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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 2050: Where are we now? report launched:** Maritime UK last week launched a report assessing progress by government and industry in delivering the recommendations set out within the UK's flagship Maritime 2050 report. Published on International Day of the Seafarer, and on the occasion of the Mersey Maritime Exchange conference, which facilitated discussions between industry and government on current priorities, the report takes stock of successful delivery of key ambitions for the sector at the half-way mark for the short-term recommendations within the original strategy. The report intends to provide a starting point for further conversations between industry and government on next steps and reprioritisations that may have to be made as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. [Read the report here.](#)
  - **Seafarer Cadet Review Report published by the Maritime Skills Commission:** The Maritime Skills Commission last week published its Seafarer Cadet Review Report, which concluded that government must overhaul funding for seafarer training and courses must be modernised for UK talent to remain competitive in the global shipping industry. The report recommends that seafarer officer training should be fully funded by government and cadets given access to modern technology, such as simulators and blended learning tools, for the UK to maintain its leadership in maritime expertise and attract global investment. [Read more and download report.](#)
  - **Maritime UK responds to the Climate Change Committee's progress report:** The Climate Change Committee recently presented their progress report to Parliament. Commenting on
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the report, Maritime UK Chief Executive, Ben Murray, said: “Today’s report calls on government to back its climate promises with climate action, and this is needed most in our maritime industry. Net zero won’t happen without steering our ships in a green direction. Yet while the government is among the few in the world that has published a clean maritime plan, it’s far behind others in providing the crucial investment to make this happen.” [Continue reading.](#)

### Save the date:

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

- **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 City of Glasgow 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

- Ship horns ring across the UK as maritime industry celebrates progress during pandemic – [Maritime UK](#)
- Ministers urged to back shore power tech to cut shipping industry's emissions – [The Mirror](#)
- Cruise industry celebrates seafarers around the world – [CLIA UK & Ireland](#)
- Maritime UK publishes Maritime 2050 progress report – [Maritime UK](#)
- Union raises fight for fairness at key industry event – [Nautilus International](#)
- Clean Maritime Summit sets out plan for a net zero ocean economy in the South West – [Maritime UK South West](#)
- Maritime Skills Commission releases Seafarer Cadet Review Report – [Maritime UK](#)
- 300+ brands already confirmed for Southampton International Boat Show 2021 – [British Marine](#)
- Maritime UK responds to CCC progress report – [Maritime UK](#)
- Ship leading 'here to stay' – [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):

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- **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
- **5 July – Defence questions** – To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions his department has held regarding the publication of the updated National Shipbuilding Strategy.
- **6 July – BEIS questions** – To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what discussions his department has held regarding investment into shore power at UK ports.
- **12 July – Home Office** – 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.
- **14 July – COP26** – To ask the President of COP26, what discussions he has held regarding the role of maritime decarbonisation at COP26.
- **15 July – International Trade** – To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what support her department will provide for the resumption of international trade activity for businesses in the maritime sector.

### Lords

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

- **6 July – Benefits of implementing a tax strategy that aligns with the UK’s net zero greenhouse gas emissions target**

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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