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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 priorities for the National Shipbuilding Strategy and parliamentary briefing:**

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 it is designed to focus on much more of the maritime sector than previously, including the wider supply chain, Maritime UK have published a new manifesto, outlining the maritime sector's ambitions for the refreshed strategy. [Read more here.](#)

**A parliamentary briefing on the National Shipbuilding Strategy** refresh and the maritime sector's key priorities has been organised in partnership with the APPG for Shipbuilding and Ship Repair on Tuesday 25 May from 11-12. All parliamentarians are invited to join; please email [barney.scholes@beyond2050.co.uk](mailto:barney.scholes@beyond2050.co.uk) to RSVP.

- **Maritime 2050 Conference – 25 June 2021:** Maritime UK, in partnership with Mersey Maritime and the Department for Transport, are organising a national Maritime 2050 conference, held in Merseyside. Set to take place on 25 June, Day of the Seafarer, the event will aim to explore the key themes within the government's Maritime 2050 strategy and celebrate successes, but also identify gaps in delivery and set out next steps for future progress. Registrations for the event have now opened. [Read more and register here.](#)
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## In case you missed it:

- **Build Back Better: What does it mean for maritime?** Tuesday 11 May saw the first part of the Build Back Better webinar series taking place. Hosted by Maritime UK and sponsored by Nautilus International, the event, moderated by Maritime UK Chair Sarah Kenny, saw attendance from the Minister for Maritime Robert Courts MP, and speakers from the UK Chamber of Shipping, Nautilus International UK Major Ports Group, Solent LEP and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency. The panel discussed their priorities for the future, and what is required from the sector to ensure a progressive and sustainable recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic. The event is now available to [view as a recording 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:

- **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. [Register here](#).
  - **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.
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- **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 agenda.

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

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### UK maritime news

- Maritime UK publishes priorities ahead of National Shipbuilding refresh – [Maritime UK](#)
  - National Maritime 2050 conference to be held on Merseyside – [Maritime UK](#)
  - Ports prepare for digital revolution: report examining connectivity at UK's economic gateways – [British Ports Association](#)
  - It's time to build back fairer - [Maritime UK](#)
  - Merseyside to host summit of future or £46bn maritime sector - [Mersey Maritime](#)
  - Charting a course to prosperity: Unveiling our Economic Recovery Plan - [Solent LEP](#)
  - Maritime UK celebrates one year of Diversity in Maritime - [Maritime UK](#)
  - Maritime Charities extend funding for retraining until end of year - [Maritime London](#)
  - Native Oysters restored to the Firth of Clyde – [British Marine](#)
  - The Princess Royal opens new world-class maritime hub in Portsmouth - [Nautilus International](#)
  - Action today, not tomorrow - [UK Chamber of Shipping](#)
  - Maritime businesses awarded the Queen's Award for Enterprise - [Maritime UK](#)
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- Who's in breach? - [The Baltic Exchange](#)

## 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
  - **24 May – Defence questions** – To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has held with the maritime sector regarding priorities for the refreshed National Shipbuilding Strategy.
  - **25 May – 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
  - **7 June – Home Office questions** – To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Office, what discussions her department has held regarding the UK maritime sector's requirement for a flexible immigration policy for overseas workers.
  - **9 June – COP26 questions** – To ask the COP26 President, what discussions he has held regarding the role maritime decarbonisation will play at COP26.
  - **10 June – International Trade questions** – To ask the Department of International Trade, what support her department is offering to maritime SMEs wishing to export their products.
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### Lords

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

- **25 May – Aims for the outcome of COP26**

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.
  - 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 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.
- **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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