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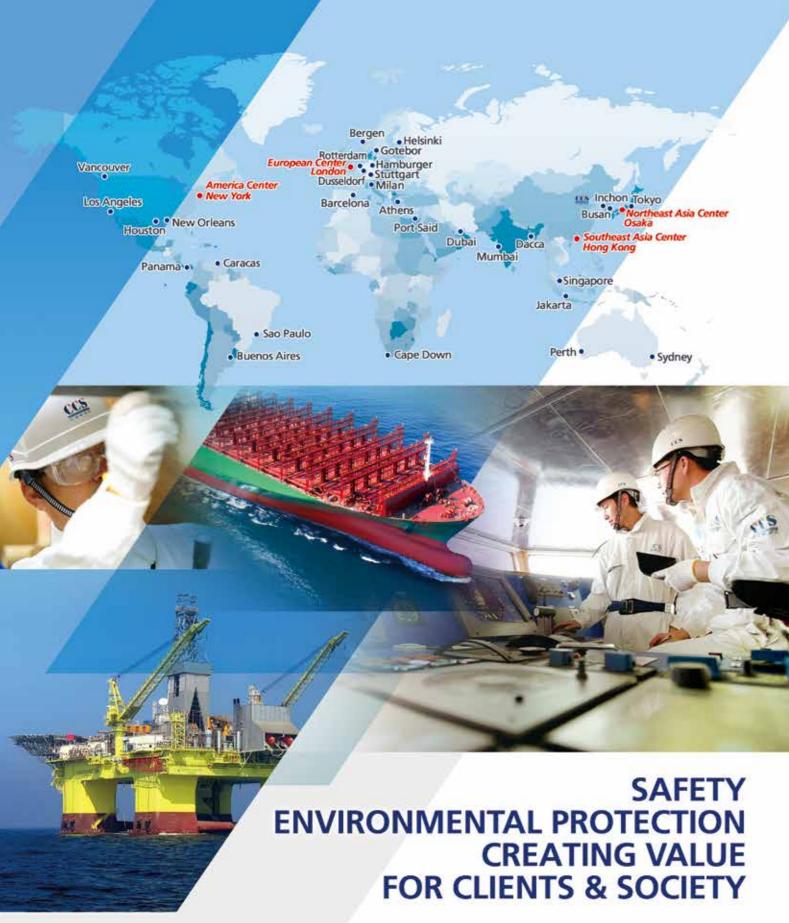
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Beat that! Full house hails the honorees for 2015

DRUMMERS beat out a steady rhythm in the ballroom of the Athenaeum InterContinental hotel in Athens - coordinated with video of performances at three of Greece's foremost maritime heritage spots – Cape Sounion, the port of Piraeus and the restored museum ship Hellas Liberty – to welcome guests to the 12th annual Lloyd's List Greek Shipping Awards.

They drummed guests back to their seats after the interval, too, a necessary measure in view of another record attendance – of 1,160 guests – although the venue has been filled to capacity for the last three years of Greek shipping's 'Dinner of the Year'.

Shipping minister Thodoris Dritsas, Olympic gold medallist and world champion windsurfer Nikolas Kaklamanakis and many of the country's leading maritime business personalities were among those who witnessed the presentations of the Awards for 2015 first-hand.

Despite mostly adverse shipping market conditions – the tanker market being a notable exception – Greek shipping continues to operate with its own steady pulse and the glittering event highlighted both the industry's overall resilience as well as some of the year's top individual personalities and stories.

"In this difficult period for our country and as economic activity is suffering, shipping still has the dynamism, and the sustained response to its challenges, to retain its competitiveness," said Mr Dritsas in a welcome speech. "The Greek government supports the competitiveness of Greek shipping," he underlined.

Corporate bragging rights for shipping companies went to Neptune Lines, the expanding car carrier operator that won Dry Cargo Line of the Year, and Olympic Shipping and Management, part of the legendary Onassis Group, which was named Tanker Company of the Year for an especially active year.

The Greek Shipping Awards have shown in the past that they care not only for the major names and this was again evident in the jury's selection of Dodekanisos Seaways as Passenger Line of the Year. The 15 year-old outfit provides a vital inter-island link in the eastern Aegean.

The event, supported by a host of sponsors led by overall Event Sponsor ClassNK, also recognised several of Greece's best-known shipowning names.

George M. Logothetis, Nikolas P. Tsakos and veteran owner Aristidis Alafouzos were winners of major personal awards.

Maria Angelicoussis of the Angelicoussis Shipping Group was named the inaugural winner of the brand-new New Generation Shipping Award, one of two new awards introduced for 2015. The other was the Lloyd's List Intelligence Big Data Award that went to Danaos Management Consultants and



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ABS hosted the event's welcome cocktail reception. Vassilios Kroustallis, ABS regional vice president eastern Europe addressed hundreds of guests

Celebrity line-up: (from right) former marine minister and Piraeus Port Authority chief executive George Anomeritis, ministry general-secretary Ioannis Theotokas, shipping minister Thodoris Dritsas, Olympic and World Champion windsurfer Nikolas Kaklamanakis, with wife Nanouyia Carouzou

Danaos Shipping Co. for their 'Waves' fleet performance system.

Andreas Chrysostomou, the new director of the Cyprus Department of Merchant Shipping, took the sole award reserved exclusively for non-Greeks.

The Seafarer of the Year Award, traditionally one of the high spots of the awards ceremony, went to bulker master Captain Dimitris Tsitsimelis for a successful rescue at sea in January 2015.

Other award-winners included Eurobank, Cass Technava Maritime, Bureau Veritas Hellas, Prisma Electronics, the University of the Aegean and the restored 1943-built Liberty ship, Hellas Liberty.

Despite a fair helping of glamour and an upbeat mood that was commented on by many attendees, the event did not go untouched by Greece's wider challenges and social difficulties.

The Hellenic Coast Guard and EU border agency Frontex jointly won the Award for

Achievement in Safety or Environmental Protection for their efforts to protect lives in the eastern Aegean as thousands of refugees attempt the dangerous crossing from Turkey to Greece.

So far this year the Hellenic Coast Guard has rescued more than 93,000 refugees, including 16,500 infants and children, in more than 2,700 search and rescue missions.

Lani Fortier, country director and global deputy field director of the International Refugee Committee, was among several other speakers who addressed the urgency of the refugee crisis in the Aegean.

Olympic legend Nikos Kaklamanakis presented a donation on behalf of Lloyd's List to 'Argo', the charity supporting children with special needs in the families of Greek seafarers.

Guests enjoyed a pre-dinner cocktail reception hosted by the American Bureau of Shipping and the event included a champagne toast to the industry's health, proposed and sponsored by China Classification Society.

A special presentation was made to classification society DNV GL for a decade of sponsoring the Greek Shipping Awards – the fifth entity to have supported the event for 10 years as a sponsor.

For the 2015 Awards, the 17 categories were specially introduced by star guests and members of the event-team: Fotini Darra; Dimitris Papadimitriou; Katerina Panoussi; Nafsica; Alexis Papahelas; Rania Lampropoulou; Nikolas Kaklamanakis; Michael Psyrras; Helena Paparizou; Thanos Mikroutsikos; Maria Salliari; Livia Calza'; Maria Damanaki; Dimitri Megas; Peter Attwater; Andriana Paraskevopoulou; and Nikos Boudouris.

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Noboru Ueda, chairman and president of Event Sponsor ClassNK, once again delighted the audience by delivering his address in Greek. Below is a translation of Mr Ueda's speech

'Μια πολυετής σχέση με την Ελληνική ναυτιλία'

"GOOD evening, ladies and gentlemen.

