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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 sector responds to inclusion of international shipping emissions in UK net-zero targets:** Last week, the government announced that international shipping emissions will now form part of the UK domestic net-zero targets for the first time. The UK's maritime sector is committed to decarbonisation and is excited about the opportunities the transition is creating. We recognise the government's intention to include international shipping emissions within UK net-zero targets and reiterate the need to work in partnership with industry to get this right, both in terms of administration and creating an enabling environment. Regulation alone is not going to be sufficient: building on the automotive experience, capital investment in maritime decarbonisation is needed to unlock the potential of industry and to kick-start the whole scale transition to zero emission maritime. [Continue reading.](#)
  - **Maritime sector priorities for the National Shipbuilding Strategy:** Earlier this year, government announced that a 'refreshed' National Shipbuilding Strategy would be published with the intention of more acutely focusing government strategy on how commercial shipbuilding in its widest definition can be strengthened and grown in the UK. Reflecting that the NSS is both a primary priority for the Prime Minister and that in its refreshed format is designed to focus on much more of the maritime sector than previously, including the wider supply chain, Maritime UK and members are currently drafting a set of collective priorities for the strategy which will be shared with
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parliamentarians in due course.

- **Build Back Better: What does it mean for maritime?** Maritime UK recently announced the launch of a 'Build Back Better' webinar series, the first event of which will be taking place on Tuesday 11 May. At the event, hosted by Maritime UK and sponsored by Nautilus International, leading industry experts will debate how the maritime sector will 'Build Back Better' after Covid-19. Alongside a keynote address by the Minister for Maritime Robert Courts MP, a panel of industry speakers will set out their priorities for the future, and what is required from the sector to ensure that the recovery is as progressive and sustainable as possible. The event will set the scene for Maritime UK's Maritime 2050 Conference, set to take place on 25 June in Birkenhead in partnership with Mersey Maritime and the Department for Transport, where the longer-term ambitions of both industry and government will be explored in more details against the backdrop of the recommendations set out in the Maritime 2050 strategy in 2019. [Read more and register for the webinar here.](#)

### Save the date:

Maritime UK and members from across the sector are currently planning a range of upcoming events with opportunities for engagement, including:

- **Build Back Better Webinar Series (May – December):** A series of webinars looking at the role of the maritime sector in the recovery from Covid-19, both in the short and long term. The first event, set to take place on 11 May will look at immediate recovery, whereas subsequent events throughout the year will take a deeper look at priorities within key areas, linked to the government's Maritime 2050 strategy such as people, environment, innovation, competitiveness and regional growth. Registration information to follow. [Register for the first event here.](#)
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- **Maritime 2050 conference (25 June):** Following the current audit looking at the progress of recommendations set out within the Maritime 2050 strategy and identifying gaps in delivery, Maritime UK will be organising a Maritime 2050 conference on 25 June, the Day of the Seafarer. Maritime UK Patron HRH The Princess Royal will be present. Registration details to follow.
- **London International Shipping Week 2021 (13 – 17 September):** It is once again time for the bi-annual London International Shipping Week, the largest event on the maritime calendar. Maritime UK is planning a range of activity across the week, including a regional showcase, a parliamentary reception, a green technology showcase, career events aimed at children and young people, and high-level events such as a ministerial roundtable.
- **COP26 (1 -12 November):** The UN's climate conference is taking place in Glasgow this November, and Maritime UK is planning a series of fringe activity events at a central Maritime Hub in the city to highlight the role of maritime in the larger decarbonisation project.

If interested in participating at any of these events, please contact

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## UK maritime news

- Maritime sector responds to inclusion of shipping emissions in UK climate targets – [Maritime UK](#)
  - Unions and employers set up joint campaign for seafarer key worker status – [Nautilus International](#)
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- Incoming British Ports Association Chair praises port resilience – [British Ports Association](#)
- Maritime UK launches 'Build Back Better' series – [Maritime UK](#)
- Scotland releases further details and guidance on the easing of COVID restrictions – [British Marine](#)
- Legal and practical guidance for abandoned seafarers – [Maritime London](#)
- Maritime UK welcomes GAC UK to the Diversity in Maritime Charter programme – [Maritime UK](#)
- Checks and balances of container rates – [The Baltic Exchange](#)
- 'We're on a careers mission...and it's gathering pace' – [Maritime UK](#)
- Action today, not tomorrow – [UK Chamber of Shipping](#)

## Upcoming Parliamentary opportunities to promote maritime

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

### Lords

The following debate in the House of Lords represents an opportunity for maritime to be raised:

- **4 May – Compatibility of government policies with the UK's net zero by 2050 and carbon Budget targets**

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.

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### 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.
- 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:

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- **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](mailto:barney.scholes@beyond2050.co.uk) for further information.

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