



**15th Annual Capital Link
Operational Excellence in Shipping Forum**
Tuesday, September 30, 2025
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REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

8:45 - 9:30 AM

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WELCOME REMARKS

9:30 – 9:35 AM

Mr. Nicolas Bornozis, President – Capital Link, Inc.
Ms. Olga Stavropoulou, Director General – HELMEPA

OPENING KEYNOTE REMARKS

9:35 – 9:40 AM



Mr. Christopher J. Wiernicki
Chairman and CEO
ABS

**CELEBRATING STRONG U.S.-GREECE MARITIME TIES –
THE VIEW FROM THE UNITED STATES**

9:40 – 9:45 AM



Mr. Joshua Huck
Chargé d'Affaires
U.S. Embassy in Athens, Greece

KEYNOTE REMARKS

9:45 – 9:55 AM



Minister Vasilis Kikilias
Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy
Hellenic Republic



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THE DEBATE ON NET ZERO - NAVIGATING BETWEEN AMBITION AND REALITY

Moderator: Mr. Christopher J. Wiernicki, Chairman and CEO – **ABS**

Panelists:

9:55 – 10:35 AM

- **Mr. Roel Hoenders**, Head of Climate Action and Clean Air, Marine Environment Division – **IMO**
- **Mr. Philippos Philis**, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer – **Lemissoler Navigation Co. Ltd**; President – **ECSA European Shipowners (2022-2024)**
- **Ms. Ioanna Procopiou**, Managing Director – **Prominence Maritime**; President Designate – **BIMCO**; Member of the Board – **Union of Greek Shipowners**
- **Ms. Charis Plakantonaki**, Chief Strategy Officer – **Star Bulk Carriers Corp.** (NASDAQ: SBLK)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & MARITIME TRANSFORMATION

Moderator: Mr. Spyridon Zolotas, Vice President, South Europe, Marine – **RINA**

Panelists:

10:40 – 11:20 AM

- **Mr. Gary Lloyd**, Chief of Architecture and Strategy – **90 Percent of Everything (90POE)**
- **Mr. Alex Hadjipateras**, COO – **Dorian LPG Ltd. (NYSE: LPG)**
- **Ms. Eleni Polychronopoulou**, President – **ERMA TECH GROUP**; BoD Member – **HELMEPA**
- **Mr. Tim Ponath**, CEO – **NSB Group**
- **Mr. Theo G. Baltatzis**, General Manager – **Technomar Shipping**

CHARTING A COURSE FOR OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE: BALANCING SAFETY, SUSTAINABILITY, AND EFFICIENCY

Moderator: Mr. Leonidas Karystios, Regional Business Development Manager – **DNV Maritime**

11:25 – 12:05 PM

Panelists:

- **Mr. Stylianos Psillakis**, Technical Director – **Columbia Shipmanagement Greece**
- **Mr. Dimitris Vastarouchas**, Chief Operating Officer & Vice President – **Danaos Corporation (NYSE: DAC)**
- **Mr. Evangelos Sfakiotakis**, Chief Operating Officer – **Diana Shipping Services S.A.**
- **Mr. Dimitris Patrikios**, Managing Director – **VShips Greece**

FROM DATA TO DECISIONS: THE ROLE OF INTELLIGENT SOFTWARE IN MARITIME OPERATIONS

12:05 – 12:15 PM

Presented By: Ms. Staci Satterwhite, Chief Executive Officer – **ABS Wavesight**

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KEYNOTE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Moderator: Mr. Christopher J. Wiernicki, Chairman and CEO – **ABS**

Panelists:

12:15 – 12:50 PM

- **Mr. Paolo d'Amico**, Chairman – **INTERTANKO (2018-2024)**; Chairman – **d'Amico International Shipping S.A. (BIT:DIS; OTCQX: DMCOF)**
- **Mr. Dimitrios Fafalios**, Chairman – **INTERCARGO (2019-2024)**; President / Director – **Fafalios Shipping S.A.**; Secretary of the Board of Directors – **Union of Greek Shipowners**
- **Ms. Karrie Trauth**, Executive Vice President Shipping and Maritime – **Shell plc**; Vice President – **UK Chamber of Shipping**

THE “2025 CAPITAL LINK MARITIME SUSTAINABILITY AWARD”

Presented to both:



