



Maritime Parliamentary 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

- **Boatbuilders call for support to harness wind of change:** In the boatyard hall close to Portsmouth's Spinnaker Tower where Sir Ben Ainslie built his America's Cup challenger, work on another extraordinary vessel is under way. Seemingly straight out of a James Bond movie, the secretive Subsea Victa is a 12m, 40-knot speedboat that can dive to a depth of 30m within two minutes, acting as a "wet submarine" (which means that you'll need your wetsuit and breathing apparatus). ([The Times](#))
 - **Yards tell government what they need ahead of National Shipbuilding Strategy refresh:** The founder of Norfolk based Goodchild Marine which designs and builds fishing boats wants the Prime Minister to keep to his promise to "bring shipbuilding back home." Alan Goodchild has joined a call for a billion pound investment in the industry which he says could create nearly eighty thousand jobs. The most successful shipbuilding countries like China and Norway, have major government subsidy and Goodchild's just want to the support. The company, which was founded 42 years ago in Norfolk to build fishing boats, has just made Britain's first hybrid pilot vessel, now working out of the Port of London. ([ITV Anglia](#))
 - **Maritime sector responds to Transport Decarbonisation Plan:** "Despite being bigger than aviation and rail combined, maritime has been largely overlooked in the government's net zero drive. No headline commitments and no money to get on with the task in front of us.
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Government has led the way in setting stretching targets, but as yet we have no clear path to meeting them. The TDP rightly recognises that power points need be installed around the coast, but there is no reason to delay getting on and installing them. We know how other countries have got there and that is through co-investment by industry and government. From the recent Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition, we know there is real appetite and capability across the UK's maritime industries for identifying the solutions to propel net zero vessels. If we are to level up our coastal communities and bring shipbuilding home, we need government to do what other maritime nations do, and invest in research and innovation on a scale similar to UK automotive and aviation. A spending review this Autumn must provide the investment to make these commitments real." [Read more.](#)

- **Maritime UK priorities for the Comprehensive Spending Review:** Maritime UK is waiting for the Chancellor to announce a 2021 Comprehensive Spending Review. Maritime sector priorities remain similar to those outlined in Maritime UK's representation for the 2020 Spending Review, primarily focused on maritime decarbonisation. Increasingly stringent environmental regulations and targets on the international stage, alongside the UK government's commitments and ambitions means significant support is required to kick-start the necessary transformations across maritime. We will be in touch with parliamentarians with briefing materials once further details are available.
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Events for Parliamentarians

- **Coastal Powerhouse Day and Manifesto Launch at London International Shipping Week 2021:** As an island nation the UK relies on the sea and the coast for the vast majority of the trade that businesses and all of us as individuals benefit from every day. But maritime businesses operating all around the coast offer so much more than that. They are catalysts for investment, jobs and prosperity for coastal communities – communities that can often be amongst the poorest in the UK. The maritime industries are also vital foundations for a more sustainable, net zero future for the UK. So how do we go further and faster in boosting trade, growing maritime, levelling up coastal communities and dramatically improving sustainability? The Coastal Powerhouse day at LISW will provide discussion and answers to how to make this happen, through building the right partnership between government and business, identifying the measures that boost investment and build back better for a green industrial revolution. A new Coastal Powerhouse Manifesto will be published and a spotlight shone on different parts of the UK to show the latest developments and plans - plans that can be accelerated by building that right partnership between government and business. [Register here.](#)
 - **Maritime UK Parliamentary Cruise at London International Shipping Week 2021:** Parliamentarians are invited to attend Maritime UK's Parliamentary Cruise event at London International Shipping Week. Hosted on board City Cruises' Millennium Diamond, the event will take place on Tuesday 14 September, and launch Maritime UK's new economic impact study, identifying the value of the maritime sector to the UK economy. [Register for the event here.](#)
 - **Autumn 2021 party conference activity:** Maritime UK is currently planning engagement across the major party conferences this autumn. The Maritime UK fringe event at the Conservative Party Conference will take place on Sunday 3 October from 19:30, inside the
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secure zone. Information will follow about engagement events at other party conferences shortly. To register your interest, please email barney.scholes@beyond2050.co.uk.

- **International Maritime Hub at COP26:** Maritime UK and City of Glasgow College have announced plans to showcase green technology, innovation and capabilities from across the UK maritime sector to the world, at an International Maritime Hub at COP26. To be hosted at City of Glasgow College's Riverside Campus on the bank of the river Clyde, the Hub will be the location for a number of different events throughout the duration of the international conference, highlighting UK maritime expertise within areas such as technology, policy, regulation, education and training. [Register to attend](#).
 - **Net Zero Hub at London International Shipping Week:** Maritime UK will be showcasing some of the UK's most cutting-edge projects and initiatives to decarbonise the maritime sector during London International Shipping Week. The event, delivered in partnership with the Departments for International Trade and Transport, will be held aboard HMS Albion, just off Greenwich in the River Thames. The hub is being hosted on Wednesday, 15 September. To register your interest, please email barney.scholes@beyond2050.co.uk.
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UK maritime news

- Snapshot: Updates for regional maritime clusters across the UK – [Maritime UK](#)
 - UK Chamber and Nautilus call for the UK government to offer vaccinations to visiting seafarers – [UK Chamber of Shipping](#)
 - Sailmakers from all over the world make their mark at Southampton International Boat Show 2021 – [British Marine](#)
 - Lloyd's commits to the future of the Lloyd's Salvage Arbitration Branch – [Maritime London](#)
 - What happens to British ships when satellites don't work? - [BBC News](#)
 - Shipping leaders set to reunite in person at IMO for LISW21 headline conference – [London International Shipping Week](#)
 - Demand predicted to grow for specialized vessels to install and upkeep offshore wind – [Shipping Watch](#)
 - Forth Ports announces plans to include parts of Firth of Forth and Fife in green port bid – [The Courier](#)
 - Boris Johnson says £200m royal yacht will let UK 'show itself off to the world' – [The Independent](#)
 - BP in partnership to decarbonise shipping – [Upstream](#)
 - Why Walmart, Target, Amazon and Ikea need greener ships - [GreenBiz](#)
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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.

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