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"16th Annual Capital Link Greek Shipping Forum"

Thursday February 5, 2026
Athenaeum Intercontinental, Athens

Thursday, February 29th, 2026

The **16th Annual Capital Link Greek Shipping Forum** will be held in **Athens** on **Thursday February 5, 2026.** The event is organized **in cooperation** with **DNV** and **Nasdaq,** and **NYSE.**

The institutional leadership of global shipping, specifically the heads of four global industry associations: BIMCO, INTERCARGO, INTERTANKO & The International Chamber of Shipping, the Greek Minister of Shipping and Insular Policy, the Shipping Deputy Minister to the President of the Republic of Cyprus, the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works of the Republic of Malta, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, the Heads of Classification Societies, Global Heads of Shipping, Major Global Investors, will all attend the forum.

The agenda will focus on three main areas:

- the industry's main trends and challenges
- the opportunities that lie ahead and strategies to complete in an increasingly complex and demanding world. This event will focus on three main areas: The current trends and outlook of the global economy and the main commodity, energy and shipping markets
- The critical challenges the industry faces today related to geopolitical and regulatory developments, such as compliance with decarbonization, trade sanctions & tensions, and the transformational impact of technology
- As usual, Maritime Finance will be the core subject with focus on bank finance, capital markets, alternative funding mechanisms and private equity.

With 1000+ participants every year, attendees can expect an informative networking forum connecting them to the shipping industry's key players, including influential members in the financial community, such as commercial and investment banks. This one-day conference, known for its large attendance by shipowners, its rich informational content and the extensive marketing, networking and business development opportunities.

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FEATURED SPEAKERS

Government Representatives

- **Minister Vasilis Kikilias,** Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy **– Hellenic Republic**
- **Minister Marina Hadjimanolis,** Shipping Deputy Minister to the President **– Republic of Cyprus**
- **Minister Chris Bonett,** Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works **– Republic of Malta**
- **DAS Marco M. Sylvester,** Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Affairs **– U.S. Department of State**

Heads of Global Industry Associations

- **Mr. Paul Pathy,** President – **BIMCO**; President & CEO – **Fednav**
- **Mr. John Xylas**, Chairman – **INTERCARGO**; President & CEO – **Ariston Navigation Corp.**; Member of the Board – **Union of Greek Shipowners**
- **Mr. Claes Berglund,** Vice Chair – **International Chamber of Shipping**; Senior Director – **Stena**
- **Mr. Rolf Westfal-Larsen Jr.,** Chairman – **INTERTANKO**; Chief Executive Officer – **Westfal-Larsen**

AGENDA

REGISTRATION - BREAKFAST

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WELCOME REMARKS

Mr. George Teriakidis, Regional Manager for Southeast Europe – **DNV Maritime**
Mr. Nicolas Bornozis, President – **Capital Link, Inc.**

NET ZERO DEBATE - REGULATIONS + ENERGY TRANSITION

Moderator: Dr. John Kokarakis, M&O GMC / BSA Technical Director – **Bureau Veritas**
Panelists:

- **Mr. Mikki Koskinen,** Managing Director – **ESL Shipping Ltd.**; President – **European Shipowners | ECSA**
- **Mr. Alfonso Castillero,** CEO – **Liberian International Ship & Corporate Registry (LISCR)**
- **Ms. Fotini Ioannidou,** Director DG for Mobility & Transport – **European Commission**
- **Ms. Ioanna Procopiou,** Managing Director – **Prominence Maritime**; President Designate – **BIMCO**; Member of the Board – **Union of Greek Shipowners**

KEYNOTE INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE STEERING THE COURSE - DRIVING THE INDUSTRY FORWARD

Moderator: Ms. Anthi Miliou, Maritime Commercial Director – **Lloyd's Register**
Panelists:

- **Mr. John Xylas,** Chairman – **INTERCARGO;** President and CEO – **Ariston Navigation Corp.;** Member of the Board – **Union of Greek Shipowners**
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BANK FINANCE PANEL

