient bunkering of alternative low-carbon and zero-carbon fuels; incentives promoting sustainable low-carbon and zero-carbon shipping; and support for the optimization of port calls including facilitation of just-in-time arrival of ships.

In the same meeting the procedure for assessing the impacts on States of candidate measures for reduction of GHG emissions from ships was approved. This was an important step forward to implement short-term measures without disproportionately negative impacts to developing countries, especially Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

In addition to the above, MEPC 74 agreed on the terms of reference for the Fourth IMO GHG Study. The Fourth IMO GHG Study is intended to provide an update of emissions estimates for international shipping for the period 2012 to 2018 and may include scenarios for future shipping emissions and estimates of carbon intensity.

In November 2019 the 6th Intersessional Working Group

on reduction of GHG (ISWG-GHG6) emissions from ships took place. The Intersessional Working Group session further considered candidate short-term measures, including concrete proposals to improve the operational energy efficiency of existing ships. The Intersessional Working Group agreed that the following two approaches shall be taken forward for further development:

- 1 technical approach including an Energy Efficiency Existing Ship Index (EEXI) which could require ships to meet set energy efficiency requirements; and
- 2 operational approach focusing on strengthening the ship energy efficiency management plan, (SEEMP) with a mandatory carbon intensity reduction targets.

The Chamber, considering always the absolute current dependence of the Industry on fossil fuels, supports the adoption of realistic and achievable measures that will be effective, and make progress towards delivering the levels of ambition established in the initial strategy, promote innovation and adoption of GHG reducing technologies, be implementable, avoid penalising early movers and minimise negative impacts on Member States and global trade.





The Chamber supports a goal-based approach that will provide the needed flexibility and incentive for innovation. A goal-based approach would set the objective to be achieved, while leaving room for a range of methods or innovation to achieve the set goal.

With regards to the Fourth IMO GHG Study, the Chamber is of the view that the study shall be based on appropriate data and forecasts for global economic growth to give all stakeholders confidence in the final study.

The Chamber is actively involved in the deliberations on the development of the Industry's CO₂ emissions reductions policies and proposals both through our membership at the International Chamber of Shipping and through participation at the IMO MEPC meetings as part of the Cyprus delegation.

The 2020 global sulphur limit

IMO has set the global limit for sulphur in fuel oil used on board ships at 0.50% from 1 January 2020. This will significantly reduce the amount of sulphur oxide emanating from ships and should have major health and environmental benefits for the world, particularly for populations living close to ports and coasts.

The IMO's MEPC 74 has approved and adopted a comprehensive set of guidance and guidelines to support the consistent implementation of the lower 0.50% limit on sulphur in ships' fuel oil. Related draft MARPOL amendments were also approved.

The Chamber has supported its Members through the issuance of various regular Circulars and the release of a Q&A Publication for the implementation of 2020 global Sulphur limit.

Despite the concerns created with respect to the safety, quality and availability of the new fuels that will be introduced into the market, the Chamber supports and its Members are committed to successfully implementing the 2020 global sulphur limit.

The Chamber believes that it is vital for Parties to MARPOL Annex VI to collect and report as soon as possible, to the IMO GISIS MARPOL Annex VI module, information on the availability of compliant fuel, cases where fuel oil is of an unacceptable quality and details of safety incidents where fuel oil quality is identified as insufficient. Subsequently this data needs to be properly analyzed in a timely manner by the IMO to inform any future discussions and decisions. The information collected should also be made available to the industry to safeguard the safety of seafarers and ships.



CY-FOS / The Cyprus Foundation of the Sea: Fostering “Blue Growth”, Education and Technology

Following the approval by the Council of Ministers on 25 October 2017, for the establishment of CY-FOS / The Cyprus Foundation of the Sea, CY-FOS was incorporated as a non-profit limited liability company under Cyprus law, on 27 July 2018.

