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8:30 – 9:00 AM	***REGISTRATION & COFFEE***
9:00 – 9:05 AM	**WELCOME REMARKS** • **Mr. Nicolas Bornozis,** President – **Capital Link, Inc.** • **Mr. George A. Tsavliris,** Principal – **Tsavliris Salvage Group** ***Conference Chairman***
9:05 – 9:40 AM	**CYPRUS MARITIME CLUSTER IN THE SPOTLIGHT** **STRENGTH, RESILIENCE, & GROWTH** *Keynote Presentation Followed by a 1x1 Discussion* **Minister Marina Hadjimanolis** Shipping Deputy Minister to the President **Republic of Cyprus** **With: Mr. Nicolas Montanios,** Partner – **Montanios & Montanios LLC**
9:40 – 9:55 AM	**KEYNOTE REMARKS** **EUROPEAN TRANSPORT & MARITIME POLICY AT A TURNING POINT** ***The Role of Shipping in Europe's Connectivity, Competitiveness, and Sustainability*** **Ms. Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi** Chair, Committee on Transport and Tourism **European Parliament**
9:55 – 10:00 AM	**CAPITAL LINK LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PRESENTATION** ***Honoree:*** **Mr. Acis Montanios** Chairman of the Board & CEO **Montanios & Montanios LLC**

	NET ZERO – REGULATORY UPDATE
10:00 – 10:15 AM	***Presented by:*** **Mr. Theo Kourmpelis**, Global Business Director for Tankers – **Lloyd's Register**
	THE DEBATE FOR NET ZERO - IMPLICATIONS ON FLEET RENEWAL *Navigating Through Commercial & Regulatory Uncertainty* **Moderator: Mr. Vassilis Dimoulas,** M&O EMA Technology & Innovation Director – **Bureau Veritas Marine & Offshore** **Panelists:**
10:15 – 10:55 AM	• **Mr. Antonis Faraklas,** Managing Director – **Charterwell Maritime S.A. and Chartworld Shipping Corporation** • **Dr. George D. Pateras,** Deputy Chairman – **Contships Management Inc.;** Former President – **Hellenic Chamber of Shipping (2016-2025)** • **Capt. Eberhard Koch,** Chairman, CEO & Partner – **Österreichischer Lloyd Shipping Group (OL Shipping)** • **Dr. Loukas Barmparis,** President – **Safe Bulkers, Inc. (NYSE: SB)**
	SHIPPING IN THE AI ERA - OPTIMIZING THE COMMERCIAL & OPERATIONAL LANDSCAPE **Moderator: Mr. Joe Woods,** Senior Vice President, Business Development – **ABS Consulting** **Panelists:**
11:00 – 11:40 AM	• **Mr. Konstantinos Vlachos,** COO – **CASTOR** • **Mr. Dimitris Vastarouchas,** Chief Operating Officer & Vice President – **Danaos Corporation (NYSE: DAC)** • **Mr. Konstantinos Stampedakis,** Co-Founder & Managing Director – **ERMA TECH GROUP** • **Mr. Vasileios G. Petousis,** Energy & Sustainability Manager – **Seanergy Maritime Holdings Corp. (NASDAQ: SHIP)**
11:40 – 12:05 PM	***COFFEE BREAK***
	SHIPMANAGEMENT – WHAT'S NEXT? *Safety, People, & Performance in a Changing Maritime Landscape* **Moderator: Mr. Nicos Attas,** Marine Manager – **RINA Cyprus**
12:10 – 12:50 PM	**Panelists:** • **Mr. Basil Sakellis,** CEO – **Alassia NewShips Management** • **Capt. Franck Kayser,** COO – **Asyad Shipping Company** • **Mr. Andreas Hadjipetrou,** Chief Commercial Officer – **Columbia Group;** Managing Director – **Columbia Shipmanagement** • **Mr. Dieter Rohdenburg,** CEO – **InterMaritime Shipmanagement Ltd.**

