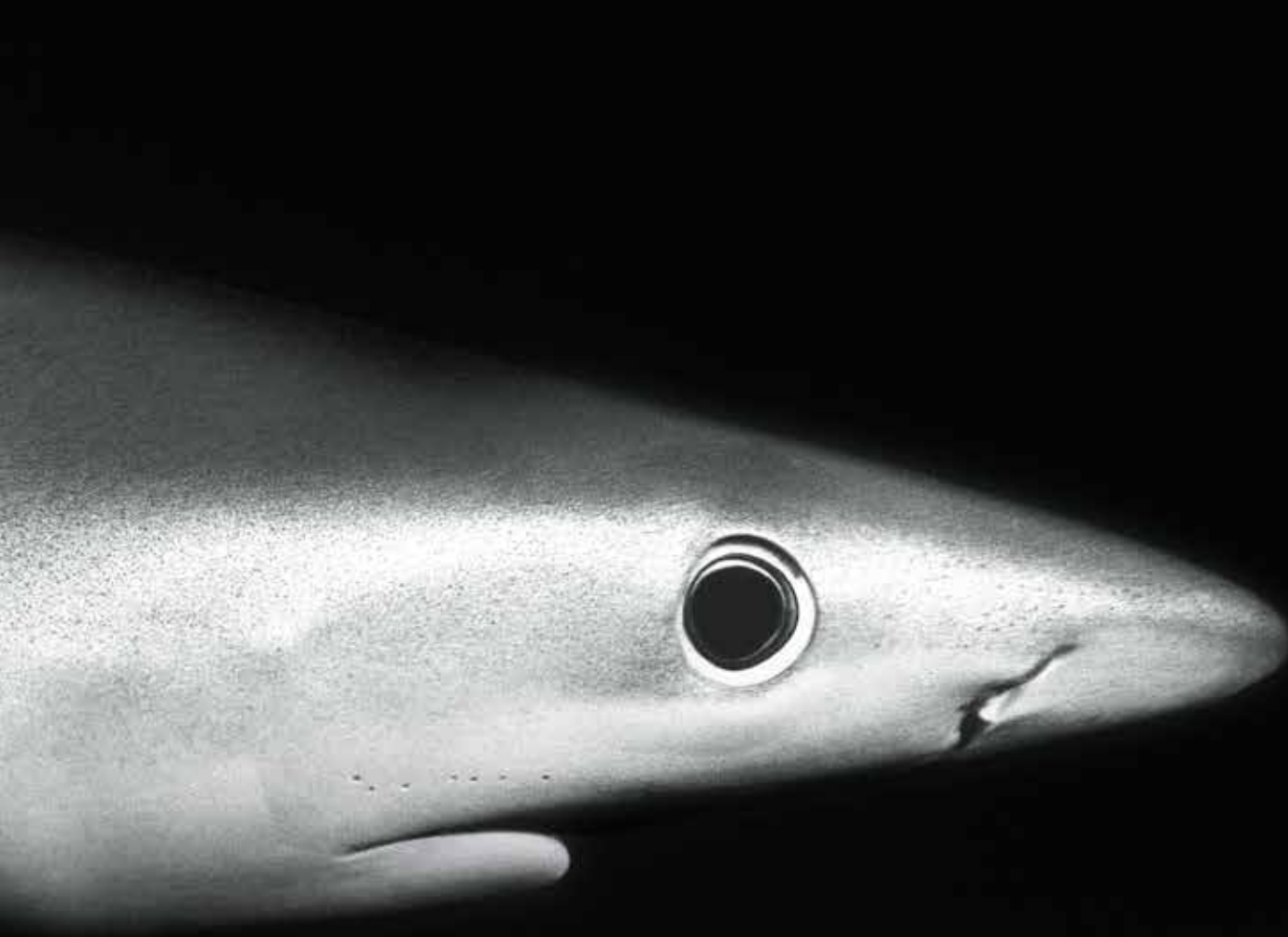


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An audience of nearly 1,200 acclaimed the 2018 winners and a high-energy night of suspense

High energy and strong winners mark 15th anniversary event

ANOTHER 'full house' of shipping industry guests acclaimed the winners of the Lloyd's List Greek Shipping Awards for 2018 at the best-attended annual awards event in the industry.

Tables for the latest incarnation of the popular annual maritime gala, celebrating 15 years since its inception in 2004, were harder than ever to come by and nearly 1,200 guests enjoyed an event that was particularly high on energy and shipping celebrities.

The proceedings kept the worthy winners coming at a brisk pace but regularly reverted to topically-themed entertainment that focused on propulsion and marine fuels old, new and, in some cases, frankly fantastical. Fuels and related issues were arguably the industry's main preoccupation during the prior 12 months.

Support for the Greek Shipping Awards was also evident in a full roster of sponsors, headed once again by ClassNK as overall lead sponsor.

The event has established itself both as a glamorous tribute to the success of Greek shipping and as a welcome end-of-year get-together for the community to see friends and take a look back at some of the key

events and achievements of the year gone by.

But at the heart of the event are the winners – as chosen by a prestigious panel of personalities broadly representing the Greek shipping industry from a healthy list of nominees put forward by the wider shipping public.

Any awards event ultimately stands or falls by the credibility of its winners and the honorees for 2018 included many names that allowed little room for controversy.

The night was capped by a strong quarter of individual personality awards that included the naming of outgoing Intercargo chairman John Platsidakis as Greek Shipping Personality of the Year and Diana Shipping chairman and chief executive Simos Palios honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Shipowners Angeliki Frangou of Navios and Paris Kassidokostas-Latsis of Latsco won the equally prestigious Newsmaker of the Year title and the Next Generation Shipping Award, respectively.

The only award aimed squarely at non-Greeks was presented to ABS chairman, president and chief executive Christopher Wiernicki.



The Honourable Dr. Ian Borg, Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects, addressed guests at the Welcome Reception sponsored by Malta Ship Registry

Ioannis Martinos, winner of the Next Generation award one year earlier, again came to the stage victorious in order to accept the Lloyd's List Intelligence Big Data Award for Signal Ocean Platform, his company's highly-acclaimed chartering tool.

