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A record audience of 1,200 attended the 14th annual Greek Shipping Awards

Malta's minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects Dr. Ian Borg delivered the speech at the Welcome Cocktail Reception, that was sponsored by Malta Ship Registry

## Tradition and innovation celebrated at record gathering

DIGITALISATION in the shipping industry gathered pace in 2017 and Lloyd's List's Greek Shipping Awards embraced this thematically.

It also provided the perfect opportunity to take a visual cue for event graphics from Disney's 'Tron' films that plunge their protagonists into a digital world, starting with an opening show featuring Tron dancers in LED lightsuits.

The annual gala dinner had its own number-crunching logistics to handle with a record attendance of fully 1,200 Greek and international shipping personalities at the Athenaeum InterContinental Hotel on the evening of November 24.

They enjoyed an awards event that mixed recognition of Greece's unique maritime tradition with awareness of the growing influence of digitalisation and other new technologies.

Each of the 17 categories of award was introduced with a digitally-styled video comment by a leading shipping personality who was revealed by the end of the clip when the 'Tron' helmet was removed.

But in Greece, tradition, too, is never far from the surface. After the interval, the 'Tron' dancers slipped into an electronic dance version of perennial favourite 'Zorba'. Perhaps the longest and loudest ovation of the night was reserved for a century-old warship, the Hellenic Navy's most historic vessel, *Georgios Averof*.

The event, supported by a host of sponsors led by overall Event Sponsor ClassNK, saw several of the country's best-known shipping names recognised for achievements.

Personal awards included 'Greek Shipping Personality of the Year', which for 2017 went to shipowner Evangelos M. Marinakis who enjoyed a remarkably active year that included about \$1bn of investments across tankers, containerships and dry bulk.

In his speech, the shipowner thanked Lloyd's List for organising the event. "They are the traditional voice of our industry and we are all grateful to them," he said.

'Newsmaker of the Year', which is decided by the Lloyd's List editorial team, went to John Michael Radziwill for his launch last



December of new dry bulk shipowner GoodBulk on the Norwegian over-the-counter market and its subsequent expansion to a fleet of 25 vessels including 23 capes.

Veteran Onassis Group personality Pavlos J. Ioannidis was honoured with a 'Lifetime Achievement' Award, not least for introducing aviation-style safety procedures to the industry, while at the other end of the scale the 'Next Generation Shipping' Award went to Ioannis Martinos, already recognised as an industry innovator with his company Signal Maritime.

The only award reserved for non-Greeks, the 'International Personality of the Year', was won by Captain Fu Chengqiu, who has been managing director of the Piraeus Port Authority since 2016 when Cosco acquired majority ownership of the port. Prior to that, from 2010 he was in charge of Piraeus Container Terminal.

Winners are chosen by an independent panel of judges representing a broad cross-section of the Greek shipping industry, with only two exceptions - 'Newsmaker' and the 'LLI Big Data Award'.



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*Jiping Chen delivered the traditional toast to Greek shipping on behalf of sponsor China Classification Society*

*Handsome marble Greek Shipping Awards trophies awaiting the revelation of winners in 17 categories of achievement*



The latter, adjudicated by a panel at Lloyd's List Intelligence, was won by Aspida for its Vessel Security Information and Event Management (VSIEM) platform, 'Nemesis'. The VSIEM provides a variety of benefits for shipping companies to enhance cyber security.

Company winners were led by one of Greece's oldest shipping companies, Carras (Hellas) which scooped the prize for 'Dry Cargo Company of the Year', and Maran Tankers, the tanker arm of the Angelicoussis Shipping Group, which was named 'Tanker Company of the Year'.

The judging panel cited Carras (Hellas) for traditional shipping virtues as well as modernising its fleet with seven high-quality eco-newbuilding bulkers since 2016. Maran meanwhile enjoyed an impressive year with no less than seven new very large crude carrier orders and a number of important charters with oil companies, including long-term employment for seven of its new VLCCs with Chevron.

The Awards always have room for recognising relative newcomers and this was the case in the 'Passenger Line of the Year' category, won by Golden Star Ferries which launched its

ferry service from Rafina to the Cyclades only a few years earlier but has amply shown its commitment and enterprise.

A specialist passenger ship broker, Masters Shipping, was elected 'Shipbroker of the Year' for an impressive haul of recent transactions as well as a 50-year track record of more than 1,000 deals that have supported many of Greece's cruise and ferry operators.

The Award for 'Achievement in Education or Training' was presented to the Maria Tsakos TCM Academy.

Important awards also went to financier Christina Margelou, head of shipping at Eurobank, Greek coatings manufacturer NanoPhos, which harnesses nanotechnology to develop 'smart' products for shipping, longstanding maritime publisher Naftika Chronika, and Atlantic Bulk Carriers' technical director, Panos Zachariadis, who won the 'Safety or Environmental Protection' Award for his work on safer, more efficient and environmentally friendly shipping.

Among the most warmly-received winners of the night were 'Ship of the Year' *Georgios Averof*, built in 1910 and the oldest existing armoured steel battle cruiser in the world, and the 'Seafarer of the Year'. For 2017, the seafarer category was won by Captain

Iakovos Daniil, master of the containership *Hamburg*, which in June rescued eight shipwrecked seafarers about 300 miles off Oman in waters known to be at risk of pirate attack.

ClassNK, a longtime supporter of the event, was once again overall lead sponsor. "I am truly glad that we have the opportunity to recognise the astounding efforts and achievements of the Greek maritime industry here at the Lloyd's List Greek Shipping Awards," said Aristides Dalakas, ClassNK's regional manager for the East Mediterranean Sea and Northern Black Sea.

Guests enjoyed a pre-dinner cocktail reception hosted by the Malta Ship Registry, which was addressed by Malta's transport minister, Dr Ian Borg.

China Classification Society offered the traditional champagne toast to the health of Greek shipping that has become a highlight of the event.

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Aristidis Dalakas, regional manager of the East Mediterranean Sea and Northern Black Sea for Event Sponsor ClassNK, gave a welcoming address to guests. Below is an edited version

## ‘Committed to supporting the Greek maritime community’

Good evening, Excellencies, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the guests here tonight on behalf of ClassNK.

It is an honour to be among so many esteemed representatives here in one room.

I have had the honour of working with many of you over the course of my career, and I am proud to be part of ClassNK's over-40 year history of support here in Greece.

Our Piraeus office has worked closely with the Greek maritime industry since its establishment in 1975. Over this time we have seen tough economic climates but also the advent of new technologies and opportunities.

I would like you to know that whatever we face, ClassNK is committed to providing solutions that will help the Greek maritime community weather any storms - or put the wind in your sails.

We Greeks come from a long line of mariners, stretching back to Homer's Iliad and beyond, so it comes as no surprise that we have taken a leading role in the global maritime industry. This role comes with the responsibility of setting an example for the rest of the world, and in that I think we have a constant record of success.

So I welcome this opportunity to recognise the astounding efforts and achievements of the Greek maritime industry here at the Lloyd's List Greek Shipping Awards.

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Thank you very much and I hope you enjoy the rest of your evening!

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Panagiotis Kouroumbilis (right), Greece's minister of Shipping & Island Policy, presents the donation to George Papastelianos of Argo

## Minister steps up to present our donation to 'Argo'

A TRADITION maintained by the Greek Shipping Awards for many years has been to help support 'Argo' with a charity donation from the proceeds of the event.

Lloyd's List was introduced to the charity more than a decade ago and has contributed to it at Greek Shipping Awards time ever since.

The charity was formed 32 years ago by parents in Greek seafaring families that have children with physical or learning disabilities

It cares for teenagers and other dependants up to about 45 years of age, providing day care facilities, education programmes and a variety of other activities and services for those in its care.

As a community effort close to the shipping industry it includes representatives of the

Panhellenic Seamen's Federation and the Hellenic Chamber of Shipping on its administrative board.

