

# 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

**Sarah Kenny and Anne-Marie Trevelyan: "We are working together to build the greenest and most competitive maritime sector in the world"**

Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP, Secretary of State for Transport and Sarah Kenny OBE, Maritime UK Chair wrote for City A.M. during Maritime UK Week:

The most urgent challenges we face as a country are growing our economy and tackling climate change. So often portrayed as competing priorities, they are in fact wholly compatible and mutually supportive. That is why we are working together to build the greenest and most competitive maritime sector in the world.

We saw during the pandemic how crucial maritime was to our economy. When the country was in lockdown, it was our ports and ships which kept goods and trade moving. As we recover from the pandemic, the industry has an equally vital role to play, rebuilding supply chains and keeping us plugged in to the global economy.

But in order to grow, maritime must decarbonise, and we must seize the opportunities that this green maritime revolution offers. Just as Britain once manufactured the biggest and most powerful vessels, in the future we will build the cleanest and most technologically advanced, where vessels are piloted autonomously from our coasts, and where the Teslas of the seas are constructed in our yards.

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### Transport Secretary sets our maritime priorities to Transport Select Committee

At Wednesday's meeting of the Transport Select Committee – the first for the Secretary of State since taking on the brief – the committee heard the department's maritime priorities. The Chair, Huw Merriman (Con, Bexhill and Battle), asked what the Secretary of State's three key immediate priorities were within the department. Anne-Marie Trevelyan responded that there were two key priorities: "growth and green".

Gavin Newlands (SNP, Paisley and Renfrewshire North) questioned the Secretary of State's decision to manage the Maritime brief herself and whether she had the capacity to do this. The Secretary of State answered that she did and that she was focused on reaching net zero and decarbonisation in the Maritime sector. She added that she was collaborating with the private sector to drive such changes and that it was a "cross-Whitehall" effort.

Newlands desired further details about how the Department would encourage private investment in Maritime. The Secretary of State answered that the private sector was keen to drive change "at pace" and capitalise on potential profits from innovation. The Secretary of State suggested that the Department was focused on providing the right environment for such investment.

Watch the session [here](#).

### News: Maritime T-levels could stop jobs going overseas, says shipping trade body

A lack of homegrown talent means more than half of Merchant Navy officers come from overseas, according to the Maritime Skills Commission. More schools should offer maritime qualifications to stop shipping jobs going overseas, the industry's trade body has said.

Maritime UK has lent its support to a campaign for new T-level maritime qualifications, saying they could help children from deprived coastal areas into skilled, well-paid jobs.

Sarah Kenny, chair of Maritime UK, said: "Developing the skills and pathways for the next generation to thrive in maritime is key to our global trade and our green future. Recent government-industry collaboration has moved the dial on maritime skills, but there is scope to go further and faster, providing a new world of opportunities for young people in coastal communities."

Maritime qualifications are available in Scotland, but not in England – although some English schools incorporate maritime themes into their curriculum.

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**Industry view:** Maritime UK has called for the Government to engage with the maritime sector in order to deliver T-level qualifications in maritime disciplines such as Naval Architecture and Shipbuilding within its Programme for Government, which was launched during Maritime UK Week on 10 October.

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

- *Will the Secretary of State for Education agree to meet with representatives of the maritime sector's umbrella body, Maritime UK, to discuss plans to deliver T Levels in maritime subjects including Shipbuilding and Naval Architecture, thereby delivering on the National Shipbuilding Strategy Refresh the Government launched in March?*

### **Maritime UK launches 'Programme for Government'**

Last week, Maritime UK published its Programme for Government. The launch coincided with the start of Maritime UK Week. The Programme for Government sets out the maritime sector's policy objectives. [Read the proposals here.](#)

### **Maritime UK Hydrogen Fuels Group to present to Hydrogen APPG on November 21st**

In 2022 Maritime UK established its [Hydrogen Fuels group](#), which brings together leading government, industry and research expertise from across the UK's maritime industries and beyond.