Corporate winners included Contship Management which secured the Dry Cargo Company of the Year Award for building up a fleet of 30 feeder container vessels since its inception in 2015.

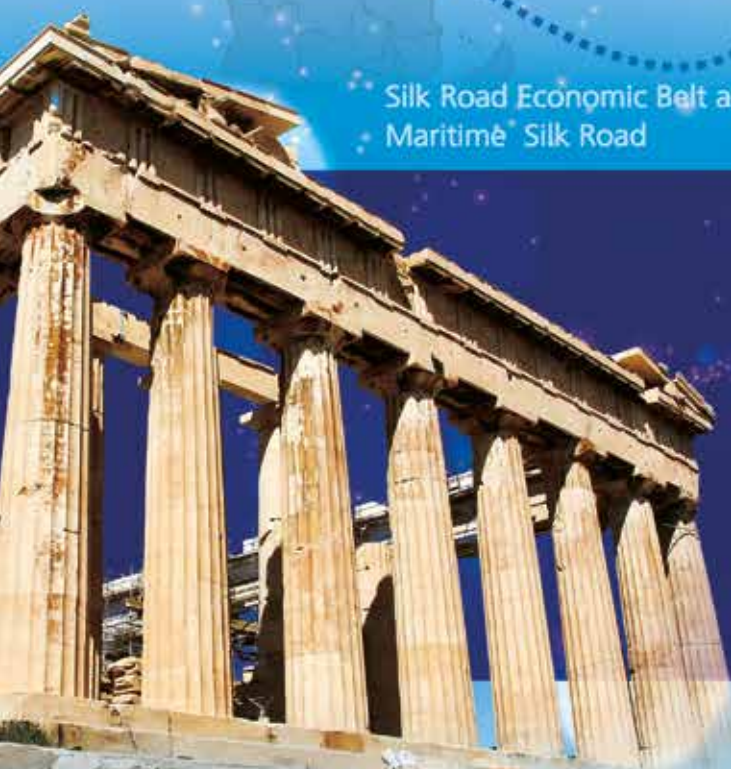
The Tanker Company of the Year Award went to Euronav Ship Management (Hellas), the Athens-based shipmanager for Euronav's deepsea tanker fleet.

Winners unveiled in the key service categories caused little argument. The Shipbroker of the Year Award went to Clarksons Platou Hellas for the first time. BNP Paribas won the Shipping Financier of the Year Award, reflecting a loan portfolio of about \$3bn and a groundswell of appreciation for the bank's traditional long-term supportive mentality towards shipping clients

George Gratsos, the chairman of the Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association and former president of the Hellenic Chamber of Shipping, won the Award for →



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Jipeng Chen (above centre), general manager of China Classification Society in Athens, delivers the traditional toast to the health of Greek shipping on behalf of sponsor CCS



→ Achievement in Safety or Environmental Protection, for his work at these and other organisations as well as for authoring a number of original research papers on safety and the environmental impact of shipping.

As Passenger Line of the Year, the judges chose Seajets which has dramatically expanded its fleet to 14 high-speed vessels plus three conventional car-passenger ferries, with a network covering 27 islands.

Piraeus-based firm Farad won the Technical Achievement Award for 2018, partly for its marine gas oil (MGO) cooling unit that enables today's ship's engines to reliably run on ultra-low sulphur fuel – a triumph that seemed to match well with the theme of the event production.

This year's Piraeus International Centre Award was won by the Propeller Club, International Port of Piraeus, for a wide range of activities and initiatives that annually include organisation of Greece's Amver Awards.

The newly-opened Tsakos Enhanced Nautical School in Chios was a popular winner of the 2018 Education or Training Award as the first private, not-for-profit nautical high school in Greece.

Captain Efstratios Kavros became the only seafarer to win the Seafarer of the Year Award for a second time, for his extraordinary conduct as master of the large passenger-vehicle ferry Eleftherios Venizelos in August this year when a severe fire broke out three hours into a voyage from Piraeus.

Ultramax bulk carrier newbuilding Afros, managed by Greece-based Blue Planet Shipping, was named 'Ship of the Year'. The vessel is the first bulker fitted with the Flettner Rotor System, sometimes called spinning sail technology, that harness the power of the wind to enhance efficiency.

Greece's alternate minister of Shipping and Island Policy, Nektarios Santorinios, opened the ceremonies and presented a donation on behalf of Lloyd's List to 'Argo', the charity supporting children with special needs in the families of Greek seafarers.

Two other European shipping ministers attended the occasion. Dr Ian Borg, Malta's minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects, spoke during the Malta Ship Registry-sponsored welcome cocktail reception.

"We are determined to continue consolidating the existing good working

relationship with the Greek shipping

community," said Dr Borg in his speech. "In recent decades international shipping has undergone incredible change - that is a result of globalisation and the opening of new markets. But it is also the result of innovation in shipping which the Greek shipping industry is synonymous with," he told guests.

Also a leading participant was Cyprus' first deputy shipping minister, Natasa Pilides, who presented the Lifetime Achievement Award, sponsored by the Deputy Ministry.

China Classification Society offered the traditional champagne toast to the health of Greek shipping. "Despite the ongoing challenges in today's shipping industry, we can still see remarkable achievements made by Greek shipowners, seafarers and related organisations, agents, individuals and business executives," said Jipeng Chen, general manager of CCS' Athens branch.

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Mr Gyobu receives a 10-year sponsorship award for ClassNK from Lloyd's List's sponsorship sales manager for the Greek Shipping Awards, Janet Wood



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Seiichi Gyobu, corporate officer, regional manager of Eastern Mediterranean Sea and Northern Black Sea for ClassNK, gave a welcome address to guests at the event.

Below is an edited version

Paying tribute to this 'remarkable maritime community'

Dear Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, Good evening.

On behalf of ClassNK, as overall event sponsor of this prestigious Awards evening, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of our customers here tonight and to all of you for your participation in this special event. I am very grateful for the opportunity to spend time with you all, at the end of 2018.