Moderator: Mr. Anthony Paizes, Partner**,** Head of Ship Finance, Greece – **Hill Dickinson LLP**
Panelists:

- **Mr. Vangelis Nomikos,** Senior Director – **ABN AMRO**
- **Mr. Yiannis Karamanolis,** Chief of Shipping – **Alpha Bank**
- **Mr. Christos Tsakonas,** Global Head of Shipping – **DNB**
- **Mr. Vassilios Maroulis,** Managing Director, Global Industry Head, Shipping, Logistics & Offshore – **Citi**
- **Mr. Evan Cohen,** Managing Director & Group Head of Maritime Finance – **First Citizens Bank**

ALTERNATIVE FINANCE PANEL

Moderator: Mr. Chris Vartzis, Partner, Head of Maritime Finance, Greece **– Stephenson Harwood**
Panelists:

- **Mr. Nicholas M. Petrakakos,** Partner & Managing Director, Maritime & Offshore Investment Banking – **Alantra**
- **Mr. George Fikaris,** Managing Director – **EnTrust Global**
- **Mr. Eahan Shi,** Executive Director, Shipping Finance Department – **Bank of China Financial Leasing**
- **Mr. Sakis Voudris,** Director Business Development – **Neptune Maritime Leasing Ltd.**

NAVIGATING THE DIGITAL HORIZON: TECHNOLOGY, AI & THE FUTURE OF SHIPPING

Moderator: Ms. Maria Kyratsoudi, Director**,** Business Development, Greece – **ABS**
Panelists:

- **Mr. Vassilis Mavrogiannis,** Co-Founder, Chief Maritime Officer – **Ask Chief**
- **Mr. Yiannis Kourkoulis,** Vice President and Board Member – **Best Oasis Limited;** CEO – **Armi Shipmanagement**
- **Mr. Mark O'Neil,** President & CEO – **Columbia Group**; President – **InterManager (2020-2024)**
- **Mr. Konstantinos Stampedakis,** Co-Founder & Managing Director – **ERMA TECH GROUP**
- **Mr. Ben Richardson,** Chief Executive Officer – **Sulnox**

KEYNOTE MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE

Moderator: Mr. George M. Teriakidis, Regional Manager, Southeast Europe – **DNV Maritime**
Panelists:

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FORUM LUNCHEON
&
OFFICIAL AWARD CEREMONY

"2026 CAPITAL LINK GREEK SHIPPING LEADERSHIP AWARD"

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS:

- **Mr. George A. Tsavliris,** Principal – **Tsavliris Salvage Group**
- **Mr. Adam Polemis,** President – **New Shipping Limited**

OFFICIAL AWARD CEREMONY
2025 CAPITAL LINK GREEK SHIPPING LEADERSHIP AWARD

During the luncheon in the context of the forum, an official award ceremony will take place, and the **"2026 Capital Link Greek Shipping Leadership Award"** will be presented to **Mr. Pantelis Eleftherios (Lou) Kollakis,** Chairman **– Chartworld Group of Companies**, for his outstanding contribution to Greek & global shipping.

Introductory Remarks: Mr. George A. Tsavliris, Principal – **Tsavliris Salvage Group,** and **Mr. Adam Polemis,** President – **New Shipping Limited.**

The **"Capital Link Greek Shipping Leadership Award"** is presented annually to a leading maritime figure of the Greek Shipping Community who has gained the respect and the appreciation of the international shipping industry and who is also recognized for their outstanding contribution to elevating Greek Shipping to its leadership position globally.