The Inaugural Meeting of CY-FOS was held on 15 October 2019, at the Limassol Municipality Town Hall, during which the new Board of Directors was elected, consisting of leading personalities from all sectors and stakeholders of the Blue Economy from public, private, academia, civic society, research organizations and financial and other institutions. Capt. Eugen Adami, Board Member of the Cyprus Shipping Chamber was elected as President and Mr. Costas Iacovou, Permanent Secretary of the Shipping Deputy Ministry, was elected as Vice-President.

Thereon, and in accordance with the CY-FOS Articles of Association, the Board of Directors held its first meeting on 12 November 2019, during which the members of CY-FOS Executive Committee were appointed. Since then, the Executive Committee has established a number of Working Committees and CY-FOS is well under way towards fulfilling its vision, which is none other than **“...to shape the future of the Blue Economy in Cyprus”**.

Its Mission...to build an Innovation-driven Ecosystem in

which organizations across different Blue Economy sectors undertake joint activities related to RTDI (Research, Technological Development and Innovation), networking, improving the business and policy environment, human resources upgrading and engaging the society, thus becoming the missing piece of the puzzle to establishing an “umbrella” organisation for the promotion and further development of Blue Growth in Cyprus! This will be achieved by developing a common innovation roadmap in line with the National and EU Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP) and a program of capacity building activities, addressing common challenges and fostering an integrated approach on marine and maritime affairs; and by becoming the National Champion of the EU’s Marine and Maritime Agenda for Growth and Jobs [The Limassol Declaration).

Its Objectives...

- Strengthen links between the industry sectors of the Blue Economy; the Public Sector; the Society; the Academia; the RTDI Performers; and the Providers of Enabling Technologies; in the context of a Sectoral RTDI Roadmap
- Support the development of the necessary critical mass for Blue RTDI Capacity
- Tackle capability gaps in the Blue Sectors of the Economy through the attraction, recruitment, and retention of highly qualified personnel; and through the

promotion of standards in Educational and Training programs that match the needs of its Cluster members

- Extend the global reach, visibility, network, and market opportunities for CY-FOS members
- Address global challenges such as those related to climate change and sustainable development, including carbon footprint reduction, and improving energy efficiency by articulating and communicating appropriate Missions to RTDI performers and funding organizations.

The establishment of the Foundation is now a reality, which must be quickly understood and managed, in order for Cyprus to be able to align its “Blue Growth” model accordingly and continue to offer “Blue Solutions”, so as to harness the potential of the sea/ocean to creating more employment opportunities, added value and sustainability.

Without a doubt, The Cyprus Foundation of the Sea can be the driving force to make the most needed change and inspire society to realise that by exploiting the potential in “Blue Growth” we can “Sea the Future”.





Cyber Security

As the Shipping Industry moves into a smart-shipping era and becomes increasingly digitalised and automated, the risk of cyber threats is at an all-time high. Digitalised ships, increasing interconnectedness, the extended use of electronic data exchange and electronic navigation increases the likelihood of cyber-attacks in variety and frequency. Cyber threats may cause profound disruption to operations and are one of the most serious economic and international security challenges that the maritime industry is facing today. The need for protection and security enforcements to mitigate the threats is more important today than ever.

Guidelines to support secure cyber operations and contingency plans to be followed in a case of cyber incident have become necessary. Cyber security and safety management are areas that will require more attention as new technologies are being introduced. In the face of emerging cybersecurity threats to the industry, the IMO has taken the decision to incorporate mandatory cybersecurity requirements into the International Safety Management Code (ISM).

The IMO Maritime Safety Committee, at its 98th session in June 2017, adopted Resolution MSC. 428(98) - Maritime Cyber Risk Management in Safety Management Systems (SMS). The resolution encourages administrations to ensure that cyber risks are appropriately addressed in existing safety management systems (as defined in the ISM Code) no later than the first annual verification of the company's Document of Compliance after 1 January 2021.