According to recent statistics, Greek fleet ownership accounts for 17.3% of the world fleet in deadweight, continuing to grow and maintaining its pole position.

The same report also shows that the Greek share of the fleet in the European area has significantly increased from 38% in 2009 to 47% in 2017. Another remarkable aspect of the Greek presence in shipping is the fact that the

current leaders of the global shipping organisations are all Greek, demonstrating their active involvement and commitment to fulfilling their responsibility for a better maritime future.

The strength of Greek shipping is defined by their commitment to the basic principles of business, having the market knowledge to identify and seize the best investment opportunities, alongside technical and engineering expertise to enable them to manage a diversified fleet portfolio.

As the backbone of world trade and economy, the strength, resilience and contribution of Greek shipping are really praiseworthy.

I believe this Awards event is a very valuable exercise in acknowledging excellence in companies and people and I am therefore very proud to be here as one of tonight's sponsors.

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I look forward to an even closer relationship between this remarkable maritime community and ClassNK.

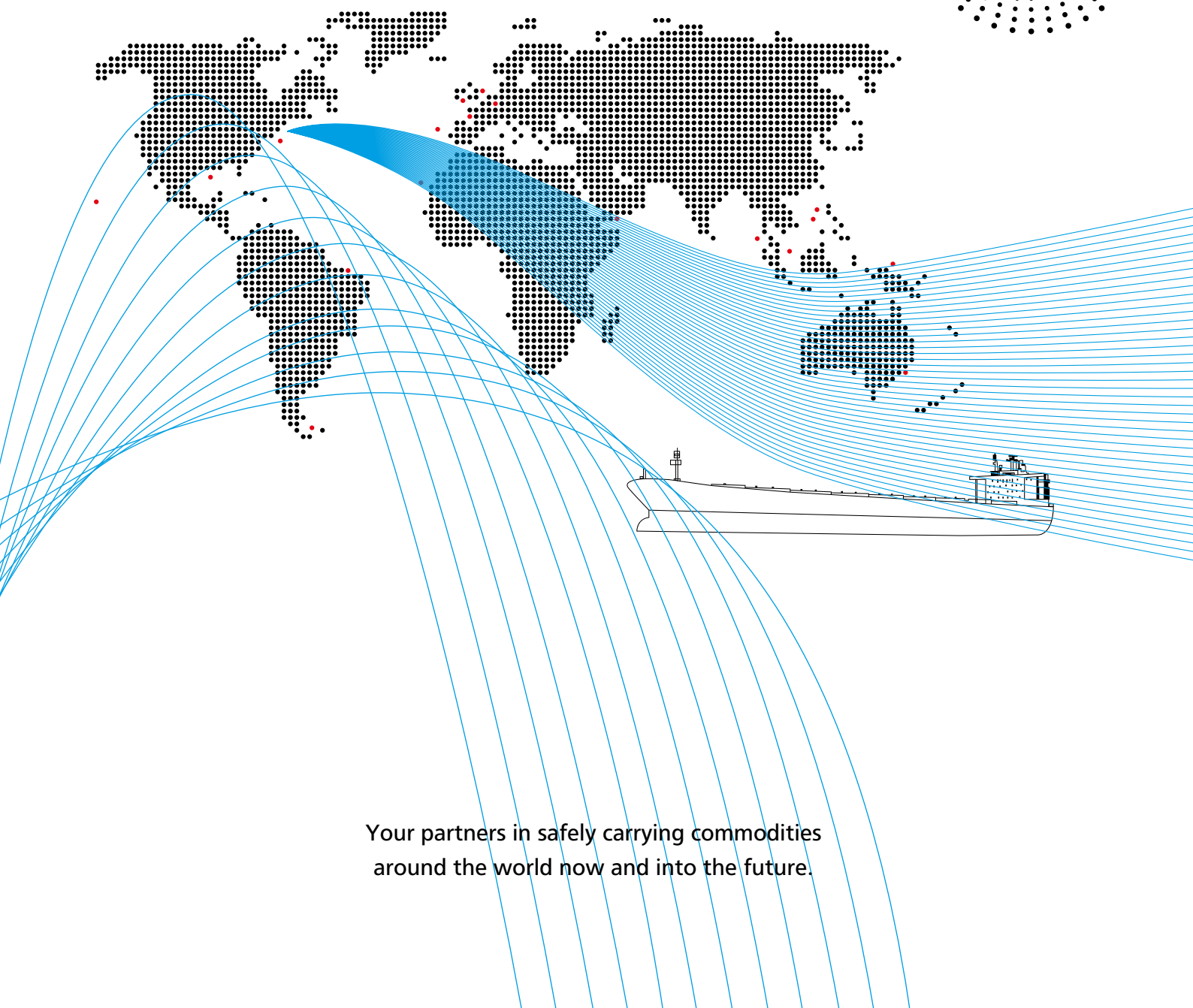
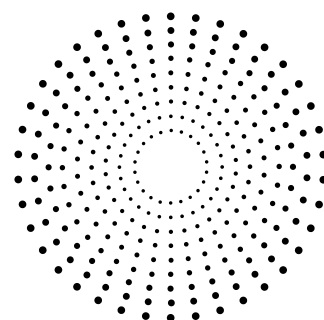
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Alternate minister of Shipping & Island Policy Nektarios Santorinios (right) presents a donation from the Lloyd's List Greek Shipping Awards to Argo president Despina Papastelianou

Alternate shipping minister presents our traditional charity donation

AN IMPORTANT tradition of the Lloyd's List Greek Shipping Awards is a regular charity donation from the event proceeds. For more than a decade, 'Argo' has been the charity supported.

Argo was established 34 years ago to provide support for children with physical or learning disabilities in Greek seafaring families.

It cares for teenagers and other dependents up to about 45 years of age, providing day care facilities, education programmes and various other services and activities for those under its care.

Over the years, Argo has said that the support from the Greek Shipping Awards has been put towards a range of vital uses, from paying for winter heating fuel for its centre to contributing to the purchase of a new bus for its transport needs.