Shipping minister Panagiotis Kouroumbilis kindly agreed to do the honours and present a cheque to Argo on behalf of Lloyd's List and the Greek Shipping Awards team.

In his welcome address to the event, Mr Kouroumbilis emphasised that Greece's shipping industry not only has a leading place in the industry worldwide, but an important role in the rebuilding of the Greek economy.

Greece was "slowly but steadily starting to stand on its feet," said the minister. Greek shipping was "a pillar of the productive forces" necessary to revive the country's prospects.

Mr Kouroumbilis reassured the shipping audience that the government would continue to support the International Maritime Organization as the international regulator for a global industry.

"Shipping is a great means of uniting people, cultures, economies, and creating prosperity for people and I want to assure you that we stand next to all your efforts.

"I welcome you all this evening on this wonderful occasion, on this warm evening of friendship, solidarity and visibility that shows when imagination is combined with ability and determination, people are capable of achieving so much."

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Tatiana Vourecas-Petalas of Carras (Hellas) receives the Award from Matthew Moore, business executive of sponsor Marichem Marigases

## DRY CARGO COMPANY OF THE YEAR

BY CHOOSING Carras (Hellas) for the 'Dry Cargo Company of the Year' Award, the 2017 judging panel recognised one of Greece's oldest-established family shipping companies.

The company, established by Captain Ioannis Carras at the end of the 19th century, has been an integral part of Greek shipping history and for decades was synonymous with John M. Carras (1915-2008), the founder's grandson, who held the reins from 1938.

In the 21st century, Carras (Hellas) has been under the leadership of his granddaughter, Tatiana Vourecas-Petalas, and has remained true to the historic company culture of nurturing and training Greek seafarers and building high-quality ships.

Recently, due to conditions in the dry bulk market and the imperative of meeting new regulatory requirements, the company scrapped older tonnage and ordered energy-

efficient and environmentally-friendly newbuildings from Japanese shipyards.

During 2016-17, two kamsarmaxes were delivered from Japan Marine United and three supramaxes were delivered from Tsuneishi Zosen. Since the start of 2018, two ultramaxs have been delivered from the Tsuneishi yard.

The company's fleet of 13 bulkers in 2018 includes four capesizes, two of which were built in 2009-10 by Odense Steel in Denmark, in a landmark order by Carras at a European yard.

The accent put on training and professionalism is underlined by a private in-house training centre for both shore-based and seagoing personnel.

That Carras' high quality standards are recognised internationally is evidenced by the fleet's clean record in port state control and

other third party vettings. During the last four years, six of the company's vessels trading to the US were awarded the Qualship 21 distinction by the US Coast Guard.

Accepting the Award, Mrs Vourecas-Petalas expressed thanks to the management and staff of Carras (Hellas) and to the company's captains, officers and crew for their "continuous efforts in maintaining our high standards while sharing our vision for the prosperity and future of our company."

She said: "Success is based on people, both ashore and onboard the ships and I am sure this Award will motivate and inspire us all even more."

The Dry Cargo Company of the Year Award was sponsored by Marichem Marigases.





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*Angelicooussis Shipping Group principal Maria Angelicooussis (right) receives Maran's Award from Paillette Palaologou, vice president and regional chief executive Hellenic and Black Seas region of sponsor Bureau Veritas*

## TANKER COMPANY OF THE YEAR

GREEKS are the biggest owners of tankers worldwide, and 'Tanker Company of the Year' has traditionally been one of the toughest categories to win at the Greek Shipping Awards, with a field of candidates brimming over with world-class owners and operators each year.

That was certainly the case in 2017 but the country's largest tanker owner, Angelicooussis Shipping Group tanker arm Maran Tankers Management, prevailed.

The panel could not ignore the company's impressive investment and commercial activities in the last two years that have been exceptional even by Maran's standards.

The dynamic period of growth and modernisation has included expansion with 23 newbuildings. On the commercial front, the company secured 10 long-term charters with two oil majors for its new very large crude carriers.

The panel also recognised Maran for efforts behind the scenes to be at the forefront of new technology and building more efficient, environmentally friendly ships, as well as its outstanding efforts to support Greek maritime colleges and ensure the future availability of good Greek officers.

Maran has invested in its own in-house training centre, certified by DNV GL and equipped with bridge, cargo handling and engine room simulators. The centre administers a year-round training school offering more than 250 courses for deck and engine officers.

In 2017 alone the company contracted seven new very large crude carriers at favoured shipbuilder Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering. The new orders brought to 11 the number of VLCCs on order for delivery from 2018 onwards.

This was on top of 32 VLCCs in the water, including seven on bareboat charter to

Chevron Texaco, in a relationship that began in 2000 and has periodically been renewed with newer, more efficient tonnage.

"Whilst there is no doubt that the quality of the vessels we operate has contributed to establishing our reputation as a first-class tanker company the key driver has been the people at Maran Tankers without whom none of this would have been possible," said Angelicooussis group principal Maria Angelicooussis.

Accepting the Award for Maran, she said: "They are professional, dedicated and loyal, working together as a team they are what makes Maran the company it is today."

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





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Golden Star Ferries

Winner



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Raffaele Palumbo (right), chief executive of Palumbo Group, presents the Award to Golden Star's owners George and Dimitris Stephanou

## PASSENGER LINE OF THE YEAR

PASSENGER shipping has always been a national priority for Greece, given the beauties and challenges of its long coastline and the need for transport to and from the country's many islands.

In Golden Star Ferries, the jury picked a company that is in transformation and seemingly now on the road to becoming a very significant player in the coastal trades.

Golden Star Ferries was publicly launched in 2011 by dry bulk shipowners George and Dimitris Stephanou with a service on the Rafina-Andros-Tinos-Mykonos route. The first ship acquired, *Superferry II*, had been a stalwart on the same route for many years under previous owner Blue Star Ferries.

Our judges were impressed that the company had proved its quality and commitment to the coastal trade during a six-year period that coincided with the deepest crisis in the history of the country's coastal ferry business.

In the last two years Golden Star has gone to another level and become a leading provider of transportation to and from the Cyclades islands, from the port of Rafina.

In 2015 the company acquired a second vessel, the 20 year-old Japanese ferry *Kogane Maru*. Notably, it entrusted conversion, budgeted at \$15m, to the local Perama shipyard zone. It was the first major conversion project for crisis-hit Perama since 2010.

Employing up to 150 workers at any given time and 15 companies and subcontracting teams, the project involved a virtual rebuilding of the vessel from the main deck up and creation of completely new accommodation and onboard services. Notably, the passenger capacity was also increased, to 1,850.

Renamed the new *Superferry*, the luxuriously-rebuilt vessel was introduced on the company's Cyclades islands route in July 2016.

In 2017, Golden Star followed up by acquiring

its first high-speed ferry, *SuperRunner*, from Aegean Speed Lines, increasing its service between Rafina and the Cyclades islands to three vessels.

By the end of 2017, Golden Star had also acquired the *Krilo Eclipse* from Croatia Ferries. The 2001-built trimaran has capacity for about 500 passengers and is one of two additional fast ferries the company has pledged to introduce in Greek waters during 2018, the other being *Karolin*, previously operated by Linda Line on a Tallinn-Helsinki route.

Golden Star planned to rename the vessels *Superspeed* and *Supercat*, respectively.

The Passenger Line of the Year Award was sponsored by Palumbo Group.



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Dennis Vernardakis of Masters Shipping (left) accepts the Award from Tsakos Group founder Captain Panagiotis Tsakos and grandson Panagiotis Tsakos junior

## SHIPBROKER OF THE YEAR

FEW could begrudge Masters Shipping the 'Shipbroker of the Year' Award – not only due to its outstanding record over the years, but also because it has few if any competitors in a very specialised business.