This year marks the fifth time to greet you all in your native Greek. I like to think that my Greek has improved over the last five years, but every year this task proves equally as challenging as the last.

Despite this challenge, I am once again extremely honored to sponsor this prestigious event. I am sure you will all agree that this event is a great opportunity to reflect on some of the shipping industry's most notable achievements in 2015.

ClassNK is proud to have developed a longstanding relationship with the Greek maritime industry. Although the industry has continued to evolve, our commitment to providing the best possible service has remained consistent.

Since the establishment of our Piraeus Office 40 years ago, ClassNK has gone on to

provide a wide range of services to the Greek maritime community. Moreover, their ongoing support has been instrumental in our

This event is a chance to not only celebrate past achievements, but also to reflect on current opportunities. At ClassNK we look to a future where we can better respond to the diversifying needs of our valued clients.

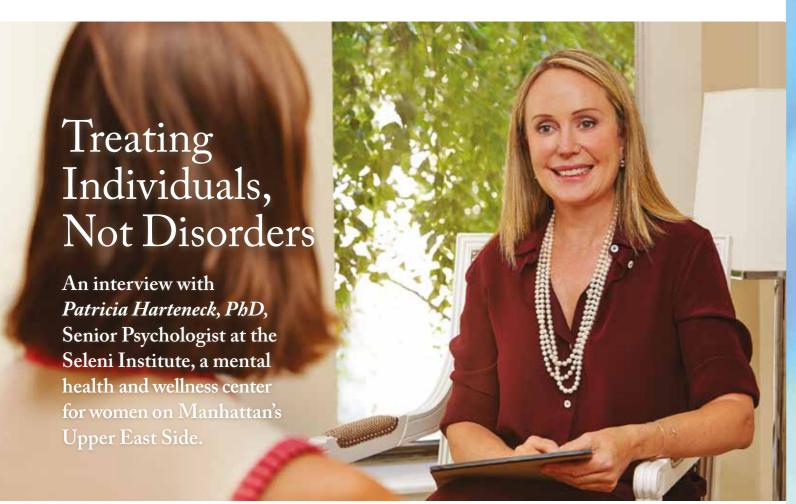
I would like to commend Greece's contributions to the global maritime industry and hope for even greater cooperation between ClassNK and members of this leading maritime nation.

Thank you very much, and please enjoy your

ClassNK is one of the world's largest classification societies. At the end of December 2015, the society had 9,190 ships totaling more than 242m gt under class, representing about 20% of the world merchant fleet currently under class.

The year marked 40 years since it established its Piraeus office back in 1975, since when its partnership with the Greek shipping community has steadily grown

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Have you noticed any trends in terms of what clients are seeking or talking about?

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What's the most rewarding part of your job?

I love seeing my clients grow! Therapy is such a positive way to develop self-knowledge and self-esteem, and it's a pleasure to witness. Yes, we'll identify old thoughts, feelings, and habits formed from past experiences, but we'll focus on them only to learn new skills and ways to manage emotions moving forward. In therapy, you learn that self-awareness and self-love are not just words but emotional states worth the effort because they have such tremendous benefits.

If you were not a psychologist, what would you be, and why?

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Olympian Nikolas Kaklamanakis adds light to support for 'Argo'

OLYMPIC and world champion Mistral class windsurfer Nikolas Kaklamanakis was the original 'Man of the Sea' - the first recipient of the special award by that name that the Lloyd's List Greek Shipping Awards uses, occasionally, to recognise extraordinary individuals and stories out-of-competition.

Mr Kaklamanakis was presented with the 'Man of the Sea' accolade at the inaugural Awards in 2004, the same year that he lit the Olympic flame at the Athens Games, the first time a Greek, or a sailor, had that particular honour.

So it was a privilege to welcome him back to the event after a decade.

Still one of Greece's best-loved athletes, he took to the stage to present a donation on behalf of Lloyd's List and the Awards to Argo.

The Greek Shipping Awards has been an annual supporter of Argo, a charity dedicated

to children with physical and learning disabilities in the families of seafarers.

Argo cares for about 60 individuals of up to about 45 years of age, providing a day care centre, education and a variety of other services and activities.

Now 47, Mr Kaklamanakis remains strongly identified with the sea. One of the most memorable achievements in his career was sail-boarding across the Aegean, a unique feat of endurance and skill completed in the summer of 1997.

In 2011, as a personal statement to revive spirits and inspire Greeks to keep battling against adversity in the teeth of the country's dire economic crisis, he made a new Aegean crossing of 280 nautical miles from the island of Andros to the island of Karpathos. He is planning a new Aegean journey for 2016.

What has he learned from his life on the

seas?, he was asked by co-host Andriana Paraskevopoulou.

"What the ocean taught me first of all is to listen and to adapt and react. To listen to the wind and the waves - to adapt to the conditions that change every minute.

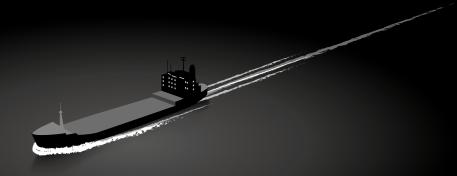
"The sea and the ocean are directly related to life - actually, life is like a wave - sometimes there is a big wave that crushes you, sometimes there is a wave that is not the right one, and sometimes it is a wave that you take and have a long ride," Mr Kaklamanakis said.

"Sometimes there is no wave at all. A wave is an opportunity in life."

More information about Argo can be found at its website: www.argonauts.gr

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DRY CARGO COMPANY OF THE YEAR

Neptune chief executive Melina Travlos (left) accepts the Dry Cargo Company

of the Year Award from Panos G. Moraitis, chief executive of Aspida

NEPTUNE Lines is a rare example of a Greek shipping company that operates and successfully maintains a liner service. Moreover, it has established its credentials in a particularly demanding and competitive niche.

Neptune owns and operates the youngest fleet of pure car and truck carriers (PCTCs) in the Mediterranean and Black Sea region, serving 20 countries and more than 30 key ports.

Year after year, the company has invested in providing a top service to global automotive manufacturing customers and it has been steadily expanding its fleet with larger vessels and growing the amount of units carried annually.

Two newbuildings, the 3,700-car PCTC vessels Neptune Galene and Neptune Thalassa, were delivered from Hyundai Mipo Dockyard in 2014, a year when the company easily set a new record of more than 900,000 units transported.

But 2015 saw the company scale new peaks. When the Award was decided Neptune was already on course to exceed the milestone of Im units of cars, rolling and static cargoes in a calendar year for the first time.

The volumes it is now transporting place Neptune among the 10 biggest car carrier operations worldwide.

Another two vessels, of capacity 3,800 car units each, were added to the fleet. The vessels, built in 2009 and 2010 at Hyundai Mipo, were near-sisters to six PCTCs already in the fleet and have been renamed Neptune Hellas and Neptune Horizon.

This has been selected as an optimum size for the company's service network.

The latest acquisitions bring the company's owned fleet to 15 ships.

During the year a new company Neptune Turkey was established, reflecting Turkey's status as a strategic market for Neptune.

The company has been serving ports in Turkey, a key car-producing, exporting / importing country and regional trade hub, for the last 25 years.

Accepting the trophy, Neptune chief executive Melina Travlos dedicated the Award to the memory of her father and founder of the company, Nikos Travlos.

"I am very proud and honoured to receive this award tonight," said Ms Travlos.

