

# MEMBER UPDATE

OCTOBER 2022



Dear Member,

Welcome to the latest Chamber update. We have continued to work hard on your behalf with UK government and international partners on a range of issues and you can find a summary of our activities below. More information on these issues is available from the Chamber.

We have also held a number of high profile events, including our Summer Lunch in Edinburgh and our Safety Culture Conference in Liverpool. Next month our Autumn Lunch takes place in Southampton and in February the Chamber's Annual Dinner takes places.

## Skills and training

- Secured the launch of the new Small Vessel Engineer Apprenticeship.
- Obtained agreement from the Institute for Apprentices to develop a new Master 500 gross tonne near coastal apprenticeship.
- Ensured the re-start of tug specific Master 500 gross tonne and 3000 gross tonne training in the UK.
- Secured an uplift in the Support for Maritime Training (SmarT) funding to 50%.

## Seafarers

- Helped agree a formally recognised global minimum wage for able seafarers was agreed in a three year deal, starting from 1 January 2023.
- Worked collaboratively with governments and seafarer representatives to agree eight amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC), including improved internet access and measures around the repatriation of abandoned seafarers.
- Worked with members of the House of Lords and the Department for Transport to seek to ensure that the scope of the Seafarers' Wages Bill is not wider than originally envisaged.

## Safety

- Led the Maritime and Coastguard Agency in its full review and modernisation of the Code of Safe Working Practices.
- Refined the Domestic Ferry Safety Indicator to enhance the utility to member companies.

## Navigation

- Secured a navigational channel between wind farms to eliminate deviation across the North Sea.
- Ensured shipping interests and freedom of navigation maintained for new Highly Protected Marine Areas.
- Worked with Crown Estate to define most suitable areas for floating offshore wind in Celtic Seas to maintain navigational safety.

## Publications

- Produced a soon to launch Guide to Good Practice on Recovery of Persons from Water for small vessels.
- Agreed revision to National Maritime Occupational Health and Safety Committee guidelines to shipping companies on behavioural safety systems as part of improving safety culture.
- Worked with Maritime and Coast Guard Agency and RoRo operators for successful publication of an Marine Guidance Notice on risks and considerations for carriage, charging and fire-fighting of electric vehicles on board ferries.

## Knowledge sharing

- Alongside Watson Farley & Williams held a seminar on jurisdictional challenges, immigration and the most recent changes to the MLC.
- Held a well-attended online training workshop to address concerns raised in response to the Maritime Skills Commission cadet report and submitted outcomes to Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

## Taxation

- Continue to work closely with HMRC and the Treasury to develop and lobby for the UK's tonnage tax regime to incorporate third party ship managers.

## Immigration

- Held discussion with officials at the Home Office, Department for Transport and Maritime and Coastguard Agency aimed at establishing a favourable regime for ship operators affected by the ending of the work permit concession for workers on wind farm construction vessels.
- Established the Maritime Shore Employees Visas Working Group with Department for Transport Concierge Services, Maritime and Coastguard Agency and the Home Office to improve access to work permits for shipping company shore staff taking employment in the UK.

## Highlights from the Chamber

### ALL CHANGE AT THE DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT

**Following the appointment of Liz Truss as Prime Minister we have seen Grant Shapps and Robert Court's time at the Department for Transport come to an end.**

Anne-Marie Trevelyan has been appointed as the new Secretary of State for Transport and has chosen to retain the maritime brief personally. This is a clear indication of the importance of the maritime sector to the Government and to the UK more widely.

It also offers a welcome opportunity to present directly to a member of Cabinet the case for how shipping can help deliver the new Prime Minister's growth agenda, and what we need from Government to succeed.

The Chamber is looking forward to a productive relationship with the new Secretary of State.



Department  
for Transport



### UK CHAMBER OF SHIPPING MOURNS QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S DEATH

**The UK Chamber of Shipping shares in the deep sadness felt by everyone in the United Kingdom, Commonwealth and wider world at the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Chamber was particularly grateful for the well wishes that it received from other shipping organisations across the world, including from those as far afield as Australia and Japan.**

At the time of Queen Elizabeth's II passing UK Chamber of Shipping President Graham Westgarth said:

"On behalf of the UK shipping community I pay tribute to Her Majesty's lifetime of selfless service. At this moment of national sadness I extend the Chamber's deepest sympathies to the entire Royal Family and especially to King Charles III as he begins his reign by leading the nation's mourning.

"The UK Chamber of Shipping has a strong connection with the royal family having been granted a Royal Charter back in 1920. The Chamber has also been fortunate to have hosted Her Majesty for which we were always grateful, the most recent being in 1994 when she opened the Chamber's new premises."



