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# Posidonia 2026 breaks records as shipping shrugs off Strait of Hormuz disruption

More than 40,000 participants have already flocked to Athens and Piraeus for the world's biggest shipping rendezvous



Theodore Vokos, managing director of Posidonia SA. Photo: TradeWinds

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Posidonia organisers feared the worst for their event when a war erupted in Iran on 28 February that soon dragged in the entire Persian Gulf.

The spectre of Middle Eastern clients cancelling hung in the air for a moment, but did not materialise, according to the exhibition's managing director, Theodore Vokos.



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“Despite our initial concerns, the crisis in the Gulf did not affect us,” the Greek executive told a press conference on Thursday.

“We were worried that exhibitors and visitors from the Gulf region might not be able to come, but they have confirmed their attendance and are now building their stands,” Vokos added.

This cleared the way for Posidonia 2026 to return bigger and stronger than ever.

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When the event officially opens its gates on 1 June, it will welcome more than 40,000 participants. The number of exhibitors has increased by 9% on the previous event two years ago, to a total of 2,227.

Most of them arrived in the Greek capital several days ago, highlighting how the event has outgrown its traditional and narrow five-day parameter.

“In reality, Posidonia began two weeks ago,” Vokos said.

With the handful of venues deemed suitable for receptions hopelessly overbooked for the first days of June, major shipping players have moved some of their