"This is a special year for us as we are celebrating our 40th anniversary.

"My father's pioneering vision, our commitment to customer satisfaction and our united spirit in meeting challenges together, help us accomplish great achievements".

The Dry Cargo Company of the Year was sponsored by Aspida.



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TANKER COMPANY OF THE YEAR

ONE of Greek shipping's most famous names has had its most active year, and probably one of its most successful years, since the death of the legendary Aristotle Onassis.

Patient for many years before launching a major tanker acquisition programme in mid-2014, the most eye-catching element of the group's re-investment in the sector has been expanding its very large crude carrier fleet to 12 ships, the most since its founder was alive.

In the second half of 2014 it purchased two modern aframax tankers. Olympic also acquired the modern VLCC Fortune Elephant from the bankruptcy of Taiwanese owner Today Makes Tomorrow.

This was followed by acquisition, all but one in 2015, of no less than six 320,000 dwt very large ore-oil carriers from TMT creditors - all for conversion into pure VLCCs.

The programme is one of the biggest and most interesting major VLCC plays of

The conversions typically include about 3,000 t of steelwork per ship, removal of bulkhead covers and installation of new swash bulkheads.

Olympic has purchased the highest-quality tonnage, without adding to the order book and the supply side of the industry, and it has done so at bargain prices.

Reportedly the cost came to about \$70m per VLCC including the conversion, a bargain compared with 2015 asking prices of over \$80m in the secondhand market for five yearold Korean-built VLCCs.

Olympic has also been retrofitting a number of its tankers for increased fuel efficiency.

With the Tanker Company of the Year Award the judging panel seized a historic opportunity to recognise an iconic Greek shipping name for doing what it does best.

The year also marked the 40th anniversary of Onassis' death as well as the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Foundation that kept the business alive, ultimately for the purpose of funding public benefit causes.

Accepting the Award, Onassis Foundation president Anthony Papadimitriou said that over the last 40 years the Onassis Foundation had impacted the lives of at least Im Greeks.

Initiatives such as the Onassis Cardiac Centre, the Onassis Cultural Centre, as well as thousands of scholarships and grants, have all been funded through 40% of the profits of the shipping business and management of the Foundation's financial assets.

The Tanker Company of the Year Award was sponsored by Bureau Veritas.





PASSENGER LINE OF THE YEAR

DODEKANISOS Seaways was founded in 1999 by George and Yiannis Spanos and it has helped develop communities in the south-east Aegean that are not served by the larger ferry lines.

The Spanos family has been successful in the supermarket business and had no prior shipping experience when it launched Dodekanisos, but it wanted to provide a service to the islands around Rhodes.

Dodekanisos began its activities by constructing the newbuilding fast catamaran Dodekanisos Express in Norway, and this began service in April 2000. A second catamaran, Dodekanisos Pride, was introduced in 2005.

Three years ago the company expanded its operation with a first ro-ro passenger ferry, Panagia Skiadeni.

Today the company inter-connects the entire Dodecanese island group, providing daily links between 17 ports from remote Kastelorizo all the way to Ikaria and Samos.

The panel of judges praised the company as a first and outstanding example of a private initiative providing a metro-like inter-island service in the Aegean.

Since the company's very first sailings it has consistently operated with pride and absolute concern for the safety of passengers and crews, as well as the comfort and hospitality of passengers.

The human face of the company is reflected in numerous aspects of the operation. Examples include a high level of medical facilities on board each ship to cater for emergencies as well as special areas devoted to passengers with special needs.

As well as linking all the Dodecanese islands, the company offers a service from Rhodes to Turkey for tourism and is planning to extend its services as far as Samos island.

The company is hoping to expand and has been preparing for a new order in 2016 for a new fast ferry as well as

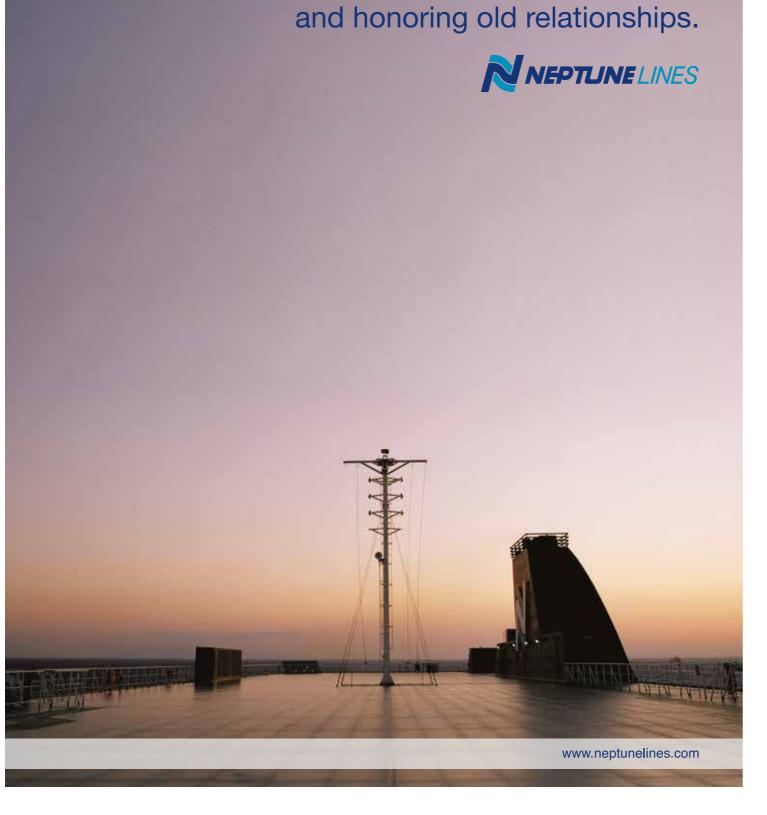
looking to acquire another conventional ro-ro passenger ferry.

Accepting the Award, managing director Irini Spanou said it belonged to her father for having the vision behind Dodekanisos Seaways and making it reality. Mr Spanos has already been made honorary citizen of several of the islands.

"He inspires all of us, his children, the management, the crews and the onshore

The Award, which coincided with celebration of the company's 15-years of operations in 2015, was the "best present for us", said Ms Spanou.

The Passenger Line of the Year Award was presented by Lloyd's List.



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SHIPBROKER OF THE YEAR

CASS Technava Maritime became a twotime winner of the shipbroking category after an outstanding year under difficult market conditions that won it the support of the judges.

Cass Technava specialises in Asia, and has an extensive network of strategic partnerships in major centres including Shanghai, Tokyo, Seoul and others. Based in Piraeus, the core of its clientele is understood to be Greek owners, including major names, but it has also worked with some very prominent owners from overseas.

The young company had previously won in 2010. As founder and director Fedon Tomazos remarked as he accepted the trophy, "that's not bad for a 10 year-old company."

The company had "a team of young, devoted, hard-working individuals that are trying hard to bring from Asia value-added projects for Greek clients," Mr Tomazos said.

In the process, the team was racking up

"hundreds of thousands of air miles" to develop contacts and projects through the Far East.

Cass Technava has consistently been recognised as an extremely active broker for newbuildings in particular and in this respect it did not disappoint in 2015.

In the first nine months of the year it was instrumental in about \$1 bn of transactions, including placing shipbuilding contracts for six aframax tankers, four suezmaxes, four containerships of about 5,000 teu capacity and another four 2,700 teu boxships.

The company was nominated by several of the owners for whom it placed newbuilding contracts, who praised the team for expertise, performance and service.

