



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

Thank you to all the Parliamentarians who have supported Maritime UK over the course of 2022. We look forward to continuing to work with you in 2023 as we seek to realise the potential of the maritime industries to enable decarbonisation, catalyse coastal economic development and boost international trade. Maritime UK wishes you a happy festive season and new year.

Maritime UK Vice-Chair briefs All Party Parliamentary Maritime and Ports Group

On Tuesday 5 December, Robin Mortimer, Maritime UK Vice-Chair and Chief Executive of the Port of London Authority briefed the All-Party Parliamentary Maritime and Ports Group on the Maritime sector's policy recommendations for the upcoming Clean Maritime Plan Refresh (Department for Transport).

With the Government set to publish a refresh of the Clean Maritime Plan (CMP) in the second half of 2023, most likely at London International Shipping Week, the maritime sector views the plan a critical juncture on the road to net zero emissions by 2050.

Recommendations

Maritime UK has made the following recommendations for inclusion into the CMP Refresh:

1. The CMP Refresh should provide greater clarity about the maritime sector's emission targets, including what types of emissions are addressed and the methodology for calculating these targets.
 2. The CMP Refresh should include a commitment from government for greater coordination and interaction with the maritime sector across all departments and executive agencies, rather than relying on the Department for Transport to act as the main point of contact between government and industry.
 3. The CMP Refresh should emphasise the role of government in kickstarting domestic maritime decarbonisation through public funding for the research and development and deployment of pro-green technologies.
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4. The CMP Refresh should integrate the role of UK ports and inland waterways by committing government to outlining a strategy setting out how port infrastructure fits into the UK's shipping energy transition and the wider green transport agenda.
5. The CMP Refresh should commit government to developing a national framework for the widespread adoption of shore power infrastructure and operation in UK port by 2030 through the creation of a dedicated national infrastructure fund.
6. The CMP Refresh should frame the role of government in enabling pro-green investment in technologies that can already make a difference for the environment, but remain economically unaffordable.
7. The CMP Refresh provides the ideal platform to put in place market-based measures for the domestic maritime sector that provide the permanent economic incentive to drive change for the adoption of net zero energy sources.
8. The CMP Refresh should reinforce the UK's commitment to address international emissions through the IMO and ensure that UK domestic emission policy remains aligned with IMO measures.
9. The CMP Refresh should set out a more proactive government approach to the development of financial products supporting green maritime technologies and infrastructure, turning the UK into a global hub for investment in net zero solutions.
10. The CMP Refresh should outline the long-term strategy for the UK Shipping Office for Reducing Emissions (UK SHORE) and expand on this unit's role in advancing the UK towards a more sustainable future.
11. The CMP Refresh should commit government to engaging with the Maritime Skills Commission to deliver the latter's recommendations with regard to the development of skills for green jobs in the maritime sector.

We would be grateful if Parliamentarians would consider submitting the following suggested written questions:

- ***To ask the Secretary of State for Transport how his department will work with the industry to deliver its refresh to the Clean Maritime Plan.***
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Maritime Regional Cluster Development Programme Annual Report launched

A first Annual Report focused on the delivery of a joint project to support regional growth within the maritime sector has been launched at the latest meeting of the Maritime UK National Council chaired by its Patron, Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal. The meeting took place at Watermen's Hall, London on Wednesday 07 December 2022.

Regional Growth is one of the five identified priority themes of Maritime UK which in turn correspond to key ambitions set out within the government's Maritime 2050, published in 2019.

Maritime UK works with members and government partners to deliver its recommendations and monitor delivery. Practical delivery of the Regional Cluster Development Programme is undertaken by Mersey Maritime, a full regional member of Maritime UK. Chris Shirling-Rooke (Chief Executive Officer) and Simon Eardley (Regional Cluster Development Manager) lead the work, supported by other members of the respective Mersey Maritime and Maritime UK teams. The Department for Transport committed to supporting an initial project in 2019 which was then extended for three years from 2021.

[Read the report here](#)

First Freeports launched in major economic boost

The United Kingdom's first Freeports in Plymouth, Solent, and Teesside are now fully up and running after receiving final government approval.

The Freeports becoming fully operational is a major milestone. Each of these Freeports will now receive up to £25 million seed funding and potentially tens of millions of pounds in locally retained business rates to upgrade local infrastructure and stimulate regeneration.

Businesses in Freeports can take advantage of tax incentives, unlocking much-needed investment and bringing high quality jobs in industries of the future to some of the nation's most overlooked communities. Combined, the first three Freeports are forecast to bring millions of pounds in investment and thousands of highly skilled jobs, turbocharging local economies and benefitting the whole of the UK.

Industry view: The maritime sector would like to see government build on the concept of freeports to deliver coastal development frameworks (beyond the designated freeport locations) that stimulate private investment by driving reform of the planning and consenting process, delivering low-cost incentives, and unlocking funding for infrastructure in coastal areas.

Ports industry: No New Restrictions on Dredging Without Credible Evidence

Maritime UK member, the British Ports Association has written to Environment, Food & Rural Affairs select committee to express concerns over the Committee's recommendations on dredging.

