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Heading into summer with some uplifting words and deeds

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Welcome to another edition of Leading Edge, the magazine that celebrates the vibrant community of Propeller Club Liverpool and its remarkable accomplishments. Within these pages, you'll discover a delightful plethora of smiling faces, capturing the joy and camaraderie of Propellerists reveling in their memorable experiences. But that's not all; prepare to be captivated by a diverse range of content that delves into the dynamic seascape of business challenges, innovative solutions, and crucial topics such as seafarer welfare.

Before we delve further, we must express our heartfelt gratitude to all our supporters, members, and friends of Propeller Club Liverpool. It is your unwavering dedication, invaluable time, and tireless efforts that propel (yes, yes..) this club to the forefront of excellence. Without you, we would simply cease to exist.

As you dive into Leading Edge, we encourage you to share its wonders with your maritime acquaintances, friends, and contacts. We strive to broaden our community and extend a warm invitation to all those who share our passion. Should you know of colleagues who may find our endeavors intriguing, we implore you to bring them along. After all, the more, the merrier!

And while we're on the topic of celebration, we can't help but acknowledge the magnificence of Liverpool itself. This city, with its rich history and vibrant culture, stands as a testament to the indomitable spirit of its inhabitants. Liverpool's maritime heritage is a source of immense pride, and we are honoured to contribute to its ongoing legacy. From the awe-inspiring Battle of the Atlantic commemorations to our Women in Maritime events, we wholeheartedly embrace the extraordinary accomplishments and contributions of this remarkable city.

We hope that this edition of Leading Edge resonates deeply with you and ignites a passion to be part of our flourishing Propeller Club Liverpool family. Together, we can continue to shape the maritime landscape, uplift seafarers' welfare, and create a legacy that will endure for generations to come.

See you soon,

*Sue, Anneley,
Adam and Steven*

COME AND
JOIN US
TODAY...



The Propeller Club Liverpool is your readymade maritime network in the region. We welcome all who work in shipping, or who have a passion for promoting it.

Membership links you to an amazing group of professionals - not just in Liverpool, but the world over. So join us today - it costs just £45 per year, and you will help us to deliver even more for the maritime community locally.

Enjoy our networking, and First Thursday evenings, golf days, events and lunches - and all we have to offer. There is so much going on, and we want you to be part of it.

<http://propellerclub.co.uk/joining/>



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FIRST THURSDAY...

ROUND UP



Get ready to be blown away by the sheer excitement of Propeller Club Liverpool's First Thursday maritime networking events! These past few months have been a whirlwind of activity, and it feels like our First Thursdays come around faster than ever.

Let's take a moment to appreciate the incredible sponsors who have made these events possible. From the likes of RHL, Brookes Bell, The Lab at Brookes Bell and Fort Recruitment, to the generous support from ABL Group who invited us all onto the Danny.

We are truly grateful. Not only have we hosted these events ourselves as Propeller Club, but we've also extended our invitations to organisations such as the Port City Innovation Hub and the Battle of the Atlantic Memorial, ensuring that these gatherings have a meaningful impact on the maritime community.

But here's the exciting part: over the past couple of months, we've been pleasantly surprised by the steady influx of fresh faces. It's absolutely fantastic to witness a wave of enthusiastic Propellerists joining our ranks. Now, whether they maintain that same level of enthusiasm the next day is a mystery, but we're crossing our fingers and hoping they keep coming back for more!

While it's wonderful to welcome new members, we must take a moment to express our heartfelt appreciation to the familiar faces that are the backbone of our club. Without your unwavering support and consistent presence, we wouldn't be where we are today. Each of you contributes to the vibrant atmosphere, where stories, jokes, and business cards are exchanged with gusto. It's this camaraderie that assures us of a bright future for Propeller Club First Thursday, as we continue to thrive for years to come.





We can't wait to see you at our next event! Mark your calendars, spread the word, and get ready for another unforgettable night of networking and celebration. Join us as we forge lasting connections, embrace new opportunities, and together, push the maritime industry to even greater heights.

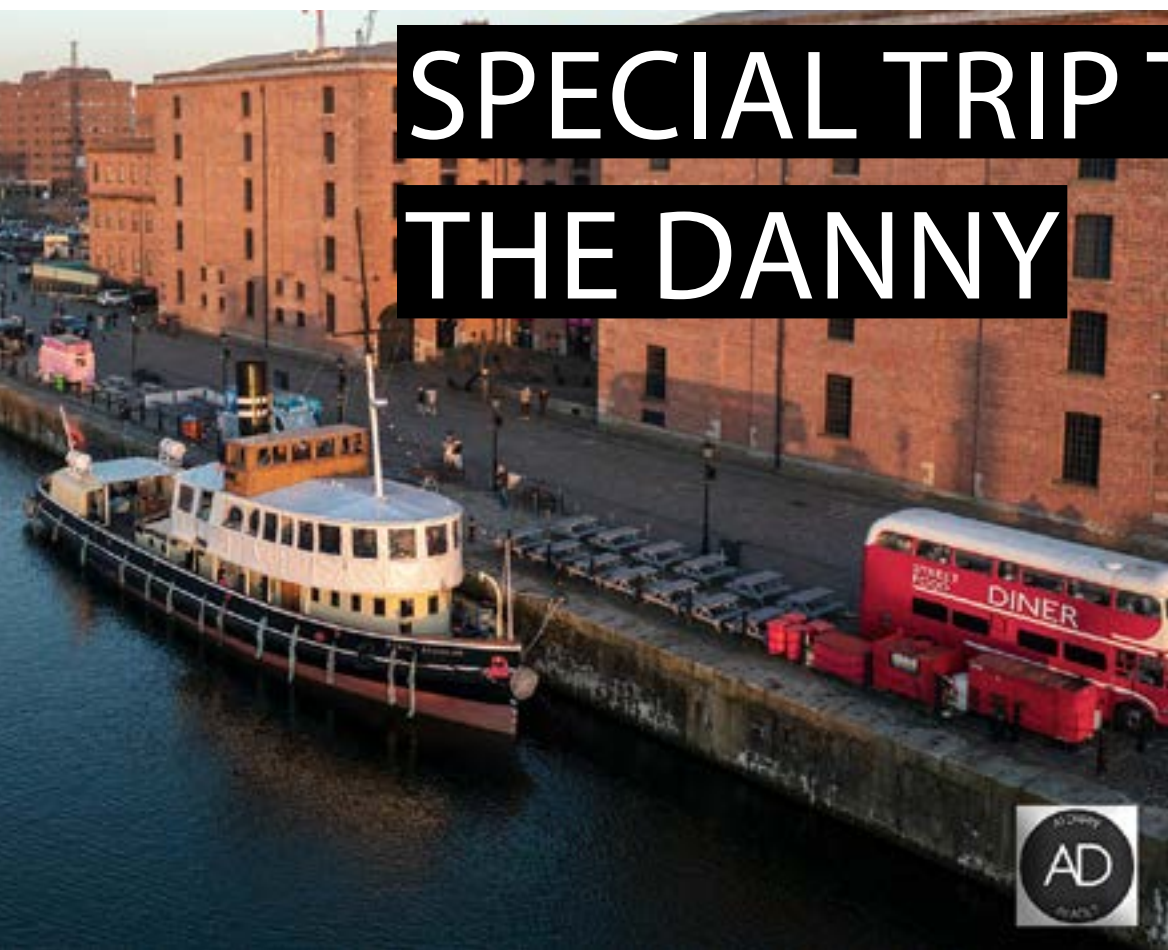




See you next time!



SPECIAL TRIP TO THE DANNY





PROPELLER CLUB, STUDENTS AND LJMU

At Propeller Club Liverpool, we believe in the power of collaboration and the synergy that emerges when academia, businesses, and students unite towards a common goal. We have long been honoured to work in partnership with Liverpool John Moores University.

In recent times, we have witnessed an inspiring surge of maritime students eagerly joining our events, injecting fresh perspectives and boundless enthusiasm into our vibrant community. These young minds represent the future leaders and innovators of the maritime sector, and their presence at Propeller Club Liverpool is a testament to their unwavering commitment to professional growth.

We firmly believe that the strength of any industry lies in the positive relationship between academia and practical experience. By providing a platform for maritime students to engage with seasoned professionals and industry leaders, we foster an environment where knowledge is exchanged, ideas are nurtured, and invaluable connections are forged.