Previous honorees were: **2013 - Captain Panagiotis N.Tsakos**, Founder & President - **Tsakos Group**, 2014 - Mr. Pericles Panagopoulos, **2015 - Mr. Lambros Varnavides**, Vice Chairman of **the Baltic Exchange**, Trustee of the **Lloyds Register Foundation** and Managing Director and Global Head of Shipping RBS 1998, **2016** - **Mr. Nicolas, George and Andreas Tsavliris** of the **Tsavliris Salvage Group**, **2017 - Professor Costas Th. Grammenos CBE DSc**, Chairman C. Grammenos Centre of Shipping Trade & Finance, **Bayes Business School, City, University of London, 2018 - Mr. Panos Laskaridis**, President of **European Community Shipowners Associations**; CEO, **Lavinia Corporation/Laskaridis Shipping Company Ltd**. and **Mr. Athanasios Laskaridis**, Chairman and CEO of **Lavinia Corporation, Lavinia Enterprises Limited and Laskaridis Shipping Company Ltd.**, **2019 - Captain Paris Dragnis**, Chairman & Founder - **Goldenport Group**, **2020 - Mr. George Procopiou**, Founder, **Dynacom Tankers Management**, **Sea Traders – Dynagas**, **2022 - Mr. Simeon Palios**, Founder and Chairman, **Diana Shipping**, **2023** - **Mr. Themistocles Vokos**, Founder Member, Honorary Chairman of **Posidonia**; Founder of **Seatrade**, and **2024** - **TEN LTD. -TSAKOS ENERGY NAVIGATION LTD.**, & **Dr. Nikolas P. Tsakos**, Founder & CEO - **TEN Ltd. (NYSE: TNP);** Chairman **- INTERTANKO (2014-2018),** and **2025 – Mr. Thanasis Martinos**, Managing Director **- Eastern Mediterranean Maritime Limited.**

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SHIPPING: NAVIGATING THE INTERPLAY OF COMMERCE, GEOPOLITICS & REGULATIONS

Moderator: Ms. Dorothea Ioannou, Chief Executive Officer – **American P&I Club**
Participants:

- **Mr. Michael Parker Chairman,** Global Shipping, Logistics & Offshore – **Citi**
- **Mr. Richard Fulford-Smith,** Founder – **EDEN OCEAN LLC**; Co-Founder – **Affinity Shipping**
- **Mr. Peter G. Livanos,** Chairman and a Member of the Board of Directors – **GasLog Ltd.**
- **Dr. Anthony S. Papadimitriou,** President – **Onassis Foundation**

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THE INVESTOR VIEW ON SHIPPING: STRATEGIES ACROSS SECTORS & CYCLES

Moderator: Mr. Konstantinos Mexias, Partner, Assets & Structure Finance Group – **Watson Farley & Williams**
Panelists:

- **Mr. Bastian Hagebeuker,** Partner – **Blue Star Group**; Managing Director – **Windward Offshore**
- **Ms. Sofia Kalomenides,** Partner Europe Central Capital Markets Leader – **EY**
- **Mr. Felix Nölke,** Managing Director – Maritime Investments – **MPC Capital**
- **Mr. Alexis Atteslis,** Co-Head of Europe & Partner – **Oak Hill Advisors**

GREECE AS EUROPE'S ENERGY GATEWAY: MARITIME POWER & TRANSATLANTIC SECURITY

Keynote Opening Remarks: Mr.Joshua Huck, Chargé d'Affaires – **U.S. Embassy in Athens, Greece**

Moderator: Mr.Morten Løvstad, Vice President Business Development, Global Business Director – **DNV Maritime**
Panelists:

- **Mr. Alexandros Exarchou,** Chairman & CEO – **AKTOR Group of Companies**; CEO – **ATLANTIC SEE LNG TRADE**
- **Mr. Frangiskos Kanellakis,** Executive Director – **Alpha Bulkers / Pantheon Tankers / Alpha Gas**
- **Mr. George Prokopiou,** Founder - **Dynacom Tankers Management; Dynagas Ltd. (DLNG) / Sea Traders**
- **Dr. Nikolas P. Tsakos,** Founder & CEO – **TEN Ltd.**; Chairman – **INTERTANKO (2014-2018)**

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