



8:30 – 9:00 AM

REGISTRATION & COFFEE

WELCOME REMARKS

9:00 – 9:05 AM

- **Mr. Nicolas Bornozis**, President – **Capital Link, Inc.**
- **Mr. George A. Tsavlis**, Principal – **Tsavlis Salvage Group**
Conference Chairman

**CYPRUS MARITIME CLUSTER IN THE SPOTLIGHT
STRENGTH, RESILIENCE, & GROWTH**
Keynote Presentation Followed by a 1x1 Discussion

9:05 – 9:40 AM



Minister Marina Hadjimanolis
Shipping Deputy Minister to the President
Republic of Cyprus

With: Mr. Nicolas Montanios, Partner – **Montanios & Montanios LLC**

KEYNOTE REMARKS
EUROPEAN TRANSPORT & MARITIME POLICY AT A TURNING POINT
The Role of Shipping in Europe's Connectivity, Competitiveness, and Sustainability

9:40 – 9:55 AM



Ms. Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi
Chair, Committee on Transport and Tourism
European Parliament

CAPITAL LINK LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PRESENTATION

Honoree:

9:55 – 10:00 AM



Mr. Acis Montanios
Chairman of the Board & CEO
Montanios & Montanios LLC



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NET ZERO – REGULATORY UPDATE

10:00 – 10:15 AM

Presented by:

Mr. Theo Kourmpelis, Global Business Director for Tankers – **Lloyd's Register**

THE DEBATE FOR NET ZERO - IMPLICATIONS ON FLEET RENEWAL

Navigating Through Commercial & Regulatory Uncertainty

Moderator: Mr. Vassilis Dimoulas, M&O EMA Technology & Innovation Director – **Bureau Veritas Marine & Offshore**

Panelists:

10:15 – 10:55 AM

- **Mr. Antonis Faraklas**, Managing Director – **Charterwell Maritime S.A. and Chartworld Shipping Corporation**
- **Dr. George D. Pateras**, Deputy Chairman – **Contships Management Inc.**; Former President – **Hellenic Chamber of Shipping (2016-2025)**
- **Capt. Eberhard Koch**, Chairman, CEO & Partner – **Österreichischer Lloyd Shipping Group (OL Shipping)**
- **Dr. Loukas Barmparis**, President – **Safe Bulkers, Inc. (NYSE: SB)**

SHIPPING IN THE AI ERA - OPTIMIZING THE COMMERCIAL & OPERATIONAL LANDSCAPE

Moderator: Mr. Joe Woods, Senior Vice President, Business Development – **ABS Consulting**

Panelists:

11:00 – 11:40 AM

- **Mr. Konstantinos Vlachos**, COO – **CASTOR**
- **Mr. Dimitris Vastarouchas**, Chief Operating Officer & Vice President – **Danaos Corporation (NYSE: DAC)**
- **Mr. Konstantinos Stampedakis**, Co-Founder & Managing Director – **ERMA TECH GROUP**
- **Mr. Vasileios G. Petousis**, Energy & Sustainability Manager – **Seanergy Maritime Holdings Corp. (NASDAQ: SHIP)**
- **Mr. Theo G. Baltatzis**, General Manager – **Technomar Shipping Inc.**

11:40 – 12:05 AM

COFFEE BREAK

SHIPMANAGEMENT – WHAT'S NEXT?

Safety, People, & Performance in a Changing Maritime Landscape

Moderator:

Panelists:

12:10 – 12:50 PM

- **Mr. Basil Sakellis**, CEO – **Alassia NewShips Management**
- **Capt. Franck Kayser**, COO – **Asyad Shipping Company**
- **Mr. Dieter Rohdenburg**, CEO – **InterMaritime Shipmanagement Ltd.**
- **Mr. Prabhat Kumar Jha**, Group Managing Director & CEO – **MSC Shipmanagement Ltd., Cyprus**

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CAPITAL AT SEA: THE STATE OF SHIP FINANCE

Moderator: Mr. George Zambartas, Head of Ship Finance – Limassol – **Hill Dickinson LLP**

Panelists:

12:50 – 1:30 PM

- **Alpha Bank Cyprus**
- **Mr. Nicholas Pavlidis**, Head of Shipping – **Bank of Cyprus**
- **Mr. Philipp Wunschmann**, Head of Shipping – **Berenberg**
- **Mr. Aris Patounas**, Head of Shipping – **Eurobank Ltd.**
- **Mr. Jan William Denstad**, CEO & Founding Partner – **Sole Projects Ltd.**

1:30 – 2:30 PM

NETWORKING LUNCH

ADVANCING ENERGY SECURITY: THE VERTICAL CORRIDOR AND US-CYPRUS COOPERATION IN THE NEW ENERGY LANDSCAPE

Moderator: Ms. Dorothea Ioannou, Chief Executive Officer – **American P&I Club**

2:30 – 3:00 PM



Minister Michael Damianos
Minister of Energy,
Commerce and Industry
Republic of Cyprus



Dr. Daniel E. Mangis
Chargé d' Affaires ad interim
U.S. Embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus

SHIPPING AT THE INTERPLAY OF GLOBAL COMMERCE, REGULATIONS, & GEOPOLITICS

Moderator: Mr. Andreas Papachristodoulou, Partner – **Stephenson Harwood**

3:05 – 3:45 PM

Panelists:

- **Mr. Mark O'Neil**, President & CEO – **Columbia Group**; President – **InterManager (2020-2024)**
- **Mr. Spyros Vlassopoulos**, Managing Director – **Ionic**
- **Mr. Filippo Fabbri**, CEO – **Lockton P.L. Ferrari**



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CHARTERERS' INSIGHTS: IS THE COMMODITY RALLY FUELING THE HOT CAPE SIZE MARKET FOR THE REST OF 2026?

Moderator: Mr. Polys Hajioannou, CEO – **Safe Bulkers, Inc. (NYSE: SB)**; President –
Cyprus Union of Shipowners

3:50 – 4:20 PM

Panelists:

- **Mr. Timothy Fitzhugh Barrett**, Capesize Global Trading Manager – **Cargill Ocean Transportation**
- **Mr. Carl Andrew Dacombe**, Head of Capesize Trading – **Mercuria Shipping Pte Ltd.**

SHIPOWNERS IN ACTION INVESTING, OPERATING, & COMPETING IN A CHANGING MARKET

Moderator: Mr. Leonidas Karystios, Regional Business Development Director & Global
Fleet Technology Director – Gas Carriers – **DNV Maritime**

Panelists:

4:25 – 5:15 PM

- **Mr. Andreas Hadjiyiannis**, CEO – **Cyprus Sea Lines / Hellenic Tankers**;
Former President – **Cyprus Union of Shipowners**
- **Mr. Filippos Efstathiou**, Founding Principal – **Efnav Company Ltd.**
- **Mr. Aristides J. Pittas**, Chairman & CEO – **Euroseas Ltd. (NASDAQ: ESEA)** ;
EuroDry Ltd. (NASDAQ: EDRY); **Euroholdings Ltd.**
- **Mr. George Mouskas**, CEO – **Olympia Ocean Carriers / Zela Shipping**
- **Mr. Polys Hajioannou**, CEO – **Safe Bulkers, Inc. (NYSE: SB)**; President – **Cyprus
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CLOSING REMARKS

5:20 – 5:25 PM

Mr. George A. Tsavlis, Principal – **Tsavlis Salvage Group**
Conference Chairman

5:25 – 6:00 PM

COCKTAIL RECEPTION