The benefits of this collaboration are multifold. For maritime students, it offers an unparalleled opportunity to gain real-world insights, expand their networks, and discover potential career paths. The guidance and mentorship provided by experienced professionals can prove to be instrumental in shaping their future endeavors. Likewise, for businesses, this collaboration opens doors to fresh talent, innovative ideas, and the chance to contribute to the development of the next generation of maritime professionals.

As a community, we are dedicated to nurturing an environment that welcomes maritime students with open arms. We aim to create a space where their voices are heard, their ideas are valued, and their aspirations are supported. By actively engaging with these bright minds, we not only inspire them to reach new heights but also learn from their unique perspectives and insights.

Our relationship with Liverpool John Moores University serves as a shining example of how we can work hand in hand to for the maritime industry. Together, we create a dynamic ecosystem that fosters growth, collaboration, and the exchange of knowledge.

We invite maritime students to join us at Propeller Club Liverpool events, where they can immerse themselves in a world of opportunities, connect with industry professionals, and gain invaluable exposure. The future of the maritime industry depends on the collaboration between business, academia, and students. Together, we can push boundaries, drive innovation, and forge a path towards a thriving and sustainable future. Let us embrace this exciting journey and harness the collective potential that lies within each of us.

Together, we will navigate uncharted waters, break barriers, and leave an indelible mark on the maritime landscape. Let's continue to unite, collaborate, and build a brighter maritime future together.

DON'T FORGET YOUR PC LPL AMBASSADORS

Propeller Club "Ambassadors" are the people who have done so much to make Propeller Club Liverpool all it is. They are flying the flag, encouraging others to join, while helping out and acting as force multipliers for all that we do. So don't forget to ask them about the Club, you can raise concerns or make suggestions to them.

So if you see Lin Cotton, Holly Bibby, Anna Kaparaki, Kate Buckley, Chris Farrell, Gareth Gilbert, Jim Bellew or Mike Williams make sure to say hello.



MARITIME TRENDS 2023

ATHENS CONFERENCE



The Maritime Trends 2023 conference, hosted by Marine Tours at the beautiful Divani Apollon Palace & Thalasso, was an incredible gathering of industry leaders and enthusiasts. With around 200 delegates in attendance, including distinguished speakers and active participants, the event buzzed with excitement and meaningful discussions. Two Propellerists were even part of the event, with Steven Jones and Dr Robyn Pyne sharing their views.

The conference was divided into two sessions, exploring technical and financial trends in the maritime industry. From decarbonisation efforts to the evolving ship finance landscape, the discussions delved into crucial aspects shaping the industry's future. The focus on Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) angles highlighted the growing significance of people and legislation in maritime operations.

The importance of people, both onshore and at sea, took center stage. Presentations on leadership development, the human side of shipping, and the SKILLSEA initiative emphasized the need for highly skilled maritime professionals equipped with digital and green economy skills. Collaboration between shipping companies, shipowners' associations, unions, and education providers across Europe underpinned the ambition to inspire the next generation.

The conference also marked a recalibration of relationships and engagement, bridging gaps amidst the complexities of Brexit. The unity of vibrant EU shipping professionals, with the UK finding its place, generated a positive atmosphere of shared goals and collaboration.

One highlight of the event was the discussion of the Seafarers Happiness Index, an initiative founded in partnership with the Mission to Seafarers, Idwal, NorthStandard, and Inmarsat. The index provided valuable insights into the well-being and challenges faced by seafarers, offering a sense of scale and direction for industry issues.

The presentations emphasized the translation of seafarer insights into solutions, aligning with the changing finance landscape and the growing focus on crew issues within ESG frameworks. It was clear that effective management of change and proactive risk mitigation were essential in this evolving operational environment.

Finally, the conference addressed the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) and ChatGPT in the shipping industry. The value of expertise and the ability to ask the right questions were highlighted, as AI relies on human knowledge to effectively navigate complex situations.

The overwhelming positivity and diversity at the conference left a lasting impression. Young professionals, a majority of whom were women, demonstrated their dedication to learning, sharing ideas, and shaping the future of shipping. It was evident that the industry is in safe hands with passionate individuals who deeply care about the well-being of people, the quality of societies, and the profitability of the maritime sector.

As we move forward, the maritime industry will continue to embrace happiness and engagement as essential trends, fostering a bright and prosperous future for all involved.

SETTING A COURSE FOR SEAFARER SOLUTIONS

Finding problems at sea is easy, they are clearly there for all to appreciate. What is more difficult is finding the fixes. That was the focus of the Roundtable on Seafarer Welfare



Propeller Club Members descended on Singapore Maritime Week and hosted an Executive Roundtable on Crew Welfare. The event was facilitated by Propellerists Steven Jones and Sue Henney doing their day jobs for the Seafarers Happiness Index and Idwal respectively. They were joined by around 20 senior industry leaders to discuss the issues facing seafarers globally.

The Mission to Seafarers Executive Roundtable on Crew Welfare was a meeting held in Singapore on Tuesday, April 25, 2023. The event was sponsored by Idwal and Standard Club, part of NorthStandard, and supported by Inmarsat. The roundtable was attended by an invited panel of leading ship owners, managers, and charterers who discussed how to improve the welfare of seafarers.

The roundtable was organised by The Mission to Seafarers, a charity that provides support to seafarers around the world. The charity's Director of Development, Jan Webber, said that the event was an opportunity to "translate the information that already exists in the industry, from the Seafarers Happiness Index and other initiatives, into real action that will improve crew conditions for seafarers, for the companies and, ultimately, for the industry."

The roundtable discussed a range of issues affecting seafarers, including mental health, loneliness, and the challenges of working long hours away from home. The panelists also discussed the importance of data and research in improving crew welfare.

The roundtable concluded with a call for action from the maritime industry. The panelists urged stakeholders to work together to improve the welfare of seafarers and to make the industry a more attractive career choice.

The Mission to Seafarers Executive Roundtable on Crew Welfare was an important event that brought together leading figures from the maritime industry to discuss how to improve the welfare of seafarers. The event highlighted the importance of data and research in improving crew welfare, and it called for action from the industry to make the maritime sector a more attractive career choice.

See more at happyatsea.org or if you would like a copy of the report, email Sue Henney propellerclubliverpool@gmail.com watch out for news of a webinar to set out the next steps too.

OUR WOMEN IN MARITIME



The International Day for Women in Maritime is a chance for us all to celebrate the changes impacting the industry as females make more impact than ever.

We recently celebrated International Day for Women in Maritime, an event which aims to make women in maritime more visible and to raise their profile.

From the international angle to our local scene, women in the maritime industry are a force to be reckoned with, bringing their unique talents, skills, and perspectives to propel the industry forward. The importance of women in this dynamic sector cannot be overstated, as they make a profound difference in shaping the future of maritime endeavours.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the remarkable contributions of women within the Propeller Club Liverpool. Oh yes, the women of Propeller Club Liverpool are trailblazers, breaking through barriers and shattering glass ceilings with their unwavering determination and unparalleled expertise.

They bring a vibrant energy and enthusiasm that electrifies the maritime community, injecting new ideas, fresh perspectives, and innovative solutions into every they do.

Their impact is felt across all facets of the maritime industry. From ship operations and logistics to academia, sat comms, PR, charity work, art, maritime law, finance, events, vessel inspections and environmental sustainability – oh aye and propeller repairs too!

Yes, women are leaving an indelible mark on the industry's landscape. Their leadership, intelligence, and unwavering commitment serve as a beacon of inspiration to aspiring professionals, proving that gender is no obstacle to success in the maritime world.

Through their active involvement in Propeller Club Liverpool, these remarkable women have created a platform for collaboration, networking, and mentorship, fostering an inclusive and supportive environment where individuals can thrive. They champion diversity and inclusion, recognising that harnessing the collective power of different perspectives leads to greater innovation and progress.

The passion and drive of these women are infectious, and shine through every aspect of Propeller Club Liverpool and the broader maritime industry. Their unwavering dedication to excellence and their relentless pursuit of advancement transform the maritime landscape on a daily basis, paving the way for future generations to follow in their footsteps.

Regardless of gender, these people make everything happen – it just so happens that so many within our group happen to be women. We would be nothing without them, and we wouldn't even want to exist! Thank you to you all...





CONGRATULATIONS TO MARITIME UK NEW CEO



The industry waited with baited breath to find out who the new Maritime UK CEO was to be...and then the white smoke rose, anointing Chris Shirling-Rooke MBE.