Masters recently celebrated its 50th year and can claim to have been the first company worldwide to declare itself a specialist passenger ship broker.

Founded by the late Captain John Kindinis in 1965, early on it primarily catered for the needs of Epirotiki Lines, selling, purchasing and chartering cruise ships.

Accepting the Award, Masters' managing director Captain Dennis Vernardakis, recounted that John Kindinis had the friendship and help of Epirotiki's principal Andreas Potamianos. "Andreas Potamianos was the godfather of Masters' Shipping because he taught us the ropes, he gave us direction and a world pioneer's identity," he said.

Later, it entered the fledgling Greek ferry market, starting with brokerage of early acquisitions by pioneer operators such as Efthymiades, Minoan and Karageorgis.

Over its history, Masters has been instrumental in more than 1,000 deals including many landmark transactions that have supported the country's cruise and ferry lines.

Among its notable deals, it was instrumental in selling the same ship – Epirotiki's cruise vessel *World Renaissance* – no less than four times, including a final sale for demolition. Chandris' *Australis* was sold three times by Masters.

In 1998-99, Masters placed an order for up to three ferries for Strintzis Lines at Hellenic Shipyards that briefly promised to revive the Greek builder's commercial shipbuilding identity.

The sale of Minoan's four year-old ropax

*Ariadne Palace* to Italy's Moby Lines in 2006 fetched €90m, an all-time record for a secondhand ferry deal.

Masters has chartered multiple passenger ships for various events – such as five cruiseships en bloc for the Lisbon Expo 98 exhibition, 10 passenger ships to past G8 and Nato summits, and five ships en bloc for the evacuation of Libya in the revolution that overthrew Gadafi.

Still going strong, in 2016-17 Masters was instrumental in the purchase or sale of another four conventional ferries, eight fast catamaran and monohull ferries and one cruise ship, as well as concluding important charters.

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Despina Panayiotou Theodosiou (left) joint chief executive of sponsor Tototheo Maritime presents the Award to Christina Margelou, head of shipping at Eurobank

## SHIPPING FINANCIER OF THE YEAR

THE panel's choice of Christina Margelou, head of shipping for Eurobank, reflects widespread appreciation in the shipping community for her input at the bank, which only two years earlier won the 'Shipping Financier' trophy as an institution.

Traditionally the fourth-largest Greek lender to the industry, Eurobank has steadily increased the size of its shipping portfolio and has become a substantial player in the financing of Greek shipowners.

The bank increased its portfolio again in 2017 with significant fresh lending, reaching a loan book of \$1.4bn. That is thought to include loans to about 65 different shipowner customers.

In particular, judges liked the fact that Ms Margelou and her team apply traditional ship lending criteria and are active today in looking at all classes of shipowner – from the leading names to small and medium-sized owners they consider the backbone of the industry.

Ms Margelou has an impeccable background in ship finance. After completing her master's degree in shipping, trade and finance on the Costas Grammenos course at Cass Business School, she has served management spells in the shipping units of several major banks, including Barclays, Emporiki Bank and Crédit Agricole.

Accepting the Award, Ms Margelou said that Eurobank had "transformed and adapted" to a volatile world to reshape itself as a "next-generation bank".

The shipping business had been built up "in a disciplined manner" during a disastrous period for shipping markets that had seen traditional banks exit the sector.

"We were selective and specific, focused on our competitive advantages, the long-established relationships, sector-expertise, flexibility, efficiency and speed.

"We try to adopt the shipowners approach,

be countercyclical, handle the cycles in a good way. We are forward looking, the shipping market being volatile we mitigate the risks before engaging. Our mantra is simple - keep it safe.

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Yiannis Chiotopoulos (right), regional manager for South-East Europe and the Middle East for sponsor DNV GL, presents the Award to NanoPhos founder Dr Ioannis Arabatzis

## TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

LAVRION-based NanoPhos Marine was awarded as a market-leading developer of 'smart' marine coatings.

Founded in 2005 with the vision to exploit the unique advantages of nanotechnology, the company has introduced a pioneering range of efficient, environmentally friendly and cost-effective coating solutions for ships - and is at work to develop even more advanced products.

Initially creating intelligent solutions for buildings and construction projects, the firm was singled out in 2008 by Bill Gates for innovation and it won the first prize for Innovation and Sustainability in the 100% Detail International Tradeshow in London.

In 2014, NanoPhos decided to transfer its knowhow from the construction market to marine coatings and it currently offers 25 different marine products focused on maintenance, cleaning, hull protection, antifouling and fuel saving.

The company's offerings result from studies by Greek researchers, they are 100% produced in Greece and exported to more than 25 countries in Europe, the Middle East, Asia and the Americas.

Its innovative solutions use clever materials to solve common needs such as fouling growth, seawater corrosion, incident heat radiation and accumulation of salt deposits. Antifouling coatings with no metal oxide biocides, thermal insulating paints and self-cleaning protection are only some of the product enhancements nanotechnology can offer.

"We are very proud of our technical achievements so far," said NanoPhos founder Ioannis Arabatzis, accepting the Award.

"Some years ago, when we spread the word of robotic coatings that can change the properties according to external stimuli, self-healing coatings, thermal insulating paint or other advanced coatings, nobody could believe that a Greek company could compete against

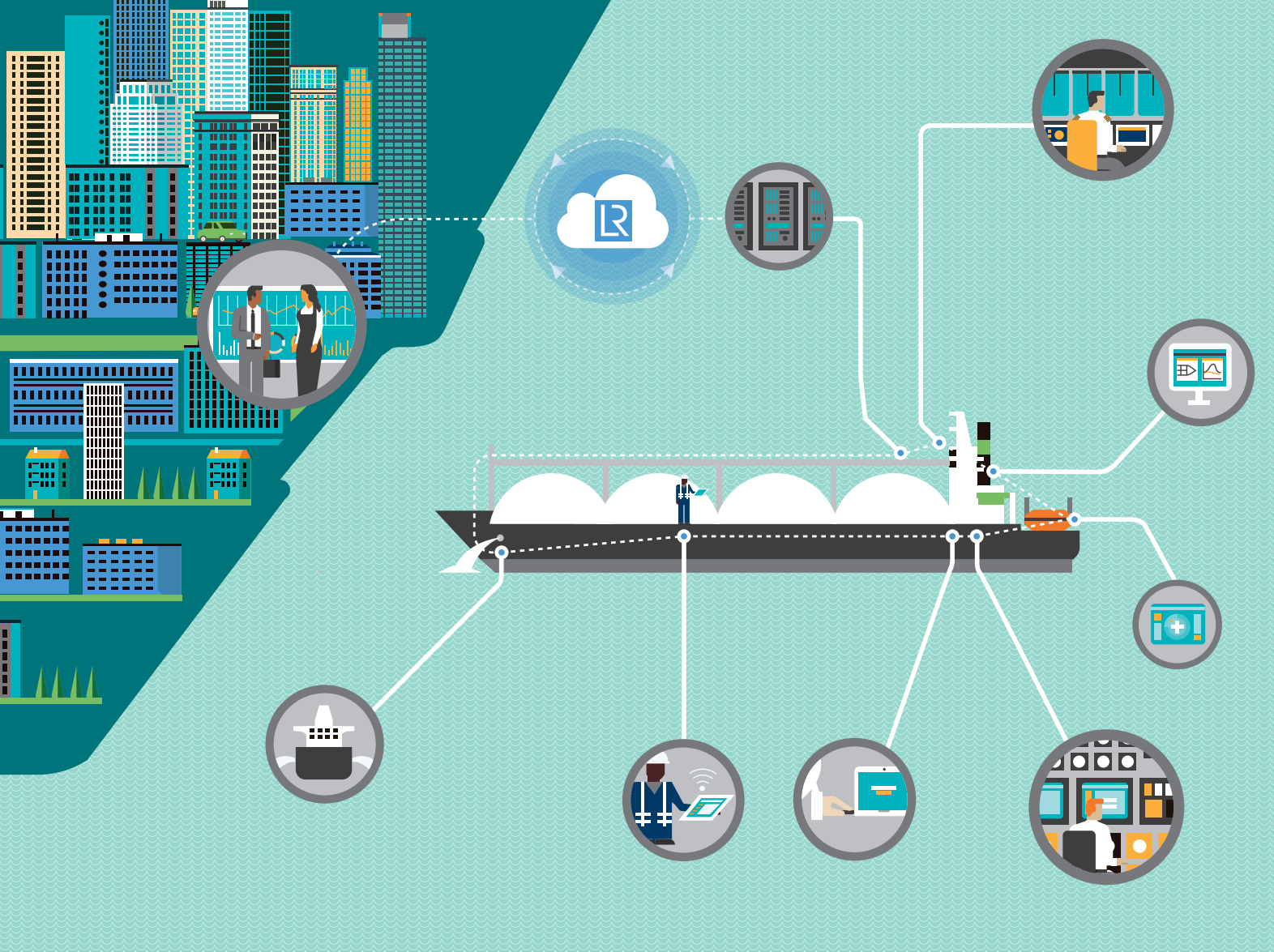
multi-national billion-turnover competitors around the world."

