



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.

- **Maritime UK announces the publication of its Spending Review bid:** Our Autumn Spending Review bid is designed to build upon the Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition to accelerate the sector's decarbonisation. Contact bmurray@maritimeuk.org if you would like to arrange a meeting or briefing on the CSR bid. – [Read more](#)
 - **Southampton International Boat Show gets underway on Friday:** Join us for Southampton International Boat Show at Mayflower Park, Southampton from 10-19 September 2021. – [Read more](#)
 - **South West Marine Plan:** The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) is pleased to announce the first South West Inshore and Offshore Marine Plan was adopted by the Secretary of State in June 2021 by the Right Hon. George Eustice MP, Secretary of State, Defra. The North East, North West and South East Marine Plans were also adopted. - [Read more](#)
 - **When is a ship not a ship? British Ports welcomes proposal to close the legal loophole on Jet Skis, to make our coastlines safer:** As the summer holidays come to a close, the British Ports Association (BPA) has welcomed the publication of a proposal to close a legal 'definition of a ship' loophole, which presently means that personal watercraft are outside the scope of certain rules and prosecution. - [Read more](#)
 - **LGBT rights sailor rewarded for championing diversity in maritime:** Second Officer Paul Owen and 15 other mariners awarded the Merchant Navy Medal for outstanding service and contribution to the maritime sector. – [Read more](#)
 - **Merchant Navy Day 2021:** People who work at sea were remembered to mark Merchant Navy Day 2021 last week. The event, run by The Seafarers' Charity, takes place on 3 September each year and individuals and organisations are encouraged to fly the Red Ensign. – [Read more](#)
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Maritime UK Comprehensive Spending Review Bid



Introduction

- Maritime UK wants to build on the progress made over the last year, specifically the Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition (CMDC) announced as part of the Prime Minister's Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution, and the establishment of UK-SHORE through the DfT's Transport Decarbonisation Plan.
- Maritime UK is calling for a government and industry partnership worth £1 billion to accelerate the UK's maritime decarbonisation programme and tackle climate change.

Maritime UK estimates that our Spending Review bid will

- Directly create 15,200 jobs and a further 58,400 jobs throughout the supply chain (73,600 total), according to the Centre for Economics and Business Research.
 - Create jobs in all four nations of the United Kingdom, particularly in coastal communities with a tradition of maritime economic activity, including shipbuilding.
 - Relaunch our maritime industries by placing the UK at the forefront of the UK design and development of zero emission vessels.
 - Reinvigorating shipbuilding hotspots across all parts of the UK will create new jobs and opportunities, showing the strength of the Union.
 - Set the UK on a course to meet its legal net-zero maritime obligations.
 - Position the UK as the world-leader in maritime decarbonisation and help transform the UK into a scientific superpower, by taking advantage of the fast-growing market for clean maritime technologies and fuels.
 - Build upon the success of the Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition, by establishing a multi-year funding programme enabling technologies like hydrogen vessels to come to market.
 - Co-fund a UK-wide programme of shore power installations and charge point facilities at ports across the country, driving innovation in UK ports and opening new green corridors with our key trade partners.
 - Unlock carbon savings of up to 100 MtCO₂e by 2050 as well as significant associated reductions in air pollutant emissions, generating benefits valued at billions of pounds. Generate additional direct carbon savings of up to 6 MtCO₂e by 2050.
 - Unlock industry investment in clean maritime technologies, tackling supply and demand side barriers as well as developing infrastructure and consumer confidence.
 - Bring UK-made zero emission vessels to market, building on our technology edge, as the UK is today the second market in Europe for the production of electric vehicles and we have strong competitive advantage in hydrogen and ammonia technologies.
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- Support smart shipping technology developers, enabling digital and autonomous technologies delivering energy efficiency and placing the UK at the forefront of the fourth industrial revolution, driving a science superpower.