Beyond the company's newbuilding speciality, however, the year saw the brokerage handling about 20 tanker, container and especially dry bulk re-sales and secondhand deals.

The panel also recognised its valuable activity for clients in financial sale and leaseback transactions - for five bulkers and eight containerships.

In addition, Cass Technava stepped up its chartering activities in 2015, with more than 25 ships fixed on period charters of more than 12 months, providing further evidence of its growing all-round presence as a broker.

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SHIPPING FINANCIER OF THE YEAR

THE judging panel chose Eurobank as Greek Shipping Financier of the Year, identifying a Greek bank that despite the difficult times has sought to do new business and support the shipping community.

Eurobank has a committed shipping team with diverse backgrounds based in Piraeus, which is the shipping hub for the bank.

According to Eurobank, the shipping division works in full co-ordination with offices in Luxembourg and in Cyprus, providing "red-carpet service" to its shipping clientele.

The bank has an overall portfolio of \$1.3 bn and that includes lending to about 65 customers – numbers that reflect the bank's growth in the sector during 2015.

During the year Eurobank concluded about \$200m of fresh ship lending to Greek clients.

The Award followed hard on the heels of two milestones for the bank. One was that it emerged as the bank with the lowest capital

shortfall among the four systemic banks left in the Greek market. It has remained majorityowned by private investors – a considerable feat given the difficulties faced by the country's financial system in recent years.

Secondly, just days prior to the Greek Shipping Awards ceremony, it completed a Eur 2m capital raising entirely from the private sector.

Aspects of the bank's approach in shipping that drew approval from the judging panel included its support for medium-sized companies and even smaller owners, as well as its application of traditional ship lending criteria.

"Our business model is simple - we are traditional, conservative, plain vanilla lenders," said Eurobank's head of shipping Christina Margelou, accepting the Award.

"One could almost call us old-fashioned. Still in a year that has been a rollercoaster we managed not only to grow our business but also to selectively enter into new client relationships with groups that we consider our strategic partners."

Ms Margelou also highlighted the "full trust and commitment" of the bank's top management that had helped make the growth in shipping possible.

"Christina, let me congratulate you and the full team for this prestigious award especially in a year like 2015," said Eurobank Group chief executive Fokion Karavias.

"We want to develop trustful relationships with our customers, especially the shipping customers with whom we have a long track record."

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TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

PRISMA Electronics, an innovative technology company headquartered in Alexandroupolis in north-east Greece, won the Technical Achievement Award for its patented 'Laros' remote condition monitoring system, a powerful tool to improve the vessel's efficiency and reduce running costs.

Based on wireless technology, Laros is easy to install and cheaper than wired solutions.

It collects, processes and transmits real-time data from any type of vessel to office ashore through a wireless network of smart-sensors, providing complete diagnosis, prognosis and early warnings.

The system assists maritime companies to achieve higher efficiency in operation, better environmental protection and compliance, and aids dynamic predictive maintenance.

The tool helps to enhance coordination between shoreside management and crew and minimise risk of breakdown and the time and cost of drydockings.

Laros helps shipowners achieve the maximum benefit from the transition to condition-based maintenance and green shipping.

Prisma is the first and only Greek company that has been honoured with the gold award for Industry by CERN, Geneva. Its work has also been recognised with honours and distinctions from the National Centre of Scientific Research 'Demokritos', the Prefecture of Evros, Greece, and the Association of Information Technology Companies of Northern Greece.

The company employs about 50 people, 65% of whom hold a higher education degree, and it spends on average 25% of its revenues on research and development.

According to Prisma, Laros took five years and more than 200,000 hours of non-stop research, analysis and testing to develop in its current state.

Accepting the award on behalf of the board of directors of Prisma Electronics and the

dedicated research & development team, Prisma Electronics chief technical officer Serafeim Katsikas said: "We proudly receive it as a prominent recognition of development of advanced tools for the data collection and handling towards a greener, safer and more efficient shipmanagement."

He thanked the Greece-based shipping companies that were "pioneers and early adaptors of Laros who believed in us and shared their needs", including Danaos, Delta Tankers, Star Bulk, Thenamaris, Tsakos and

Prisma has successfully installed Laros in more than 200 vessels and today it handles more than 2m messages every hour, providing customers with information intelligence to improve operational efficiency.

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RARE it is for the same Award to go in consecutive years to the same winner, but these are not normal times.

The Hellenic Coast Guard won the Award for Achievement in Safety or Environmental Protection for the second straight year, this time sharing it with European border agency Frontex.

In 2014 the Coast Guard won for its multifaceted role in surveilling and patrolling Greece's 18,400 km of coastline and a sea area of more than 1.1m sq km.

The 2015 panel was very specific in choosing the force for its huge humanitarian efforts in aiding and processing an unprecedented tide of refugees arriving in Greece after often hazardous crossings of the Aegean from neighbouring Turkey.

In the first 10 months or so of 2015, the Coast Guard rescued more than 93,000 refugees, of which 16,500 were infants and children, in 2,724 search and rescue operations.

The urgency and gravity of the Coast Guard's operations were underlined by almost daily reports and sometimes tragic photographs of hundreds of others who did not survive the crossing.

In total the Coast Guard handled more than 750,000 migrants, mainly refugees from Syria, followed by people from Afghanistan and Somalia.

According to Frontex, a total of 885,000 migrants arrived in the EU via the eastern Mediterranean route during the year – over five times the number in 2014 which was itself a record year. Most arrived by sea on Greek islands, especially Lesbos.

"Today we are facing challenges that are unprecedented for our country, the largest population shifts since the Second World War," said Vice Admiral Athanasios Athanasopoulos, commandant of the Hellenic Coast Guard.

Accepting the Award, he pledged that the

Coast Guard would continue to perform its role to the highest standard. "We thank you for the honour. We feel that the shipping community is by our side," he told the

Georgios Vourekas, head of the sea borders sector of Frontex, also underlined how challenging 2015 had been.

"The authorities under the co-ordination of Frontex have rescued from the sea, from the Mediterranean, 225,000 people from death," he said. "Unfortunately we lost 3,554 persons whom we didn't manage to save.

"This award gives us the courage to continue our efforts," said Mr Vourekas.

The Award for Achievement in Safety or Environmental Protection was sponsored by Lloyd's Register.

Personalities & Pictures

Greek Shipping's 'Dinner of 2015'



ABS hosted the welcome cocktail party: from left: executive vice president Kirsi Tikka, chairman, president & ceo Chris Wiernicki, and regional vice president for eastern Europe, Vassilios Kroustallis



From left: Dimitris Koukas of Optima Chartering, Byron Vasiliades of the Green Environmental and Energy Network, and leading owner Adam Polemis



Appreciation: from left: US state senator Lou Raptakis and shipping minister Thodoris Dritsas



Judging panel member Takis Christofides (left) of Carriers Chartering with Goldenport founder Paris Dragnis



Angelicoussis and husband Lawrence Frankopan

Next Generation Award-winner Maria Angelicoussis (centre), escorted by father John

Nicholas G. Moundreas with daughter Natalia



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Shipowner Victor Restis with wife Corina Synodinou



Cousins Odysseas Laskaridis and Suzanna Laskaridi exchange a word



From left: Diamantis Manos of Costamare Shipping, Achilleas

dry cargo market for one night

Greetings: Capt Panagiotis Tsakos and Olympian Nikolas Kaklamanakis with Costas Constantinou of Moore Stephens (centre)