In addition to the financial donation, the Greek Shipping Awards has aimed to provide a platform

for Argo to bring its activities to greater attention as a social effort close to the shipping industry.

At the 2018 Awards dinner, Argo president Despina Papastelianou launched an appeal for contributions to the association's major new project, constructing two modern supported-living shelters for grown-up children. The two shelters are budgeted at €900,000. But Argo already had good news to share in the form of a €250,000 donation from one shipowner.

The Hellenic state was represented at the dinner by Nektarios Santorinios, alternate minister for Shipping & Island Policy, who kindly agreed to present the donation from Lloyd's List and the Greek Shipping Awards team to Argo.

Mr Santorinios was one of three shipping ministers at the event, along with Malta's minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects, Ian Borg, and Cyprus' deputy minister for shipping Natasa Pilides.

He said that the three countries were aiming to

strengthen cooperation to "get the best results for shipping".

According to Mr Santorinios, shipping together with tourism is a pillar of the Greek economy and the government is committed to ensuring the industry has a strong presence in Greece for many years to come.

One aspect of this was for the state to upgrade the status of maritime education and he said that the government had recently been improving the infrastructure of the country's maritime academies.

"This is a great night for shipping," Mr Santorinios said. "We send greetings to all of you keeping Greece at the top of world shipping."

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Nikolaos D. Pateras (right) accepts the Award for Contships Management from Matthew More, business executive of sponsor Marichem Marigases

DRY CARGO COMPANY OF THE YEAR

CONTSHIPS Management is a dedicated containership feeder company launched by fifth-generation shipowner Nikolaos D. Pateras in 2015 after a thorough analysis of investment opportunities across shipping.

Container feeding was identified as a sector where a company could realistically strive to become a leading player with a degree of influence. This contrasted, management felt, with the lack of clout that even the larger owners have in the tramp markets.

While barely more than three years old, Contships has been a regular purchaser of feeder container vessels since its inception and has been a frequent buyer in the German market.

By late 2018, Contships had already amassed a fleet of 30 vessels and has showed little sign of easing off.

Mr Pateras has said that a weaker charter

market since the second half of 2018 is unlikely to halt and - if it continues - may even encourage the company's expansion, if ship values are correspondingly depressed.

Under the right circumstances, the company will seek to double its fleet over the next two years, the shipowner has said.

The vast majority of Contships' fleet has been acquired from distressed German owners or their banks, sometimes at prices well below market estimates of their value.

In late 2018, a first acquisition outside Germany saw Contships buy three feeders from Formosa Plastics Marine, including the 1,114 teu pair Container 9 and Container 10 and the 1,080 teu Container 5. The vessels are now trading for Contships as Contship Era, Contship Fox and Contship Don respectively.

In quick order Contships has entered the top 10 companies active in the sector. In 2017, it

carried 528,000 teu and, following its recent expansion, it transported an estimated 650,000 teu in 2018.

Feeder companies typically carry large volumes of containers because the short distances of many feeder services enable ships often to undertake two or three separate loaded voyages weekly.

The judging panel chose to reward a dynamic niche project unique in Greek shipping that has made a huge impact in its chosen sector in just three years of activity.

Judges noted, among other aspects, that Contships is working with all major charterers and has already made a name for itself in a sector where reliability and service are "musts" for success.

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



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Paillette Palaologou (left), vice president Bureau Veritas Marine & Offshore Division - Hellenic, Black Sea and Adriatic Zone, presents the Award to Stamatis Bourboulis, general manager of Euronav Ship Management (Hellas)

TANKER COMPANY OF THE YEAR

WITH their choice of Euronav Ship Management (Hellas) as 'Tanker Company of the Year' out of a typically strong field of candidates for this particular award, the judging panel recognised that the lion's share of the world's largest independent tanker fleet is managed in Greece.

The Award also reflects the panel's recognition of the quality of Euronav's operation in Greece and impressive developments during the preceding 12 months.

Euronav Ship Management (Hellas) provides technical management, crewing, safety, quality and other services for all the oceangoing tankers owned by Euronav that are managed in-house, with the only exceptions being four ultra-large crude carriers, two of which have been converted to floating storage and offloading vessels, that are managed from Belgium.

Since its inception Euronav Ship Management

(Hellas) has managed the construction and delivery of 27 new very large crude carriers and suezmax tankers.

The company has been certified for ISO 9001:2008 (RvA) as well as 14001:2004 (RvA) by the American Bureau of Shipping.

Euronav's Greek legacy stems from 2005 when Euronav acquired Tanklog, the tanker division of Ceres Hellenic from the family of Peter G. Livanos. That involved taking over a fleet of 16 suezmaxes and two aframaxs and the management team was integrated within Euronav to continue operating those vessels.

Steadily the fleet has grown as appreciation of the work of the company has strengthened. 2018 was been a landmark year with the merger between Euronav and the Gener8 Maritime fleet, creating a fleet of more than 70 tankers including 43 VLCCs and four ULCCs.

When the last of six anticipated ex-Gener8 vessels is delivered in 2019, Euronav Greece

expects to be managing a fleet of 48 tankers, comprising 23 VLCCs and 25 suezmaxes, 18 of which fly the Greek flag.

To accommodate one of the largest, top-class tanker operations anywhere in the world, Euronav moved into a spacious new office building in Athens in October 2017.

The Athens office is also the base for the head of the team supervising and liaising with the third party managers employed by Euronav for the balance of the fleet.

Accepting the Award on behalf of Euronav Ship Management (Hellas), general manager Stamatis Bourboulis said: "We are proud to be members of the dynamic international multi-cultural team of Euronav, and the fact that our contribution to Greek shipping is recognised through this Award gives us enormous encouragement."

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Marios Iliopoulos (centre), senior strategic and development planner of Sea Jets Group, receives the Award from Kyriakos Mitsotakis, commercial director of Five Oceans Salvage

PASSENGER LINE OF THE YEAR

SEAJETS was launched as a passenger line in 2002 but the founding Iliopoulos family first entered the nation's ferry market in 1997. A full 20 years later, it has become one of the world's largest operators of high-speed ferries with a fleet of 14 high-speed vessels plus three conventional car-passenger ferries.

