

Responsible Ship Recycling Forum 2024

 29 May 2024

 09:00 - 17:00

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Navigating shifting regulations and expanded ship recycling options

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WEDNESDAY 29 MAY 2024

Time	Session	Presenters
08:30	Registration, coffee and networking	
09:30	Welcome address from Riviera Maritime Media	Edwin Lampert, Executive Editor & Head of Business Relations, Riviera Maritime Media
09:40	Platinum sponsor welcome address	Evangelos Chatzigiannis, Senior Trader, GMS

SESSION 1: REGULATIONS

Scrutinising the real-world implications of evolving regulations and building consensus on standards.

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09:50	<p>Ship recycling standards: what comes after Hong Kong Convention compliance?</p> <p>With the Hong Kong Convention finally entering force, yards are working towards compliance. But some shipowners want higher standards still. This paper analyses market expectations and upgrade options post-2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can higher standards improve access to EU and Japanese markets?• Emerging ideas such as ship and material passports and lifecycle tools• Hong Kong Convention ratification phase: practical transition considerations for yards and shipping companies	Gudrun Janssens, Manager EU Intergovernmental Relations, BIMCO

	<p>companies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How the Hong Kong Convention, Basel Convention and regional regulations interact, with contradictions threatening enforcement.	
10:10	<p>Pakistan, Bangladesh and environmentally sound ship recycling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IMO and safe and sound ship recycling worldwide• Update on Pakistan’s stance and initiatives in the ship recycling industry• Overview of the SENSREC Project, an IMO initiative promoting safe and environmentally sound ship recycling practices in Bangladesh	<p><i>Captain Muhammad A Shafique, Maritime Coordinator & Representative to IMO, High Commission for Pakistan London</i></p>
10:30	<p>Q&A and Panel discussion: Scrutinising the impact of ship recycling regulations</p> <p>While various instruments like the Hong Kong Convention, EU Ship Recycling Regulation and Basel Convention set responsibilities around ship recycling, practical implementation complexities persist. Our panel reviews on-the-ground implications and fields questions from the floor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shipowner perspectives on navigating fragmented regulatory regimes• Can expanding EU-approved yards address reflagging concerns?• Legal analysis on jurisprudence around EU waste shipment prosecutions• Review capacity and adoption challenges faced by South Asian yards• Proposed amendments that govern real-world ship recycling• The strategic significance of steel scrap being classified as a strategic resource	<p><i>Panellists:</i></p> <p><i>Philip Roche, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP (via Zoom)</i></p> <p><i>Hugo De Stoop, Board Member EBE - dry bulk and former Chief Executive Office, Euronav</i></p> <p><i>Susan Wingfield, Programme Management Officer, Governance Branch, United Nations</i></p> <p><i>Captain Muhammad A Shafique, Maritime Coordinator & Representative to IMO, High Commission for Pakistan London</i></p>
11:00	<p>Networking coffee break</p>	

SESSION 2: REGULATORY COMPLIANCE AND FINANCING SUSTAINABLE SHIP RECYCLING

This session highlights strategies for navigating the legal and financial aspects of responsible ship recycling. It will cover contractual mechanisms, due diligence processes, innovative financing tools, and economic incentives related to sustainable recycling standards.

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11:30	<p>Closing legal loopholes in ship recycling practices.</p> <p>Recent cases highlight how gaps between jurisdictions enable irregular ship recycling practices. This paper analyses legislative complexities and potential fixes to</p>	<p><i>Michael Jürgen Werner, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP</i></p>

	<p>enhance accountability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore uncertainty around applicable legal regimes• Compare regulations across instruments - HKC, EU SRR, Basel Convention• Discuss ruling interpretations regarding jurisdiction and violations• Share legal perspectives and industry concerns• Review obstacles with extraterritorial legislation• Propose amendments for more unified global frameworks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deterring greenwashing in ship recycling through enhanced disclosure standards• EU taxonomy guidelines. EU's export of unsound waste management• Defining and deterring illegal waste shipments and illegal ship recycling	
11:50	<p>Guiding the responsible shipowner through recycling options</p> <p>Many owners remain confused on how best to recycle ships compliantly. This paper provides clear guidance on navigating options and planning ahead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Impact of vessel characteristics on the decision making process• Checklists for assessing the suitability of various yard standards• Analysis of commercial mechanisms such as credits to enhance circularity• Models for unifying policies across fragmented fleets• Evaluating trade-offs between quick sale and responsible recycling for shipowners• Proposing incentives for compliance beyond regulatory requirements• Evaluating data transparency and traceability technologies such as blockchain• Assessing beneficial ownership transparency for end-of-life vessels• Exploring collaborative platforms for data sharing among stakeholders• Implementing policies and monitoring in line with vessel owner ESG profiles	<i>Dr Anand Hiremath, Chief Sustainability Officer, GMS</i>
12:10	Q&A	
12:30	Networking lunch break	

SESSION 3: SOUTH ASIA AS A GREEN SHIP RECYCLING HUB

This paper will analyse South Asia’s sustainable recycling agenda, the latest improvements and discuss what more is required.