Since end-2015, after a strategic cooperation with US-based Advanced Polymer Coatings, NanoPhos Marine has become the exclusive representative for Greece and Cyprus of MarineLine784, the industry leading cargo tank coating system for chemical and product tankers.

In another important recent development, October 2017 saw the company join the Green Award organisation, offering Green Award certified vessels significant discounts on its products as a contribution to promoting the scheme's quality and environmental values in shipping.

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Theodosios Stamatellos (right), Lloyd's Register South Europe Marine & Offshore manager, presents the Award to Panos Zachariadis

## ACHIEVEMENT IN SAFETY OR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

PANOS Zachariadis was recognised by the judging panel for a career of engagement with many of the major safety and environmental questions facing the shipping industry.

He is the longstanding technical director of Atlantic Bulk Carriers Management, a high-rated owner and manager of a fleet of about 20 bulk carriers.

Known for his readiness to share his expertise through numerous channels and his articulateness in cutting to the heart of complex issues, Mr Zachariadis has left a wide imprint on the industry.

Educated in the US, with a mechanical engineering degree from Iowa State and a masters in naval architecture and marine engineering from University of Michigan, his shipping experience spans diverse areas including sea service in bulk carriers and oil tankers, dry dock repairs, new building supervision and specifications, ship operations and chartering.

Achievements include a patent for design and supervision of oil tanker conversions, introduction of new methods to save fuel oil costs and lube consumption on ships, and invention of a method to retrofit oil tankers with an inner hull.

In addition to his work for Atlantic, he has long provided assistance to the Union of Greek Shipowners and the Hellenic Chamber of Shipping to enhance the safety of ships by trying to improve new regulations formulated at the International Maritime Organization.

His was a leading voice in pressuring classification societies to make Common Structural Rules for the construction of tankers and bulk carriers more robust for stronger and safer ships.

Mr Zachariadis has attended IMO consistently since 2004 as a member of the Greek delegation. He was extensively involved with IMO's Goal-Based Standards from the beginning and he was instrumental in the

Greek study which reversed the move to mandatory double hulls for bulk carriers.

He is also credited with a major role in developing the new IMO coating standard (PSPC) for all ships' ballast tanks.

Recently he has been heavily involved in discussions to develop new IMO policy for cutting industry greenhouse gas emissions.

Accepting the Award, Mr Zachariadis dedicated it to the memory of his mentor, whom he named as George Coumantaros, the shipowner behind Atlantic Bulk Carriers who passed away in 2017.

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



# Greek Shipping's 'Dinner of 2017'



The welcoming drinks reception, sponsored by Malta Ship Registry, began the evening with a buzz



A theme of digitalisation was reflected in atmospheric 'Tron'-inspired visuals



Eleni Polychronopoulou reveals herself as the voice behind the futuristic helmet in one of the on-screen video teasers introducing each of the night's awards



Shipowner Eddie Valentis (left) chats with shipbroker Savvas Athanasiadis, managing director of Clarksons Hellas



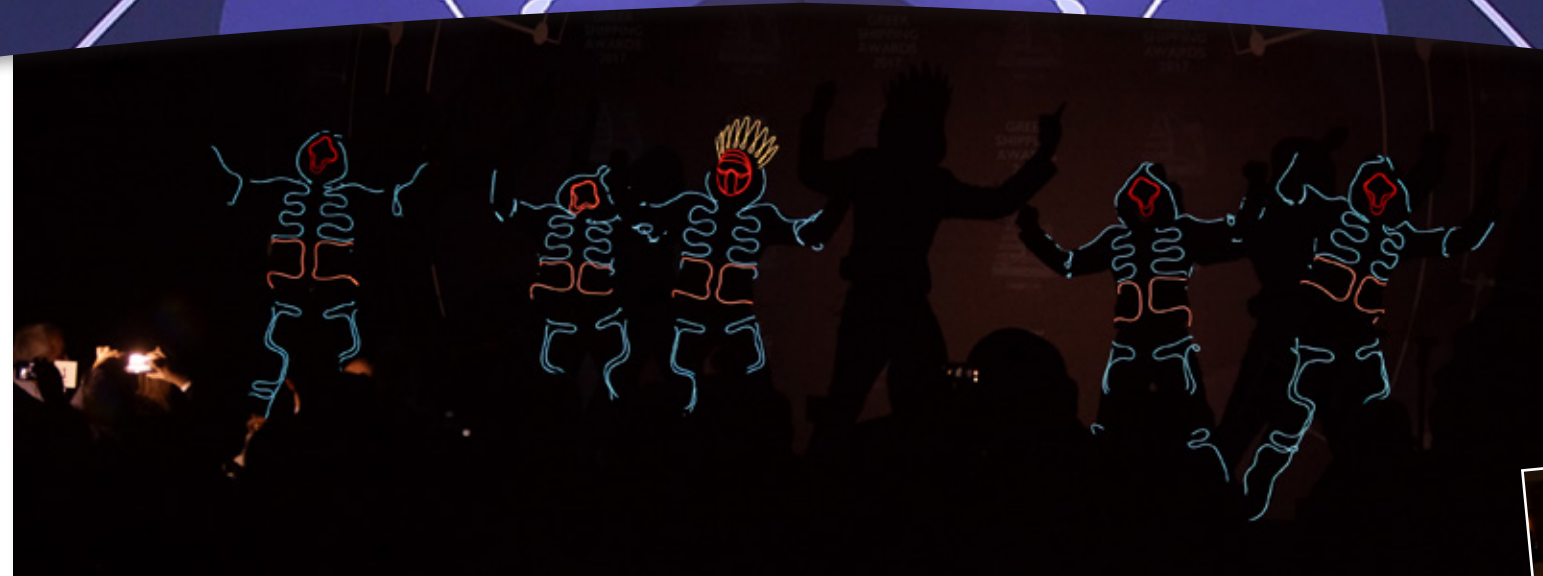
Shipowner Petros Pappas (centre) – the consolidator



The power of teamwork – Maria Angelicoussis (centre) together with her team shows off Maran Tankers' justly-deserved trophy



Greek news broadcaster Andriana Paraskevopoulou again teamed up with Lloyd's List's Nigel Lowry to host the 2017 Awards



UK-based group Dance Mob powers up the event with a LED-suited 'Tron' dance



Picture perfect – Captain Panagiotis Tsakos (right) snaps Evelyn Petaloti taking a selfie with (centre) Dirk Fry and (standing) Captain Michael Dimakareas of the Maria Tsakos TCM Academy



UK ambassador to Greece Kate Smith (centre) with Victor Restis (left) and former shipping minister Miltiadis Varvitsiotis



Three shipowners – Next Generation Shipping Award-winner Ioannis Martinos (centre) with uncle Thanassis Martinos (right) and Nicholas Paraschis



Doug Barrow (left) of the UK registry shares a joke with David Peel of RightShip



Enthusiastic celebrations at the table of Golden Star Ferries, winner of the Passenger Line award



◀ The Awards are about merit – but the annual dinner is also high on fun and glamour



The dinner was once again graced by a strong contingent from Wista Hellas



Soup's getting cold at the Eurobank table



Two proud daughters help Evangelos Marinakis with his 'Personality of the Year' trophy. Yes, it's heavy!