Former shipping minister Miltiadis Varvitsiotis with (left) Mirella Alexou, communications manager of Aspida and program director of Emergency Response Centre International, and (right) Lani Fortier of the International Rescue Committee

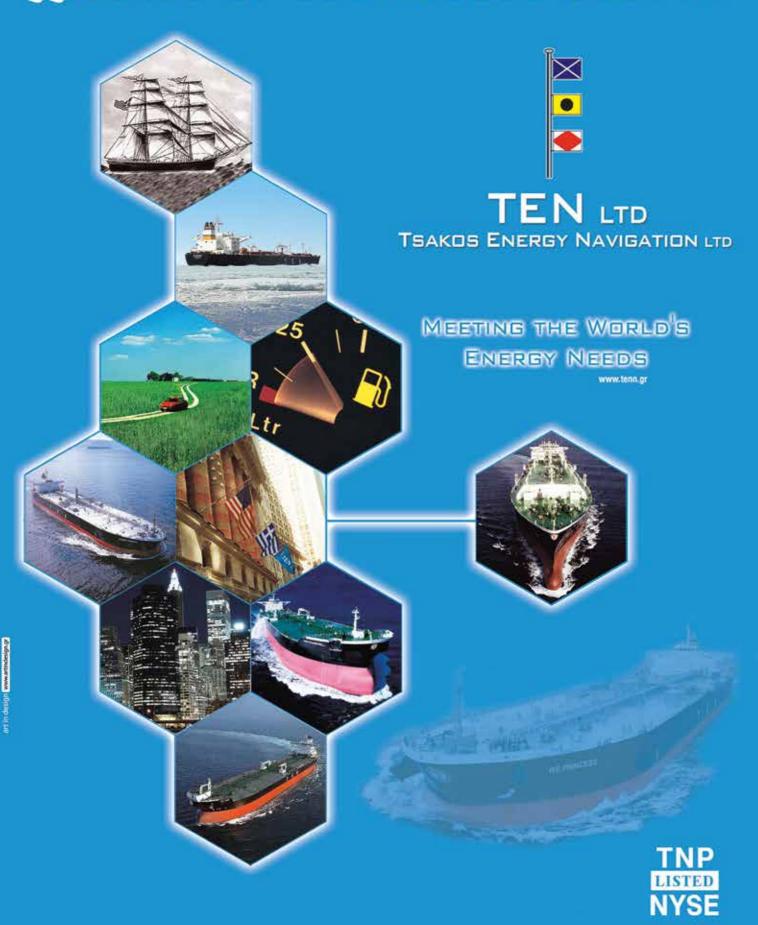


Wista Hellas president Angie Hartmann (left) with Seanergy Maritime director Christina Anagnostara



The event was hosted by journalists Andriana Paraskevopoulou and Nigel Lowry

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PIRAEUS INTERNATIONAL **CENTRE AWARD**

BUREAU Veritas, through its Piraeus-based affiliate, became the first classification society to win this Award, which has become one of the most competitive of the categories comprising the Greek Shipping Awards.

The French society established its office in the late 1960s and so now has a presence in Greece for well over 40 years.

Bureau Veritas Hellas not only provides classification and certification services to shipping and offshore companies but also a variety of testing and certification services for onshore industries and facilities.

In the last three years alone Greece-based shipowners have responded to the society's upgraded capabilities by entrusting more ships to it, with the result that the number of Greek-owned vessels classed by BV rose by 24%, or 32% in terms of tonnage.

The importance of Greece within the BV network is underlined by the fact that the increase gave a major push to the society

surpassing the milestone of 100m gt under class, and Greece now represents 28% of the BV-classed fleet worldwide.

Nominations for BV Hellas hailed the society for its wide range of expertise that embraced maritime sectors such as liquefied natural gas carriers, offshore units and special purpose vessels into which Greek shipping has increasingly diversified in recent years.

It was also singled out for its strong expertise in alternative marine fuels, and its local laboratory for testing and analysis of fuel oils as well as a range of other commodities and products.

BV was commended by many leading shipowners in the Greek market for the quality of its customer service.

"By combining traditional Gallic flair with Greek dedication and professional sense of duty, BV Hellas has gradually risen - thanks to the unceasing efforts of its people - to enjoy a predominant position among the 12 marine

centres of our parent society worldwide," said BV Hellas president and chief executive Lambros Chahalis

Bureau Veritas Hellas Winner

Mr Chahalis attributed the Award to a team effort from BV's Piraeus office and the support it had received from the society's head office. BV had, he said, upheld "common values and principles for safeguarding property and lives at sea, without compromising on environmental aspects."

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INTERNATIONAL PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

TWICE a candidate nominated by the Republic of Cyprus for the position of secretary-general at the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), Andreas Chrysostomou was recognised by the jury as a worthy International Personality of the Year.

It is not the first time that Mr Chrysostomou has been singled out by the maritime industry for his skills, knowledge and integrity.

Prior to this Award, he received the 2011 Award for Outstanding Contribution to Sustainable Shipping. In November 2011 he was presented with the Distinguished Public Service Award by the US Department of Homeland Security, US Coast Guard, for his invaluable service to international shipping.

In 2013 he received the GST Award as 'Leading Shipping Personality of the Decade 2003-2013'.

Mr Chrysostomou has been a major contributor to the legislative landscape of today's shipping industry as chairman of the

Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of IMO from 2003 to 2013.

His work as chairman has been universally praised in the maritime world.

The year of 2015 was an important one for the charismatic maritime administrator.

Although unsuccessful, he received significant support in his candidacy to succeed Koji Sekimizu as IMO secretary-general.

However, that left him free to be confirmed as director of the Cyprus Department of Merchant Shipping, the island's maritime administration

Mr Chrysostomou holds an engineering degree and a Masters degree in business administration, both from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in the UK.

He joined the Cypriot maritime administration in 1993 as a marine surveyor and his abilities were swiftly noticed. In 1994 he was transferred to the Cyprus High Commission in

London as counsellor for maritime affairs and alternate permanent representative of Cyprus to IMO, a position he held for 10 years.

From 1999 to 2003 he chaired IMO's Design and Equipment Subcommittee until he was elected to head the key MEPC, which he chaired for 10 years.

Beyond his work with IMO he has worked with other UN agencies such as the International Mobile Satellite Organisation where he was twice elected chairman of its Assembly

Mr Chrysostomou has also served as member of the Board of Governors of the World Maritime University and is currently immediate past president of the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science & Technology.

The International Personality of the Year Award was sponsored by Capital Ship Management Corp.



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Capt Dimitrios Tsitsimelis





George A. Tsavliris (right), a principal of Tsavliris Salvage Group, presents the Award to Chrysavgi Travlou-Tsitsimelis, accepting on behalf of her husband Seafarer of the Year 2015: Capt Dimitrios Tsitsimelis

SEAFARER OF THE YEAR

ESPECIALLY warm acclaim, reflecting Greece's respect for the seafaring profession and the crews who man the industry's ships, traditionally greets the winner of the 'Seafarer of the Year' Award. And 2015 was no exception.

The Award is made on the basis of a short list of candidates put forward by the Panhellenic Seamen's Federation, with the final determination on the winner made by

The panel chose as the latest recipient of this prestigious Award 38 year-old Captain Tsitsimelis, an Athens-born mariner from a seafaring family.

In January 2015, Capt Tsitsimelis was in command of the Magna Marine bulker Pansolar headed for the Gulf of Mexico when he saw a small craft with a man who seemed to be signaling for help.