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13:50	<p>South Asia as a green ship recycling hub</p> <p>This paper will analyse South Asia's sustainable recycling agenda, the latest improvements and discuss what more is required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review recent infrastructure upgrades and certifications• Discuss boosting downstream waste management capacities• Share perspectives from yards on voluntarily adopting global standards• Explore economic impacts of transitioning to green recycling• Outline outstanding environmental and safety concerns• Variations in certification approaches• Propose public and private initiatives for further advancement• Green claims and reality, how honest is the industry?	<p><i>Hitesh Vyas, VP Middle East & Green Recycling Coordinator, Wirana Shipping DMCC</i></p>
14:10	<p>Q&A</p>	<p><i>Bonus panellist:</i></p> <p><i>Captain Muhammad A Shafique, Maritime Coordinator & Representative to IMO, High Commission for Pakistan London</i></p>
14:30	<p>Networking coffee break</p>	

SESSION 4: VESSELS: FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE

Enhancing design, production and inventory for simpler, safer dismantling and circularity.

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15:00	<p>Navigating Transparency: The Future of Sustainable Ship Recycling</p> <p>Discover how initiatives like the Ship Recycling Transparency Initiative (SRTI) are shaping the future of this industry. With a broader ecosystem approach, the SRTI is an initiative offering industry's front-runners the opportunity to connect and work together to improve the industry. Among providing an overview of recycling practices through its Disclosure Questionnaire, the SRTI is working with regional partners and subject matter experts to draft a "Yard Assessment Framework" to define the baseline for ship recycling operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regulatory landscape evolution: how to elevate industry's standards by assessing ship recyclers performances based on the current regulatory landscape? How can transparency be a tool to foster accountability and to promote responsible practices through an independent tool.	<p><i>Prof. Dr. Ing. Christoph Wolff, CEO, Smart Freight Centre</i></p>

	<p>process through an independent team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ship recycling and green steel: a blueprint for sourcing sustainable steel scrap from ship recycling. • Supply Chain and Ecosystem Perspective: how can we optimize resources and waste management through a detailed understanding of the ship recycling ecosystem and its connections. • Share perspectives from yards on balancing investments amid price volatility • The role of finance stakeholders in ship recycling: how can finance stakeholders leverage their influence in the industry and push the bar higher through dedicated financial instruments following the experience of the Poseidon Principles for decarbonisation? 	
15:20	<p>Shipyard transparency in the digital age: Leveraging data for sustainability</p> <p>The YardScore ESG rating system uses software and data mapping, verified with physical site audits, to objectively evaluate shipyard practices in ship recycling, repairs and drydocking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How YardScore provides a neutral, data-driven basis for comparing shipyards within and across countries using a standardised and transparent scale • Overview of the YardScore rating system: emissions, circularity, material flows, infrastructure, safety, working conditions, and human rights considerations at shipyards • The role of YardScore in enabling shipowners, banks, insurers, and other stakeholders to set ESG boundaries and make decisions based on their specific sustainability strategies • Use cases for YardScore, from basic legal compliance screening to identifying and rewarding best-in-class shipyard practices • How YardScore fits into the broader landscape of upcoming regulations like the Hong Kong Convention, EU Ship Recycling Regulation, as well as EU CSRD and CSDDD. • The potential for tools like YardScore to accelerate progress on ESG issues and a "race to the top" among shipyards 	<i>Pia Meling, Managing Director, Grieg Green</i>
15:40	<p>IHM : Its Maintenance and Sustainable Ship Recycling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process of sustainable ship recycling • Importance of IHM in ship recycling • What are the requirements of IHM and its maintenance • Innovations in digitalised solutions to map hazardous 	<i>Rakesh Bhargava, Director, Sea Sentinels</i>

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16:00	Q&A and Panel Discussion	<i>Panellists:</i> <i>Prof. Dr. Ing. Christoph Wolff, CEO, Smart Freight Centre</i> <i>Pia Meling, Managing Director, Grieg Green</i> <i>Rakesh Bhargava, Director, Sea Sentinels</i> <i>Shobhit Agarwal, Head of Ship Recycling, Maersk Fleet Management and Technology</i> <i>Simon Wisthus, Director, Head of Project Execution Management, Fleet Management & Technology, A.P. Moller - Maersk</i>

SESSION 5: TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE SHIP RECYCLING

Enhancing design, production and inventory for simpler, safer dismantling and circularity.

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16:40	Emerging technologies for sustainable ship recycling Papers and presentations that analyse innovations such as automation, robotics and clean cutting that can transform ship recycling sustainability. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why different technologies, what are the impacts of today's practices?• Plasma cutting crawlers• Waterjet cutting• Automatic tank cleaning devices• Solutions for oily contaminants	<i>Ahmad Halimah, Project Manager, GSR Services</i>
17:00	Q&A	
17:20	Chairman's closing remarks	

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