Half the fleet has been acquired since 2014, including the world's fastest and largest high-speed ferries. At the same time, the company expanded its network of destinations served in the Aegean to cover 27 islands with more than 250 connections.

In 2018, the 2000-built Worldchampion Jet, for many years holder of the title of world's fastest ferry with a top speed of 48 knots, became the company's latest acquisition.

Since 2014, the Seajets fleet has included the 40-knot Tera Jet, the world's largest

fast ferry. The Italian-built monohull was fully renovated for introduction into the Aegean and achieves her fast speeds despite being more than 145 m long and 22 m wide. The vessel offers capacity for 2,100 passengers and can take up to 600 cars.

The company has been active filling gaps in the Aegean transport network, for example reviving a service linking Thessaloniki with the North Sporades, Cyclades and Crete that had been dormant for a decade.

In addition to Seajets' impressive expansion, nominations hailed the company for its social responsibility including offering free emergency medical transfers and its contributions to aid for the nearby Mati area that was ravaged by tragic wildfires in July 2018.

Tera Jet was among the first vessels to aid survivors who fled into the sea, picking up

42 people from the water.

The company has also drawn compliments for its policy of encouraging women officers aboard its vessels.

The judges felt that Seajets' candidacy for 2018 could not be denied.

"We started out as a family dream and with the great idea to represent the best future of Greek coastal shipping and tourism," said founder Marios Iliopoulos, accepting the Award. "Today this vision is being recognised with the Award for best passenger line."

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Savvas Athanasiadis (left), general manager of Clarksons Platou Hellas, accepts the Shipbroker of the Year Award from Harry Hajimichael, general manager of Tsakos Shipping & Trading

SHIPBROKER OF THE YEAR

CLARKSONS Platou is the world's largest shipbroker and has had a long relationship with Greek shipping stemming from the early 20th century. Today's Clarksons Platou Hellas office is a continuation of that long tradition and won the Shipbroker of the Year Award for the first time in its 15th anniversary year.

The all-Greek team has grown from just five brokers at inception by attracting high-calibre young professionals and now numbers nearly 50 people in new offices in Maroussi in the north of Athens.

The staff includes a team of 20 chartering brokers that serves major international shipping companies as well as numerous Greek clients. On the chartering side, the firm's supramax desk in particular is recognised as one of the strongest in the world.

The company has also been expanding its sales and purchase activities and now has

seven S&P brokers who are among the most active in the industry.

Clarksons Platou Hellas enjoyed one of its strongest years in 2018, reaching about 1,000 fixtures. Since 2017 it also concluded 46 secondhand deals, including 31 dry cargo and 15 tankers. Of those, 25 vessels were acquired for Greek buyers while the company was also highly successful selling secondhand vessels from Greek owners to China.

Notable deals included an en bloc purchase for a Greek shipowner of four 2008-built chemical tankers and a world "first" during the year when Clarksons Platou Hellas acted for a Greece-based owner to acquire a modern capesize bulk carrier put up for sale in a judicial auction on TaoBao, China's equivalent of e-bay.

Acquisition of the cape, the Five Stars Fujian, was recognised by the judges as an innovative and substantial service across time zones,

involving extensive legal and technical liaison with an affiliate in Hong Kong, establishment of a Chinese entity, negotiation of acceptance of a bank letter of guarantee instead of cash deposit as a condition of being eligible to bid, and successful participation in the rapid online bidding against competing interests.

Just days before the awards dinner, the broker completed a similar deal for a second Greek client.

During 2018 Clarksons Platou was appointed sole broker to sell the Toisa/Trade & Transport fleet under Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings. The vast majority of the vessels were sold to various Greek buyers and Clarksons Platou Hellas was involved in some of these transactions.

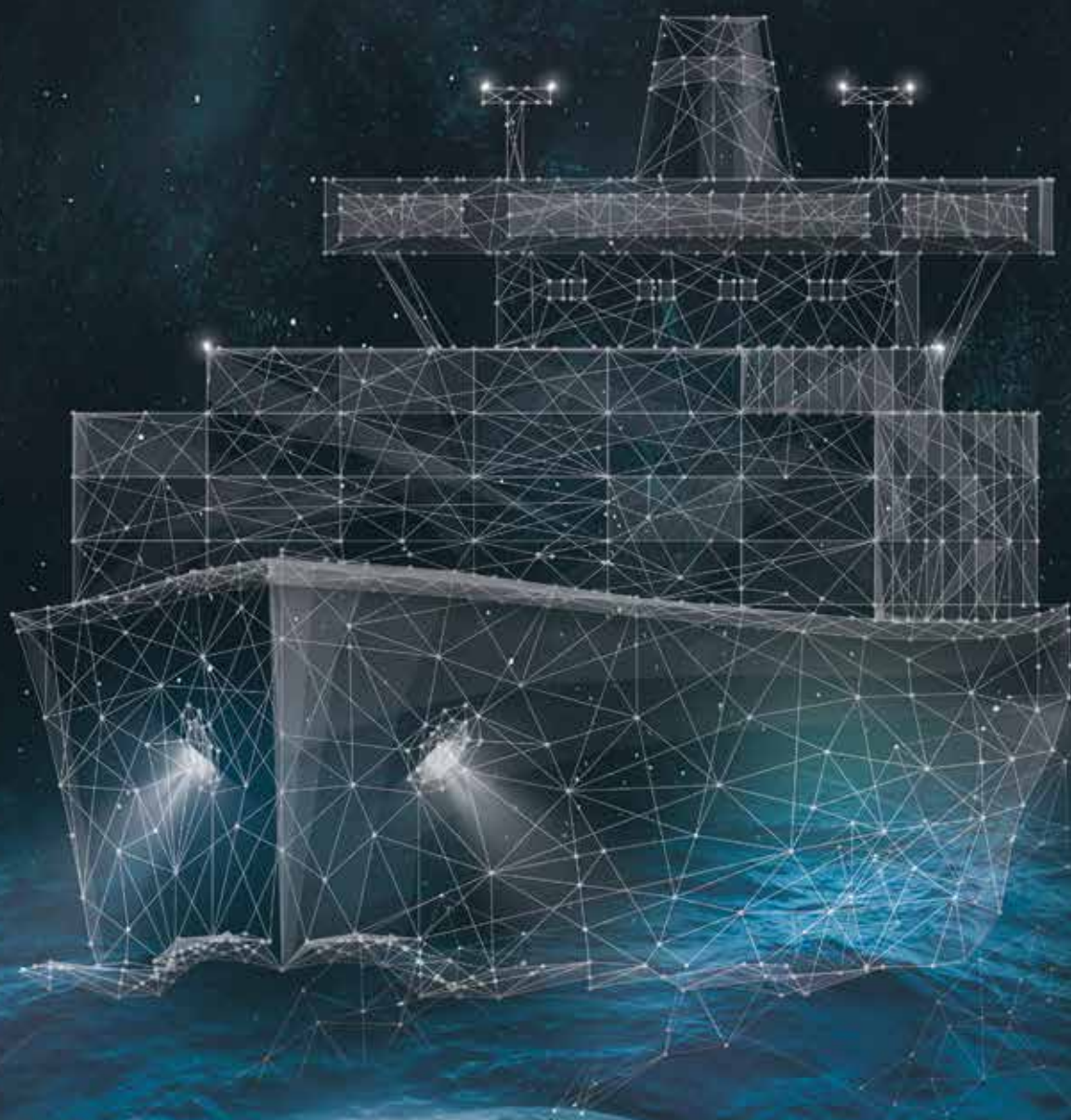
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Shipping Awards 2018