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*John Laderos (right), chief executive of SRH Marine Group, presents the Award to Dr Ilias Bissias, director of Naftika Chronika*

## PIRAEUS INTERNATIONAL CENTRE AWARD

NAFTIKA Chronika has been the leading Greek shipping publication and a constant, trusted and influential point of reference for the country's shipping industry since 1931.

Founded by Dimitris Kottakis, Naftika Chronika was the first Greek shipping publication run on professional lines and offering in-depth industry analysis. It was also an invaluable source of statistics and details of vessel movements important to the families of crew and an important outlet for shipowners' voices.

The publication championed the growth of Greek shipping and was a consistent voice of support for the country's mariners. It was influential in shaping industry opinion as well as the future growth of Piraeus as an international centre.

For example, it promoted the purchase of war-surplus Liberty vessels at the end of the Second World War in order to help rebuild the shattered Greek fleet and Mr Kottakis

himself travelled to New York to support the committee handling the transaction.

The magazine was also solidly behind shipping-friendly legislation that established the foundations for the modern Greek merchant marine to grow.

Today, a new editorial team is continuing the title's proud traditions and has restored its credibility. Recently it created Isalos.net as a new educational platform aimed at young Greeks including high school students interested in a maritime career and the cadets at the country's maritime academies.

The platform seeks to instruct young people in the real dimensions and challenges of the shipping profession, and it includes a section on maritime history.

Judges noted that the platform, launched in 2016, had already made a great impact, promoting wider knowledge and understanding of the shipping sector.

Nominations for Naftika Chronika mentioned numerous ways in which the title has interacted with Piraeus and the wider national shipping hub.

These include organisation of educational events and the annual 'Efkranti' Awards, as well as each month free distribution of more than 1,000 copies to universities and merchant marine academies throughout Greece.

"This Award belongs to the Greek shipping community," said Naftika Chronika director Ilias Bissias, whose parents acquired the title 20 years ago and worked to restore its reputation.

"When you thrive, we follow," he said. "As Dimitris Kottakis used to say: 'we are simply your looking glass'. His legacy, this heritage, will continue."

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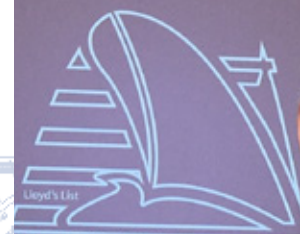
Captain Fu Chengqiu

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Gerry Ventouris (right), chief executive of Capital Maritime & Trading Corp., presents the Award to Captain Fu Chengqiu

## INTERNATIONAL PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

CAPTAIN Fu Chengqiu is the second winner of this Award to come from China's Cosco Shipping, following recognition of then group chairman Captain Wei Jiafu in 2010.

Captain Fu was appointed managing director of the Piraeus Port Authority on August 11, 2016 after Cosco acquired majority ownership of the governing body of Greece's top port.

Since then he has been the key individual at the heart of the country's major foreign investment, tasked with a smooth transition to the port's new ownership and successfully expanding the business of the port, which holds strategic importance for Chinese trade policy.

Developing Piraeus as the southern gateway for Sino-European trade is only one of the key elements of the company's business plan, others being growth as a Mediterranean cruise homeport, a ship repair hub and upgrading services as a national port for domestic passenger traffic.

The panel chose Captain Fu as recipient of the Award, the only one open exclusively to non-Greeks, in a vote of confidence in Cosco's investment and in recognition of the importance of a successful future for Piraeus.

However, it also recognised his considerable personal career in shipping and prior contribution to the port's growth.

As managing director of Piraeus Container Terminal (PCT) from 2010, Captain Fu played a key role in turning Piraeus into one of the fastest-growing container terminals in the world, and an efficient one too, with traffic increased by 12% in 2016.

In 2017, total revenues for the PPA were increased by 7.7% to €11.5m. Container traffic increased by 6.4% to a record 3.7m teu and Cosco is aiming to increase the capacity to 7m that would put the Greek hub among the world's largest 30 container ports. Last year, Piraeus was ranked 44th in the world by Lloyd's List.

There has also been growth at the port's car terminal with a 19.1% increase in vehicles handled in 2017.

Captain Fu's vast experience in terminals and shipping is seen as one of the key assets in transforming Piraeus into a state-of-the-art container hub of international importance.

Captain Fu joined Cosco in 1976 as a 3rd officer in a Cosco vessel and rose to several top executive positions in the group before coming to Piraeus.

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Captain Iakovos Daniil

Winner 



Captain Iakovos Daniil (right) receives the Award from George A. Tsavlis, principal of sponsor Tsavlis Salvage Group

## SEAFARER OF THE YEAR

SEAFARER of the Year is traditionally one of the most enthusiastically applauded categories of Award at the Greek Shipping Awards each year and 2017 was no exception.

As is traditional, the panel of judges selected the winner based on a shortlist of candidates endorsed by the Panhellenic Seamen's Federation.

'Seafarer of the Year' for 2017, Captain Iakovos Daniil, has been a qualified Master for 15 years – the last five of these serving with Athens-based Unitized Ocean Transport, the dedicated ship manager for Diana Containerships.

On June 5, 2017, he was in command of the 6,500 teu container ship *Hamburg* en route from Suez to Singapore when a call was received from UKMTO Dubai, the Royal Navy-run regional operations centre and the primary contact point for vessels for safety and security issues in the Indian Ocean.

A small passenger vessel had sunk 300 miles off the coast of Oman, leaving eight crew members adrift in a life raft. This is an area at high risk of pirate attacks.

After checks with UKMTO to verify that the distress call was genuine, Capt Daniil diverted to search for the survivors. Despite the evening darkness, the *Hamburg* located the life raft remarkably swiftly and the eight Pakistani nationals were rescued, cared for aboard Capt Daniil's vessel and later successfully disembarked in Singapore.

"It is a great honour for me to receive this Award but the fact is that all I did was to perform my normal duty as a professional seafarer and human being – just as every other responsible colleague would have done in my position," said Capt Daniil.

"Luckily, despite the bad weather conditions we managed to locate the shipwrecked seamen fairly quickly and take them onboard," he told the audience.

"A great relief this had a happy ending and it was certainly an important milestone in my life. However, I want to emphasise that this prize does not belong only to me but also to my officers and crew who performed an excellent job during the search and rescue operation."

Capt Daniil also paid tribute to company Unitized Ocean Transport and in particular operations manager Capt George Athanassiou, DPA Capt Georgios Angelopoulos and crew manager Mr. Sotiris Kostouros for "great co-operation and support leading to the successful completion of the operation."

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





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Maria Tsakos TCM Academy

Winner



The Award was presented by Jorge Barakat Pitty (right), minister of maritime affairs, Panama maritime authority, to Captain Michael Dimakareas of the Maria Tsakos Academy and Elizabeth and Irene Tsakos. In the picture (back) is Jennifer Daintree, DP certification manager of the Nautical Institute

## ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION OR TRAINING

JUDGES settled on the Maria Tsakos TCM Academy Maritime Training Centre as the winner of the 2017 'Education or Training Award' for its investment in and commitment to training, and a growing, innovative curriculum that goes beyond conventional simulation training courses.