Current political context

- Climate change is the greatest challenge of our times. Transport is the largest emitting sector of greenhouse gases (GHG) in the UK, and within transport, maritime emissions are significant: UK domestic shipping emits more GHGs than buses and rail combined.
 - Targets have been made more challenging as international shipping emissions have been included as part of the UK's national emissions targets for the first time. The UK's sixth Carbon Budget will incorporate the UK's share of international aviation and shipping emissions, bringing the UK more than three-quarters of the way to net zero by 2050.
 - The maritime sector is bearing significant costs – as an example, ports start to pay £40m of extra fuel taxes from April having not received exemptions given to other sectors, and without support to enable transition to greener fuels or technologies.
 - The Prime Minister's Ten Point Plan provided £20 million for a Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition. This limited one-year springboard is funding feasibility studies and technology trials in clean maritime technologies, laying the foundation for a network of real-world projects.
 - This competition has been massively oversubscribed and has unlocked significant private investment, showing the world-class capabilities and appetite to invest of our clean maritime supply chain. Maritime UK is seeking to build on the recognition gained with the CMDC to urgently accelerate the sector's transition to net zero.
 - The Government has announced its plan to publish this year a refreshed National Shipbuilding Strategy – with a primary focus on green shipbuilding. The transition to Net Zero represents a crucial opportunity for a radical reboot of our maritime industries, relaunching the sector by placing the UK at the forefront of the design and development of zero emission vessels.
 - In July, the Department for Transport published its Transport Decarbonisation Plan. Whilst not providing any new funding to support maritime decarbonisation, the plan enshrines the
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proposal to explore establishing a UK Shipping Office for Reducing Emissions (or UK-SHORE) into Government policy.

- UK-SHORE was the vehicle proposed in last year's Maritime UK spending review bid to coordinate and disperse new funding to support sector decarbonisation. The UK-SHORE brand name is now in the public domain, and this bid is designed to translate that policy ambition into reality, building on the success of the CMDC and programmes like OZEV. The vehicle should support the roll out of green infrastructure as well as investment in new propulsion technologies.
 - Maritime decarbonisation is an untapped opportunity. Cutting carbon in maritime is cheaper on a £ per tonne basis compared to other modes, because of lack of direct intervention so far. At the same time, the UK industry has proven its capabilities and appetite to invest in clean maritime technologies.
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Upcoming Parliamentary opportunities to promote maritime

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

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 happy to support in drafting a question
 - **15 Sep – Wales questions** – To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what steps he is taking to support the Welsh maritime industry
 - **20 Sep – Defence questions** – To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when the national shipbuilding strategy refresh will be published
 - **21 Sep – BEIS questions** – To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy, what steps he is taking to support private investment in the UK maritime industry
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Lords

The following oral questions in the House of Lords represent opportunities for the maritime industry to be raised:

- **13 Sep – Oral question:** Hydrogen fuel cell vehicles and internal combustion engines fuelled by hydrogen as alternatives to battery-powered electric vehicles
- **16 Sep – Oral question:** Role of behaviour change in helping the UK to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2050, as set out in the report by the Climate Change Committee "Reducing UK emissions: 2020 Progress Report to Parliament, published on 26 June 2020"; and of the case for a public engagement strategy