After ascertaining that the craft did not threaten his ship's security, he diverted the panama bulker to the assistance and, despite heavy sea conditions, managed to rescue two Mexican fishermen, a father and son, who had been adrift for three weeks without power, food or drinking water.

After offering first aid and liaising with the Red Cross, the Pansolar diverted to Acapulco, the nearest port, where the rescued fishermen recovered in hospital.

Capt Tsitsimelis, who on awards night was at sea in command of a kamsarmax bulk carrier for Neda Maritime, told Lloyd's List: "I come from a family with a long tradition in the maritime industry both on board and on shore.

"My father and my uncles worked for major Greek and American shipping companies, both cargo shipping and cruise."

A graduate of the Kesen masters' and officers' training academy, where he finished in the top five in his year, he has already worked for several of Greece's most respected shipping companies.

He singles out 2013 as a particularly lucky year that saw him qualify as a master and also his "promotion" as husband.

Capt Tsitsimelis also holds a degree in psychological behavioral sciences with a specialisation in crisis crowd management.

The master's wife, Chrysavgi Travlou-Tsitsimelis, accepted the Award on his behalf. "I am sure my husband would agree that returning those two men to their family after being missing for so long, and their gratitude to him, was an award in itself," she told the

The Seafarer of the Year Award was sponsored by the Tsavliris Salvage Group.







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ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION OR TRAINING

THE University of the Aegean is a former winner of the Piraeus International Centre Award, but this was the first time it won the Education Award.

The University is spread over several islands but the Shipping, Trade and Transport Department, which has been active since 1998, is based on Chios.

The department's curriculum combines elements of business management and administration with shipping, transport and trade.

It offers an undergraduate degree as well as a postgraduate programme and scope to undertake a doctoral thesis.

In recent years the ReShip Laboratory has attracted a strong reputation for its research in various aspects of shipping and ports, providing strong support for the department's teaching activities.

A highlight of the year was the successful

staging in June of the second European Conference on Shipping and Intermodalism.

Held at the "Maria Tsakos" International Centre for Maritime Research & Tradition, the conference drew an impressive line-up of Greek and international experts to Chios. Numerous original papers and presentations were delivered on subjects ranging from bulk shipping, cruise shipping, finance, port challenges and performance, supply chains, and intermodality to maritime security, smart ships, maritime clusters, ice-class vessels, green shipping, maritime human resources and other topics.

Like many public educational institutions in Greece the university is facing hardship due to austerity policies.

In the words of one of its nominations: "Far away from Athens, it empowers youngsters to love the sea, feeding them with the values and precious knowledge of the maritime world".

Accepting the Award, the university's rector Professor Stefanos Gritzalis said that the institution, which has 15,000 students among 17 departments spread across six islands, including traditional shipping islands, was "a truly modern university".

Prof Gritzalis said that the university was firmly focused on achieving excellence, international standards of operation, and close cooperation with the business sector.

"You already know this well and we thank you," he told the audience. "The shipping department of the University of the Aegean in Chios continues its rise; the cooperation and the support from the entrepreneurs of the shipping industry is strengthening its results."

The department, which has ranked as high as fifth globally in maritime research school rankings, was attracting international students, while its staff were invited as speakers around the world – "against all odds", said Prof Gritzalis.

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Representing sponsor RightShip, vetting superintendent Mihail Georgiev (left) presents the Award to Capt. Evangelos Kouzilos, president of the Friends of the Liberty Organisation

SHIP OF THE YEAR

WHILE the 'Ship of the Year' Award usually recognises recent newbuildings to Greek owners, the panel of judges exercised its right to recognise a vessel built more than 70 years earlier.

The Hellas Liberty, though, is a special case and symbolic of the revival of the country's shipping industry after the devastation of the Second World War.

Launched as the SS Arthur M. Huddell, the vessel was built by the St. John's River Shipbuilding Company in Florida in 1943, one of more than 2,700 constructed in the US as part of the wartime effort.

About 2,500 survived the war and of these 98 – plus two smaller freighters and seven T-2 tankers – were made available to Greek shipowners on friendly terms in recognition of the losses suffered by the country's merchant marine.

Hundreds more Libertys came into Greek hands in the immediate post-war years and

were an essential building block in the development of many of Greece's modern shipping companies.

After the end of the war, the Arthur M. Huddell was converted to a cable-laying vessel. In 1984 it was layed up and remained idle until 2008, when the US government enacted a law allowing ownership to be transferred to a Greek committee, paving the way for the vessel to be towed to Greece.

The vessel was widely considered to be one of the three last Liberty ships in existence, albeit in a state of severe decay.

After towage across the Atlantic and a twoyear repair and conversion project, the newlynamed *Hellas Liberty* was presented to the public as a museum ship in the port of Piraeus.

According to the nomination, the vessel, emblematic of the Libertys that "have a special place in the Greek shipping psyche", offers visitors "an appreciation for the evolution of the Greek and global maritime industry – and

to travel back to a time when navigation depended mostly on seafaring skills."

The nomination paid tribute to those who supported the effort, naming shipowners Spyros Polemis as an initiator of the efforts to secure the vessel from the US and Capt Vassilis Constantakopoulos who was "instrumental" in the project and provided most of the funding.

The Ship of the Year Award was sponsored by RightShip.





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ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

ARISTIDIS Alafouzos, one of the major names in modern Greek shipping, was chosen by the panel as the Lifetime Achievement Awardwinner for 2015.

Born in Oia on the island of Santorini in 1924, Mr Alafouzos graduated from the National Technical University of Athens as a civil engineer.

He founded his first company in 1956 and undertook projects such as the First Unit at the Ptolemaida Power Plant in northern Greece, the Mount Parnes hotel, the Astir hotel complex at Vouliagmeni and major infrastructure projects in the Axios and Nestos river valleys.

The company continued operating until the late 1960s, when Mr Alafouzos stopped working as a civil engineer. During the military dictatorship of 1967-1974 he did not undertake any projects and left Greece.

By then he had entered the shipping industry, just when the shipping world was

He bought his first second-hand ship in 1965 and by 1967 the fleet consisted of five secondhand freighters. He established an office in London, where he stayed until April 1988.

In the late 1960s he ordered ships at shipyards in the UK, Japan and Germany. At the same time, he opened an office in Tokyo reflecting strong ties he had forged with the Japanese market. He also had offices in Moscow.

In 1974 he ordered two ore-bulk-oil carriers of 140,000 dwt each from Ishikawaiima-Harima Heavy Industries, in a joint venture with K-Line.

Mr Alafouzos established Glafki (Hellas) Maritime and Kyklades Maritime which have been among the biggest Greek shipping groups and supporters of the Greek flag.

In 1985, he again took advantage of crisis conditions in shipping to enter the tanker market, buying 16 tankers at low cost.

During his career he has ordered more than 100 vessels in British, German, Japanese, Chinese and Korean shipyards, always with the highest standards.

In Greece, Mr Alafouzos is also well known as proprietor of the venerable daily newspaper Kathimerini, which he acquired in 1988.

He has been honoured with the 'Order of the Rising Sun', by the Emperor of Japan for his longstanding contribution to Greek-Japanese economic ties.

He has also been awarded the honorary title of 'Friendship Ambassador' for his contribution to relations between China and Greece.

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LLOYD'S LIST INTELLIGENCE **BIG DATA AWARD**

DANAOS Management Consultants and Danaos Shipping Co. emerged as the inaugural winners of the Lloyd's List Intelligence Big Data Award, being offered for the first time at the Greek Shipping Awards.