## £13M INCREASE IN CADET FUNDING

**In August the Maritime and Coastguard Agency announced that eligible cadets will have half of their training costs paid through £13m of new funding.**

Funding for eligible seafarers is available this year and will be locked in until at least September 2024 providing an incentive and financial security for those looking to take up a career in maritime.

The increased subsidy rate will be available to any seafarer who meets the requirements and who is studying at a Maritime and Coastguard Agency approved college for an academic qualification that leads to the issue of an UK Unlimited Certificate of Competency.

Commenting on the news Director of the Merchant Navy Training Board Kathryn Neilson said:

“The MNTB is delighted that the Government has recognised the importance of seafarer training and education by investing further funding through this new SMarT increase. The good news is, the rate increase will be payable to sponsoring companies for all Cadets currently enrolled in the system at the new 50% rate and claims can be backdated to 28th March 2022. We now hope that sponsoring companies will increase the support (bursary) payments to Cadets in line with the rate increase.”



## EVENTS

A key objective for the Chamber this year is to organise events around the country, so as many members as possible get the chance to network with the UK shipping community.

The Summer Lunch's home is Edinburgh, the successful Safety Culture Conference was hosted in Liverpool in September, the BTA Conference was organised in Hampshire, we have introduced a new Autumn Lunch to the South Coast on 2nd November in Southampton and the prestigious Annual Dinner will take place at the JW Marriott Grosvenor House in London on 6th February 2023.

The UK Chamber of Shipping would like to thank the following sponsors for kindly supporting our events over the last six months:

### BTA Conference & Golf Day



### Summer Lunch



### Safety Culture Conference



MAY  
2022

## BRITISH TUGOWNERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, DINNER & GOLF DAY, HAMPSHIRE

This two-day event, including a Golf Day, Conference, AGM and Dinner was attended by approximately 70 delegates.



attendance  
increase  
30%

JUN  
2022

## ANNUAL SUMMER LUNCH, EDINBURGH

The Summer Lunch was attended by 170 guests from 65+ companies. This was an increase of more than 30% on the 2019 attendance. We were fortunate to have Jenny Gilruth MSP, The Minister for Transport addressing the audience as the Keynote Speaker on the day.

## EVENTS



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### SAFETY CULTURE CONFERENCE, LIVERPOOL

Over 70 delegates attended this year's the Safety Culture Conference. The Conference included a number of presentations, interactive sessions for delegates to participate in and an networking Evening Reception.

## KEY FUTURE EVENTS



2nd  
NOV  
2022

### AUTUMN LUNCH, HARBOUR HOTEL, SOUTHAMPTON

The Autumn Lunch is a new event added to the Chamber's Event Calendar.

This event will start at 11am with Graham Westgarth, the Chamber's President hosting a Q&A session. This will give guests the opportunity to hear Graham's views on the UK Shipping industry. This will be followed by a networking Drinks Reception at 11.45am and we will sit down for a lovely lunch at 12.15pm.

Lunch tickets cost £120 for UK Chamber of Shipping members (Tables of 8 are £900).

Full details [here](#)



6th  
FEB  
2023

### ANNUAL DINNER, JW MARRIOTT GROSVENOR, LONDON

Following a successful event earlier this year, the Annual Dinner will be returning to the JW Marriott Grosvenor in London.

More than 750 guests are expected to attend, enjoying a great dinner and catching up with representatives from the shipping community.

Tickets will be on sale very soon.

## ENGAGEMENT

Please remember to use our experienced Policy Team who are here to help you. Here is a reminder of their names and contact email addresses:



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### Please also encourage your staff to sign-up to the Chamber communications.

Those sharing the same domain in their email address can benefit from receiving a summary of the day's industry news, regulatory updates, industry consultations, minutes from Committee meetings and other circulars.

Having more members of your staff accessing this important information will result in better member value for your business. All you need to do is forward them the list below and ask them to email [abarletta@ukchamberofshipping.com](mailto:abarletta@ukchamberofshipping.com) with the numbers next to the Communications they would like to receive:

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All the sector news straight into your inbox

##### 3 Event Updates



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- 6 Employment Committee
- 7 Ferry & Cruise Panel
- 8 Harbour Towage Panel
- 9 Health & Safety Sub-Committee
- 10 Legal Insurance & Documentary Committee
- 11 Offshore Panel
- 12 Safety & Environment Committee
- 13 Short Sea Shipping Panel
- 14 Taxation and Economics Committee