Central to our national industry is Maritime UK. This is a non-profit trade association and the representative body for the UK maritime sector. The UK's maritime sector comprises shipping, ports, marine (leisure, shipbuilding, technology and science) and maritime business services. Maritime contributes around £46.1bn to the UK economy and supports over 1,000,000 jobs. Maritime UK is registered at Companies House as The Maritime Industries of the United Kingdom.

Under Maritime UK, which was formed in 2017 by the merger of the UK Chamber of Shipping, the British Ports Association, and the UK Marine Trade Organisation, the industry is able to lobby and work towards unified aims.

Nationally and internationally, the organisation's mission is to "champion and work to enable a thriving maritime sector". Maritime UK represents the UK maritime sector at a national and international level, and works to promote the UK as a world-leading maritime nation.

The organisation's activities include:

- Representing the UK maritime sector to government, regulators, and other stakeholders

- Promoting the UK maritime sector to international markets
- Providing information and advice to the UK maritime sector
- Developing and delivering development programmes for the UK maritime sector, such as those on diversity.
- Supporting research and development in the UK maritime sector
- Promoting the UK maritime sector as a career choice

Until recently the CEO was Ben Murray who has done an amazing job to build the organisation to where it currently sits. Having moved on, the role needed to be filled and who better than Mersey Maritime's own Chris Shirling-Rooke MBE? Who was appointed MBE for services to maritime. He is passionate about the sector making a positive impact economically, socially and environmentally and ensuring the UK remains a leading maritime nation on the global stage.

In his new position these passions will be translated into the Maritime UK focus. We wish him and the organisation every success.

REMEMBERING THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC 80 YEARS ON

The term Battle of the Atlantic was coined by Winston Churchill to describe the protracted struggle by the Allies to secure shipping routes across the Atlantic. It was the longest continuous military campaign in World War Two, masterminded at a secret bunker in Liverpool, now the Western Approaches HQ Museum, on Rumford Street.

The Battle of the Atlantic was the most complex naval battle in history, and arguably, Britain and our allies' greatest achievement of World War II. For five years, eight months and five days, Allied and Axis powers fought for control of vital shipping routes across the Atlantic Ocean. Success kept Britain supplied with food, fuel and vital resources. Without it there would have been no D-Day, no Bomber Command raids, no transatlantic supplies to the Russian front, or indeed, a North African Campaign.

May 2023 marked the 80th Anniversary of the end of the Battle, and there was an incredible host of events in Liverpool to both remember the sacrifices, but to celebrate victory and the remaining veterans too.

Liverpool, once again, as it has been on other key anniversaries was the focal point of the events. Across the Bank Holiday weekend in May (26, 27 and 28th), there were many events held around the city, featuring the opening of a new remembrance garden by HRH The Princess Royal, a gala dinner and also a military village, drumhead service, concert, memorial flight fly past and vessel salute.

Many Propeller Club Liverpool members had family who served in the Battle, both Royal and Merchant Navy, and this was an incredibly moving and proud time. So many of you joined in, and it was fantastic to see you at the Pier Head.

It was especially significant for Propeller Club Liverpool as our own Propellerists Anneley Pickles and Louise McWatt were instrumental in project managing the whole event.

What an event it was - and we are so glad we were able to remember 80 years on the sacrifices and efforts of so many. BZ to all.





GARDEN OF REFLECTION





GALA DINNER...





FLY PAST AND SAIL AWAY...



CORPORATE SUPPORT

THANK YOU EVENT



Corporate supporters play a vital role in the success of membership organizations like Propeller Club Liverpool. Their contributions have a profound and uplifting impact, fostering growth, collaboration, and inspiration. Let's explore how these supporters make a difference.

Financial Support: Corporate supporters provide essential financial resources that sustain the organization, fund engaging events, and invest in member-centric initiatives.

Networking Opportunities: By sharing their extensive networks, corporate supporters create valuable connections for members, enabling them to build relationships with industry leaders, potential clients, and partners.

Expertise and Resources: Corporate supporters bring specialized knowledge, best practices, and resources to the table, empowering members with insights and access to facilities, equipment, and training programs.

Collaboration and Partnerships: Together, Propeller Club Liverpool and its supporters collaborate on initiatives, projects, and advocacy efforts, fostering innovation, knowledge exchange, and collective action.

Visibility and Promotion: Corporate supporters gain visibility

by aligning with the club, promoting their brands, and accessing targeted audiences through co-branded events, logo placements, and recognition.

Influence and Representation: The presence of corporate supporters enhances the club's credibility when advocating for industry-related issues and engaging with policymakers, amplifying its influence and impact.

Propeller Club Liverpool and its corporate supporters form a powerful partnership, driving the organization towards success. Their financial support, networking opportunities, expertise sharing, collaborative ventures, visibility, and influence create an environment where members thrive and the club shines as a beacon of excellence in the maritime world.

In order to thank and recognise our corporate supporters we held a "Scouse" event in the wonderful surroundings of The Athenaeum, in the reading room. The Board and Ambassadors of Propeller Club Liverpool gave some oversight into our activities and explored how we can all work together to best effect.

Thank you to all who attended, and we look forward to even greater interaction and providing benefits for all.

DON'T FEED THE MARITIME TROLLS

In Propeller Club Liverpool we are blessed with wise heads who like to support and share their knowledge. Elsewhere that isn't always the case, and we have been bothered by the sad realisation that people don't always want to help.

One of the best things about working in the maritime industry is the fact that it is so ripe for new ideas and thinking. The worst bit is the tendency for entrenched ideas to push back. This is especially true when older heads sometimes think that there is more value in playing "whack a mole" to the visions for change, posturing and trying to justify either their own beliefs or deep-rooted views.

Unfortunately, we have noticed a just such a worrying and disappointing trend of late. I call it the rise of the living dead... where leaders from the past decide to come out and dismiss or decry the efforts of others.

These zombies seemingly hunting out new ideas and innovations, so they can feast on the brains and hearts of those trying to do good things. LinkedIn seems to be an especially important hunting ground for the zombie leaders – they can sit back on the cushioned comfort of the plaudits of the past and pass ill-informed judgements and calls on all manner of topics.

With no real skin in the game, they can flail and condemn as much as they like. Though this is not solely an online phenomenon – in committee meetings and board rooms, I have sadly looked on as respected senior after respected former leader gets the wrong end of the stick and runs off with it like a rottweiler, shaking innovation to death.

It is all the more damaging and disappointing because we need the lessons of the past to be shared, and we desperately need the shoulders of giants to stand upon as we look to make positive change. To be told that a project will never start, and if it does start it will never finish is not overly constructive.

We need to find, somehow, the mechanism that allows young, yes maybe inexperienced people to bring forth ideas, visions, plans and schemes, and to have them supported and guided to success. Not cut down like so many green shoots meeting a Flymow.

For those trying to drive change to have access to wisdom, to be able to learn the lessons of past ventures, and to know

how we have reached certain points is vitally important. I value so much the knowledge of those who have gone before, just as I recognise the importance of the energy of those on the rise.

Ideas need nurturing, visions need focusing not blocking. Those who have held senior positions, and those who have the knowledge, contacts and insights need to be encouraged to share, not to flex what is left of their corporate muscle to bemoan, decry, dismiss and even troll. That is no use or help to anyone.

As global shipping trouble-shooter James Wilkes commented, "It is easy to say 'No' to new ideas and fresh viewpoints". He has a great rule for everyone around the table, you have to find five positive things to say about an idea before you're allowed to say one negative thing. Framing a discussion that way, he says gets more productive outcomes. Certainly sounds better than the alternative of five negatives before even thinking of any positives that some pursue.

My message across the generations would be that if you feel there are lessons to be learned from past efforts, then share them. If there are different approaches which can work, then raise them and help guide success. Just because something didn't work in 1979 does not mean that it cannot work today. Conversely, perhaps we need to make sure we are better at bringing everyone into things together. But until then, we all have a responsibility to either be helpful or silent.

No one needs to know someone thinks your idea is flawed, they need to know how it can be made to work! There is of course value in spotting problems, but that value is exponentially increased if such wisdom can also deliver solutions too.

So, if in doubt be positive, be supportive, if you have concerns ask for more information, and if you have lessons to share, share them. Don't be a Dooku, be a Yoda, and good things you might bring.

VLCC VISITOR TO THE MERSEY



Recently for the first time in a decade a VLCC, SEA PEARL docked into Tranmere port. Which was a big deal in many ways - and thanks to our tame photographer Al Disley for heading out to capture the landmark arrival.

