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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 at G7:** Maritime UK and members will be using the G7 taking place in Cornwall next week as an opportunity to promote the sector's interests on both the international and domestic level around decarbonisation. A report will be produced which puts the UK's efforts to decarbonise the sector in the context of other G7 countries. This report will be shared with Parliamentarians.
  - **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. [Read more and register here.](#)
  - **June is Pride Month:** Maritime UK will be celebrating Pride Month in June through different events as part of the Diversity in Maritime Programme, including a meeting of the Pride in Maritime Network on 23 June, as well as a high-level industry roundtable where senior leaders from across the maritime sector will meet to discuss how to make maritime a welcoming place for LGBT+ employees. The Pride in Maritime Network meeting is open for all to attend. [Register here.](#)
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## 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. [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.
- **COP26 (1 -12 November):** The UN's climate conference is taking place in Glasgow this November, and Maritime UK will be hosting an International Maritime Hub together with Glasgow City College to highlight the role of the maritime sector in the larger decarbonisation agenda.

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

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## UK maritime news

- Merseyside to host summit on future of £46bn UK maritime sector – [Mersey Maritime](#)
  - A new maritime resurgence – [Maritime UK](#)
  - Solent’s coastal communities are the catalyst for future economic success – [Solent LEP](#)
  - Launching a new qualification for shore-based maritime roles – [Maritime UK](#)
  - CLIA welcomes cruise guests back onboard – [CLIA UK & Ireland](#)
  - UK Chamber of Shipping to host maritime G7 event – [UK Chamber of Shipping](#)
  - Road investment key to port connectivity and modal shift – [British Ports Association](#)
  - Nautilus marks June 2021 Pride Month with member events and LGBT+ support survey – [Nautilus International](#)
  - Major Ports welcomes Williams-Shapps Rail Plan – [UK Major Ports Group](#)
  - British Marine to lead sustainability workshop at MarineAM Conference – [British Marine](#)
  - Mental Health in Maritime Information Pack – [Workboat Association](#)
  - London named a world leader in ESG by global institutional investors – [Maritime London](#)
  - No time for ‘wait and see’ to green shipping – [The Baltic Exchange](#)
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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
  - **14 June – Housing, Communities and Local Government questions** – To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what analysis his department has conducted of the economic impact an investment in maritime decarbonisation would bring to coastal communities in the UK.
  - **16 June – Northern Ireland questions** – To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what discussions his department has held with the Treasury about investing in the Northern Ireland maritime industry to support decarbonisation.
  - **22 June – HM Treasury questions** – To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what support the Treasury is providing to maritime SMEs.
  - **23 June – Scotland questions** – To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what discussions his department has held with the Treasury about investing in the Scottish maritime industry to support decarbonisation.
  - **24 June – Transport questions** – To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what support his department is providing to the maritime sector.
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### Lords

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

- **22 June – Protecting human rights at sea**
- **23 June – Whether continuous at-sea deterrence remains the essence of the government's defence policy**

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.
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- 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.
- **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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