	CAPITAL AT SEA: THE STATE OF SHIP FINANCE
12:50 – 1:30 PM	**Moderator: Mr. George Zambartas,** Head of Ship Finance – Limassol – **Hill Dickinson LLP** **Panelists:** • **Dr. Nikolaos Kagkarakis,** Shipping Finance Senior Relationship Manager – **Alpha Bank S.A** • **Mr. Nicholas Pavlidis,** Head of Shipping – **Bank of Cyprus** • **Mr. Philipp Wünschmann,** Head of Shipping – **Berenberg** • **Mr. Aris Patounas,** Head of Shipping – **Eurobank Ltd.** • **Mr. Jan William Denstad,** CEO & Founding Partner – **Sole Projects Ltd.**
1:30 – 2:30 PM	***NETWORKING LUNCH***
	ADVANCING ENERGY SECURITY: THE VERTICAL CORRIDOR AND US-CYPRUS COOPERATION IN THE NEW ENERGY LANDSCAPE
2:30 – 3:00 PM	**Moderator: Ms. Dorothea Ioannou,** Chief Executive Officer – **American P&I Club** **Minister Michael Damianos** Minister of Energy, Commerce and Industry **Republic of Cyprus** **Dr. Daniel E. Mangis** Chargé d' Affaires ad interim **U.S. Embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus**
	SHIPPING AT THE INTERPLAY OF GLOBAL COMMERCE, REGULATIONS, & GEOPOLITICS
3:05 – 3:45 PM	**Moderator: Mr. Andreas Papachristodoulou,** Partner – **Stephenson Harwood** **Panelists:** • **Mr. Mark O'Neil,** President & CEO – **Columbia Group;** President – **InterManager (2020-2024)** • **Mr. Spyros Vlassopoulos,** Managing Director – **Ionic** • **Mr. Filippo Fabbri,** CEO – **Lockton P.L. Ferrari** • **Ms. Eman Abdalla,** Founder & Managing Partner – **SeaThrew**

3:50 – 4:20 PM	**CHARTERERS' INSIGHTS: IS THE COMMODITY RALLY FUELING THE HOT CAPESIZE MARKET FOR THE REST OF 2026?** **Moderator: Mr. Polys Hajioannou,** CEO – **Safe Bulkers, Inc. (NYSE: SB);** President – **Cyprus Union of Shipowners** **Panelists:** • **Mr. Tim Barrett,** Capesize Global Trading Manager – **Cargill Ocean Transportation** • **Mr. Carl Andrew Dacombe,** Head of Capesize Trading – **Mercuria Shipping Pte Ltd.**
4:25 – 5:15 PM	**SHIPOWNERS IN ACTION** **INVESTING, OPERATING, & COMPETING IN A CHANGING MARKET** **Moderator: Mr. Leonidas Karystios,** Regional Business Development Director & Global Fleet Technology Director – Gas Carriers – **DNV Maritime** **Panelists:** • **Mr. Andreas Hadjiyiannis,** CEO – **Cyprus Sea Lines / Hellenic Tankers;** Former President – **Cyprus Union of Shipowners** • **Mr. Aristides J. Pittas,** Chairman & CEO – **Euroseas Ltd. (NASDAQ: ESEA) ; EuroDry Ltd. (NASDAQ: EDRY); Euroholdings Ltd. (NASDAQ: EHLD)** • **Mr. George Mouskas,** President – **Olympia Ocean Carriers;** Vice President – **Cyprus Union of Shipowners** • **Mr. Polys Hajioannou,** CEO – **Safe Bulkers, Inc. (NYSE: SB);** President – **Cyprus Union of Shipowners**
5:20 – 5:25 PM	**CLOSING REMARKS** **Mr. George A. Tsavliris,** Principal – **Tsavliris Salvage Group** ***Conference Chairman***
5:25 – 6:00 PM	***COCKTAIL RECEPTION***