The arrival of such a vessel is indicative of the vital role played by the Mersey, Tranmere Oil Terminal and of course Stanlow refinery, which is owned by Essar Oil (UK). This colossal facility that plays a crucial role in the UK's road fuel supply. Producing a staggering 16% of the nation's road fuel, this refinery operates tirelessly, receiving a whopping 9 million tonnes of crude oil annually in the Mersey estuary.

The docking point at Tranmere Oil Terminal is a sight to behold for those who visit Liverpool's iconic waterfront. The terminal acts as a vital hub, receiving around 9 million tonnes of crude oil annually from oil fields situated in the North Sea, the Mediterranean, and West Africa.

Once the oil is unloaded, it embarks on a 15-mile journey through a pipeline, transporting it to the Stanlow refinery located in Ellesmere Port.

The arrival of such a vessel is of paramount importance in maintaining a robust and secure fuel supply for the United Kingdom. These colossal vessels, with their massive cargo capacities, bring significant advantages to the country's energy landscape.



We held a special Women in Maritime celebration for First Thursday in June - and we thank all who came along. It was a chance for those new to the industry to see the women who they can look up to, learn from, be inspired and mentored by. Also for us all to see the people on whom the future of our industry rests.

Equally important, it was a chance for the males of our fraternity to show their support, and to set out their credentials of allies of positive change.

A wonderful event, and we look forward to always supporting women in maritime and onboard ships.

WOMEN IN MARITIME FIRST THURSDAY





LOOKING AHEAD TO SOME CRAZY CRAZY TIMES TO COME

Get ready for an exhilarating ride as Propeller Club Liverpool takes networking events to a whole new level! We've had some unbelievably epic evenings together, from the unforgettable casino night that left us all feeling like high rollers, to the pure joy and nostalgia of dancing to ABBA's greatest hits. Now, you might be wondering, where do we go from there? Buckle up, because we have some colossal plans in store, and we want you to save the date for the ultimate networking extravaganza on Friday, October 13th. Don't worry about the superstitions surrounding that date; we're about to unleash a night of sheer awesomeness that will defy all expectations!

Picture this: a vibrant stage, dazzling lights, and an electrifying atmosphere. It's time to channel your inner superstar because we're turning the spotlight on you. Get your lip-syncing skills primed because we want to know, who would you choose to unleash your inner diva and lip-sync to? This is your chance to step into the shoes of your musical icons, to embody their stage presence and bring down the house with your incredible performances. Whether you're a pop sensation, a rockstar, or a rap prodigy, prepare to leave

the crowd in awe as you take center stage and show off your lip-syncing prowess.

But that's not all! This extraordinary evening will be filled with surprises, competitions, and a whole lot of laughter. It's a chance to mingle with fellow members, make new connections, and forge friendships that will last a lifetime. So, mark your calendars, secure your spot, and get ready to shine like never before on Friday, October 13th. The countdown has begun, and we can't wait to witness the sheer talent and entertainment that will grace the stage.

Propeller Club Liverpool is ready to raise the bar once again, creating an unforgettable night where networking transcends the ordinary. So, grab your friends, dust off your dancing shoes, and join us for a networking event that will redefine the meaning of fun, camaraderie, and pure entertainment. Be bold, be daring, and get ready to unleash your inner rockstar because this is an evening you won't want to miss! Stay tuned for more details and get ready to rock the stage at Propeller Club Liverpool's next big event. Let the countdown to an incredible evening of lip-syncing magic begin!



IMPORTANCE OF PRIDE IN OUR INDUSTRY

Our dear friend Lee Vorster-Clarke of Isle of Man Maritime has been wishing us Happy Pride Month! As we celebrate and support the LGBTQ+ community, he stresses the importance of recognising the challenges faced by LGBTQ+ seafarers in the maritime industry.

Seafarers spend long periods of time away from their families and support systems, making it difficult for LGBTQ+ individuals to access the resources and support they need. Discrimination and prejudice remain prevalent in all parts of our industry, and many LGBTQ+ seafarers may feel isolated and alone.

Pride Month is an opportunity to raise awareness of these challenges and promote inclusion and acceptance of all seafarers, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. By creating a safe and welcoming environment for LGBTQ+ seafarers, we can improve mental health and well-being, boost morale, and ultimately enhance the productivity and success of the maritime industry.

The @IExistToo_proj movement has started and Lee recently headed to Panama to highlight the issues and come together as a community supporting our LGBTQ+ Maritime colleagues at sea but also ashore. We are Maritime.

Let's use this month (and the other 11) to celebrate diversity and promote equality in the maritime industry and beyond!

We often talk of pride in the maritime industry, but not enough about Pride! So, as we look to celebrate Pride Month, we stress the importance to seafarers and within the wider industry.





IF YOU'RE HAVING CREW PROBLEMS...

Propellerist Steven Jones, the founder of the Seafarers Happiness Index, has been writing on the difficult choices shipping faces as the latest Seafarers Happiness Index reveals the ever-changing tide of satisfaction at sea.

Yet, as an industry, we find ourselves standing at the precipice of a crucial decision. It's time for us to choose our path wisely. We can turn a blind eye to the problems and believe that others will fix them. We can go about our business, under the illusion that seafarers are content, recruitment and retention are not concerns, and our fleets will manage themselves effortlessly. It's an enticing but misguided perspective, one that ignores the reality of the changes needed to improve life at sea.

On the other hand, we can see the true nature of the challenges. It compels us to confront the demanding tasks ahead, recognize the necessary changes, and actively work towards making a difference. We must not shy away from the tough questions and tough decisions. The future of shipping demands our unwavering commitment and a united front.

It is concerning to see hesitancy in fully embracing the future. We often find ourselves confined within narrow perspectives, focusing on technical advancements and future fuels, while neglecting the vital voices of seafarers. We need to break free from these silos of hope and truly listen to those who are at the heart of the industry. Their experiences and insights hold the key to advancing reality through actionable solutions.

We must acknowledge the importance of seafarers as a global

asset, protect and celebrate them as the champions of trade. It's not just an industry problem; it's a matter that affects the entire world. The prosperity and connectivity we enjoy rely heavily on the dedicated men and women who navigate our seas. It's time for civil society, governments, and the United Nations to recognize their role and act accordingly. Without seafarers, we are all adrift.

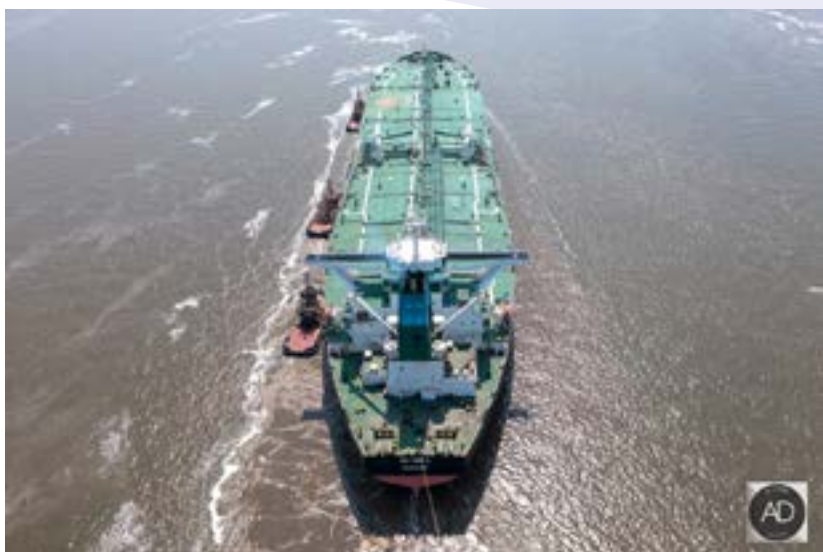
So, let us come together and strive for real engagement, fostering an environment where seafarers are visible, vocal, and actively involved in problem-solving and solution-making. We need their feedback, their hopes, and their aspirations to shape a better future. It's not just about addressing the challenges; it's about creating an environment that fosters happiness and satisfaction at sea. This, in turn, will enhance retention, attract new talent, and ensure a thriving maritime industry.

We have the potential to transform the narrative from costs to opportunities, finding innovative ways to meet seafarers' needs without jeopardizing other interests. Let us harness the power of collaboration, trust, and respect to drive meaningful change. The ideas generated during Singapore Maritime Week, along with the upcoming publication, will serve as a clarion call for everyone to get involved.

