



# 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Capital Link Operational Excellence in Shipping Forum

*“Best Practices - Building Long Term Value Through Sustainability”*

Tuesday, October 3, 2023  
Divani Caravel Hotel – Athens, Greece

## Breakfast & Registration

*Sponsored by Castor Maritime*

8:30 – 9:30 am



## Welcome Remarks

**Mr. Nicolas Bornozis, President – Capital Link, Inc.**

## Introductory Remarks

9:30 – 9:40 am

**Dr. Antonis S. Papadimitriou, President – Onassis Foundation;** Member of the Board – **Global Maritime Forum**

## The Importance of Transparent Emissions Reporting – Benefits to Shipowners

*Shipowners need to provide regularly emissions data to various stakeholders such as bankers, insurers, charterers and regulators. The discussion will focus on the differences among emissions reporting systems, the need for standardization and the benefits this can generate for the industry.*

**Moderator: Mr. Dimitris Anassis FCI Arb, Partner - Hill Dickinson**

9:45 – 10:25 am

### Panelists:

- **Mr. Stamatis Fradelos, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs - ABS**
- **Mr. Vassilios Maroulis, Managing Director, Global Industry Head, Shipping, Logistics & Offshore – Citi**
- **Mr. Jeff Wakker, General Manager - Vitterra Chartering**
- **Ms. Charis Plakantonakis, Chief Strategy Officer - Star Bulk Carriers Corp.**
- **Mr. Angelos Vatalalos, Director of Strategic Business Development and Planning – Signal Maritime**

## Alternative Fuels – Presentation

10:30 – 10:45 am

**Dr. M. Abdul Rahim, Corporate Officer, Managing Director for Europe and Africa – ClassNK**



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## The Fleet Renewal Landscape – Ships & Fuels of Today & Tomorrow

*While the jury is still out in terms of which is the ultimate “winning green fuel”, shipowners need to continue with fleet renewal in order to maintain competitiveness and achieve compliance with environmental regulations and market expectations. This panel will focus on fleet renewal strategies implemented by major shipowners sharing their insight as to their strategy and approach.*

**Moderator: Ms. Elina Papageorgiou, Vice President, Greece – Lloyd’s Register**

10:50 – 11:30 am

### Panelists:

- **Mr. Stelios Troulis**, Director, Green Ship, Energy Transition & Sustainability – **Angelicooussis Group**
- **Mr. Aristides J. Pittas** - Chairman & CEO – **EuroDry (EDRY) & Euroseas (ESEA)**
- **Mr. Thomas Lister**, CCO – **Global Ship Lease (GSL)**
- **Mr. Constantinos Capetanakis**, Bunker Director – **Star Bulk Carriers Corp. (SBLK)**

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## GRIN MARIN: Global First Announcement Of A Marine Biofuel Requires No Engine Modification And Burns Like VLSFO

11:30: 11:35

**Mr. John Agiomirgiannakis**  
CEO - Tailors Group

11:35 – 11:45 am



### Safe Ships in Clean Seas

*Human element, environmental consciousness and safety as cornerstones of Sustainability and Quality Shipping*

**Ms. Semiramis Paliou**, CEO, **Diana Shipping (DSX)**  
Chairperson, **HELMEPA** Chairperson, **INTERMEPA**

11:50 – 12:05 pm



### Keynote Remarks

**H.E. Christos Stylianides**  
Minister of Maritime Affairs & Insular Policy  
**Hellenic Republic**



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## Keynote Introductory Remarks

**Mr. Evangelos Marinakis**  
Founder and Chairman, Capital Maritime &  
Trading Corp.

12: 10 – 12:50 pm

## “2023 Capital Link Maritime Sustainability Award”

*Honoree*

**Mr. Rasmus Bach Nielsen**  
Global Head of Fuel Decarbonization, Trafigura  
Group



12:50 – 1:50 pm

## Networking Luncheon

### The Global Supply Chain, Sustainability & The Role of Charterers

*The panel will provide charterer insight on three main topics – how market conditions develop in the face of current geopolitical and economic challenges; strategies in pursuit of green shipping; how charterers advance sustainability issues throughout the supply chain through their own policies and guidelines/requirements they ask their trading partners to adhere to.*

**Moderator: Mr. Stamatis Tsantanis**, Chairman & CEO – **Seanergy Maritime Holdings Corp. (SHIP)**; Founder, Chairman & CEO – **United Maritime Corporation (USEA)**