The new Award recognises the increasing use of big data in shipping and its potential to transform the industry, from timely insights drawn from real-time monitoring and forecasting of events to improved management of performance and risk.

The Award was judged by a special panel of industry experts drawn from LLI.

Danaos won for its 'Waves' Fleet Performance System that applies big data analytics with the aim of improving overall fleet efficiency throughout the complete life cycle of the vessel.

The system reflects the developers' belief that to "reflect on the past, respond to the present and prepare for the future" is key to achieving the various goals of technical

efficiency, improved fleet utilisation, effective management, environmental protection and statutory compliance.

The LLI judges were unanimous in picking Danaos and believed the system exemplified how multiple data sources collected on board ships, from bridge equipment to sensors, could be pulled together with wider market information to deliver a range of products that could help streamline fleet efficiency for shipowners and operators.

The variety of options available to users to improve operational performance and the bigpicture approach of Danaos were praised.

Waves was conceived to integrate and analyse all corporate information in order to give the big picture, said Danaos Management Consultants managing director Dimitrios Theodossiou.

"When we say all corporate information we mean all information no matter the size,

format, the voracity or where this information is coming from," he said.

"I would like to thank Danaos Management Consultants for their cooperation and the excellent platform provided to us enabling us to materialise our dreams, thoughts and plans," said Dimitrios Vastarouchas, deputy operating officer of Danaos Shipping.

He also thanked Prisma Electronics winner of the Technical Achievement Award for 2015 - for their reliable data acquisition system, and the management of publiclylisted containership owner Danaos Corporation "for their continuous support and strong belief in this idea."

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NEXT GENERATION SHIPPING AWARD

THERE were a number of exciting candidates for the very first 'Next Generation Award', offered for personalities aged 35 or younger.

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Maria Angelicoussis, however, stood out in the judges' eyes for successfully taking on the challenge of managing one of the world's largest and most respected family-controlled shipping groups.

Ms Angelicoussis is the only child of John and Elizabeth Angelicoussis. She graduated in medicine from Cambridge University and worked for two years as a hospital doctor in the UK before joining the Angelicoussis Shipping Group full-time in 2009.

Today she is heavily involved in all major investment decisions and is responsible for the daily operations of all three management companies making up the group - Anangel Maritime, Maran Tankers Maritime and Maran Gas Maritime - for the group's activities in the dry bulk, tanker and LNG sectors.

"This recognition gives me confidence in being able to grow the Angelicoussis Group and to hopefully make a meaningful contribution to the shipping industry in the future," said Ms Angelicoussis in her acceptance speech.

"In the beginning I found the transition challenging to say the least and I owe it to my father that I am still here and here to stay.

"Not only did he invest so much time and effort to teach me how this industry works, but he also gave me the freedom from the very beginning to learn my own way whilst guiding me and trying to pass on the knowledge and wisdom he has acquired from his many years experience," she said.

"He allowed me to make my own mistakes as long as I learned from them, of course."

Ms Angelicoussis told the audience that the people within the group who had been "patient and willing to teach her" had been equally important.

"Years ago I once heard my father say that he was simply the conductor of a very good orchestra, and I think this rings true.

"We are surrounded by a team of highly professional and loyal people both on our vessels and ashore and so while this award is given to me personally I would like to accept it on behalf of every single person within our

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GREEK SHIPPING NEWSMAKER OF THE YEAR

NIKOLAS Tsakos was an obvious candidate for the 2015 Newsmaker of the Year Award. The category is always decided directly by Lloyd's List, not by our independent judging panel.

Mr Tsakos was elected chairman of the independent tanker owners' association Intertanko in late 2014 and he has already left his mark

He also caught the eye through leadership of a major company that is active in a sector of shipping that is offering encouragement to shippowners

As the new chairman of Intertanko, whose membership represents about 270m dwt of tanker capacity, Mr Tsakos is said to have brought a major tanker owner's perspective and commitment to the association's work.

He supported the embrace of gas carrier owners as equal members.

According to insiders, he has also nudged the association to embrace more commercial

issues of interest that matter to the membership, in addition to its well-established focus on regulatory matters.

A performance database tracking charterers' freight and demurrage payments, for example, has gained impetus under his chairmanship. The ability of Intertanko to swiftly propose new charter party clauses in response to specific incidents is at a new peak on his watch, as exemplified by its response to the 2015 Nigerian tanker ban.

Mr Tsakos has not shrunk from using his position to urge other owners to refrain from speculative newbuilding ordering so as to prolong for as long as possible the healthy balance in which the tanker market now finds itself.

While Intertanko nowadays takes a significant amount of Mr Tsakos' time, he combines it with being chief executive of New York-listed Tsakos Energy Navigation, which he launched in 1993.

TEN, the acronym it is popularly known by, has responded to improved market conditions for tankers by expanding its fleet.

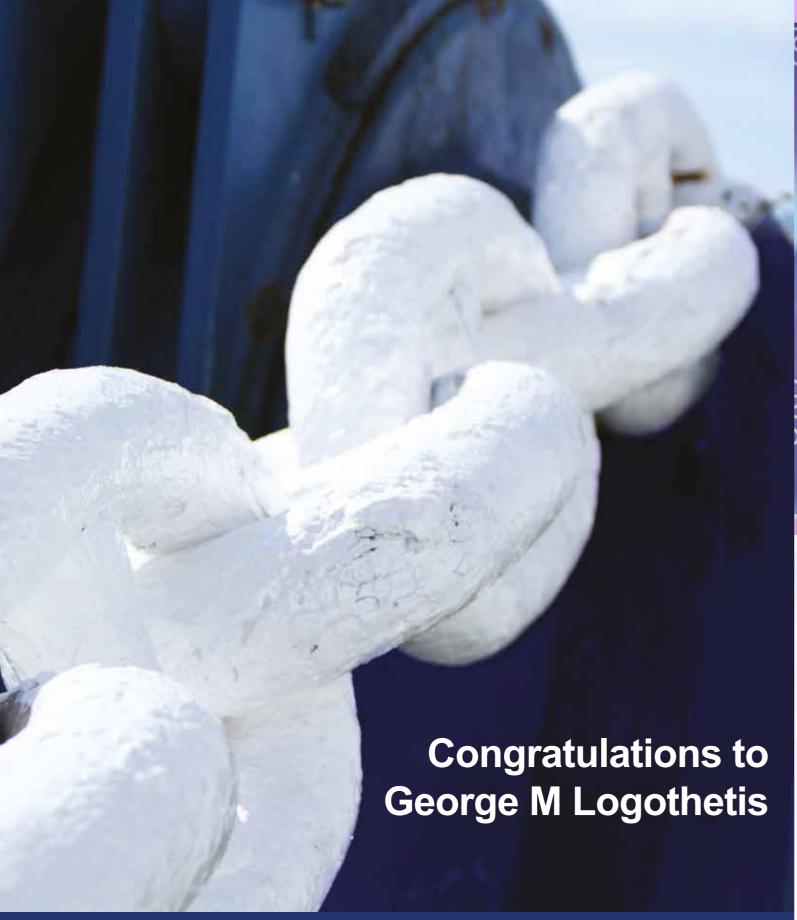
Nikolas P. Tsakos

In 2015 it acquired two very large crude carrier newbuildings from hedge fund York Capital Management, for delivery in 2016. It also purchased two modern suezmaxes.

The acquisitions came soon after a series of nine aframaxes under construction for longterm charter to Statoil and two long-rangeone product tankers that were also ordered on the strength of charters to an oil company.

