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# MARITIME PARLIAMMENTARY 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.*

### Recent developments and events

- Maritime UK is pleased to confirm the appointment of Sarah Kenny as its new Chair, and of Robin Mortimer as its new Vice Chair. Kenny, who is CEO of BMT Group was previously Vice Chair and replaces Harry Theochari, Global Head of Transport at Norton Rose Fulbright. Kenny's successor as Vice Chair Robin Mortimer is CEO of the Port of London Authority. Harry Theochari served as Chair from 2018 and has overseen the work of Maritime UK through a time of rapid change and new challenges for the sector, including the UK's exit from the European Union, work to decarbonise the sector, focus on coastal communities and finally the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. Kenny and Mortimer started their terms as Chair and Vice Chair on 1 January 2021 and will be working with members to help steer the sector through the next four years having left the European Union, as it seeks to build back better from COVID-19, attract new investment and accelerates its work to meet its net zero commitments with the key COP26 summit being held in the UK in 2021. [Read more here.](#)
  - On Thursday January 7th, Maritime UK held an event entitled [What does the UK-EU Deal mean for Maritime?](#), which brought together experts from the maritime industries and across the economy to discuss what the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement means for the maritime sector. It covered:
    - Movement of freight and people
    - Professional services
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- Education and training
- Manufacturing
- EU Programmes

### Speakers included:

- Matthew Wright - Policy Manager, UK Chamber of Shipping
- George Riddell - Director of Trade Strategy, EY
- Louise Mothersole - Horizon 2020 UK National Contact Point and Global Innovation Lead for Transport, Innovate UK
- Iain Mackinnon - Secretary, Maritime Skills Alliance and Maritime Skills Commissioner
- Allie Renison - Head of EU and Trade Policy, Institute of Directors
- Brian Clark - Head of Public Affairs, Policy & Research, British Marine
- Lord Mountevans - Chair, Maritime London

The video of the full event can be watched [here](#).

- The UK's maritime sector including its ports have done a magnificent job through the pandemic keeping supply chains moving, whilst facing challenges related to the impact of Covid-19 on the ability of colleagues. Acknowledging the pressures on vaccination abilities, the sector is urgently discussing with government the potential for prioritising workers in key functions for the movement of goods, as well as the need for an interim protocol on more rapid and frequent testing.
  - The cruise industry, through the UK Chamber of Shipping and CLIA, has worked for several months to agree health protocols that go beyond other travel sectors operating today, including aviation. The industry's ask remains the same: clarity to enable planning for the operational restart of cruise ships, which could take up to three months. In practical terms this means rescinding travel advice specific to cruise in order to build consumer confidence for sailing in 2021. Ministers must recognise the urgency of the challenge on
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behalf of the tens of thousands of people whose jobs depend on a successful UK cruise industry.

- Ben Murray, Director of Maritime UK, has summarised Maritime UK's progress on its key priorities over the last year, and looks ahead to the priorities for the year to come – read [Maritime UK's 2020 Year in Review](#) here.

### UK maritime news

- Nautilus welcomes approval of Brexit deal, but presses for certification confirmation – [Nautilus International](#)
  - Maritime UK partners with Carbon13 to support entrepreneurs reaching for Net Zero – [Maritime UK](#)
  - John Murray, former SMI Chief Executive, receives New Year's Honour – [Society of Maritime Industries](#)
  - Maritime UK welcomes Associated British Ports to the Diversity in Maritime Charter programme – [Maritime UK](#)
  - Five trends for UK ports in 2021 – [UK Major Ports Group](#)
  - British Marine welcomes UK-EU trade deal, but still much work to be done – [British Marine](#)
  - Balancing the crude picture – [The Baltic Exchange](#)
  - BPA welcomes Brexit trade deal but warns there will still be major changes for our trade with Europe – [British Ports Association](#)
  - Maritime London Officer Cadet Scholarship seeks increased support – [Maritime London](#)
  - CLIA unveils Generation Innovation Wave campaign – [CLIA UK & Ireland](#)
  - MBE for Mersey Maritime CEO – [Mersey Maritime](#)
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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
- **26 Jan – Treasury questions** – To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what support the Treasury is providing to the maritime industry.
- **27 Jan – Scotland questions** - To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what support his department is providing to the Scottish maritime industry.
- **28 Jan – Transport questions** – To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what support his department is providing to the maritime industry.
- **1 Feb – Defence questions** – To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what support his department is providing to ensure Royal Navy vessels are built in the UK.
- **3 Feb – Wales questions** – To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what support his department is providing to the Welsh maritime industry.

Additionally, we are looking to arrange a Backbench Business debate and/or Westminster Hall debate on maritime – if you are able to help support this, please contact

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### Lords

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

- **25 Jan – Oral question:** How many of the new ship orders highlighted by the PM in his announcement about defence spending have been ordered.
- **1 Feb – Oral question:** Impact of the end of the Brexit transition period on the logistics industry in the UK.

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.

## The maritime industry - 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.
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- 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**.

## Maritime UK's priorities for the year ahead

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.
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- **Supporting and growing the workforce** by continuing to develop our Diversity in Maritime Programme, our Careers and Outreach Programme, and our Maritime Skills Commission.

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