

# 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.

### Latest

#### Sanctions on Russian vessels entering UK ports

The UK government has announced it has written to all UK ports asking them not to provide access to any Russian flagged, registered, owned, controlled, chartered or operated vessels.

**Industry view:** Following the decision by the government to ban Russian ships from UK ports we believe it is right we consider a range of hard-hitting sanctions following the unprovoked attack on Ukraine. The banning of ships with Russian interests from UK ports will put further pressure on the Russian President's military objectives. It will however be complex and require new legislation. The sector will work closely with HMG to ensure that its measures have the best effect. For more information, please get in touch.

#### Transport Select Committee launches inquiry into Maritime 2050

The Transport Select Committee is scrutinising the Government's flagship maritime strategy, Maritime 2050. The committee is particularly interested in receiving written evidence that addresses:

- whether and how the ambitions and objectives described in Maritime 2050 support the maritime sector;
- progress towards the ambitions and targets set out in Maritime 2050, including the effectiveness, pace and priority of the strategy's implementation; and
- the effect of Maritime 2050 on Government policies and regulation, maritime sector decision making and economic and environmental outcomes, including the Clydebank declaration agreed at COP26.

**Industry view:** This is a welcome opportunity to review Maritime 2050. The strategy has helped to galvanise the sector and establish a shared vision for its future. There have been some areas of impressive delivery and other areas which need to be better prioritised as we move toward 2050. Last June, Maritime UK [published a report](#) assessing progress to date. Maritime UK and its members will be submitting evidence to the committee.

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### Maritime UK launches first Pride in Maritime Day

Maritime UK launched the first national Pride in Maritime Day on Monday 28 February.

Pride in Maritime Day is an initiative driven by the Pride in Maritime Network, a network established within Maritime UK's Diversity in Maritime programme. Its remit has been to identify barriers faced by the LGBT+ maritime community, to educate and enable colleagues to empower and support them, and to share good practice policies and toolkits that support the LGBT+ colleagues across the sector.

During London International Shipping Week 2021, the network hosted the first live-streamed industry roundtable which brought together leaders from across the sector to discuss how maritime could be more welcoming for LGBT+ people. It was at that roundtable that the concept of a Pride in Maritime Day was agreed.

Robert Courts, Minister for Maritime, said:

"Diversity is vital to the success of any sector, and I am immensely proud of the progress being made in support of the LGBT+ community in maritime.

"Pride in Maritime Day will help break down barriers, which is critical to achieving our Maritime 2050 vision of building a workforce that is dynamic, inclusive and open to all."

Chrissie Clarke, Head of Diversity and Operations, Maritime UK, said:

"Maritime UK is committed to ensuring the sector is welcoming to the LGBT+ community. We are delighted to be launching Pride in Maritime Day today at the end of LGBT+ History Month. Pride in Maritime Day will be an annual celebration to share progress and shine a strong spotlight on what barriers need to be removed for our current and future LGBT+ employees.

[Read more](#)

### How can the maritime sector help level-up coastal communities?

On Tuesday, Maritime UK held an event to discuss how the maritime sector can help level-up coastal communities. The panel included Chris Shirling-Rooke, CEO of [Mersey Maritime](#), Ellen Horner, Levelling-Up Taskforce at the Cabinet Office, Tim Morris, CEO of [UKMPG](#) and sponsor of the event, Anne-Marie Mountfield, CEO of [Solent Local Enterprise Partnership](#), Richard Ballantyne, CEO of the [British Ports Association](#) and Emily G Cunningham, Lead Officer at [LGA Coastal SIG](#).

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Tim Morris, at UK Major Ports Group said:

“The UK Major Ports Group was really pleased to support Maritime UK’s ‘Build Back Better’ webinar. It was a really timely event, taking place against the background of the Government’s recently published flagship Levelling Up White Paper, allowing participants from industry, regional cluster organisations and government to explore what ‘levelling up’ could and should mean in the context of the UK’s coast. What the call demonstrated were the unique opportunities and issues of the coast, the passionate people and organisations looking to drive forward prosperity and opportunity and that the Government is very much in the market for good ideas and projects that support Levelling Up goals.”

[Watch the session here](#)

### UK Maritime News

- Nautilus International supports members following Russian invasion of Ukraine - [Nautilus International](#)
- Statement on Russian invasion of Ukraine - [UK Chamber of Shipping](#)
- Tanker market faces crunch time - [Baltic Exchange](#)
- ABS publishes Offshore Green Hydrogen Production whitepaper - [Maritime London](#)
- Solasolv Screens for Tug Converted to Superyacht - [Society of Maritime Industries](#)
- Gillian Clark FICS a no ordinary Chair - [Institute for Chartered Shipbrokers](#)
- East Cowes Marine Hub investment could create 250 jobs - [The business magazine](#)
- Thinking behind UK National Shipbuilding Strategy to be revealed - [Seatrade Maritime News](#)
- Podcast - In Conversation with Harry Theochari, chair of Maritime London - [Seatrade Maritime News](#)

### Events for Parliamentarians

- **Transport’s gender challenge and the future of the industry [8 March]**

Ruth Cadbury MP, Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Women in Transport, invites you to attend an online event entitled ‘Transport’s gender challenge and the future of the industry’ at **2pm on Tuesday 8 March 2022**.

