

Maritime UK Parliamentary Drop-in

Welcome to the drop-in session

Supporting over 1 million jobs and adding £46.1bn to our economy, maritime is responsible for facilitating 95% of UK global trade, worth over £500bn per year. The UK maritime workforce is 42% more productive than the average UK worker.

Maritime makes a greater contribution to the UK economy than both rail and air combined. The sector is the fundamental enabler of British global trade and exports its own innovative products and services. With cutting-edge technology, high-quality design & manufacturing, unparalleled expertise in services and major investment opportunities, the UK is the natural home for global maritime business. Maritime is a vital part of our island nation's heritage and of our modern economy – supporting jobs, driving innovation and enabling trade. The sector also enables millions of people to enjoy the recreational benefits of the UK's coastal and inland waterways.

About Maritime UK

Maritime UK is the umbrella body for the maritime sector, bringing together the shipping, ports, services, engineering and leisure marine industries. Our purpose is to champion and enable a thriving maritime sector. Maritime UK has responsibility for the coordination and delivery of industry recommendations within Maritime 2050.

Maritime UK Members



Maritime UK priorities:

- Competitiveness
- Regional Growth
- Innovation
- People
- Environment

Competitiveness: Our aim is to attract new maritime businesses to the UK by working with government to enhance the competitiveness of the UK's business environment and to grow the export of maritime products and services by supporting companies to export and promoting the sector across the UK's diplomatic and commercial network.

Recent developments:

- The Department for International Trade is setting up a dedicated unit to support maritime exports and inward investment.
- In his Autumn Budget, the Chancellor announced reforms to Tonnage Tax designed to increase the attractiveness of the UK as a location for shipowners and operators to locate their businesses.
- The Maritime and Coastguard Agency has established a UK Shipping Concierge Service, designed to function as a "one-stop-shop" for international shipping interests considering locating in the UK.
- The National Shipbuilding Strategy has been published which commits over £4 billion of government investment that will galvanise and support shipyards and suppliers across the UK, with new measures including better access to finance, vital skills-building, and funding for crucial research and development into greener vessels and infrastructure. The strategy will deliver a pipeline of more than 150 new naval and civil vessels for the UK Government and Devolved Administrations over the next 30 years.

Industry asks:

- The implementation of recommendations from the industry's maritime financial products working group, designed to reduce the competitiveness gap in providing capital to fund decarbonisation.
 - Following the publication of National Shipbuilding Strategy, work closely with UK industry to set out the procurement process for vessels within the 30-year pipeline to maximise the use of UK businesses.
 - Put grants for SMEs, developing commercial expertise in post, and comprehensive marketing, at the heart of the new Maritime Campaign Capability Office.
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Regional Growth: Our aim is to boost prosperity and opportunity in coastal communities by working with government to create more pro-investment conditions for maritime businesses such as ports and by creating a network of regional maritime cluster organisations to foster collaboration between industry, local government and academia to drive growth.

Recent developments:

- Freeport designations have been announced and the first sites are now operational.
- Government has published the levelling-up white paper, with specific recognition of the challenges facing coastal communities.
- Maritime UK and the Local Government Association have collaborated to produce the 'Coastal Powerhouse Manifesto', which sets out recommendations to unlock economic development in coastal towns and cities.

Industry asks:

- Take forward recommendations from the sector's Coastal Powerhouse Manifesto.
- Building beyond Freeports to 'development frameworks' to unlock investment around the coast by reforming planning and investing in infrastructure.
- Ensure content rules on offshore energy developments deliver maximum benefit to UK industry.
- Focus on strategic transport and freight networks following Union Connectivity Review.
- Ensure future coastal funding programmes target job creation (as opposed to recent schemes that have focused on arts initiatives).

Industry action:

- Continue to deliver Regional Cluster Development Programme with new regional clusters created as well as existing clusters supported and coordinated through the Maritime UK Regional Council.
 - Support each regional cluster to engage with the new Shared Prosperity Fund.
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Innovation: Our aim is to position the UK as a leader in innovation across the grand challenges faced by the maritime industries globally by facilitating collaboration across the sector and securing government investment for the new, national cross-sector collaboration vehicle, Maritime Research & Innovation UK.

Recent developments:

- The UK has been ranked as the number-one country globally for blue technology.
- Maritime UK has published new industry-led guidance on autonomous vessels.
- The first Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition was run.
- UKRI received a significant boost in its budget at the Comprehensive Spending Review.

Industry asks:

- Ensuring uplift in UKRI funding is accessible by maritime businesses.

Industry action:

- Develop plans for Innovation Hubs / Centres of Excellence.
 - Form partnerships to bring private capital into the sector to invest in innovation.
 - Deliver a series of Maritime 2050 Innovation Forums to drive collaboration across innovation challenges critical to the delivery of Maritime 2050 and enable better linkage to the existing UK innovation offer.
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People: Our aim is to have a talented and diverse workforce in every part of the sector, driving business growth, inspired to join us by a professional careers campaign, and well-trained to use their talents to the full.