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12:50 - 1:10 PM

Mr. Paolo d'Amico
Chairman
INTERTANKO (2018-2024)
Chairman
d'Amico International Shipping S.A.
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Mr. Dimitrios Fafalios
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Secretary of the Board of Directors
Union of Greek Shipowners

Introduced by: **Dr. Nikolas P. Tsakos**, Founder & CEO – **TEN Ltd. (NYSE: TEN)**; Chairman – **INTERTANKO (2014-2018)**

Introduced by: **Mr. John Xylas**, Chairman – **INTERCARGO**; President and CEO – **Ariston Navigation Corp.**; Member of the Board – **Union of Greek Shipowners**

NETWORKING LUNCHEON

1:10 – 2:10 PM

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FLEET RENEWAL IN A STATE OF FLUX: DECODING REGULATIONS, FUELS, TECHNOLOGY & GEOPOLITICS

Moderator: Ms. Elina Papageorgiou, Global Strategic Growth Director & Vice President,
Greece & Cyprus – **Lloyd's Register**

Panelists:

2:20 – 3:00 PM

- **Dr. George D. Pateras**, Deputy Chairman – **Contships Management Inc**; Former President – **Hellenic Chamber of Shipping (2016-2025)**
- **Mr. Marcos C. Vassilikos**, Managing Director – **Eurobulk**
- **Mr. Georgios Plevrakis**, Senior Advisor – Head of Business Development Strategy and Market Development Europe – **Hanwha Ocean**
- **Dr. Loukas Barmparis**, President – **Safe Bulkers, Inc. (NYSE: SB)**
- **Mr. George Saroglou**, President & Chief Operating Officer – **TEN Ltd. (NYSE: TEN)**

SHAPING THE FUTURE: NEXT-GEN SHIPS AND POWER OF MARITIME INNOVATION DRIVEN BY DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

3:00 – 3:15 PM

Presented By: Dr. Toshiro Arima, Executive Director, Executive Vice President – **ClassNK**

SECURING THE MARITIME WORKFORCE OF TODAY & TOMORROW: STRATEGIES FOR RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, TRAINING & WELLBEING

Moderator: Mr. Michalis Pantazopoulos, Senior Vice-President – **Liberian Registry (LISCR Hellas)**

3:20 – 4:00 PM

Panelists:

- **Capt. Panagiotis Drosos**, Managing Director – **Capital Ship Management Corp.**
- **Ms. Amalia Marcou**, Crewing Director – **Enesel**
- **Ms. Metaxia Psalti**, COO – **Neda Maritime Agency Co. Ltd.**; Vice Chair – **INTERCARGO**
- **Mr. Marinos Kokkinis**, Managing Director – **OneCare Group**

FROM CADET TO CAPTAIN – REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE THE SEAFARERS' PERSPECTIVE

Moderator: Mr. Andreas Zarnavelis, Designated Person Ashore & HSQ-Manager – **Tsakos Group**

4:05 – 4:40 PM

Panelists:

- **Capt. Konstantinos Dimanis**, Captain – **Tsakos Group**
- **Mr. Nikolaos Markou**, Chief Engineer – **Tsakos Group**
- **Mr. Michail Petrou**, Deck Cadet – Senior Student – **Tsakos Group**
- **Ms. Fani Chatzidiamanti**, Engine Cadet – First Year Student – **TEENS Merchant Marine Academy**
- **Mr. Georgios-Ioannis Pantechakis**, ETO Cadet – First Year Student – **TEENS Merchant Marine Academy**

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PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER - SHIPOWNERS' ROUNDTABLE COMPETITIVENESS & OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Moderator: Ms. Paillette Palaologou, Senior Vice President M&O East Europe,
Mediterranean Sea, Middle East, Africa & India (EMA) – **Bureau Veritas**

Panelists:

4:45 – 5:25 PM

- **Mr. Antonis Kanellakis**, Executive Director – **Alpha Bulk**ers, **Pantheon Tankers**, & **Alpha Gas**; Member of the Board – **Union of Greek Shipowners**
- **Ms. Semiramis Paliou**, Chief Executive Officer – **Diana Shipping Inc. (NYSE: DSX)**; Chairperson – **HELMEPA & INTERMEPA**; Member of the Board – **Union of Greek Shipowners**
- **Mr. Paolo Enoizi**, Chief Executive Officer – **GasLog**
- **Mr. Thomas Lister**, Chief Executive Officer – **Global Ship Lease, Inc. (NYSE: GSL)**

5:25 – 6:00 PM

COCKTAIL RECEPTION

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