In the words of the iconic Jay Z, "If you're having crew problems, I feel good for you son, we've got over 99 fixes and you'll soon read some." So, let's embrace the red pill, embark on this journey of transformation, and work together to shape a brighter future for seafarers and the maritime industry as a whole.

LIFE ON THE RIVER THROUGH AL'S EYES

Our intrepid photographer Al Disley has been out and about on the banks of the River Mersey, capturing the busy life of the artery through our region. If you want any prints or corporate imagery, he is the man. Just ask!





ALL CATCHING UP IN NORSHIPPING

They say never meet your heroes...but that doesn't apply when you all happen to be at NorShipping together. We were thrilled to see so many Propellerists all gathering, meeting and saying "Hallo".

NorShipping is one of the leading maritime exhibitions and conferences held in Oslo, Norway. It is a major global event that brings together professionals and key stakeholders from the maritime and ocean industries. The exhibition provides a platform for showcasing the latest technologies, innovations, and services, as well as facilitating networking opportunities and knowledge sharing.

The fact that many Propeller Club Liverpool members met up with each other at NorShipping is a testament to the networking opportunities and collaborative nature of such events. It demonstrates the significance of NorShipping as a platform for professionals within the maritime industry to connect, exchange ideas, and build relationships.

By gathering at NorShipping, Propeller Club Liverpool members had the opportunity to strengthen their connections, discuss industry trends, share experiences, and explore potential collaborations. The ability to meet fellow members in a global setting reinforces the sense of community within the Propeller Club and highlights the value of collective engagement in advancing the maritime sector.



HILL DICKINSON ON DECARBONISATION



Propeller Club Liverpool members are invited to attend a fascinating and important event jointly hosted by Hill Dickinson and the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers Liverpool Branch, which will look at the impact of decarbonisation on shipping.

Decarbonisation of shipping is a hot topic, a realm of rapidly changing regulations and a landscape of shifting priorities and incentives. Join us as expert speakers take a look at some of the key regulatory developments and consider what these means for parties and contracts throughout the supply chain.

The session to be held on the afternoon of 21st June, will cover:

- The current lay of the land
- The 2 new IMO regulations, EEXI and CII
- The recent inclusion of shipping in the EU ETS
- Contractual considerations throughout the supply chain

Visit this page to register - and do so by June 14th
<https://www.hilldickinson.com/events/decarbonisation-shipping-law-and-contracts?auHash=X4zyAma0lbwaMxi-KdUO2IjmJhaZRc1fEoISDBzekgE>



HILL DICKINSON



TALKING CONTENT AND SEAFARERS

NorShipping, one of the largest maritime exhibitions in the world, recently provided a platform for Rob Parkin, a representative from Bazeport, to showcase their innovative content offering for vessels.

Bazeport's services play a vital role in enhancing entertainment and welfare services onboard, revolutionizing the maritime industry. The company recognises the needs of seafarers and has developed cutting-edge solutions to enhance the onboard experience for seafarers.

In a survey last year it was stated that 84 per cent of the crew members Bazeport asked stated that their workplace environment had improved since the BazePort entertainment system was installed onboard. These results support academic research indicating that increased well-being is associated with an improved workplace. Furthermore, 91 per cent agreed that the entertainment system is positively impacting their well-being.

The most common influence is: 1) relaxation (42%), 2) staying updated on current events (34%), or 3) spending more time with other crew mates while enjoying entertainment (19%).

Bazeport specialises in providing comprehensive content solutions tailored specifically for vessels. Their services are designed to meet the diverse entertainment and welfare requirements of crew members during their time onboard, as was stressed by Rob during his presentation.



IDWAL LANDS

NEW OWNERS...

Idwal, a prominent provider of inspection services for the global commercial shipping sector, and home to our very own Sue Henney, has announced a significant investment from private equity partner LDC. The funding will support the development of Idwal's proprietary technology platform and facilitate the expansion of its global service footprint.

Established in 2010 as a division of Graig Shipping PLC, Idwal has experienced rapid growth under the leadership of CEO Nick Owens. The company's inspection services, fleet monitoring, and data services are utilised by various stakeholders in the marine industry, including ship owners, brokers, operators, and investors. Idwal's innovative Idwal Grade® asset condition rating system has become a recognized standard for peer-group benchmarking in the sector.

Idwal is committed to environmental sustainability and crew welfare, as evidenced by its carbon-neutral certification and inclusion of decarbonization metrics and working condition data in their reports. The company also provides advanced ESG reporting to ensure compliance with increasingly stringent environmental requirements in the maritime industry.

With LDC's support, Idwal's management team plans to enhance its platform, data, and service offerings, while expanding its network of overseas offices, which already includes locations in China, Greece, and Japan. Graig Shipping PLC, a renowned UK-based shipping group with a century-long history, specializes in structuring, advising, and leading investments in marine services and shipping assets worldwide. Graig views Idwal as another successful example of its commitment to developing innovative and exceptional marine-based businesses.

Nick Owens, CEO of Idwal, expressed his enthusiasm for the partnership with LDC, stating that the support from the private equity firm positions Idwal to increase investment in services and international presence. He praised LDC's local presence and track record in helping technology businesses scale, making them an ideal partner for Idwal's growth plans.

With this strategic investment, Idwal Marine Services is poised to capitalise on technological advancements and accelerate its global expansion, driving innovation and setting new industry standards in the maritime sector.



CONTAINER JACK MAKES SENSE OF SHIPPING

Australian law firm Cusack & Co has created a digital comic book called Container Jack.

Alison Cusack, principal lawyer at the Melbourne-based maritime law firm, told Splash the genesis for the new publication dated back to 2021 and the famous grounding of the Ever Given containership, which blocked the Suez Canal for six days, thrusting shipping into the public conscience for a short time.

"I wanted to highlight some common container shipping issues in a fun, more visual way. After doing the initial concepts and sketches, I handed it over to my marketing team who took some artistic licence, and Container Jack was born." Alison said.

The comic book covers five common shipping issues, with explainer pages for each that give an overview of the incident type, as well as featuring a tribute to the Ever Given, a ship that created more maritime memes than any other.

"Container Jack is generalised enough and provides enough information that anybody can read and, hopefully, enjoy it, but I also structured it in a way where people who are in the industry will be able to spot those in-jokes we've scattered through it and have a laugh," Alison added.

You can access the comic book here: <https://cusackandco.mykajabi.com/container-jack>





CARMET CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

One of our corporate members, Carmet Tugs has celebrated a landmark anniversary recently. The company has been celebrating its 50th birthday.

Over the past 50 years, Carmet Tugs has played a vital role in the UK's maritime industry. The company has provided towage and workboat services to a wide range of clients, including the Port of Liverpool, the Manchester Ship Canal, Barrow-in-Furness and the local wind farms. Carmet Tugs has also been involved in a number of major marine construction projects, including the construction of the Liverpool2 terminal and the offshore wind farm at Burbo Bank.

Carmet Tugs is a family-owned and operated company that provides a range of towage and workboat services on the River Mersey and throughout the UK.

The company was founded in 1973 and has since grown to become one of the leading providers of marine support services in the region. Carmet Tugs has a fleet of 12 tugs, workboats, multi-role vessels and barges, which are used to provide a wide range of services, including:

- Harbour towage
- Personnel transfers
- Stores deliveries
- Buoy maintenance
- Dredging support services
- Diving support services
- Workboat agency

Carmet Tugs is committed to providing its customers with the highest possible level of service. The company has a team of experienced and qualified staff who are dedicated to providing safe, reliable and cost-effective solutions to all marine support requirements, and we wish them massive success for the next 50 years.

Well done from all your friends in Propeller Club Liverpool.

See <https://carmettugs.co.uk/> for more information.



STONE'S PROPELLER ROLE IN WAR



Stone Marine Shipcare's Gareth Gilbert has been donning his tweed with leather arm patches to become a Battle of the Atlantic historian over the weeks leading the BoA80 commemoration. He has done sterling work in the company's archives finding out just how important the wartime contribution of J. Stone & Co. Ltd and Manganese Bronze & Brass Co. Ltd was to ships and aircraft engaged in the Battle of the Atlantic and World War Two.

From the archives, when reviewing the records & documentation, it was seen that whatever the individual difficulties may have been for those working in the factories & foundries, laboratories, design & planning offices, ARP & LDV units, none of them ever viewed their war contribution as being comparable to those fighting on land, sea or air.