The centre was established in 2013 by Tsakos Columbia Shipmanagement to meet the growing training needs of the company's officers, crews and shore employees.

Based at Tsakos Group headquarters in Athens, in a 500 sq m space that has been extensively revamped for the purpose, the academy offers officers and staff a means to continuously develop their competence to ensure operational excellence in safety, efficiency and competitive advantage.

State-of-the-art simulators provide an exceptional educational experience where

mistakes become lessons learnt, and they also serve to test and evaluate the officers' competence and readiness to undertake higher rank responsibilities.

Already incorporated in the curriculum are human-element courses such as reflective training, advanced management, seamanship, incident investigation techniques, vetting and others.

Since establishment, the centre has offered more than 800 courses with more than 4,000 attendees.

In June 2017 the centre was accredited as an approved Dynamic Positioning training centre, in accordance with Nautical Institute standards, becoming the only training facility in Europe accredited for the full array of DP courses.

Accepting the Award, Captain Michael Dimakareas, training manager of the Maria Tsakos TCM Academy, dedicated the Award to the group's officers and crew.

"The Maria Tsakos Academy was established only four years ago in honour of the late and beloved Maria Tsakos," he said. The centre was created on the initiative of Captain Panagiotis Tsakos and Mr Nikolaos Tsakos with the strong commitment to build officers competent to deal with the industry future needs, said Captain Dimakareas.

"If we stand here tonight it is because of our principal's commitment, our team's hard work and our partners' support. Achievement is never attained by the work of one person or one team – it is the outcome of joint effort of all teams both ashore and onboard," he said.

"We will never lose our focus. Our focus is on our officers and our crew," he said. "Our people are our most valuable capital."

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Vice Admiral Nikolaos Tsounis HN, Chief of the Hellenic Navy General Staff (left) accepts the Award from Taner Umaç, vetting officer of sponsor RightShip

## SHIP OF THE YEAR

AN ALREADY wide range of vessels that have been honoured with the 'Ship of the Year' Award was further extended when the judging panel used its power and wisdom to depart from the normal brief and to select a historic Greek naval vessel, *Georgios Averof*, for the distinction.

Built in 1910 by Cantieri Orlando Shipyard in Livorno, Italy, *Georgios Averof* is the world's only surviving heavily armoured cruiser of the early 20th century as well as the Hellenic Navy's most historic and iconic ship.

To judge from an extensive ovation from the audience when the winner was announced, the panel's choice was a popular one.

Named after one of Greece's outstanding philanthropists and national benefactors, the Pisa-class cruiser saw its first action in the Balkan War of 1912 and was instrumental in keeping the Ottoman fleet out of the Aegean.

It was the navy's fleet flagship during the campaigns in the North and Central Aegean islands and helped to liberate Mount Athos and islands such as Chios, Mytilini, Limnos and others.

After strategic roles in the First World War, the Smyrna Campaign and Second World War, *Georgios Averof* performed a last voyage under her own steam to Rhodes in May 1947 to commemorate the accession of the Dodecanese islands from Italy.

Since then it has been a floating museum in Palaio Faliro and the cornerstone of the country's long planned maritime park that also displays the Athenian trireme *Olympias*.

In 2017, a notable year in the vessel's long history, it underwent two months of maintenance and repairs in Hellenic Shipyards and subsequently visited Thessaloniki for the first time since the Second World War to take part in October 28 national day celebrations.

The restoration, which was envisaged to include eventually enabling the ship to once again sail the Aegean under steam power, was a project of shipping magnate and philanthropist Aleco N. Goulandris, who died in May 2017 before seeing the completion of the project.

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Panos G. Moraitis (left), chief executive of Aspida, receives the Award from Admiral Evangelos Apostolakis HN, Chief of Hellenic Defence General Staff

## LLOYD'S LIST INTELLIGENCE BIG DATA AWARD

THE 'Big Data' Award was introduced to the Greek Shipping Awards in 2015 and the winner is chosen by Lloyd's List Intelligence. For 2007, the category assumed additional importance given the increased sophistication of digitalisation in shipping and the awards event's overall digital theme.

The particular Award originates from the significant potential big data has to transform the industry - from timely insights drawn from real-time monitoring and forecasting of events, to improved management of performance and risk.

Aspida, the Greece-based maritime security firm that in the last three years has invested huge effort in the field of cyber security, fit the bill.

The LLI evaluation panel looked for maritime projects or applications based on the collection of significant data volumes from multiple, diverse sources, enabling analysts or algorithms to provide significant business benefits to the organisation or to outside business clients.

Aspida's Cyber Division won with its developed Vessel Security Information and Event Management (VSIEM) platform, 'Nemesis'. According to Aspida, Nemesis endpoints are installed individually on every vessel that is monitored by the company.

The endpoint has the ability to correlate and report back data collected from servers, bridge computers, network devices, SCADAs/PLCs, or any other computer onboard. This data is analysed to allow realtime detection of cyber attack attempts and other potentially malicious activity.

Nemesis is designed to be easily and cheaply installed on a vessel and to overcome interruptions through often-sporadic satellite communication links at sea. A store-and-forward strategy ensures information is not lost during any communication outage.

In addition to using retrieved information to identify anomalies and potential breaches, the platform also enables observation of operational patterns to provide proactive

intelligence about processes and procedures that need to be modified or removed since they present potential targets to hackers.

An integrated information dashboard of logs and usage data that are generally only available locally, without context, enables managers, staff and the security advisory team to pool their knowledge and experience to confront cyber challenges. The approach also helps in managing an ongoing situation and aids recovery in case of an actual security breach.

The LLI panel said it was "impressed" with the accessibility and insight into the systems being monitored through Nemesis, and the "wide range of proven benefits" delivered by the VSIEM - including ongoing threat detection, advice on how to strengthen security and a platform for training and real-time crisis support.



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Ioannis Martinos

Winner



Ioannis Martinos (left) accepts the Next Generation Shipping Award from Theofilos Xenakoudis, director, worldwide business operations of sponsor IRI/The Marshall Islands Registry

## NEXT GENERATION SHIPPING AWARD

NEXT Generation Award winner Ioannis Martinos admits to having been a "diligent" student, graduating with mechanical and aerospace engineering degrees from Tufts and MIT.

He was co-chief executive with brother Nikolas at family shipping company Thenamaris before establishing his own company in 2014 to put his own ideas about running a modern shipping business to the test.

As one nomination put it, his company - Signal Maritime - "combines the energy of a startup with resources of a seasoned industry player."

Signal describes itself as a commercial ship management company "with a twist".

Its team developed, tested and fine-tuned business intelligence tools and is committed to using advanced analytics to aid shipping performance.

"We strive to gather as much information as possible in order to better understand why and when ocean-going transportation services are required, as well as how a continually improving service can be achieved," the company says.

To date its fleet has comprised six tankers, including five aframaxs and one medium range two tanker, as well as one dry bulk panamax.

Signal is already recognised as an innovative leader in using and developing new data tools for trading more competitively, most recently including the launch of a revolutionary new app for navigating the tanker spot market.

"As a young member of the community one feels the obligation to help Greece maintain its leading position in shipping," said Mr Martinos, accepting the Award.

"Knowing many young shipping professionals covering all aspects of shipping I am confident

that we will do a great job and carry things forward.

"At a personal level I am particularly interested in how technology is going to affect shipping especially now that technology is penetrating all other industries at a fast pace.

"Although shipping has been technologically conservative it looks like the tide is turning and more people are looking at shipping as an opportunity at a technology level.

"With the work we are doing at my company Signal Maritime I am hoping to become a global contender in this technological race and represent Greece well on this fascinating frontier.

Mr Martinos thanked his senior team at Signal "which has been working really hard with me in order to make this vision possible."