Despina Panayiotou Theodosiou (right), joint chief executive of sponsor Tototheo Maritime, presents the Award to Yiannis Karamanolis, head of Greek shipping, BNP Paribas

SHIPPING FINANCIER OF THE YEAR

BNP Paribas is a traditional supporter of Greek shipping and has now become one of the most important lenders to the industry.

According to an annual Petrofin Bank Research comparison of Greek shipping banking portfolios, entering 2018 BNP Paribas had become the third-largest lender to Greek shipowners with a portfolio of \$2.8bn.

The French lender's rise has been quiet and had gone largely unacknowledged – until it was chosen by the jury for the Shipping Financier of the Year Award.

It is one of the few traditional international supporters of Greek shipping that has continued to consistently lend to the community, growing its portfolio by double-digit percentages in each of the last four years.

New lending since 2016 amounted to more than \$1.5bn with more than 35 new deals

including refinancings in which the bank increased its exposure. Recent activity has seen BNP Paribas supporting a variety of owners, including many considered top tier. Expansion has also involved financing a range of vessels including very large crude carriers, suezmaxes, capesizes and newcastlemax bulk carriers, gas carriers for both liquefied petroleum and natural gas, and other types of vessel.

Although secondhand acquisitions have also been supported, much of the bank's financing has been for newbuildings. Two recent transactions for newbuildings were backed by the Chinese export credit agency Sinosure, including a milestone deal for nearly \$130m for a top Greek owner. This was believed to be the first Sinosure-backed deal for any European shipowner since 2013.

As well as being a leader in terms of amount of new financing for Greek owners in the last

few years, BNP Paribas also received great credit from the judging panel for maintaining a traditional long-term supportive mentality towards shipping clients.

Its commitment to the market has been shown through forging of new relationships as well as standing by its established clientele. "This Award reflects the profound relationships that have been fostered with our clients over the years," said BNP Paribas' head of Greek shipping, Yiannis Karamanolis, accepting the Award.

"We are very grateful for this and for the trust that the clients have shown to the bank. We do hope and really look forward to continuing supporting these relationships in the future as well," he said.

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Ioannis Chiotopoulos (right), DNV GL's regional manager for South East Europe, the Middle East and Africa, presents the Award to Farad managing director Kostas Fanouriadis

TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

PIRAEUS-based designer and manufacturer Farad S.A. won the 2018 Technical Achievement Award with the judging panel voicing appreciation, in particular, for the local company's Marine Gas Oil (MGO) Cooling Units.

The units, which are suitable for both newbuildings and existing vessels, enable today's ships to reliably run on low- or ultra-low sulphur fuel by chilling the MGO, even to 15 degrees Celsius, to ensure that the viscosity and lubrication requirements of engine manufacturers are met.

Farad's unit has attracted recognition for its simple, 'plug-and-play' design putting it ahead of rivals.

Advantages of the all-in-one unit include easy, fast installation, a minimal footprint due to the sophisticated, compact design and simple

panel design with PLC for easy maintenance.

The units offer capacity control with a temperature step controller for MGO temperature adjustment. Temperature control is fully automatic. A large-size suction accumulator prevents compressor damage from sudden surges of liquid refrigerant.

Design and construction of the units are approved by all the major classification societies and represent another success for the company's research and design department.

As with other Farad products, manufacturing is strictly quality-controlled with materials and parts sourced from only leading suppliers in accordance with EU requirements.

The family company has been designing and manufacturing heat exchangers for the marine market since 1979 and, fittingly enough, won

the award on the cusp of its 40th anniversary year. It claims to have carried out more than 40,000 successful installations.

Members of the judging panel also praised the company for its continuous competitiveness, reliability and highly qualified staff.

Farad also offers onboard services by skilled technicians using state-of-the-art portable equipment. All products come with a two-year guarantee and the company provides thorough after-sales services.

Accepting the Award, managing director Kostas Fanouriadis said: "We accept the challenges and follow the legislation and the new regulations in order to provide solutions, not only for today but also for tomorrow."

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Alistair Marsh (left), chief executive of sponsor Lloyd's Register, presents the Award to George A. Gratsos

ACHIEVEMENT IN SAFETY OR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

GEORGE A. Gratsos was recognised for his many years of contributions to both safety and environmental protection at various levels.

In the view of the panel, Dr Gratsos stood out for his unique position in the industry, combining being a third-generation shipowner with more than 30 years of intense involvement in the public affairs of Greek shipping as well as having an inquiring mind that has inspired several ground-breaking research projects.