Last month the Committee wrote to Ministers with a series of recommendations including reviews of dredging activity, reviews of licence conditions, the 'minimising' of dredging until investigations are complete, and new dredging assessments. In their response, the Minister defended the current process for issuing dredge disposal licenses.

[Read the letter here](#)

Ports industry: Seafarers' Wages Bill

UK ports broadly support the Government's ambitions for seafarers. Many skilled workers in our industry have worked at sea and we want to ensure that it remains a rewarding and attractive career for UK workers. The BPA supports eight of the Government's nine points in its plan for seafarers but ports should not be part of the enforcement or regulatory regime for seafarers' wages.

[Read the briefing here](#)

Ports industry: Marine Management Organisation needs more resources

On Tuesday 13 December 2022, Giles Watling MP (Clacton) tabled a debate on the effectiveness Maritime Management Organisation. [A transcript of the debate can be found here](#)

The British Ports Association makes the case that the MMO needs to be better resourced to better serve marine industries and enable sustainable and responsible investment and development.

[Read the briefing here](#)

Recent updates from Maritime UK

- CLIA honours first ever Hall of Fame inductees - [CLIA UK & Ireland](#)
 - Shift in public's attitude to seafarers picked up in second Maritime Barometer survey - [Nautilus International](#)
 - Solent LEP brings together education and employers to improve career opportunities for young people - [Solent LEP](#)
 - Opportunities in Pakistan's Maritime Sector Webinar - [Society of Maritime Industries](#)
 - City of London veteran, Catherine McGuinness, joins Connected Places Catapult's Board - [Connected Places Catapult](#)
 - Government awards £45 million to maintain flagship scientific research vessels including RRS Sir David Attenborough – [UK Government](#)
 - Mersey Maritime spreads cluster message across UK – [Liverpool Business News](#)
 - MoD to revive Belfast shipbuilding with contract for three naval vessels – [The Guardian](#)
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Events for Parliamentarians

London International Shipping Week Launch

On Monday 17 January, Shipping Innovation is officially launching London International Shipping Week 2023 at Norton Rose. If you would like to attend, please contact publicaffairs@maritimeuk.email if you would like to attend.

Maritime UK Awards

The 2023 Maritime UK Awards are to be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hull on Thursday 9 March. With over 800 years of seafaring history, Hull was chosen as the host for the 2023 awards to shine a light on a city that can be considered a global powerhouse for trade and one with a great maritime story to tell.

If you would like to attend, please contact publicaffairs@maritimeuk.email.

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** – If MPs are selected in the ballot, we'd be happy to draft a question to raise maritime issues.
- **20 December** – Treasury: To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what considerations his department has given to further reform of the UK's tonnage tax regime.
- **9 January** – Levelling Up, Housing and Communities: To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling-Up, Housing and Communities whether his department will act on the recommendations as set out in Maritime UK's Coastal Powerhouse Manifesto.

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

Maritime UK priority: Research and innovation

- Will the Minister for Science, Research and Innovation meet with Maritime UK to discuss how industry and government can make progress towards developing an R&D strategy for the maritime sector in collaboration with UK Research and Innovation, Innovate UK, and the wider catapult network?
- Will the Minister for Maritime look at Maritime UK's recommendation to create a cross-department forum bringing together the Departments for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Transport, and Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in order to increase coordination on themes concerning energy and infrastructure, especially with the refresh of the Clean Maritime Plan due in 2023?
- How will the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy work with the maritime sector to deliver its ambition to refocus the Investment Zones programme to catalyse the highest potential knowledge-intensive growth clusters across the coast?
- Has the Government made any progress on delivering the recommendations set out by the Financial Products Working Group, co-chaired by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and Maritime London, to increase opportunities providing capital to fund decarbonisation in the domestic maritime sector?

Maritime UK priority: Decarbonisation

- Can the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs confirm if her department is working on an end-of-life rejuvenation and recycling scheme for the domestic maritime sector, to incentivise UK-based shipowners and maritime sector equipment operators to invest in new assets and dispose of older and more polluting vessels and assets?

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

Relevant Consultations and Inquiries:

Parliament

- Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee: [Species Reintroduction](#) (Deadline: 6 January 2023)
- International Trade Select Committee: [UK-EU trade negotiations](#) (Deadline: 6 January 2023)

- Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Select Committee: [Funding for Levelling Up](#) (No deadline specified)
- Treasury Select Committee: [Autumn 2022 Fiscal Events](#) (No deadline specified)
- Treasury Select Committee: [The Financial Services and Markets Bill: Inquiry](#) (No deadline specified)

Government

- Maritime and Coastguard Agency: [The Merchant Shipping \(Small Workboats and Pilot Boats\) Regulations 2023](#) (Deadline: 29 December)

Maritime UK and its members will be responding to the above consultations and inquiries. To discuss these, please contact gbuttironi@maritimeuk.org

The Maritime Sector - key messages

- Maritime **contributed a total of £116.0 billion in turnover** and **supported over 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.
- **The past 18 months have seen significant developments 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**.

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