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Pavlos J. Ioannidis (left), vice president emeritus and life member of the Onassis Foundation's board of directors, accepts the Lifetime Achievement Award from Marios Demetriades, minister of Transport, Communications & Works on behalf of Cyprus' maritime administration

## LLOYD'S LIST/PROPELLER CLUB LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

A DECORATED resistance fighter and professional pilot, Pavlos J. Ioannidis is probably best known as an important figure in the businesses of both Aristotle Onassis and of his daughter Christina, and as a vice president of the Onassis Foundation that continued the shipowner's legacy.

However, his wider contribution to Greek shipping and to the industry internationally is also recognised in the 2017 'Lifetime Achievement Award'.

Aged 18, Mr Ioannidis joined the resistance against the German occupation of Greece and his wartime exploits earned him medals for gallantry from Britain. But he later handed these back in protest against the execution of two freedom fighters in Cyprus.

He trained as a fighter pilot and after the war made a living as a commercial pilot, going on to become chief pilot and later director

general of Olympic Airways under Onassis.

In the shipowner's will, he was appointed a lifetime member of the board of the Onassis Foundation, established in 1975. That year he also became chief executive of the Foundation's commercial and shipping business, funded with half of the Onassis fortune.

Mr Ioannidis later became vice-president of both the Onassis business foundation and the public benefit foundation that has a long record of public benefit activities, particularly in Greece.

At the same time, he was a key executive and personal adviser for Christina Onassis.

Mr Ioannidis' background prompted him to apply aviation training methods and culture to shipping for the first time in order to systematically reduce human error. This was achieved not only on the Onassis fleet, it was

later shared with the wider Greek shipping community and beyond through Mr Ioannidis' participation on the board of the Union of Greek Shipowners and other industry organisations.

Among other roles he served as vice-president of the UGS from 1994 to 2000 and is a former vice-president of the Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association. He served for many years on the board of classification society ABS as the second Greek to do so (after George P. Livanos), and on the board of the UK P&I Club.

Mr Ioannidis' riveting full life story can be read in his memoir 'Destiny Prevails', first published in 2008 and in English in 2013.

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John Michael Radziwill

Winner 

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*Ian White (left) global marine marketing manager of sponsor ExxonMobil, presents the Award to Carlos Pena, CTM's commercial director for handysize up to post-panamax vessels, who accepted on behalf of John Michael Radziwill*

*John Michael Radziwill speaking to the audience via video*

## GREEK SHIPPING NEWSMAKER OF THE YEAR

NEWSMAKER of the Year is an Award that is always decided directly by senior editorial staff at Lloyd's List.

John Michael Radziwill was a clear choice as our 'Newsmaker of the Year' with at least three different elements underlining his claim to the title, any one of which may have been compelling enough reason by itself.

While it has become ritual for dry bulk shipowners to talk about positioning themselves for recovery Mr Radziwill was the year's hardest-charging mover in the dry bulk game.

In a prolonged lacklustre patch for public industry flotations, his formation of GoodBulk Ltd with private equity firm Lantern Capital and others at the end of 2016, and thereafter listing of the new company on the Norwegian over-the-counter market, already set him apart.

The vehicle raised \$100m to go ahead with the acquisition of six high-quality secondhand bulkers to bring the initial fleet to nine, including seven capesizes.

By the end of 2017, it had laid the foundations for a fleet of 25 including 22 capesizes. It acquired seven capes from CarVal, a spin-off from commodities giant Cargill, for about \$180m in stock and cash, and it had launched a rights issue to help fund the purchase of a further six options, priced at \$134m.

The company's rapid expansion has put it into a position where it may look at a listing on a US stock market in 2018.

Mr Radziwill is unabashedly bullish about the capesize market in particular and the dry bulk market more generally, and is an advocate of consolidation.

In addition to being chief executive of GoodBulk, since 2010 he has been chief

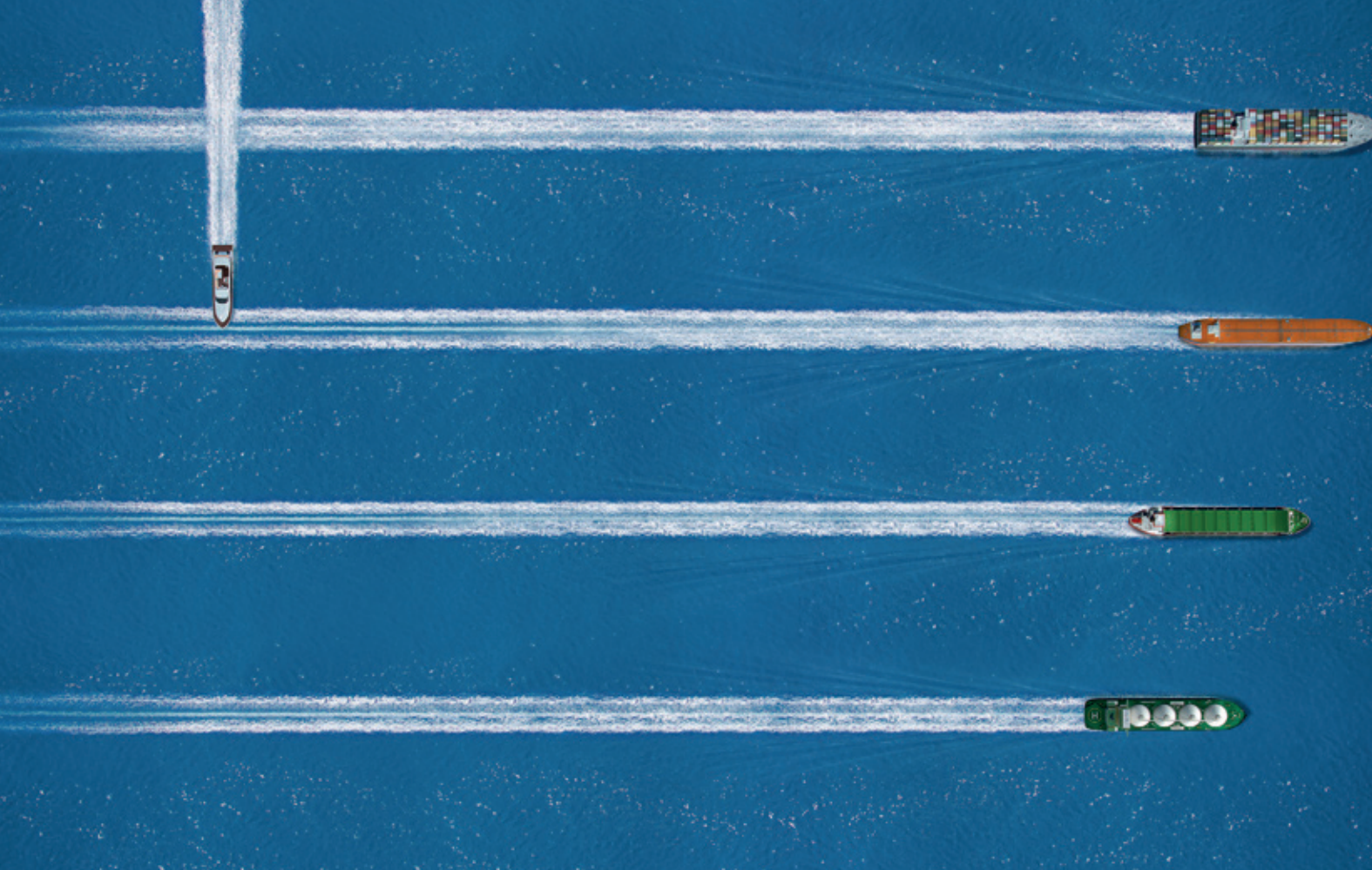
executive of Monaco-based C Transport Maritime, which manages up to 160 vessels at any one time in the handymax up to capesize segments.