He is a naval architect with a degree from MIT and received his Ph.D. on freight market dynamics from the University of the Aegean with highest honours.

Dr Gratsos has consistently made his mark on industry safety issues - as a past president of the Union of Greek Shipowners' Environment, Technical, and Safety Committee, and as president of the Hellenic Chamber of

Shipping from 1996 to 2000 and from 2004 to February 2016. He has also sat on key committees of most of the major classification societies.

Just one of the key safety issues arising during this period was a move to follow the introduction of double hulls for tankers with making double hulls mandatory for dry bulk carriers.

"Thank goodness we managed to persuade the regulators involved that an enhanced survey regime was the most appropriate way of dealing with it and thank goodness bulk carriers still have single hulls," he said, receiving the Award. "It was basically the enhanced survey regime that managed to save the bulk carriers."

Since standing down as president of the Chamber, Dr Gratsos has served as chairman of the Hellenic Marine Environment

Protection Association, Helmepea.

He is one of the few to study the environmental impact of ship design over its full life-cycle and recent papers on environmental aspects of shipping have framed the issues in a wider and fresh context.

A 2017 paper called 'Effective Decarbonisation of Shipping' analysed the challenge for the industry to reduce emissions taking a wide range of factors into consideration. Another paper in 2018 sought to bring "clear thinking" to bear on the question of shipping and climate change, urging an urgent rethink of prevailing policies.

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



Greek Shipping's 'Dinner of 2018'



The 2018 presentation Dinner held on Friday, December 7, 2018 was the 15th anniversary event for the Lloyd's List Greek Shipping Awards



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Energy was the theme of the 15th Greek Shipping Awards and Angel Dancesport Academy shone in a gangnam style performance dedicated to solar power



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The Propeller Club's governors celebrate their win with a little help from Andriana



Shipowner George Prokopiou (left) enjoys the event at the Malta table hosted by minister Dr. Ian Borg



Intercargo chairman Dimitris Fafalios (left) and George D. Pateras, president of the Hellenic Chamber of Shipping (right) flank UK ambassador to Greece Kate Smith



Lawyer Christos Timagenis with Iris Liaskoni of Seascope

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A proud moment for three generations of the Latsis family



The Awards were again hosted by news broadcaster Andriana Paraskevopoulou with Lloyd's List's Nigel Lowry



Younger guests browse the Gallery of Winners showcasing award-winners from previous years



Well met in Greece – Cyprus' deputy minister for shipping Natasa Pilides (second from left) with (l-r) Safe Bulkers' Polys Hajioannou, Cyprus Sea Lines' Andreas Hadjiyiannis and Andreas Chrysostomou of Tototheo Maritime



All hands on deck... Euronav's success as Tanker Company of the Year was ascribed to teamwork, with Euronav chief executive Paddy Rodgers and Stamatis Bourboulis, general manager of Euronav Ship Management (Hellas) in the centre



Cheers at the China Classification Society table



Mr and Mrs Lou Kollakis together with Dimitris Samonas and SRH executive president Athina Vezryi at the SRH Marine Electronics table



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Christopher J. Wiernicki (left) receives the International Personality Award, presented by Gerry Ventouris, chief executive officer of Capital Maritime & Trading Corp.

INTERNATIONAL PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

CHRISTOPHER J. Wiernicki is chairman, president and chief executive of ABS and a previous chairman of the International Association of Classification Societies.

A Fellow with the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, Mr Wiernicki held a number of important roles at ABS before ascending to the top job, including chief technology officer and president and chief operating officer of ABS Europe.

He holds degrees in engineering, a master's degree in ocean engineering from MIT and he completed Harvard University's Advanced Management Programme.

He is no stranger to awards and his outstanding contributions to the maritime industry have been recognised on more than one occasion.

Previous honours have included, in 2013, the Vice Admiral Emory S. Land Medal for outstanding accomplishment in the marine field. In 2016, he received the United Seaman's

Service Admiral of the Ocean Seas Award. In 2017, he was named Massachusetts Maritime Academy's Person of the Year.

In addition to his many accomplishments, the panel also recognised Mr Wiernicki for his obvious regard for the Greek shipping community.

While ABS has long had a strong relationship with the Greek shipping industry, having grown close with the Greek acquisition of numerous US-built Liberty ships after the end of the Second World War, the relationship has continued to strengthen under Mr Wiernicki.

To cite just one example, in 2017 Greece was chosen as the location for ABS' new cutting-edge Global Ship Systems Centre that addresses the increasing complexity of mechanical and cyber-enabled systems on board ships. The centre is leading a host of systems-related projects and drawing on the local shipping community's vast experience.

Mr Wiernicki has called for a balance between

innovation and pragmatism at a time of change for the maritime industries, while maintaining his belief in the enduring importance of people who will use the new technology becoming available.

In addition to his leadership of ABS, Mr Wiernicki lectures at university level on topics ranging from leadership to technology, serves on the board of Trustees of the Seamen's Church Institute along with numerous other university boards and advisory councils.

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John Laderos (left), chief executive of SRH Marine Group, presents the trophy to Propeller Club president George Xiradakis (centre) with US Ambassador Geoffrey R. Pyatt (right) providing strong support

PIRAEUS INTERNATIONAL CENTRE AWARD

THE International Propeller Club of the United States was founded in New York in 1922 and a Greek branch – the Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus, came into being just 13 years later.

Most ports in the US and another 33 cities around the world have their own Propeller Club, but Piraeus is one of the oldest and most active of these and it has become increasingly vibrant in recent years.

A non-profit charity association. The Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus is governed by a board of 16 governors elected every two years, comprising mostly well-known names in Greece's shipping cluster. By tradition, the American Ambassador to Greece is the club's honorary president.

The judges recognised the major contribution that the club and its events have been making to the business and social life of the shipping community.

The club is an energetic promoter of Greek

shipping and supporter of charities and scholarships. A noteworthy achievement in 2018 was the successful encouragement for the reactivation of a sister Propeller Club in the northern Greek port of Thessaloniki after a period of inactivity.

