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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

- **G7 Maritime Decarbonisation Snapshot:** Maritime UK has produced a Maritime Decarbonisation Snapshot report, which puts the UK's performance on the road to net zero in the context of other G7 countries. For the first time, the Carbon Budget for the UK incorporates the UK's share of international shipping emissions, something that increases the pressure on the maritime sector to decarbonise in the coming years. The report explores some of the initiatives underway in each of the G7 countries to provide an overview of relative progress across the group, and the levels of public investment providing support to these ventures. It shows that the UK is slipping behind other nations when it comes to investment in green infrastructure for ships in port and that progress in the rest of the world has only been made with public co-investment. Maritime UK plans to submit a comprehensive spending review bid later this year to attempt to secure similar government co-investment in the UK. A copy of the report has been sent alongside this update.
 - **DfT has published two routemaps to support the sector's decarbonisation:** [Decarbonising recreational vessels in the UK and Europe](#) and [Decarbonising offshore wind operations and maintenance](#). Both are welcome contributions and identify the barriers to decarbonisation for these parts of the maritime sector. The strategy for the European recreational and leisure marine industry highlights the need for a comprehensive solution in order to overcome technology, policy, financial and behavioural barriers to achieving a net zero fleet by 2050. Countries must provide clear targets and mechanisms to support an industry with many SMEs who contribute positively to the economy. The route map for the
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decarbonisation of offshore wind recommends greater support for clean maritime demonstration at scale, support for ports to develop necessary infrastructure to support maritime decarbonisation, incentives to address the challenge of retrofitting vessels and greater collaboration in innovation throughout the entire maritime supply chain in order to accelerate the transition to clean maritime operations in the North Sea.

- **International Maritime Hub at COP26:** Maritime UK is this week announcing the International Maritime Hub, which will be organised in partnership with Glasgow City College at COP26 in November. The Hub will be a central area of maritime activity from 2-10 November and play host to a number of events organised with industry and government partners. Further details and registration information will be made available soon.
 - **Maritime UK commissions major research on value of sector:** Maritime UK has commissioned the Centre of Economic and Business Research (Cebr) to produce its 2021 State of the Maritime Nation research series. The study will examine the economic impacts of the maritime sector, on a national, regional and industry basis. The research was last undertaken in 2019 and launched at the House of Commons during London International Shipping Week. It found that the maritime sector contributes £46.1bn to the UK economy annually, and supports more than 1.1 million jobs. The 2021 report will make a similar assessment and provide economic forecasting taking the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic and the UK's exit from the European Union into account. [Read more here.](#)
 - **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 next week, 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.](#)
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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

- Maritime UK commissions major research on value of sector – [Maritime UK](#)
 - Trio of ministers to attend top-level maritime summit in Merseyside – [Mersey Maritime](#)
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- Green shipping calls for a holistic approach – [The Baltic Exchange](#)
- Social media may damage mental wellbeing at sea – [Nautilus International](#)
- Shipping industry agrees action on R&D investment and trade digitisation – [UK Chamber of Shipping](#)
- Artemis Technologies hosts UK climate action champion – [Belfast Maritime Consortium](#)
- UK ports looking at new business opportunities post pandemic – [British Ports Association](#)
- Winner of the John Percival Memorial Award announced – [Workboat Association](#)
- Department for Transport commissioned 'Decarbonising Maritime Operations in North Sea Offshore Wind' – [British Marine](#)

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
 - **22 June – HM Treasury questions** – To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what support the Treasury is providing to maritime SMEs.
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- **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.
- **30 June – Wales questions** – To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what discussions he has held with the Chancellor of the Exchequer regarding investment in decarbonising the Welsh maritime industry.

Lords

The following debates in the House of Lords represent opportunities 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**
- **24 June – Need to promote tourism 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.
- 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.
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- **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 for further information.

You can follow our Maritime UK Twitter account [here](#), and our website is [here](#).