1:50 – 2:40 pm

### Panelists:

- **Mr. George Wells**, Commercial Head for Structured Deals and Decarbonization - **Cargill**
- **Mr. Matt Caddock**, Senior Commercial Manager - **Chevron Shipping**
- **Ms. Heidi Aakre**, Vice President of Shipping - **Equinor**
- **Mr. Bud Darr**, EVP, Maritime Policy and Government Affairs – **MSC**
- **Mr. Scott Bergeron**, Managing Director, Global Engagement & Sustainability - **Oldendorff Carriers**
- **Mr. Andrea Olivi**, Global Head of Wet Freight - **Trafigura Group**



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## Safety & The Human Element

*The recruitment, training, retention and welfare of seafarers and onshore personnel remain a critical issue for the shipping industry exacerbated by the geopolitical challenges of today. The panel will address the evolving landscape in this area and will also focus on the role of the Human Factor in Ship Safety.*

**Moderator: Mr. Michalis Pantazopoulos, General Manager - Liberian Registry (LISCR Hellas)**

2:45 – 3:25 pm

### Panelists:

- **Mr. Alex Hadjipateras, SEVP – Dorian LPG (LPG) ; MD – Dorian LPG Management Corp.**
  - **Ms. Venetia Kallipolitou, Cross Department HR & Training Manager – Tsakos Group; Commander - Hellenic Coast Guard (Retired)**
  - **Mr. Helio Vicente, Director of Employment Affairs – ICS**
  - **Mr. Petros Achtypis, Founder & CEO – Prevention at Sea**
  - **Ms. Elpi Petraki, President – WISTA International**
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## All About Carbon – Carbon Offsets, Carbon Capture, Carbon Credits, EU ETs, Slow Steaming

*Do all available options and strategies lead to reduction of carbon emissions? What is best to use and how? The discussion will provide insight on how alternative strategies help achieve carbon reduction especially in light of the recent IMO and EU regulations and market expectations.*

**Moderator: Mr. Jason Stephanatos, Global Decarbonization Director - DNV**

3:30 – 4:10 pm

### Panelists:

- **Mr. Jacopo Visetti, Co-Founder – Aither Group**
  - **Mr. Simon Bennett, Deputy Secretary General – ICS**
  - **Mr. Stavros Niotis, Chief Sustainability Officer – Prime Marine**
  - **Mr. Frederic Bouthillier, Head of Shipping – Vertis Environmental Finance**
  - **Mr. Theo Baltazis, Managing Director – Technomar**
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## Technology – Taking Shipping to the Next Stage

4:15 – 4:55 pm

*Technology has a transformational impact across all areas of shipping optimizing technical and operational performance – reducing costs, improving efficiency and communications, enhancing safety & security, meeting decarbonization targets and more. The advent of Artificial Intelligence is about to accelerate technology’s impact on the industry. This panel will discuss*

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*how leading shipowners and solutions providers are using technology to optimize their operations and the priority areas to which they allocate capital.*

**Moderator: Mr. Spyridon Zolotas**, Marine Southern Europe & Africa Area, Senior Director - RINA

**Panelists:**

- **Capt. Pankaj Sharma**, Group Director Digital Performance Optimization - **Columbia Shipmanagement**
- **Mr. Dimitris Vastarouchas**, Deputy COO – **Danaos Corporation**
- **Mr. Michalis Malliaros**, General Manager - **Euronav**
- **Mr. Yarden Gross**, Co-Founder & CEO - **Orca AI**

## **Navigating Through Industry Transformation – Shipowners’ Roundtable**

*The panel will provide the shipowners perspective on the current challenges and opportunities across shipping segments today, taking into consideration regulatory, geopolitical, technological, financial and market developments.*

**Moderator: Mrs. Paillette Palaiologou**, Vice President M&O Division, South East Europe, Black Sea & Adriatic Zone – **Bureau Veritas**

5:00 – 5:40 pm

**Panelists:**

- **Mr. Jerry Kalogiratos**, CEO – **Capital Product Partners (CPLP)**
- **Mr. George Margaronis**, CEO – **Latsco Shipping Ltd.**
- **Mr. Stamatis Tsantanis**, Chairman & CEO – **Seenergy Maritime Holdings Corp. (SHIP)**; Founder, Chairman & CEO – **United Maritime Corporation (USEA)**
- **Mr. George Saroglou**, President – **Tsakos Energy Navigation (TNP)**

5:40 – 6:30 pm

**Cocktail Reception**