



British Embassy
Athens



Greek – British Shipping Forum 2025

Celebrating IMO's Day of the Seafarer

Piraeus Marine Club

25 June 2025, 10:00–14.30

AGENDA

10:00 Registration

10:30 Welcome Addresses

- HM Ambassador Matthew Lodge
- Vassilis Kikilias, Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy, Hellenic Republic
- Haralambos Fafalios, Chair, Greek Shipping Cooperation Committee
- George Alexandratos, President, Hellenic Chamber of Shipping

10:50 Tanker Market Outlook Presentation by Henry Curra, Head of Global Research, Braemar

11:05 Session 1: How can Greece and the UK collaborate to ensure the next generation of seafarers are equipped to manage an increasingly complex operational environment

As autonomous systems, digitisation, AI, and the deployment of novel fuels become more prevalent, this panel discussion will explore how training establishments in the UK and Greece can collaborate with each other, regulators and industry to ensure training curricula and cadet sea time reflect a rapidly evolving operational environment.

Moderator: Captain Kostas Karavasilis, Regional Director, Loss Prevention, UK P&I Club

Participants will include:

- Vicky Apostolopoulou, Head of Career, Employability and Alumni, Metropolitan College
- Ajit Jacob, Director Seafarer Services, Chief Examiner, UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency
- Venetia Kallipolitou, Commander HCG (Rtd), Cross-Departmental HR and Training Manager, Tsakos Group

12:05 Refreshments break

12:25 Session 2: Showcase on how technology and data can improve operational performance and commercial risk management (brief presentations followed by a panel discussion)

Moderator: Jos Standerwick, Chief Executive, Maritime London

Presenters will include:

- Kathleen Elward, Sales Director, Silverstream Technologies
- Dr Maria Progoulaki, Senior Consultant and Facilitator, Green-Jakobsen Representative Greece
- Paddy Rynders, Marine Director, BMT
- Stefan Schrijnen, Chief Commercial Officer, Insurwave

13:25 Closing Remarks by Evita Sourì, Commercial Director, Greece, Department for Business & Trade, British Embassy Athens

13:30 Networking Lunch

