



Maritime Parliamentary Bulletin

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The purpose of this bulletin is to update MPs and Peers on the latest developments in the UK maritime sector, and to provide a forward look to opportunities within parliamentary business for positive advocacy.

- **Winners of £23m Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition Announced:** The first ever green submarine study has been named as one of 55 winning projects of a £23 million government-funded R&D competition, announced by Transport Secretary Grant Shapps, in Greenwich, as part of the greenest ever London International Shipping Week. The Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition, announced as part of the Prime Minister's 10-point plan for green industrial revolution, is supporting the development of innovative technology to propel the government's commitment to have zero emissions ships operating commercially by 2025 – creating hundreds of highly skilled jobs across the nation and establishing the UK as world leaders in clean maritime. A fully automated net positive submarine fleet, powered entirely on green hydrogen, could help cleanse the oceans of toxic pollution by collecting microplastics on its pilot route between Glasgow and Belfast. While transporting cargo shipments, the fleet could secure significant emission savings of 27 tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions in the first year of operation, with an overall mission to reduce 300 million tonnes of CO₂ emissions as the fleet grows. – [Read more](#)
 - **Minister highlights UK efforts to reach net zero in shipping at LISW headline conference:** The UK will bring forward ambitious shipping initiatives at the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), Anne-Marie Trevelyan, the Minister for Business, Energy and Clean Growth, told delegates at London International Shipping Week (LISW). She said that as the UK returns to normality, it is time to address the world's greatest challenge, climate change, noting that 'the UK is in a position to demonstrate real leadership both domestically and internationally.' – [Read more](#)
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Maritime UK and LGA Coastal SIG launch Coastal Powerhouse Manifesto

- Maritime UK and the Local Government Association Coastal Special Interest Group (LGA Coastal SIG) have urged government to come up with a clear strategy to stem the brain drain, through the launch of a new Coastal Powerhouse manifesto.
 - Brain drain crisis revealed in new poll of 1000 18-24-year olds across coastal counties.
 - The manifesto sets out proposals to boost connectivity to the rest of the country, extend freeports benefits to all coastal areas, install a shore power network across the coast to charge tomorrow's Teslas of the seas and develop new skills in coastal communities, including digital skills.
 - The Coastal Powerhouse manifesto calls on government to ensure the coast is a central part of infrastructure planning, to attract inward investment through reduced congestion. Rail freight and green coastal shipping are identified as significant growth areas which could decarbonize the supply chain and increase connectivity with the rest of the country.
 - The manifesto underscores the opportunity of offshore energy growth, with coastal areas uniquely positioned to play a leading role in the UK's net zero transition, from nearby yards building green servicing ships for these windfarms and those across the globe, and leading the way on future industries, such as floating wind turbines.
 - The poll, commissioned by Maritime UK and conducted by Survation, revealed the majority (46%) of young people are yet to see evidence of new investment, or improvement in living standards, despite government's levelling-up agenda.
 - It's been found that £1billion co-investment would create 73,000 maritime jobs. Industry roles pay £9,000 more than the national average per year, and for every £1 generated by the sector, a total £2.71 is generated across the UK economy. - [Read more](#)
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London International Shipping Week Parliamentary Cruise

Remarks by Maritime UK Chair, Sarah Kenny, at the London International Shipping Week Parliamentary Cruise:

“Welcome to London International Shipping Week and to the Millennium Diamond for the Maritime UK Parliamentary Cruise.

It’s wonderful to see so many industry colleagues and parliamentarians with us today.

Allow me to pay special thanks to our hosts, City Cruises for lending us this fantastic vessel, and to our reception sponsor, EcoSpeed Marine, for helping make the event possible.

London International Shipping Week is the world’s pre-eminent maritime event. Bringing together the entire UK maritime cluster with an incredibly diverse international network. That colleagues from so many different parts of the world are taking part is no accident. It is because London and the UK are, in so many ways, the world’s maritime centre.

This is a week full of the best of UK maritime.

Shipping Week will showcase the latest developments here at home as well as providing a space for the global industry to come together and plan their future.

Just up the river at the Excel, we have DSEI – where our maritime defence, engineering and technology companies are showcasing their wares, with some of the most cutting-edge technology, like autonomy, on display.

And down in Southampton, it’s the Southampton International Boat Show, where the best of British design and manufacturing are being showcased alongside fantastic opportunities for people to get on the water and experience the recreational and health benefits of doing so.

So, this week really shows the breadth of our sector's activity, and what our sector offers our country.

On that, maritime - comprising the shipping, ports, engineering, science, leisure, and professional services industries - is big business for the UK.

Supporting over 1 million jobs and adding £46.1bn to our economy, maritime makes a greater contribution to the UK economy than both rail and air combined.

The sector enables 95% of UK trade. Food, energy, medicine, and just about everything else.

Maritime is a source of well-paid highly skilled roles, which pay an average of £38,000 per year - £9,000 more than the national average. The UK maritime workforce is 42% more productive than the UK average.

