



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's 2021 Year in Review

Each Christmas Maritime UK writes a year-end review, highlighting key activity and developments for the sector. This year shows a considerable amount of progress by Maritime UK and its members, as well as in close partnership with government. We hope you enjoy looking back over the year and look forward to working together in 2022.

[Read more and watch the video here](#)

EngineeringUK partner with Maritime UK to address future workforce skills

Maritime UK partnered with EngineeringUK as part of The Tomorrow's Engineers Code to address the maritime sector's future workforce skills and shared commitment to increase the number and diversity of young people entering engineering careers.

Part of this included Maritime UK, BAE Systems and EngineeringUK taking part in an online conversation where they talked about the challenges facing the maritime sector and how this is going to impact future workforce skills.

The Tomorrow's Engineers Code brings employers together to inspire a diverse engineering workforce.

The Code is about working together to increase the diversity and number of young people entering engineering careers. To achieve these goals, Signatories make 4 pledges about their approach to funding, designing, delivering, and learning from engineering outreach activities (including STEM programmes dedicated to inspiring young people into engineering). The 4 pledges are; inspiring connection, driving inclusion, showcasing engineering, and improving impact.

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Net Zero Maritime 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.

Fawley Waterside Intelligent Merchant City – Aims to build an intelligent merchant city - a showcase for sustainable living – that will be built over the next few years, delivering up to 5000 jobs and 1500 homes. Their first permanent buildings will be completed in mid-2023, including a maritime innovation centre. Fawley Waterside, located at the mouth of the Solent, will operate as an intelligent community, generating economic value through productive jobs. Residents, tenants, and visitors will enjoy a smart lifestyle supported by their integrated intelligent infrastructure that extends from the home to the workplace. Their maritime leisure facilities include a dry stack for up to 600 boats and a newly constructed canal which will connect our existing harbour to the boatyard facilities in our industrial quarter. [Read more](#)

Arksen - Since launching in 2019, Arksen has taken a holistic approach to sustainability that aims to help drive the important and necessary transition towards a greener marine future. This is through adopting circular economy principles in the design of our vessels, carefully choosing equipment and suppliers, and through philanthropic initiatives under Arksen Philanthropy as

founding partners of Yachts for Science and 10% For The Ocean. With this approach, Arksen seeks to reduce waste in the leisure marine sector, across three main areas—reducing waste materials, reducing wasted energy and increasing asset utilisation. [Read more](#)

Clean Tyne - Together with Siemens, Newcastle University, the North East LEP and the Connected Places Catapult, the Port of Tyne will lead an innovative project to support the transition to net-zero for the maritime sector, delivering the digital foundations to an optimised, multi-vector approach to available renewable energy sources in the region. Leveraging significant previous collaboration in the region, the partners will jointly consider the justification and investment case for an integrated, multi-vector digital energy platform to manage the balance of supply and demand in the maritime sector, ensuring the optimisation and resilience of clean energy supplies for shore power, land-based infrastructure, and other use cases. [Read more](#)

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
 - **20 Jan – International Trade:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Department for International Trade what actions her department is taking to support maritime businesses looking to export overseas.
 - **24 Jan – Levelling Up:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities what steps his department is taking to unlock growth from the maritime industries to develop coastal towns and cities.
 - **26 Jan – DEFRA:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs what discussions his department has held regarding the role decarbonising the maritime sector can play in improving air quality.
 - **03 Feb –Transport:** To ask the Secretary of State for Transport what support his department is providing to the maritime sector.
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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.

Events for Parliamentarians

- **Maritime UK Awards (Free for Parliamentarians):** The Maritime UK Awards 2022 will be held in Glasgow on 10 March. Held for the first time in [September 2019](#), the Maritime UK Awards are run by the industry for the benefit of the industry. From a judging panel of internationally recognised maritime leaders to an awards evening at the [Glasgow Science Centre](#), the Maritime UK Awards are a unique and impactful way to showcase your business, and collectively, to celebrate a thriving sector, worth £46.1bn to the UK economy. [Read more](#). Parliamentarians can request a free ticket.
 - **The Maritime Autonomous Systems Regulatory Working Group Conference 2022:** The Maritime Autonomous Systems Regulatory Conference 2022 will take place online on 18 & 19 January 2022. The event will explore the latest industry Code of Practice, developed by Maritime UK. Throughout the two days, there will be facilitated networking sessions, with a focus on: Maritime Policy, Cyber, Maritime Assurance Framework, Ports & Harbours, Space, US Legal issues, Autonomous Concept, Naval Authority Certification, Defence MASS, Commercial Law, Short Sea Shipping and Inland Waterway Navigation, Insurance and Resilient Timing. [Read more](#)
 - **Maritime UK Week:** 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 is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the UK's maritime sector, its role and future. It follows a period where the maritime sector's role as the fundamental enabler of trade and critical freight supplies into the country were reasserted during the COVID-19 pandemic. The week runs in the off-year from London International Shipping Week, with a specific focus on bringing the domestic industry together.
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UK Maritime News

- UK Port Investment Roars Past Pre-Pandemic Levels as Many Cargo Sectors Return to Growth – [British Ports Association](#)
 - Portsmouth stars in new series of The Apprentice as contestants cruise into city for episode one challenge – [The News](#)
 - UK Chamber of Shipping and Nautilus welcome government amendment on Nationality & Borders Bill - [Nautilus International, UK Chamber of Shipping](#)
 - Wellness Over Waves unique project vessel to return home - [British Marine](#)
 - Solar Solve Wins More Orders from US Navy - [Society of Maritime Industries](#)
 - Ørsted to expand its Merseyside team - [Mersey Maritime](#)
 - Agenda: The decarbonisation of maritime and a missed chance to innovate (Douglas Chapman MP) – [The Herald](#)
 - BPA Chief Executive Richard Ballantyne Awarded OBE in New Year’s Honours - [British Ports Association](#)
 - Did MEPC 77 deliver for decarbonisation? - [Baltic Exchange](#)
 - 2021 record year for dry freight derivative volume – [Baltic Exchange](#)
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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** (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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