



# 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.

### Upcoming

#### **Levelling-Up White Paper**

Maritime UK expects the Levelling-Up White Paper to be published very soon. The maritime sector's contribution to the government's levelling-up agenda has been framed by the 'Coastal Powerhouse' initiative, and in at London International Shipping Week in September, Maritime UK published its Coastal Powerhouse Manifesto with the Local Government Association Coastal SIG. Parliamentarians are invited to review the manifesto in the context of the white paper. [Read the Coastal Powerhouse Manifesto here](#). Maritime UK is planning a briefing for Parliamentarians on what the white paper means for maritime. If you are interested in joining, please email [barney.scholes@beyond2050.co.uk](mailto:barney.scholes@beyond2050.co.uk) for further information.

#### **National Shipbuilding Strategy Refresh**

Maritime UK also expects the National Shipbuilding Strategy Refresh to be published in the next couple of weeks. Last year, the sector set out its key priorities for the refresh ahead of the refresh across five pillars that underpin the work of Maritime UK: Competitiveness, Innovation, Environment, Regional Growth and People. At the heart of the manifesto is a plea for the UK government to procure its vessels at home and provide new financial schemes to generate a stable and consistent order book for shipyards, recognising fierce competition from other shipbuilding nations. Read the Shipbuilding Manifesto [here](#). Parliamentarians wishing to discuss the refresh further with Maritime UK are asked to contact [barney.scholes@beyond2050.co.uk](mailto:barney.scholes@beyond2050.co.uk).

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## Latest

### Maritime Minister's keynote at Maritime UK's Autonomy Conference

The Maritime Minister, Robert Courts MP, delivered a keynote address at the Maritime UK Autonomous Systems Regulatory conference on 18 January 2022. Highlights include:

- “The UK is a world-leading maritime nation, and through Maritime 2050 we’re focusing on those drivers of sector growth that will ensure our position as the most innovative, competitive and sustainable maritime centre, by the middle of this century.
- “Autonomy is one of those drivers, and I am delighted that the UK is leading the way in design and manufacturing, and in shaping industry best practice for the safe operation of autonomous vessels.
- “The updated voluntary industry code of practice is evidence of that.
- “May I offer my congratulations to Maritime UK for launching version 5 of the [Industry Code of Practice for Maritime Autonomous Ships Systems](#).

[Read more and view the code of practice here](#)

### Disciplined thinking and clear focus on the future: interview with Brian Johnson, CEO, Maritime & Coastguard Agency

Decarbonisation, future fuels, safety, digitalisation, technology, skills and training – the key words that stand out from a conversation with Maritime & Coastguard Agency CEO Brian Johnson will come as no surprise. However, what underpins them is equally crucial – service, relationships, partnerships, building trust and disciplined thinking.

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The MCA says it has changed – and is changing very quickly – in how it performs its role, as well as in the scope of its work. Its focus is firmly on the future.

Does that mean a change in direction? Johnson says not: “We still deliver all the safety aspects of our role and hopefully do them increasingly well. However, the spectrum of what the MCA does is already incredibly broad. We are unusual in government agency terms in holding a lot of deep technical expertise – and that puts us in an interesting position to be able to influence the maritime sector both domestically and more internationally. Through that influence, we can create a benefit for the UK by attracting shipping in its various forms into the UK maritime economy, because we can make the connections.” [Continue reading](#)

### UK Maritime News

- Britons develop appreciation of vital role of truckers during pandemic – [FT](#)
  - Artemis Technologies opens new manufacturing facility in Belfast – [Belfast Maritime Consortium](#)
  - 'World first' as floating charging station passes initial sea trials – [The Herald](#)
  - Ride green: Uber Boat builds UK's first hybrid high-speed passenger ferries - [City AM](#)
  - £100m Stena Line deal 'Humber's seal of approval' that sends waves around North Sea shipping sector - [Business Live](#)
  - Aberdeen Harbour plans get £30 million boost from Scottish National Investment Bank – [The Scotsman](#)
  - Annual Review of the UK Marine Scientific Industry 2021- [Society of Maritime Industries](#)
  - Copper investment needed to ensure supply - [Baltic Exchange](#)
  - Ed Balls confirmed as headline economist at the British Marine National Conference - [British Marine](#)
  - A greener and more ambitious EU Maritime ETS emerges - [Maritime London](#)
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- Mersey Maritime launches 'Innovating Maritime' project - [Mersey Maritime](#)
- BAE Systems recruiting record numbers, including 172 apprentices in Portsmouth and Isle of Wight – [The News](#)
- New Health, Safety and Culture Committee launched - [Port Skills and Safety](#)
- CLIA expects 2023 to surpass 2019 cruise passenger levels – [Travel Weekly](#)
- South West aerospace, tech and maritime industries are key to levelling up, says CBI chief – [Business Live](#)
- Revamped jobs board for maritime professionals launched - [Nautilus International](#)

### #NetZeroMaritime Showcase

Maritime UK's #NetZeroMaritime Showcase promotes projects that are having a positive impact on the decarbonisation of the maritime sector. The showcase highlights specific projects about the delivery of the government's ten-point plan for a green industrial revolution.