The presentation combines the latest experiences of the group to provide the APPG with a helicopter view on how UK policy and ambition meet with technical, market and commercial realities and will provide parliamentarians with a perspective on how the shift to decarbonise the maritime sector could be made along with the barriers to adoption, taking learnings from the adoption of Liquid Natural Gas which is now a commonly used new fuel to the sector.

For policy context in 2019, the UK became the first major economy to pass net zero emissions law, requiring the UK to bring all greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050. In the same year, the UK government set out its vision and ambitions for the Maritime sector in its policy paper 'Maritime 2050: navigating the future', with one of the ten commitments in the policy is for the UK to be 'Leading the way on in taking action on clean maritime growth'. Linked to Maritime 2050 the 'The Clean Maritime Plan' of 2019 set the goal of all new vessels being designed with zero emission propulsion capabilities. The government has since announced the UK Shipping Office for Reducing Greenhouse Emissions along with £206 million to accelerate R&D in clean maritime.

To sign up to the APPG contact [appghydrogen@connectpa.co.uk](mailto:appghydrogen@connectpa.co.uk)

To receive briefing notes from the presentation contact [sheldon.ryan@maritimeuksw.org](mailto:sheldon.ryan@maritimeuksw.org)

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### Recent updates from Maritime UK

- National Centre for Coastal Autonomy unlocks radical new capabilities for coastal science - [Mirage News](#)
  - Govan yard powers full steam ahead: After years of decline, Glasgow's future as shipbuilding hub is secure - [This is Money](#)
  - 'We are outsiders': the female boatbuilders of Instagram - [The Guardian](#)
  - Bibby Financial Services to launch marine finance business - [Asset Finance International](#)
  - PD Ports gives 250 Tees Valley children glimpse of careers at Teesport - [The Northern Echo](#)
  - Nicola Sturgeon to give evidence on Ferguson ferry debacle - [The Times](#)
  - Maritime UK Solent Awards announce 2022 winners - [The Business Magazine](#)
  - PICTURES: Harwich Haven Authority hosts its first Port Open Day - [Harwich and Manningtree Standard](#)
  - Fan's Take Rare Tour of Isles of Scilly Passenger/Cargoship Ferry the Scillonian III - [Afloat](#)
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### Events for Parliamentarians

#### 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 [htebay@maritimeuk.org](mailto:htebay@maritimeuk.org).

### 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
  - **24 October** – Education: Will the Secretary of State for Education agree to meet with representatives of the maritime sector's umbrella body, Maritime UK, to discuss plans to deliver T Levels in maritime subjects including Shipbuilding and Naval Architecture, thereby delivering on the National Shipbuilding Strategy Refresh the Government launched in March?
  - **25 October** – BEIS: To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what actions his department has taken to ensure that an uplift in UKRI funding is accessible by maritime businesses.
  - **2 November** – COP26: To ask the President of COP26 if he will publish a timeline for the implementation of the Clydebank Declaration.
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- **3 November** – International Trade: To ask the Secretary of State for the Department for International Trade what conversations he has had with the maritime financial products working group and will she consider implementing their recommendations.
- **15 November** – Treasury: To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions the Treasury has held with the maritime financial products working group and whether he will consider implementing their recommendations.

### 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.

### Consultations and Inquiries:

### Parliament

- Treasury Select Committee: [Autumn 2022 Fiscal Events](#) (No deadline specified)
- Treasury Select Committee: [The Financial Services and Markets Bill: Inquiry](#) (No deadline specified)

### Government

- Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy: [Review of Net Zero: Call for Evidence](#) (Deadline: 27 October)
  - Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs: [Fisheries: managing flyseine vessel pressure on demersal non-quota fish stocks](#) (Deadline: 16 November)
  - Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy: [Proposals for hydrogen transport and storage business models](#) (Deadline: 22 November)
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- 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](mailto: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**.

Please email [htebay@maritimeuk.org](mailto:htebay@maritimeuk.org) for further information.

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