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

Written Questions

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

Events for Parliamentarians

- **Maritime UK Parliamentary Cruise at London International Shipping Week 2021:** Parliamentarians are invited to attend Maritime UK's Parliamentary Cruise event at London International Shipping Week. Hosted on board City Cruises' Millennium Diamond, the event will take place on Tuesday 14 September, and launch Maritime UK's new economic impact study, identifying the value of the maritime sector to the UK economy. [Register for the event here.](#)
 - **Coastal Powerhouse Day and Manifesto Launch at London International Shipping Week 2021:** As an island nation the UK relies on the sea and the coast for the vast majority of the trade that businesses and all of us as individuals benefit from every day. But maritime businesses operating all around the coast offer so much more than that. They are catalysts for investment, jobs and prosperity for coastal communities – communities that can often be amongst the poorest in the UK. The maritime industries are also vital foundations for a more sustainable, net zero future for the UK. So how do we go further and faster in boosting trade, growing maritime, levelling up coastal communities and dramatically improving sustainability? The Coastal Powerhouse day at LISW will provide discussion and answers to how to make this happen, through building the right partnership between government and business, identifying the measures that boost investment and build back better for a green industrial revolution. A new Coastal Powerhouse Manifesto will be published and a spotlight shone on different parts of the UK to show the latest developments and plans - plans that can be accelerated by building that right partnership between government and business. [Register here.](#)
 - **Net Zero Hub at London International Shipping Week:** Maritime UK will be showcasing some of the UK's most cutting-edge projects and initiatives to decarbonise the maritime sector during London International Shipping Week. The event, delivered in partnership with the Departments for International Trade and Transport, will be held aboard HMS Albion, just off Greenwich in the River Thames. The hub is being hosted on Wednesday, 15 September. To register your interest, please email barney.scholes@beyond2050.co.uk.
 - **Women in Maritime Summit at London International Shipping Week:** Organised by Diversity in Maritime, in partnership with KTN, this event will bring together women's networks from across different modes of transport, such as Women in Maritime, Women in Aviation, Women in Rail and Women in Transport to share best practice and discuss common challenges and barriers to gender
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diversity. The event will focus on themes such as visible leadership, the role of allies, and mental health and wellbeing. The Summit is being hosted on Thursday 16 September, online and in person.

[Register for the event here.](#)

- **Pride in Maritime Industry Roundtable at London International Shipping Week:** Hosted by the Pride in Maritime Network, this industry roundtable will facilitate discussions on how the maritime sector can be made more welcoming to LGBT+ people. The event will provide an opportunity to share knowledge, experiences, ideas and positive examples of initiatives from different organisations. The event forms part of Diversity in Maritime's London International Shipping Week event. The roundtable is being hosted on 13 September. [Register for the event here](#)
- **International Maritime Hub at COP26:** Maritime UK and City of Glasgow College have announced plans to showcase green technology, innovation and capabilities from across the UK maritime sector to the world, at an International Maritime Hub at COP26. To be hosted at City of Glasgow College's Riverside Campus on the bank of the river Clyde, the Hub will be the location for a number of different events throughout the duration of the international conference, highlighting UK maritime expertise within areas such as technology, policy, regulation, education and training. [Register to attend.](#)

Party Conference

Maritime UK has activity planned at the Conservative and Labour Party Conferences.

Conservative

The Maritime Reception is being held within the secure zone and will feature Ministers including Secretary of State for Transport, Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP.

The reception is being held on 3rd October 2021 between 19:30 - 20:45 in the Derby Suite, The Midland Hotel.

Labour

The Maritime Roundtable will bring together industry leaders with Shadow Ministers, including:

- Jim McMahon MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Transport
- Luke Pollard MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

The roundtable is being held at The Old Ship Hotel, Brighton, from 1200 – 1330.

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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Maritime UK's 2021 Priorities

Over the coming year, Maritime UK intends to focus on the following priorities, both by engaging with the UK maritime industry, and by working constructively with the Government and other political stakeholders:

- **Supporting maritime businesses and the UK maritime industry through Brexit changes**, as well as maximising the opportunities that arise from the UK once again becoming an independent trading nation.
- **Boosting the export and international trade potential of UK maritime** and improving the competitiveness of the UK's business environment to attract maritime businesses.
- **Delivering regional growth** through Maritime UK's Regional Cluster Development Plans in a way that aligns with the Government's wider levelling-up agenda.
- **Demonstrating the benefits (both environmental and economic) of maritime decarbonisation** ahead of the COP26 UN Climate Conference taking place in the UK this year, with a particular focus on **innovation** – Maritime UK will be working with the Government to ensure that funding allocated for maritime decarbonisation is effectively utilised.
- **Supporting and growing the workforce** by continuing to develop our Diversity in Maritime Programme, our Careers and Outreach Programme, and our Maritime Skills Commission.

Please email barney.scholes@beyond2050.co.uk for further information.

You can follow our Maritime UK Twitter account [here](#), and our website is [here](#).