From 1939 to 1945, J. Stone & Co. and Manganese Bronze & Brass Co. worked around the clock to produce many items for the war effort.

One key item was propellers, as you may have expected. However the sheer scale of production is staggering...they produced 22,000 propellers.

From the records we can confidently say that nearly all the Royal Navy vessels engaged in the Battle of the Atlantic operated propellers manufactured by Stones & Manganese Bronze Brass Co.

It was not just about propellers, but people too. The 2nd National Service Act (1941) had brought far more women into the workplace and this certainly is true for the Stones & Manganese Bronze & Brass facilities around the country.

As well as manufacturing for seaborne warfare – the men & women of Stones wartime factories played a significant role in the production of some of the great wartime aircraft.

For companies strongly rooted in #maritime you would be forgiven for not expecting this series of posts to include the words Rolls Royce Merlin Engine, AVRO Lancaster Bomber & De Havilland Mosquito but there is a strong connection with these famous aircraft.

In 1942, J. Stone & Co. received a request from the Ministry of Aircraft Production to invest and extend their capacity to manufacture magnesium castings. This request came with a warning – due to the shortage of labour there would be no new skilled workers.

It was recognised that this aspect of manufacture – casting, traditionally a highly skilled and heavy manual process now needed to be undertaken predominantly by women – many of whom had never even seen inside a factory before.

New manufacturing plants were developed that reduced to a minimum the manual movement of materials – direct line of flow was introduced with conveyor belts and automated lifting.

Below is by no means a comprehensive list of items but includes some of the most recognizable recipients for the items Stone manufactured:

- De Havilland Mosquito variable pitch propeller parts, undercarriage & bomb winches.
- Bristol Hercules engine parts for the following bombers: Lancaster, Sterling, Halifax, Wellington & Beaufighters
- Rolls Royce Merlin & Griffin Engine Parts & Assemblies
- Hawker Typhoon & Tempest Engine Parts & Assemblies
- Supermarine Seafire Engine Parts & Assemblies

Also within the production demands from the Ministry was the matter of rivets for aircraft production.

Despite the early disruption of the Blitz the Stones plant at Deptford and a duplicate plant in Ardwick, production of over 3,400 tons of rivets was completed in the six wartime years using over 167,000 miles of rivet wire.

It is without doubt a testament to the commitment, courage and quick learning of these women who worked the factories that these production lines were delivered so successfully.

Thank you Gareth for your excellent research- and if you want to find out more see <https://stonemarineshipcare.com/news/>



LISW'23 APPROACHES

All eyes are turning to London International Shipping Week (LISW) 2023. The biennial event that brings together maritime professionals from around the world. It is a week-long series of conferences, seminars, exhibitions, and social events held in London, United Kingdom, with the aim of promoting and celebrating the maritime industry.

Propeller Club Liverpool is planning to host an event during the week - we are finalising details, so watch our socials and webpage to find out more. We look forward to seeing you down there.

LISW provides a platform for industry leaders, policymakers, and key stakeholders to discuss and address the most pressing issues facing the global shipping industry. It covers a wide range of topics including shipping trends, technological advancements, regulatory challenges, environmental sustainability, finance, trade, and maritime security.

The event attracts a diverse range of participants, including shipowners, ship operators, port authorities, maritime lawyers, regulators, financiers, insurers, classification societies, and technology providers. It serves as a networking hub, facilitating business interactions and collaboration among industry professionals.

LISW features high-level conferences and panel discussions led by industry experts, where attendees can gain valuable insights, exchange knowledge, and explore opportunities for cooperation. It also includes exhibitions showcasing the latest maritime products, services, and innovations, allowing companies to demonstrate their capabilities and forge new business relationships.

In addition to the formal conference program, LISW offers a variety of social events, receptions, and networking opportunities, creating a vibrant and dynamic atmosphere for participants to engage with their peers, strengthen existing connections, and establish new contacts.

London International Shipping Week aims to highlight London's role as a leading global maritime hub and promote the UK's maritime industry as a whole. By bringing together influential stakeholders from all sectors of the shipping industry, LISW aims to drive collaboration, innovation, and growth within the maritime sector.

Find out more and that is going on at the LISW23 website - <https://londoninternationalshippingweek.com/>



The UK-Chinese Dragon Boat Festival 2023 is a two-day event that will take place on Saturday 17 June and Sunday 18 June 2023 at MediaCityUK, Salford Quays, Manchester. The event is organised by the Xinhua Chinese Association and Salford City Council, and is supported by the British Dragon Boat Racing Association (BDA).

The dragon boat racing is the highlight of the festival. Teams of 20 paddlers race each other in traditional Chinese dragon boats. The races are a great way to get involved in the festival and to experience Chinese culture.

The cultural performances will showcase a range of Chinese arts and traditions, including tai chi, kung fu, and Chinese dance. There will also be traditional Chinese music and singing.

The food and drink stalls will offer a variety of Chinese cuisine, including dumplings, noodles, and spring rolls. There will also be a bar serving Chinese beer and wine.

The children's activities will include face painting, games, and crafts. There will also be a bouncy castle and a slide.

The funfair will have a range of rides and games for all ages.

Dragon boat racing: Teams of 20 paddlers race each other in traditional Chinese dragon boats. The races are a great way to get involved in the festival and to experience Chinese culture.

Cultural performances: There will be a range of cultural performances,

The UK-Chinese Dragon Boat Festival is a great opportunity to celebrate Chinese culture and to enjoy a fun-filled day out. Tickets are available to purchase online or on the day.

Find out more at <https://www.dragonboatfestival.uk/>



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LIVERPOOL EMBRACING SINGAPORE

A number of Propellerists were out at Singapore Maritime Week (SMW). This is an annual event that brings together the global maritime community to discuss key industry issues and share best practices. The week-long event features a range of conferences, exhibitions, and networking opportunities.

SMW is organized by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA). The MPA is the statutory board responsible for developing and promoting Singapore as a global maritime hub.

The theme for SMW 2023 was “Ambition Meets Action”. The theme reflecting the maritime industry’s commitment to taking bold steps to address the challenges and opportunities of the future. There was certainly much action, and from conferences and the exhibition to the Executive Roundtable on Seafarer Welfare, there were many things being pushed forward.

SMW 2023 featured a range of high-level speakers from the maritime industry. The speakers will discuss a wide range of topics, including decarbonisation, digitalisation, and talent.

SMW 2023 will also feature a number of exhibitions and networking events. The exhibitions will showcase the latest maritime technologies and services. The networking events will provide opportunities for delegates to meet with industry leaders and make new connections. Singapore and Liverpool

have long-standing maritime trade and industry links. Both cities are major ports and have a strong history in shipping and shipbuilding. In recent years, there has been a growing focus on developing new maritime technologies and services, and both cities are playing a leading role in this area.

The maritime trade and industry links between Singapore and Liverpool are strong and are likely to continue to grow in the years to come. Both cities are playing a leading role in developing new maritime technologies and services, and they are well-positioned to benefit from the growth of the global maritime industry.

There are very strong relationships between maritime professionals here in Liverpool, and over in Singapore. Many of our members have lived and worked in the city, and there may be more to come in the future as some of the plans discussed come to fruition.

If you want to know more about doing maritime business out in Singapore, we would highly recommend speaking to Terry Ogg, Terry Malone, Steven Jones and Sue Henney. We would also recommend contacting the British Chamber of Commerce in Singapore. Their CEO David Kelly is a huge friend of the maritime industry and will help point you in the right direction.

Find out more at <https://www.britcham.org.sg/>



MAKING SENSE OF

MARITIME TRAUMA

Our very own Captain Terry Ogg and Dr Rachel Glynn-Williams attended the Spinnaker Maritime People & Culture Conference in London, recently. This was an opportunity to discuss their innovative and market leading "Trauma-informed approaches to critical incidents at sea".

Trauma-informed approaches to critical incidents at sea are a way of thinking about and responding to these incidents that takes into account the psychological impact on those involved. This approach recognizes that critical incidents can be very stressful and can lead to a range of emotional and psychological reactions, including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

A trauma-informed approach to critical incidents at sea involves:

- Providing support to those involved: This can include providing emotional support, practical help, and information about resources.
- Creating a safe and supportive environment: This can involve providing a space where people can feel safe to talk about their experiences and to receive support.
- Educating people about trauma: This can help people to understand the impact of trauma and to develop coping mechanisms.
- Integrating trauma-informed practices into all aspects of maritime operations: This can help to create a culture of safety and support.