Recent developments:

- Maritime UK's 'people' programmes continue to grow with over 30,000 schoolchildren introduced to the maritime sector and more and more companies committing to robust D&I plans.
- Annual reports published for the Diversity in Maritime and Careers & Outreach Programmes.
- Maritime Skills Commission publishes its Seafarer Cadet Review and moves to implementation phase
- Maritime Skills Commission initiated new workstream on green skills.
- Government has exempted seafarers from prosecution under new Borders and Nationalities legislation.

Industry action:

- Continue to grow the industry-led Maritime 2050 programmes comprising Diversity in Maritime and Careers & Outreach.
 - Through the Maritime Skills Commission establish an understanding of the skills requirements to enable the sector's transition to net zero.
 - Develop the new qualifications and curriculum needed for zero-carbon skills, pilot and deploy them nationally.
 - Deliver the skills recommendations set out within the National Shipbuilding Strategy.
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Environment: Our aim is to work collaboratively across the sector and with government to minimise the sector's impact upon the environment, to champion and enable effective projects and initiatives that enhance environmental sustainability and work to realise new opportunities such as Coastal and Inland Shipping.

Recent developments:

- Winners of the initial £23m Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition announced.
- Maritime UK's Spending Review campaign delivers £206m to establish the UK Shipping Office for Reducing Emissions "UKSHORE".
- Publication of the Transport Decarbonisation Plan, Hydrogen Strategy and Net Zero Strategy with strong focus on the maritime sector.
- Funding for offshore wind development at ports on the Humber and in Teesside.

Industry asks:

- Clarity on timescales for Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition as soon as possible.
- Provide co-investment in green infrastructure at ports and on inland waterways, which are technologically viable but commercially unviable.
- Initiate national assessment of power network capacity and needs to deliver roll-out of electric power supply for shore power and charging facilities.
- Pursue international regulatory mechanisms rather than fragmented national and regional solutions.
- Work with industry to develop end-of-life considerations for vessels.

Industry action:

- Develop and deliver Route Maps through the Clean Maritime Council to support the decarbonisation of the sector.
 - Develop consortia to respond to the second Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition.
 - Maintain collective cross-sector position on priorities for action to decarbonise sector.
 - Support government in the delivery of Clydebank Declaration and Operation Zero.
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Upcoming events and activity

Coastal Communities APPG briefing on levelling up coastal communities [28 April]

Following on from the publication of the Levelling Up White Paper, Maritime UK and the Coastal Communities APPG are delighted to invite you to attend a virtual briefing on levelling up coastal communities. The briefing will take place on Thursday, 28 April 2022 from 1000-1100. It will be Chaired by Sally-Ann Hart MP, the Chair of the Coastal Communities APPG.

If you wish to attend this briefing, please RSVP to barney.scholes@beyond2050.co.uk, and the Zoom details will be sent through to you.

Shipbuilding APPG briefing on levelling up coastal communities [4 May]

Following on from the recent publication of the [Refresh to the National Shipbuilding Strategy](#), Maritime UK and the Shipbuilding and Ship Repair APPG are delighted to invite you to attend a virtual briefing on the strategy and priorities for implementation.

The briefing will take place on Wednesday, 4 May from 1000-1100. It will be Chaired by Kevan Jones MP, the Chair of the Shipbuilding and Ship Repair APPG.

Maritime UK Spring Party [5 May]

The 2022 Maritime UK Spring party is to be held at Norton Rose Fulbright on Thursday 5 May. The Spring Party will provide an opportunity for the sector to come together as a whole and celebrate the progress made in the past year. If MPs would like to attend, please get in touch.

Maritime UK at Party Conference

The Maritime Reception at Conservative Party Conference – 19:30, 2 October 2022

The Maritime Roundtable at Labour Party Conference (details TBC)

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. The week runs in the off-year from London International Shipping Week, with a greater domestic and educational focus. This year Maritime UK week will focus on the theme of 'Driving the UK's Coastal Powerhouse' and will likely feature:

- Westminster Hall debate on the Maritime Sector
- Maritime UK Week Parliamentary Reception
- Drop-in session for Parliamentarians
- National Open Day(s)
- MP visits to maritime businesses in their constituencies

If MPs wish to get involved, please contact barney.scholes@beyond2050.co.uk.

How you can get involved

- If you want to hear more about the maritime sector and Maritime UK's work, please sign up to our fortnightly Parliamentary Bulletin mailing list by emailing barney.scholes@beyond2050.co.uk
 - Submit written and oral questions that are supplied in the fortnightly Parliamentary Bulletin.
 - Each year we endeavour to hold a Westminster Hall debate on the maritime sector. This year we are looking for Parliamentarians that can lead or support the application for the debate that will be held during Maritime UK Week [10-16 October].
 - If you would be interested in visiting a local maritime business in your constituency, please contact barney.scholes@beyond2050.co.uk and we will be very pleased to assist.
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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 if you would like to join our mailing list or for further information.