Growing maritime also makes good economic sense. For every £1 generated by the sector, a total £2.71 is generated across the UK economy."

[Read more](#)

Upcoming Parliamentary opportunities to promote maritime

Suggested questions, statements and briefing material can be provided on request.

Commons

We would be delighted if MPs would be willing to use any opportunities at PMQs and Business of the House Questions to promote the UK maritime industry (these questions are drafted to be suitable as either oral or written parliamentary questions):

- **PMQs – Wednesdays:** We would be delighted if MPs would be willing to raise maritime at PMQs if they are selected in the ballot, and happy to support in drafting a question
- **20 Oct – Oral questions** – To ask the President of COP26 what steps he will take to support the decarbonisation of the UK maritime industry
- **21 Oct – Oral questions** - To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade what steps they are taking to attract inward investment into the UK maritime industry
- **25 Oct – Oral questions** – To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government what steps they are taking to support coastal regions
- **28 Oct – Oral questions** – To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his department has made of the role that decarbonising maritime can play in improving air quality

Lords

The following oral questions in the House of Lords represent opportunities for the maritime industry to be raised:

- **11 Oct – Oral question:** Fiscal measures in pursuit of the government's net zero emissions target.
 - **11 Oct – Oral questions:** Expanding the UK's Emissions Trading Scheme to include all forms of transport
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We would be delighted if parliamentarians would be willing to table requests for parliamentary debates on the UK maritime industry, and we can support with suggestions for these.

Written Questions

We are also happy to support parliamentarians with ideas and production of additional written questions.

Events for Parliamentarians

- **International Maritime Hub at COP26:** Maritime UK and City of Glasgow College have announced plans to showcase green technology, innovation and capabilities from across the UK maritime sector to the world, at an International Maritime Hub at COP26. To be hosted at City of Glasgow College's Riverside Campus on the bank of the river Clyde, the Hub will be the location for a number of different events throughout the duration of the international conference, highlighting UK maritime expertise within areas such as technology, policy, regulation, education and training. - [Learn more](#)

Party Conference

Maritime UK has activity planned at the Conservative and Labour Party Conferences.

Conservative

The Maritime Reception is being held within the secure zone and will feature Ministers including Secretart of State for Transport, Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP.

The reception is being held on 3rd October 2021 between 19:30 - 20:45 in the Derby Suite, The Midland Hotel.

Labour

The Maritime Roundtable will bring together industry leaders with Shadow Ministers, including:

- Jim McMahon MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Transport
- Luke Pollard MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

The roundtable is being held at The Old Ship Hotel, Brighton, from 1200 – 1330.

UK Maritime News

Government hails success of cruise industry's return - [CLIA](#)

Introducing Making Waves: The Future of Shipping - [UK Chamber of Shipping](#)

Maritime UK SW partners submit plan to confirm South West's status as a global leader in ocean technology innovation - [Maritime UK SW](#)

Launch of Solent Maritime Innovation Gateway puts the region's sector firmly on the international stage - [Solent LEP](#)

Industry Alarmed As Spat Between Governments Threatens Investment In Scottish Ports - [British Ports Association](#)

The Maritime Sector - key messages

- Maritime contributes **£46.1bn to the UK economy and supports 1 million jobs** (more than air and rail combined).
 - Maritime is **responsible for keeping the country supplied** (resilience): 95 percent of British imports and exports in goods are moved by sea, including 25 percent of the UK's energy supply and 48 percent of food supplies. Investment is essential for maintaining these resilient supply chains that every constituent relies upon.
 - Ports **invest over £600m of private capital each year**, benefiting coastal economies through job creation and infrastructure investment.
 - Maritime workers are **43% more productive** than UK average.
 - Maritime is a source of **well-paid highly skilled roles**, which pay an average of £38,000 per year - £9,000 more than the national average.
 - Globally, **the maritime sector will double to \$3trn by 2030**.
 - Maritime makes a significant contribution to **all nations and regions of the United Kingdom**.
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Maritime UK's 2021 Priorities

Over the coming year, Maritime UK intends to focus on the following priorities, both by engaging with the UK maritime industry, and by working constructively with the Government and other political stakeholders:

- **Supporting maritime businesses and the UK maritime industry through Brexit changes**, as well as maximising the opportunities that arise from the UK once again becoming an independent trading nation.
- **Boosting the export and international trade potential of UK maritime** and improving the competitiveness of the UK's business environment to attract maritime businesses.
- **Delivering regional growth** through Maritime UK's Regional Cluster Development Plans in a way that aligns with the Government's wider levelling-up agenda.
- **Demonstrating the benefits (both environmental and economic) of maritime decarbonisation** ahead of the COP26 UN Climate Conference taking place in the UK this year, with a particular focus on **innovation** – Maritime UK will be working with the Government to ensure that funding allocated for maritime decarbonisation is effectively utilised.
- **Supporting and growing the workforce** by continuing to develop our Diversity in Maritime Programme, our Careers and Outreach Programme, and our Maritime Skills Commission.

Please email barney.scholes@beyond2050.co.uk for further information.

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