The Chamber through its Digitalisation Committee monitors the development of new technologies which through increased automation and digitalisation will transform the industry and improve business processes. These new technologies can create opportunities like increased efficiency, safety and environmental performance but at the same time they create new challenges like protection from cyber-attacks. The Chamber is also following the discussions at both national and international levels to find the best approach to combat cyber-crimes.

Furthermore the Chamber is currently in close consultation with the Shipping Deputy Ministry and the Chief Scientist for Research and Innovation for Cyprus so as to establish the necessary mechanisms, which will embrace the research and innovation, better collaboration of all stakeholders involved in the processes, the establishment of a transparent legislative and regulatory framework and the creation of awareness on the need for professional education and training in the field of cyber security in shipping.



Cyprus Shipping: What lies ahead...

Forecasting the future is not an easy task, especially for the Shipping Industry, which operates in a complex environment that faces challenges and ongoing changes on a global basis.

Despite the global challenges the Shipping Industry is facing, the Chamber is optimistic that Cyprus Shipping will continue to play an important role of the Cyprus Economy and will keep on being a significant player in the international shipping arena.

Cyprus is in the right direction to aligning its business models to becoming a sustainable Shipping centre with a growth potential. Following the review mentioned in previous sections of this report, we witnessed steady growth during 2019, where Cyprus attracted new shipping companies, thanks to the continuing attractive and most of all, stable legal and taxation framework. In addition, the creation of the Shipping Deputy Ministry has made Cyprus even more competitive, as a result to the effective implementation of the targeted National Shipping Strategy.

At the same time, one of the challenges that Cyprus Shipping faces and is expected to be managed by the Cyprus Maritime Administration, is the issue of lifting the Turkish Embargo on Cyprus ships, which will make a substantial contribution to the further increase of the Cyprus Registry and the development of the Cyprus ports. The combination of a dedicated Shipping Deputy Ministry, the further promotion of our competitive Shipping Taxation System and the potential lifting of the Turkish Embargo on Cyprus ships, as well as the shift of focus to “Blue Economy” and “Blue Growth”, offer Cyprus Shipping quite a promising future.

In addition, sustainability and environmental protection are both high on the agenda of the global Shipping Industry. Definitely we foresee that both subjects will dominate discussion in the years to come. Already a number of shipping companies have recognised the importance of sustainability and implemented the UN SDGs. Companies are keen to achieve sustainability and work towards achieving the set goals aiming to develop a sustainable transport sector that continues to support world trade and facilitate global economy.

With respect to environmental protection the Shipping In-

dustry is faced with immediate challenges and regulations that will protect the environment. These are the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from ships, the use of lower sulphur fuel from 1 January 2020 and the full implementation of the Ballast Water Management Convention. Enhancing the IMO efforts, the international shipping community announced the initiative to create the first collaborative shipping R&D Fund, intended to eliminate CO2 emissions from international shipping. The Cyprus Shipping Chamber, having actively participated in the development of the R&D Fund proposal, fully supports this initiative. Cyprus as a leading international shipping centre will play an active part in the global shipping industry’s efforts to decarbonise.

Evidencing the above opportunities of the Cyprus Shipping Industry, it is therefore necessary that for all Shipping Industry stakeholders to enhance further their coordination and vision, strengthening the “voice” of Cyprus Shipping in International and European Organisations in order to communicate the Industry’s positions effectively to the decision-makers both locally and internationally. This will place Cyprus in a position to respond to the emerging demands of the World Economy and global competition.

Within the framework of enhancing Cyprus Shipping representation at all levels, a new unified Association is being shaped, with the merger of the Cyprus Shipping Chamber and the Cyprus Union of Shipowners. The creation of a new unified association, will signify a new era for the Cyprus Shipping Industry at large as it will not only strengthen Cyprus representation, it will also enable the further development of Cyprus Shipping locally and internationally.