Please join us on International Women’s Day to hear the thoughts of a Government

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Minister, other key parliamentarians, and leading industry figures about the impact of female underrepresentation on transport's many sectors, and how we can navigate towards a more equitable and sustainable industry. - [Register](#)

- **Maritime UK Awards (Complimentary tickets for Parliamentarians) [10 March]**

Parliamentarians can access a free ticket using the code "HMSAlbion" [here](#).

- **Maritime UK Drop-in session [8 March]**

Maritime UK is holding a drop-in session at the Houses of Parliament for Parliamentarians on **19 April 2022**.

The past twelve months have seen significant activity for the maritime sector, on Freeports, developing the National Shipbuilding Strategy Refresh, securing an extension to the Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition, a successful London International Shipping Week, major contribution at COP26 and at October's Budget and Spending Review, where the Chancellor announced reforms to Tonnage Tax. The drop-in session will provide MPs and Peers with an opportunity to meet industry representatives to discuss these and other issues.

As one of the primary sectors within the government's ten-point plan for a green industrial revolution, the UK maritime sector has an ambition to lead the world in developing, deploying, and exporting green maritime technologies.

In Maritime 2050, the UK has a strategy to become the world's most competitive maritime centre by the middle of the century.

Maritime UK is grateful to Luke Pollard MP for hosting the session. - [Register](#)

- **Maritime UK Week [10-16 October]**

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. More information soon.

## #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.

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**Current Direct - Swappable Container Waterborne Transport Battery:** Current Direct addresses EU challenges by developing and demonstrating an innovative, interchangeable waterborne transport battery system and an Energy as a Service (EaaS) Platform in an operational environment in the Port of Rotterdam. Current Direct will consider its integration across the range of different vessel types used in the coastal and inland waterway transport industry, including short to medium range freight and ferry services. [Read more](#)

**VesselBot Voyage Optimization and GHG emissions reduction system:** VesselBot's system enables the Operations team to take the necessary actions to optimize performance during the planning of the voyage phase. This is done by utilizing our digital twin models and informing users on how the vessel would perform at an optimal level before the vessel begins its voyage. [Read more](#)

**PESO: Port Energy Systems Optimisation:** Ports are major users of energy, for operation of dockside handling facilities and powering of port vessels such as pilot craft and tugs. In addition, berthed vessels will increasingly use energy supplied by the port to power their onboard facilities, which on a cruise liner would require very high power. Under pressure to improve air quality and reduce their carbon footprint, ports are trying to reduce their use of fossil fuels and to use electricity instead. Initiatives to electrify infrastructure or to install onsite renewable generation at ports (Eg solar PV on the large roof area in ports) may be stalled by the requirement for expensive network reinforcement to meet the potentially higher electricity import and/or export loads. PESO is overcoming this problem by integrating a novel battery technology into the port energy network, optimised to suit the port environment. [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 **Scotland:**

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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 March** – International Trade: To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade what support her department is providing to the maritime industry to increase exports of UK maritime products and services.
- **07 March** – Levelling Up, Housing and Communities: To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up Housing and Communities what plans his Department has to support regional maritime clusters like Maritime UK Solent across the rest of the UK.
- **10 March** – Environment, Food and Rural Affairs: To ask the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions his department has had about the role decarbonising the maritime sector can play in reaching Net Zero by 2050.
- **15 March** – Treasury: To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions the Treasury has held with other departments about investing in the maritime industry to support decarbonisation.
- **17 March** – Transport: To ask the Secretary of State for Transport what discussions his Department has had regarding the role decarbonising the maritime sector can play in reaching Net Zero by 2050.
- **29 March** – 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.
- **21 April** – International Trade: To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what support is her department providing to maritime SMEs to enable their recovery and resumption of international business development.

#### 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

- Transport Select Committee: Maritime 2050: objectives, implementation and effects (25 March)
- Defence Committee: The Navy: purpose and procurement (no deadline specified)
- Treasury Committee: Jobs, growth, and productivity after coronavirus (no deadline specified)

### Government

- DEFRA – River basin planning: draft river basin management plans (22 April)
- Department for Transport: Low carbon fuel strategy: call for ideas (3 April)
- Department for Transport: Use of maritime shore power in the UK: call for evidence (25 April)
- Department for Transport: Transport labour market and skills (9 May)

## Recently in Parliament

Questions were submitted on:

- [Shipping: Biofuels](#)
  - [Shipping: Ammonia](#)
  - [Shipping: Batteries](#)
  - [Shipping: Hydrogen](#)
  - [Tonnage Tax](#)
  - [Shipping: Training](#)
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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**: 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.
- **2021 has been a year of significant activity for the maritime sector**, on Freeports, developing the National Shipbuilding Strategy Refresh, securing extension to the Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition, a successful London International Shipping Week, major contribution at COP26 and at October's Budget and Spending Review, where the Chancellor announced reforms to Tonnage Tax.
- As one of the primary sectors within the government's **ten-point plan for a green industrial revolution**, the UK maritime sector has an ambition to lead the world in developing, deploying, and exporting green maritime technologies.
- 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**.
- In **Maritime 2050**, the UK has a strategy to become the world's most competitive maritime centre by the middle of the century.
- Maritime makes a significant contribution to **all nations and regions of the United Kingdom**.

Please email [barney.scholes@beyond2050.co.uk](mailto:barney.scholes@beyond2050.co.uk) for further information.

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