Led by the efforts of Ogg and Glynn-Williams, there is a growing body of evidence that trauma-informed approaches can be effective in reducing the negative impact of critical incidents on those involved. These approaches can help to improve mental health, reduce stress, and increase resilience.

This is not just some nice to have, it can make a huge difference when it comes to incident debriefing, allowing those involved in a critical incident to talk about their experiences and to receive support from a trained professional.

The process also includes:

- Peer support: This is a system where seafarers can provide support to each other.
- Training: This can include training on how to recognize the signs of trauma, how to provide support to those who have been traumatized, and how to create a safe and supportive environment.
- Policies and procedures: These can include policies on how to respond to critical incidents, how to provide support to those who have been traumatised, and how to create a safe and supportive environment.

Trauma-informed approaches can help to improve the mental health and well-being of seafarers and can help to create a safer and more supportive environment for all.

Their trauma-informed practice acknowledges human responses to stress and trauma and minimises the risk of further harm in the interview process, which in turn sits within a broader Crew Wellbeing Continuum through which we can prepare, support and guide organisations and crews through responding to and recovering effectively from an incident at sea.

Captain Terry Ogg is a marine investigator at Recall Recover Limited. Terry and Rachel's services have been supported and taken up by QWEST, a joint venture between WEST P&I Club and C Solutions Limited, in its Crew Care offering. For more information, please visit www.recallrecover.com.

ISWAN #SEASTHEMOMENT



You will hopefully know ISWAN, or the International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network and the amazing work they do. Our very own Sue Henney is a Trustee, and their Business Development Manager Alan Croft has been known to rock up to First Thursdays.

ISWAN offers a variety of services to seafarers, including:

- 24/7 helplines
- Information and resources on a range of topics, such as health, safety, and employment law
- Training and workshops
- Advocacy on behalf of seafarers
- Financial assistance to seafarers in need
- ISWAN also works to raise awareness of the challenges faced by seafarers and to improve the conditions in which they work.

In 2022, ISWAN assisted over 13,600 seafarers and their families of 94 different nationalities around the world. Over

US \$450,000 was awarded to seafarers and their families in need by the relief funds administered by ISWAN.

ISWAN is funded by grants from foundations, membership subscriptions, sponsorship, and earned income.

The ISWAN Social Interaction Matters (SIM) Project has been exploring what helps bring crews together, so we want to see how YOU and your crewmates socialise on board... so if you are at sea or know someone who is, then get them to share and win a prize!





ON A MISSION

FOR ADVENTURE

The Mission to Seafarers Adventure Race took place in Izu, Japan, on May 18-20, 2023. The race was open to teams of three, and each team must raise a minimum of \$5,000 in sponsorships.

The race consisted of a variety of challenges, including trekking, running, kayaking, and paddle boarding. Teams also had the opportunity to participate in a number of cultural activities, such as visiting a Japanese tea garden and learning about traditional Japanese music and dance.

The race was a success, with over 50 teams participating and raising over \$1 million for Mission to Seafarers. The race was a great way to raise awareness of the challenges faced by seafarers and to raise funds to support Mission to Seafarers' work.

Mission to Seafarers is a non-profit organization that provides support to seafarers and their families. Seafarers are the unsung heroes of our global economy, transporting 90% of the world's trade. They work long hours in often dangerous conditions, and they are often away from their families for months at a time.

Mission to Seafarers provides a variety of services to seafarers, including:

- Relief and welfare: Mission to Seafarers provided food, accommodation, and other forms of relief to seafarers in need.
- Healthcare: Mission to Seafarers provided healthcare services to seafarers, including medical consultations, dental care, and mental health counseling.
- Communication: Mission to Seafarers helped seafarers to stay in touch with their families and friends.
- Education and training: Mission to Seafarers provided education and training to seafarers, helping them to improve their skills and knowledge.
- Advocacy: Mission to Seafarers advocated on behalf of seafarers, working to improve their working conditions and the standards of safety at sea.

The Mission to Seafarers Adventure Race was a great success, and it raised much-needed funds for Mission to Seafarers. The race was a great way to show support for seafarers and to help them in their work.



MANXMAN HEADS INTO THE FLEET



The MV Manxman is the newest ship in the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company's fleet. It is a 436-foot (133 m) passenger and vehicle ferry that was built by Hyundai Mipo Dockyard in South Korea. The Manxman entered service on 28 May 2023, replacing the Ben-my-Chree as the company's flagship.

The Manxman is the largest and most advanced ship in the Steam Packet's fleet. The ship is also equipped with a number of features that make it more environmentally friendly, including a hybrid propulsion system and a waste heat recovery system.

The Manxman's arrival has been welcomed by the Steam Packet and the Isle of Man Government. The ship is expected to boost tourism and trade to the island, and it will also provide a more reliable and comfortable service for passengers.

<https://www.steam-packet.com/>





MV DERBYSHIRE AWARD WINNER

The Liverpool Shipwreck & Humane Society makes honorary awards of medals, parchments, certificates and letters of commendation to people who voluntarily put their own lives or safety at risk by saving or attempting to save other people who are in danger in cases of shipwreck, drowning, fire or any other hazards.

The LSHS has inaugurated a new annual award for maritime safety is named after the MV Derbyshire. The vessel was a Liverpool ship that was tragically lost on 9 September 1980 during Typhoon Orchid, south of Japan. She is the largest British ship to have been lost at sea, with the deaths of 42 crew members, plus two wives. For decades, the MV Derbyshire families focused not just on justice for their loved ones, but on the wider issues of maritime standards and safety, seeking to ensure that no more innocent lives are lost at sea.

It is hoped that the award is a fitting reminder of the importance of maritime safety, and will also keep the name of the vessel and those who were tragically lost in our minds for years to come. Mr. Tony Jones, chair of the LS&HS, said: "The MV Derbyshire Award reflects the focus of the Derbyshire families, and Survitec's Seahaven inflatable lifeboat was chosen as the winner of the 2022 MV Derbyshire Award as it encompasses all that is important in developing solutions for safety at sea."

The first award was issued to Survitec for their Seahaven escape system. LSHS representatives were thrilled to be able to present Survitec VP, Innovation, Mr. Stewart

Gregory, with the MV Derbyshire Award for Maritime Safety at Survitec's Birkenhead offices on the banks of the River Mersey. Mr. Gregory, designer and inventor of the Seahaven AES, was also accompanied by several other members of the team.

The judges felt the world's largest inflatable lifeboat solution was not just innovative, but that it challenged the previously held concepts of maritime safety, especially for mass evacuation. It is also a hugely visible and significant statement of the importance of saving lives at sea. Mr. Jones added: "This pioneering approach to maritime safety reflects the values of the LS&HS, as it pushes the boundaries of life saving."

Receiving the award, Mr. Gregory said: "Over the past 100 years, at Survitec, we have demonstrated our commitment to innovation, investment and development of Survival Technology for those who rely and depend on it. We are extremely pleased to collect this award from the Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society, recognising Survitec's purpose; We Exist to Protect Lives."

The North West region has been long renowned for both its shipping history and also its maritime innovation, and now the Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society, formed in 1839, has launched this award for which nominations are now open again.

See <https://liverpoolshipwreckandhumanesoc.org.uk/> for details



The Mission to Seafarers has unveiled its Happy at Sea mobile app that helps seafarers access essential services to improve their welfare and mental health during their time at sea.

This app provides seafarers with centralised access to The Mission to Seafarers' services which are available all the time in over 200 ports across 50 countries. The Happy at Sea app was presented at an exclusive launch event during Nor-Shipping 2023.

The free-of-charge app offers an array of features including the ability to pre-order requests ahead of port visits and access the Mission's range of wellbeing resources even when offline.

The Seafarers Happiness Index survey can also be easily completed within the app, followed by tailored resources and support based on each seafarer's responses. The app also features the Flying Angel, a chatbot powered by AI technology, designed to provide quick responses to frequently asked questions.

Seafarers will also have the ability to instantly pre-order a wide range of services. These include ship visits by port welfare officers, transportation, shopping items such as SIM cards, and private pastoral counselling sessions with trained professionals for those requiring specialized support.

Other features of the Happy at Sea app include a simple log-in process, a comprehensive port database for effortless check-ins, and the ability to stay updated with the latest news even without an internet connection.