The company has been faithful to its leader's word, avoiding speculative orders and basing its growth on acquiring existing capacity and only ordering against guaranteed employment

The Newsmaker of the Year Award was sponsored by Marine Plus S.A.



Greek Shipping Personality of the Year





GREEK SHIPPING
PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

FEW entrepreneurs are more passionate about Greece than George M. Logothetis even though he is mainly based in New York

From a longstanding shipping family, Mr Logothetis joined the family's shipping firm Lomar Shipping in 1993 and by 1995 was leading the business at the age of 19.

As founding chairman and chief executive of the Libra Group, established in 2003, he has diversified the business in fields such as aviation, real estate, hotels and renewable energy, often sending Lomar's shipping people around the world to start new companies in such new sectors of business.

Between 2004 and 2007, Lomar sold a total of 67 vessels – only to reinvest in the market in 2009 and the ensuing years with close to 100 acquisitions and orders to date, for an investment of more than \$1bn.

In shipping 2015 was a very active year for Lomar, especially expanding in the

containership sector, although it also has tankers and bulkers among its current fleet of 75 yessels.

Mr Logothetis was named by Fortune magazine in 2014 as one of its "40 under 40".

The international shipowner and businessman was chosen by the Greek Shipping Awards panel also for his philanthropy and his advocacy for Greece, as well as for being a major investor in the country.

Just some of his initiatives include co-founding the Hellenic Initiative and creating the Hellenic Entrepreneurship Award.

Libra's Global Internship Programme and the Libra Fellowship Programme funding 25 MBA students each year in Athens are also shining examples of corporate activity helping to counteract the human toll taken by the Greek economic crisis.

Another programme has been set up with the prestigious John Hopkins University for transfer of advanced biomedical expertise to Greece.

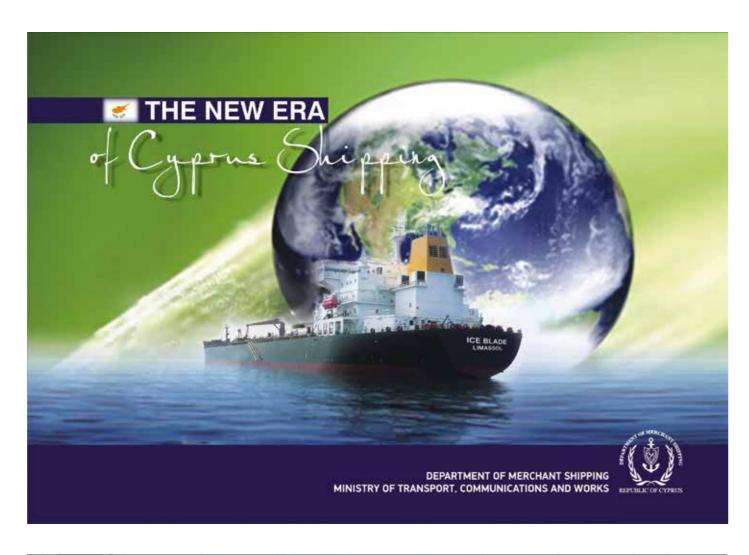
While he could not attend the Awards dinner, Mr Logothetis addressed the gathering with a video message.

"My family had humble beginnings in the shipping industry so I accept this award on behalf of three generations who have worked hard and battled seemingly impossible challenges to seize the opportunity and to create the business that we have today," he said.

"Our family will always have shipping at its soul," said Mr Logothetis. "We are proud of the past, a little bit worried about the present, but excited about the future."

The Greek Shipping Personality of the Year Award was sponsored by the Royal Bank of Scotland.











GUEST Nikolas Kaklamanakis:

"The sail is my emotion and the rudder is my logic. One without the other takes you nowhere."



"Greek shipping is rightly famous for the flair it brings to ship management, but especially in hard times like these sometimes flair is not enough; it has to be enhanced by up-to-date information, hard data and reliable intelligence.





Melina Travlos, Neptune Lines:

"My acceptance of this award would not be complete without paying tribute to the gallant man who has made this milestone a reality, Nikos Travlos, my father and founder of Neptune Lines. I dedicate it to his memory. He was a man of vision, a pioneer who saw an opportunity in a non-traditional sector of dry cargo and succeeded."



"They say behind a successful man there is always a powerful woman... In my case I am single, but behind me is a whole department of merchant shipping and maritime administration of Cyprus and I dedicate this award to my colleagues back in Cyprus."



SPONSOR Theofilos Xenakoudis, Marshall Islands Registry:

"I am very delighted that I am presenting this Next Generation Shipping Award tonight since I am turning 40 years old in two weeks' time so I guess I will be considered part of the old generation soon."



WINNER Anthony Papadimitriou, Onassis Foundation:

"It has been a good year to be a tanker company. During these 40 years plus another 40 years before them we always were a tanker company and we hope to continue remaining a tanker company."



Richard Meade, Lloyd's List:

"A very important evening for Lloyd's List and I hope a very important evening for you all here. This really is a spectacular event."



WINNER Serafeim Katsikas. **Prisma Electronics:**

"I wish to dedicate this award to the memory of my beloved mother who passed away last summer but is always in my heart."



GUEST Lani Fortier. **International Rescue Committee:**

"What we are witnessing here is an exodus and the response to this needs to match the



WINNER Chrysavgi Travlou-Tsitsimelis:

"I can't help but be proud that I married a captain of the Hellenic Merchant Marine and I am also proud that in this difficult period when Greece is being accused from all sides that my husband is out there continuing the glorious history of our seafaring country."



"I wish to thank you all for your patience and for keeping so quiet to listen to me. Thank you very much."







'Dream team' of 2015 features fresh faces

LLOYD'S List and the Greek Shipping Awards team cannot help but take every opportunity to thank the judges who offer great service to the awards each year.

No matter how glittering an event is organised to provide the perfect occasion to recognise the best of the best in Greek shipping, the credibility of the decision-making process behind the scenes is of paramount importance to the prestige of the prizes.

The organisers' policy is to try to refresh the line-up of the adjudication panel from year to year but to maintain a mix of industry leaders and experts in the sector that will be broadly representative of the wider Greek maritime community.

The prestige of the judges has been a feature of the Greek Shipping Awards and we were again fortunate to have a panel for 2015 that could scarcely have been bettered.

Four fresh faces joined the panel for the first time – Takis Christofides, president of the Greek Shipping –Shipbroking Companies Association; Charalampos Simantonis, president of the Hellenic Shortsea Shipowners Association; Prof Helen Thanopoulou, head of the Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport, University of the Aegean; and Intertanko chairman Nikolas P. Tsakos.

Three more familiar faces on the panel had each served once before – Helmepa chairman John Coustas; Intercargo chairman John Platsidakis; and Nicolas A. Tsavliris, chairman of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (Greece Branch).

They joined panel 'regulars' Capt John Halas of the Panhellenic Seamen's Federation, Hellenic Chamber of Shipping president George Gratsos, and Lloyd's List's Nigel

The panel put its collective knowledge and wisdom to good use in choosing the winners in 15 of the 17 award categories, based on written nominations received by the deadline.

The two exceptions were the LLI Big Data Award and the Newsmaker of the Year Award, which were decided respectively by LLI experts and Lloyd's List editorial staff. (Pictured left to right): Capt. John Halas, Nikolas P. Tsakos, Prof. Helen Thanopoulou, Nigel Lowry, Charalampos Simantonis, Nicolas A. Tsavliris, George Gratsos, John Platsidakis, Takis Christofides, John Coustas

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In alphabetical order:

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