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9:00 - 9:50 AM	**REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST**
9:50 - 10:00 AM	**WELCOME REMARKS** **Mr. Knut Ørbeck-Nilssen,** Group President & CEO – **DNV** **Mr. Nicolas Bornozis,** President – **Capital Link, Inc.**
10:00 - 10:40 AM	**THE NEW GEOGRAPHY OF GLOBAL TRADE: MARKETS, ROUTES & GEOPOLITICAL REALIGNMENT** **Moderator: Mr. Clemens Toepfer,** Managing Director – **Toepfer Transport GmbH** **Panelists:** • **Mr. Johannes Kock,** CEO – **Capital Maritime Finance Corp. (CMF)** • **Dr. Christopher Eilers,** Co-CEO, CFO – **Ernst Russ AG** • **Mr. Poul Hestbaek,** CEO – **Folk Maritime** • **Mr. Alex Hartnoll,** Deputy Chairman – **X-Press Feeders**
10:45 - 11:25 AM	**FLEET RENEWAL: TECHNOLOGY, TALENT & THE FUTURE OF THE FLEET** **Moderator: Mr. Rasmus Stute,** Vice President, Area Manager, Germany – **DNV Maritime** **Panelists:** • **Mr. Helge Bartels,** COO – **Bernhard Schulte GmbH & Co KG** • **Mr. Norman Schmiedl,** CEO – **Columbia Blue** • **Ms. Silke Lehmköster,** Managing Director Fleet – **Hapag-Lloyd AG** • **Mr. Christoph Gessner,** Chief Operating Officer – **Offen Group** • **Dr. Michael Silies,** Managing Director – **Wilhelmsen Ahrenkiel Ship Management**
11:30 – 11:45 AM	**COFFEE BREAK**
11:50 – 12:30 PM	**THE ENERGY LANDSCAPE: SECURITY, SUPPLY & COMPETITIVENESS** **Moderator: Dr. Michael Volks,** Local Partner – **White & Case LLP** **Panelists:** • **Ms. Maria-Rita Galli,** CEO – **AKTOR LNG** • **Dr. Johann Killinger,** Managing Partner – **Buss Group GmbH & Co. KG** • **Mr. Oleksandr Siromakha,** Head of Sustainable Fuels – **MB Energy Holding GmbH & Co. KG**

2026 CAPITAL LINK GERMAN SHIPPING LEADERSHIP AWARD CEREMONY
&
1X1 DISCUSSION

12:35 – 1:05 PM

Moderator:

Mr. Knut Ørbeck-Nilssen
Group President & CEO
DNV

Honoree:

Mr. Claus Peter Offen
Owner and Chairman
Offen Group

1:10 – 2:10 PM — ***NETWORKING LUNCHEON***

2:15 – 2:55 PM

FLUSH WITH CASH – WHAT'S NEXT FOR SHIPPING

Moderator: Dr. Carolin Schmeding, Partner – **Ehlermann Rindfleisch Gadow**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Christian Synetos,** Managing Director – **GIP, a part of BlackRock**
- **Mr. Philipp Jörss,** Head of Vessel Portfolio – **Hapag-Lloyd AG**
- **Mr. Torben Kölln**, Managing Director – **Leonhardt & Blumberg Shipmanagement GmbH & Co. KG**
- **Mr. John Wessel,** Managing Director – **Oldendorff Overseas Investments**

3:00 – 3:40 PM

WHO WILL FINANCE SHIPPING'S NEXT DECADE?

Moderator: Dr. Christian Finnern LL.M., Partner & Head of Germany – **Watson Farley & Williams**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Gerasimos Zolotas,** Executive Director – **Eurofin Group**
- **Ms. Christiane Lombardi,** Director – **First Citizens Bank**
- **Ms. Sissi Yang,** Manager – **ICBC Financial Leasing Co., Ltd.**
- **Mr. Harris Antoniou,** Founder & Managing Director – **Neptune Maritime Leasing Ltd.**

3:45 – 4:25 PM

CEO ROUNDTABLE: LEADING SHIPPING THROUGH AN ERA OF CHANGE

Moderator: Mr. Lucas Ribeiro, Vice President, Maritime Regional Manager, Western Europe – **DNV**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Jens-Michael Arndt,** Managing Partner – **H. Vogemann Reederei Services GmbH & Co. KG**
- **Dr. Sadan Kaptanoglu,** CEO – **Kaptanoglu Shipping;** President – **BIMCO (2019 - 2021)**

- **Mr. Constantin Baack,** CEO – **MPC Container Ships ASA (OSLO: MPCC);** CEO – **MPC Oceanic Group AG**
- **Mr. Nikolaus Schües,** CEO – **Reederei F. Laeisz;** Immediate Past President – **BIMCO (2023 - 2025)**

4:30 – 5:30 PM	***NETWORKING COCKTAIL RECEPTION***