DNV Maritime, Cargill Ocean Transportation and The Seafarers' Charity have supported the development.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW SUPPORTERS

The success and vibrancy of Propeller Club Liverpool very much rests on the shoulders of the corporate members who support us. They provide the financial backing and energy to help push us ever onwards.

Latest to join this pantheon of maritime greats is Alex Stewart International (ASI), a global provider of quality control services to commercial clients and governments. The company was founded in 1985 and is headquartered in Liverpool, UK. ASI has a network of over 40 offices in more than 30 countries.

ASI provides a wide range of services, including:

- Inspections: ASI inspects a wide range of products, including metals, minerals, food, and agricultural commodities.
- Testing: ASI conducts a wide range of tests on products, including chemical analysis, physical testing, and metallurgical testing.
- Sampling: ASI collects samples of products for testing and analysis.
- Certification: ASI issues certificates of analysis and other forms of certification for products.

ASI's services are used by a wide range of industries, including:

- Mining
- Metals
- Minerals
- Food
- Agriculture
- Oil and gas
- Government
- Pharmaceuticals
- Construction

ASI is a leading provider of quality control services. The company is accredited by a number of international organizations, including the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).

ASI is committed to providing high-quality services to its customers. The company has a team of experienced professionals who are dedicated to

providing accurate and reliable results. ASI is also committed to continuous improvement and invests heavily in research and development.

ASI is a valuable resource for businesses and governments that need to ensure the quality of their products. The company's comprehensive range of services and its commitment to quality make it a trusted partner for its customers.

Here are some of the company's key achievements:

ASI was named the "Best Testing Company in the UK" by the UK Testing Industry Awards in 2022. ASI was awarded the "International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA)" in 2021. ASI was awarded the "American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International" accreditation in 2020.

ASI is a growing company with a fascinating history and a bright future. The company is committed to providing its customers with the highest quality services and is constantly expanding its range of services. We are so pleased to welcome the team into our maritime community.

<https://alexstewartinternational.com/>



WELCOME TO OUR NEW SUPPORTERS

A special welcome also to Jensen Hughes. The company is a global fire engineering and forensic investigation firm with offices in the United States, Europe, and Asia. The company was founded in 1979 and has since grown to become one of the leading fire engineering firms in the world.

Jensen Hughes' European business is focused on providing fire engineering consultancy and forensic investigation services. The company has a team of experienced fire engineers and forensic investigators who are experts in a wide range of fire engineering disciplines, including:

- Fire safety engineering
- Fire risk assessment
- Fire protection design
- Fire investigation
- Fire modeling

Jensen Hughes' European business has a strong track record of success. The company has worked on a wide range of projects, including:

- The design of fire protection systems for a number of high-rise buildings in London
- The investigation of a number of major fires, including the Grenfell Tower fire in London
- The provision of fire safety advice to a number of government agencies and private organizations

Jensen Hughes is committed to providing its clients with the highest quality fire engineering and forensic investigation services. The company is accredited by a number of leading organizations, including the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Jensen Hughes is a valuable resource for businesses and governments that need to protect their assets from fire. The company's comprehensive range of services and its commitment to quality make it a trusted partner for its clients.

John Gow of Jensen Hughes has recently spoken on the issue of lithium-ion batteries at sea, and the hazards they bring to the industry. Much research is being undertaken to ascertain how lithium-ion batteries and electric vehicles can be safely transported, and should the need arise, how to manage a thermal or fire event. There are different views about the complexities and dangers associated with transporting this type of cargo. On one end of the scale, there is little difference between a fire involving electric vehicles compared to a fire in a vehicle with an internal combustion engine. On the other end, some might say from 'real world experience' that the hazards are significant and vessels and crew are ill-equipped to deal with the event.

Looking at this from John's perspective as a former firefighter and current marine casualty investigator, he sees there is a gap in knowledge between the research field and the experiences of emergency responders. If we are to improve not only consumer safety but also the safety of those seafarers who transport goods around the globe, there needs to be much closer alignment between the two worlds.

Read more at <https://www.jensenhughes.com/europe/insights/lithium-ion-batteries-fire-at-sea>





MERSEY MARITIME EXCHANGE RETURNS

The Mersey Maritime Exchange (MME) is an annual event that brings together over 1,000 maritime professionals from across the UK and Europe to network, learn, and do business. The event is organized by Mersey Maritime, a regional cluster organization for the maritime industry and wider supply chain in the Liverpool City Region and the greater North West.

The Mersey Maritime Exchange was originally conceived in 2019, in response to the Government's Maritime 2050 report which set out the future of the sector over the next three decades. At the heart of the report was a commitment to technological transformation, decarbonisation and a more inclusive, highly trained workforce.

The Mersey Maritime Exchange has gone from strength to strength over the last five years – attracting industry leading speakers and ministers, as well as delegates from across the length and breadth of the UK.

Following its success, the Exchange will now offer delegates a full days agenda exploring two of the most pressing themes for our industry; Technology & Innovation and People & Skills. The conference will also be followed by an Evening Reception Dinner.

The MME is a great opportunity for maritime professionals to learn about the latest trends and developments in the industry, to network with their peers, and to do business. The event is free to attend, but registration is required. This year's event will be held on Thursday June 22nd 2023. For full details see <https://merseymaritime.co.uk/mme23/>



THE BOA80 LECTURE SERIES



As part of the build up to the Battle of the Atlantic commemorations, a lecture series was held in Liverpool to focus on key aspects of not just the battle, nor even the second world war -but to look at what they meant, and the modern day impacts that we continue to feel.

Held across a number of weeks, and shifting between St Nicholas Church and The Athenaeum, the lectures brought both the maritime community and public together to ponder key issues such as international relations, communications and technology, and the role of war itself in shaping peace.

Speakers included, Understanding our Enemy, by Sir Clive Johnstone. Clive's lecture looked at the Russian Navy and why understanding it (and other Navy's) better matters. He will link this thread with current and historic examples of insight and also of ignorance. He will use one of his examples the Battle of Atlantic – highlighting the role that Liverpool, the Royal Navy and Merchant Navy, and WATU played in the Allies eventual victory.

Linton Roberts looked at Cammell Laird: World War II to the Present Day, and gave a fascinating and impassioned view of the role of the yard through history, and the incredible work produced for the war effort. But also in peace too, with a focus on the importance of skills and investment to keep building, literally and metaphorically, on the importance of ship building.

The author Simon Parkin was on hand to provide a lecture about the role of the WRENS in the Battle of the Atlantic, and their role as "unsung heroes". While Wing Commander Steve Chaskin, talked of the incredible exploits of aircraft versus submarines. Something which came into more focus as the Fairey Swordfish somewhat stole the show at the Battle of the Atlantic events and fly pasts.

Our very own Steven Jones got in on the act. His presentation focused on the role of communications. As a former seafarer on cable vessels, he looked at the role of Cable and Wireless in war, but also on the future threats facing cables and infrastructure at sea.

Across the lectures there were hundreds of attendees, and it made a great build up to the main event of commemoration.





MARITIME EXPO AND CAREERS 2023

Isle of Man Maritime are hosting a careers fair on Saturday 1st July 2023, from 11:00 to 15:00 at the Villa Marina's Promenade and Colonnade Suites. The event is open to school children, school leavers, graduates and adults looking for a change in career or sector.

The fair will feature a range of exhibitors from the maritime industry, including shipping companies, cruise lines, training providers, and maritime charities. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet with exhibitors, learn about the different career opportunities available in the maritime sector, and find out about the training and qualifications required for these roles.

The fair will also feature a number of talks and workshops on a variety of maritime topics, such as:

- How to get into the maritime industry
- The different career paths available in the maritime industry
- The training and qualifications required for maritime careers
- The benefits of working in the maritime industry
- The Isle of Man is a leading maritime centre, with a strong reputation for providing high-quality maritime education and training. The island is home to a number of maritime colleges and training providers, as well as a number of shipping companies and cruise lines.

The maritime sector is a growing industry, and there are a number of exciting career opportunities available. The Isle of Man Maritime Careers Fair is a great opportunity to learn more about these opportunities and to find out how to get started in a career in the maritime industry.

If you or someone you know may be interested in a career in the maritime industry, the Isle of Man Maritime Careers Fair is a great place to start. The event is free to attend, and there is no need to register. Find out more at <https://maritime.im/event/maritime-careers-fair-maritime-expo-2023/>



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