Envisioning the future, the Cyprus Shipping Chamber having 30 years of history and contribution, strongly believes that “the future is not something we enter, but something we create”. To that end, it commits to continue creating an even stronger Cyprus Shipping through its work and actions ensuring that the Industry remains sustainable and competitive, for the benefit of the Cyprus Economy and European and International Shipping and Trade. We are ready to exploit innovative new ways, in order to maintain and enhance even further Cyprus’ leading edge as one of the largest, “all-embracing” Shipping Centres globally.

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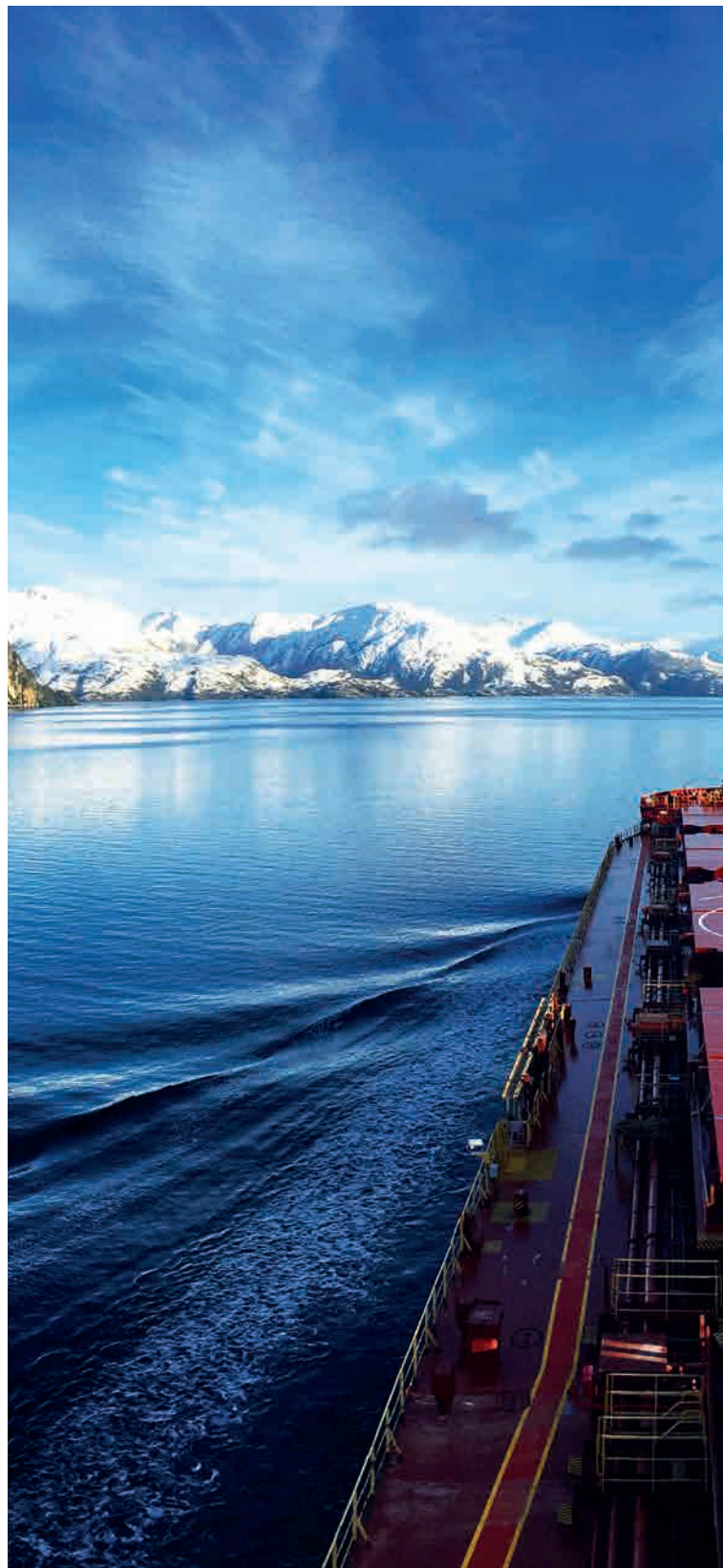
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