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### **Cyprus Marine Club Celebrates 25 Years!**

**Limassol, 25 May 2024 – Cyprus Marine Club is proud to announce the celebrations of its 25-year anniversary which took on 24th May at a stunning Amara Hotel.**

**Since its inception in 1999, the Cyprus Marine Club has been committed to fostering maritime spirit, and networking, and this milestone marks a momentous journey of growth and success.** Over the years, the CMC has grown from 20 founding members and through unwavering dedication and a relentless pursuit of excellence, the Club has successfully embraced almost 500 people.

The President, Capt. Eberhard Koch thanked and congratulated Ms. Anna Vourgos, Director, Aphentrica Maritime Insurance Brokers for the 25 years of loyalty and contributions to the development of the Club.

The President further congratulated the newly elected Board of Directors during the Regular General Meeting which took place on the same day at Amara Hotel:-

Capt. Eberhard Koch, OL Shipping Group– **the President**  
Andreas Chrysostomou, Tototheo Maritime – **Deputy President**  
Thrasos Tsangarides, UMAR WSR – **Vice President**  
Michael Filippou, Cyprus Union of Shipowners- **Treasurer**  
Julia Paczkowska, OL Shipping Group- **Secretary–General**  
Anna Vourgos, Aphentrica – **Board Member**  
Athos Kleanthous, OL Shipping Group– **Board Member**  
Elpida Kalathia, Steamship Mutual Underwriting Association (Europe) Ltd – **Board Member**  
Jan Meyering , Marlow Navigation Co. Ltd. – **Board Member**  
Loucas Hamatsos, Olympia Ocean Carriers – **Board Member**  
Lazaros Charalambous, Mare Magna Shipmanagement – **Board Member**

Capt. E. Koch further added that the Club was incredibly grateful to the loyal sponsors, dedicated Members, and supportive BOD who have been integral to our success throughout this remarkable journey. *The CMC “Fellowship of The Seas” has been always at the heart of its growth.*

*“By celebrating these 25 years of our Club we are celebrating the success of our Members thanks to whom we can facilitate this amazing journey. You are the foundation not only of our Club but the backbone of the resilient, dynamic Cyprus Shipping Industry that we are so proud of and that other industries may only envy. When I am asked as to what the reason behind the success of our Club and what its biggest strength is I always have one impromptu reply: our members” ( Capt. Eberhard Koch)*

The Permanent Secretary of Shipping Deputy Ministry, H.E. Dr Stelios Himonas honored guests with his presence and speech in which he underlined the significance and contributions of Cyprus Marine Club to the development of Cyprus shipping industry.

Other Key shipping personalities of Cyprus shipping industry also attended the dinner, including Propeller Club President – Mr. Polys Hajioannou; Vice President of Cyprus Union of Shipowners - Mr. George Mouskas, and Mr. Christos Chrysanthou as well as Mr. Eric Montanios- the Senior Partner and Honorary President of Montanios & Montanios LLC.

The 25th anniversary of the Club signifies not only the years of hard work and determination but also the immense potential that lies ahead as the Club continues to unite the shipping industry across challenges and successes in the fellowship, togetherness, and devotion of shipping enthusiasts.

To mark the exceptional milestone, a new logo of the Club was presented during the dinner.

The Cyprus Marine Club aims to further enhance its offerings, explore new opportunities, establish its new home and continue delivering exceptional value to its members in a new format of company limited by guarantee.

*Trust is the glue that holds the relationships together and I know we have fulfilled our promise as the Cyprus Marine Club of staying transparent with our members and sponsors and offering you top-quality conditions for networking and fostering maritime spirit. **(Capt. Eberhard Koch)***

The guests enjoyed the splendid dinner with enchanting conversations and magnificent music until late in the evening .

We would like to thank the generous 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Sponsors: OL Shipping Group and UMR WSR for their contribution to the magnificence of the evening.

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