The year was a good one, too, for CTM's pools. Its Supramax Revenue Sharing Agreement grew from 50 to 60 member vessels controlled by 15 different owners and its Capesize Chartering alliance of four major owners also added tonnage.

Mr Radziwill, who has a long family lineage in shipping, entered the business in 2002 after graduating with an Economics degree from Brown University. He is a Member of ABS and the Baltic Exchange.

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*Evangelos M. Marinakis (right) accepts the Award from Konstantinos Vassiliou, head of Group Corporate & Investment Banking for Eurobank*

## GREEK SHIPPING PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

EVANGELOS Marinakis was voted 'Personality of the Year' after a mercurial year both inside and outside the shipping industry.

The jury cited Mr Marinakis' philanthropy, including children's causes, Greek culture and humanitarian assistance to refugees.

It was also a year of big deals ashore. In Greece, the entrepreneur is probably best known as the owner of Greek football champions Olympiacos and in 2017 he also acquired former European Cup winners Nottingham Forest in the UK.

In June 2017 the acquisition of Lambrakis Media Group confirmed Mr Marinakis as one of the country's top media barons with control of some of the country's leading newspapers and magazines, as well as a 22% stake in Mega TV.

He has made it clear he considers shipping success as a springboard for investing in the

Greek economy and for financing causes he believes in as well.

But Mr Marinakis won the Award on purely shipping merit. During the year his Capital Maritime & Trading group invested about \$1bn across the tanker, container and dry bulk sectors, bringing his owned and affiliated fleet to more than 70 vessels.

Highlights of the year included acquisition of five ex-Hanjin containerships of about 10,000 teu, confirming the owner as a significant player in the boxship market. Since entering the sector in 2010, he has acquired a total of 26 modern container vessels, including 17 newbuildings, and 19 of these remain in the fleet.

Tankers have long been the primary focus for the shipowner and in 2017 he expanded his presence, particularly in the very large crude carrier segment. Up to eight VLCC eco newbuildings were ordered from Samsung

Heavy Industries to add to a group tally of six existing VLCCs. In addition, Capital chartered-in four VLCCs on two-year time charters.

In dry bulk Mr Marinakis amassed five new capesize purchases, but in an astute piece of trading two of these were sold shortly after their acquisition, realising a return for the owner of more than 50% in just a few months.

At the same time as rapid dealing in his private shipping investments, Mr Marinakis has carefully nurtured the group's commercial and technical reputation for the long term and he has also been a stalwart supporter of Nasdaq-listed Capital Product Partners LP, in which he owns a stake of about 20%.

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## What they said...



### SPONSOR Yiannis Chiotopoulos, DNV GL:

“In this era of uncertainty and confusion in world shipping, in this era where shipowners are confronted with dilemmas which may cost them millions of dollars and there is no expert to tell them right from wrong – it is so important that we foster support and sponsor anyone who can think out of the box, anyone who can come up with a smart solution, to guide us through the complexities of compliance.”

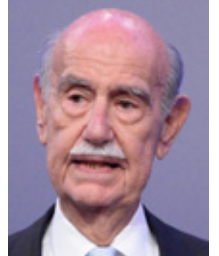


### WINNER Tatiana Vourecas-Petalas, Carras (Hellas):

“This distinguished Award will be proudly placed next to the Lloyd's List Award presented to the founder of Carras (Hellas), my late grandfather John M. Carras as Personality of the Year 2007.”

### WINNER Pavlos J. Ioannidis:

“All of us are judged by our actions, our accomplishments, our behaviour and the work we leave behind.”



### WINNER Maria Angelicoussis, Maran Tankers:

“Our fleet expansion isn't just acquiring new ships but also about training and developing the next generation of Greek seafarers.”



### WINNER Panos Zachariadis:

“My mentor was one of great integrity always doing the right thing in his businesses and his life. He was a great innovator, from novel design of bulk carriers to novel ways to discharge them. I would like to dedicate this Award to his memory, to the memory of Mr. George Coumantaros. Thank you very much.”

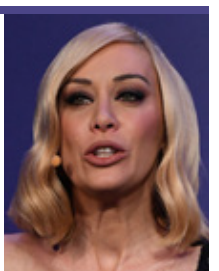


### SPONSOR John Laderos, SRH Marine Group:

“First of all I would like to thank Lloyd's List for this event that brings here under one roof the entire shipping family.”

### HOST Andriana Paraskevopoulou:

“Greeks invented the world's first computer and many other scientific innovations. So, Nigel, we should be cool with digital! Right?”



### WINNER Panos G. Moraitis, Aspida:

“I have been dreaming of getting one of these for more than 10 years. I remember seeing it up close for the first time at the lobby of Hellenic Seaways about 10 years ago. It was 2007 and I got jealous.”



### WINNER Ioannis Martinos:

“It is especially satisfying getting this Award this year as I recently turned 40 and it would be impossible to qualify for it again.”



### WINNER Dr Ioannis Arabatzis, NanoPhos:

“In Greece, we still have the brightest ideas and brightest minds. We customise, adapt, innovate, perform... We deliver what others cannot.”



### SPONSOR Jiping Chen, China Classification Society:

“No doubt everyone will agree that without the contribution of Greece, something would be missing from the global shipping community... I would now like to propose a toast. To our bright future together!”





L-R - Capt. John Chalas, Haralambos Fafalios, Nigel Lowry, Irene Daifas, George D. Pateras, Efthimios E. Mitropoulos, George Gratsos, Gelina Harlaftis, Stavros Hatzigrigoris, Vasilis Bacolitsas

## Prestigious panel is charged with making fine judgement calls

SHIPPING has always been a business calling for wisdom and fine judgement, and that has also been the case when it comes to deciding the Greek Shipping Awards.

While the annual Awards presentation event is always a major exercise in itself, it would not have become a firm favourite in the maritime calendar without a credible adjudication process to stand behind the Awards.

Transparency and credibility remain a priority for Lloyd's List and we have been proud to associate ourselves with the industry panel for this event over the years.

The system is as open and democratic as can be devised, while protecting the Awards from becoming a mere popularity contest.

The aim is to assemble a panel with the right chemistry of leading industry personalities, expertise and fresh blood to represent the Greek shipping community in choosing the Award-winners.

For 2017, the panel once again delivered, with a trio of well-known industry faces making their

first appearance on the jury: Vasilis Bacolitsas, chairman of Intertanko's Hellenic Mediterranean Panel; Piraeus Marine Club president Irene Daifas; and Stavros Hatzigrigoris, chairman of Martecma, the Marine Technical Managers' Association.

Experienced judges who helped sort out the winners again in 2017 included Efthimios E. Mitropoulos, secretary general emeritus of the International Maritime Organization, Haralambos Fafalios, chairman of the Greek Shipping Co-operation Committee, Hellenic Chamber of Shipping president George D. Pateras and Captain John Chalas, leader of the Panhellenic Seamen's Federation. Other returnees were George Gratsos as Helmepe chairman and Professor Gelina Harlaftis of the Ionian University.

More than 60 different panelists have now participated in the judging of the Greek Shipping Awards since inception in 2004.

The panel decides 15 of the 17 categories of Award, the exceptions being 'Newsmaker of the Year' and the 'Big Data' Award.

### 2017 JUDGING PANEL

(in alphabetical order):

**Vasilis Bacolitsas**

Chairman of Intertanko's Hellenic Mediterranean Panel

**Capt. John Chalas**

General Secretary of the Panhellenic Seamen's Federation

**Irene Daifas**

President of the Piraeus Marine Club

**Haralambos Fafalios**

Chairman of the Greek Shipping Co-operation Committee

**George Gratsos**

Chairman of Helmepe

**Gelina Harlaftis**

Professor of Maritime History, the Ionian University

**Stavros Hatzigrigoris**

Chairman of the Marine Technical Managers Association

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