**Tyne Transformed: Journey to Net Zero and All-Electric at the Port of Tyne** - In 2019, the Port of Tyne set out an ambitious strategy, Tyne 2050, designed to transform the Port into one of the UK's most environmentally efficient and sustainable maritime operators. Tyne 2050 includes clear targets and a 20-year roadmap to convert to renewable energy. In addition, to help disseminate the knowledge and expertise developed during this journey with the wider maritime sector, the Port also launched the UK's first and only Maritime Innovation Hub, ten years ahead of government recommendations. [Read more](#)

**Feasibility Study for Shore Power in Aberdeen Harbour** - Like many of the world's greatest cities, Aberdeen has a port at its heart, and over recent decades Aberdeen Harbour has been Europe's largest logistics and supply port, successfully and safely servicing the UK's North Sea oil and gas sector. An ambitious growth strategy will see investment of £350m in the new, state-of-

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the-art South Harbour. This supports the port's, and wider regions, ambitions to be at the leading edge of the energy transition, bringing together innovation, supply chain expertise and the unique local skill base to support existing and emerging sectors. The first critical step on that journey is to address the emissions from the operations of the existing harbour. Driven by this imperative, and buoyed by the Clean Maritime Plan, in 2020 Scottish Enterprise commissioned a study by Buro Happold and the Tyndall Centre to identify a decarbonisation strategy for Aberdeen Harbour. [Read more](#)

**Orkney: charting the course to net zero with maritime transport** - The Orkney Islands are pioneers when it comes to innovation in the clean energy sector. From the testing and demonstration of wave and tidal energy technologies to harness the power of the ocean at the European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC) to undertaking R&D activities with green hydrogen to decarbonise the energy system across heat, power and transport, Orkney is often described as a “living laboratory” where they are learning by doing. Building upon the history of maritime innovation in the area, the HyDIME, HIMET and HySEAS III projects have put Orkney on the map in terms of hydrogen research and development for maritime decarbonisation. Alternative fuels will be vital in facilitating a Net Zero transition in the maritime sectors, and stakeholders in Orkney will continue to play their part in showing the way forward. [Read more](#)

## The UK's #CoastalPowerhouse

Maritime UK, together with its partners, is responsible for the development and roll-out of an ambitious [Regional Cluster Development Programme](#), an initiative embedded in the priorities set out in 'Maritime 2050: Navigating the Future.' A new series of 'snapshot' videos, highlighting sector activity in coastal nations and regions has been produced. In this week's Bulletin, we focus on the **South West of England:**

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[Watch the video here](#)

## Upcoming Parliamentary opportunities to promote maritime

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

### House of 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 are happy to support in drafting a question
- **03 Feb –Transport:** To ask the Secretary of State for Transport what support his department is providing to the maritime sector.
- **22 Feb** – BEIS: To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy what support he will give to ports who are looking to invest in Shore-Power.
- **23 Feb** – Women and Equalities: To ask the Secretary of State for Women and Equalities what support she will give to women working in the maritime sector?

### House of Lords

We would be delighted if parliamentarians would be willing to table requests for parliamentary debates on the UK maritime industry, and we can support them with suggestions for these.

### Written Questions

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

### Consultations and Inquiries

#### Parliamentary

- **International Trade Committee – Trade and the environment (28 February)**

#### Government

- **DEFRA – River basin planning: draft river basin management plans (22 April)**
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### Last week in Parliament

Questions were submitted on:

- [Undocumented Migrants: English Channel](#)
- [International Transport: Environment Protection](#)
- [Skilled Workers: Shipping](#)
- [Maritime representation at World Expo](#)
- [Coastal Areas: Economic Situation and Environment Protection](#)
- [Coastal Areas: Government Assistance](#)

### Events for Parliamentarians

- **Maritime UK Awards (Free for Parliamentarians):** The Maritime UK Awards 2022 will be held in Glasgow on 10 March. Held for the first time in [September 2019](#), the Maritime UK Awards are run by the industry for the benefit of the industry. From a judging panel of internationally recognised maritime leaders to an awards evening at the [Glasgow Science Centre](#), the Maritime UK Awards are a unique and impactful way to showcase your business, and collectively, to celebrate a thriving sector, worth £46.1bn to the UK economy. [Read more](#). Parliamentarians can access a free ticket using the code “HMSAlbion” [here](#).
  - **Maritime UK Week:** Maritime UK has announced that its week-long national programme of events and activity to raise the profile of the sector and engage young people in the world of maritime will be held between 10 and 16 October 2022. The week is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the UK's maritime sector, its role and future. It follows a period where the maritime sector's role as the fundamental enabler of trade and critical freight supplies into the country were reasserted during the COVID-19 pandemic. The week runs in the off-year from London International Shipping Week, with a specific focus on bringing the domestic industry together.
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## 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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