Under president George Xiradakis in recent years, the club has played an even more energetic role than before in the shipping community's social life, while not neglecting contributions to the maritime business calendar, for example with recent ship operating cost presentations in conjunction with Moore Stephens in Greece.

The Propeller Club's flagship annual event, however, is the Amver Awards Ceremony to recognise Greek-controlled vessels enrolled in the US Coast Guard's Automated Mutual-Assistance Vessel Rescue System, a worldwide voluntary reporting system used by search and rescue authorities to arrange for assistance to vessels and persons in distress at sea.

The number of participating shipping companies in Greece is the highest worldwide. In addition to presentations to each participant, the event traditionally also honours companies and masters involved in stand-out actual rescue operations in the preceding year.

"We are extremely proud of the work that the Propeller Club of Piraeus does to build the relationship between the United States and Greece," US Ambassador Geoffrey Pyatt told the audience.

He also hailed the club's work for "reinforcing the importance of Greek shipping as a driver of global commerce and the importance of Piraeus as a global hub for shipping which benefits us all."

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GREEK SHIPPING AWARDS 2018



Dr Loukas Barmparis (left), president and director of Safe Bulkers, Inc., presents the Seafarer of the Year Award to Capt. Efstratios Kavros

SEAFARER OF THE YEAR

WHEN the 38,261gt Anek Lines ferry Eleftherios Venizelos left Piraeus on the evening of August 28, 2018, en route for the company's home port of Chania, Crete, its master, Captain Efstratios Kavros, could not have expected the trip would win him the title of Greece's 'Seafarer of the Year' for 2018.

Capt Kavros, a native of Chania and a veteran of 28 years with Anek, has been a qualified master since 2000. The first of several vessels he has commanded for the company was Kriti I.

Eleftherios Venizelos was carrying 875 passengers and 140 crew, while the garage spaces were laden with 80 trucks and 152 cars.

At close to midnight, the vessel was about three hours into its voyage and off the island of Hydra when a serious fire broke out in the garage, starting in one of the trucks.

The severity of the blaze can be understood from the fact that it eventually burned for three days and the ship's entire garage area was eventually burned out with the loss of all the vehicles on board.

The search and rescue operations centre was immediately informed and nine Hellenic Coast Guard vessels, tugboats, three passenger ships and other craft rushed to assist.

Comparable incidents in the past have led to tragic losses of human life. But in this case not a single person on board was harmed. While the crew battled the fire with difficulty, due to the ferocity of the blaze and the congested conditions in the garage area, Capt Kavros maintained calm among passengers and assembled them at lifeboat stations in case the vessel had to be abandoned.

At the same time, though, instead of ordering a risky night-time abandonment before he

judged it necessary, the master turned the vessel back on course to return to Piraeus.

Together with the engineers, Capt Kavros brought the ferry back to port under its own power and disembarked everyone safely.

Insiders at Anek Lines confirm that the successful outcome was entirely due to the master's independent initiative, calm decision-making and seamanship.

Capt Kavros becomes the first master to win the 'Seafarer of the Year' Award twice. The previous occasion was in 2009 as captain of another Anek vessel, Elyros, when he led coordination of the rescue of 53 refugees south of the island of Milos.

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The Award was presented by Margareth Mosquera (second from left), general director of Panama Maritime Authority, to TEENS director Thanassis Karapoulos (left), Panagiotis N. Tsakos (Junior) and Venetia Kallipolitou (right), deputy managing director, Human Element and Training, for Tsakos Columbia Shipmanagement

ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION OR TRAINING

THE Tsakos Enhanced Education Nautical School – or ‘TEENS’ – opened its doors to its first intake of students in 2018, only a few weeks prior to the judges’ deliberations. However, the initiative has been widely hailed within the Greek shipping community and was warmly embraced by the Greek Shipping Awards panel as a worthy winner of the ‘Education or Training’ Award.

The TEENS building in Kardamila, Chios, is emblazoned with values such as ‘Trust’, ‘Tradition’ and ‘Teamwork’ and the overall aim is to help preserve Greece’s long maritime tradition and help give the industry the well-educated and properly qualified young people it needs.

Operating under the umbrella of the Maria Tsakos Foundation in Chios, the school is a pioneering project, being the first private non-profit maritime training school in Greece.

The project was announced in September 2017 by Captain Panagiotis Tsakos for whom the school is a personal dream, that came true only a year later with the first 18 students embarking on their initial academic year.

The school provides the same opportunities as state lyceums for graduating to the merchant marine academies, while offering the option of experience as trainees within the Tsakos Group, if desired.

The initiative reflects Capt Tsakos’ concern about the risks of dehumanisation of shipping and continuing decline in the numbers of Greek seafarers.

TEENS was praised for recruiting highly-qualified and motivated teachers, led by the school’s director Thanassis Karapoulos who has a postgraduate degree in Education and Masters in New Technologies in Shipping to

add to vast sea experience in modern tankers and bulk carriers.

Accepting the Award on behalf of the school, Capt Karapoulos said: “TEENS is an inspiration for all of us, especially for me.

“We are proud of our high school and we wish that it will inspire as many imitations as possible across Greece, as education is the passport for the future.”

At the Awards dinner, he announced that as of the 2019 academic year, the school will accept applications from suitably qualified students from all over Greece.

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Marianthe Patrona (right), managing director of Blue Planet Shipping, receives the Award for the m/v 'Afros' from Martin Crawford-Brunt, chief executive of sponsor RightShip

SHIP OF THE YEAR

JUDGES had a wide variety of vessel types to choose from among candidates for the 2018 'Ship of the Year' Award and settled on a bulk carrier that is far from ordinary.

Managed by Piraeus-based Blue Planet Shipping, the m/v Afros is a single-deck ultramax bulk carrier of 64,000 dwt delivered early in 2018 by China's Jiangsu Haitong Offshore Equipment Co.

The vessel is equipped with four 36t cranes with a maximum outreach of 38.7m and four sets of electro-hydraulic grabs. But these are not the most unique feature of the vessel's above-deck equipment.

Afros is the first bulk carrier to be fitted with the Flettner Rotor System, based on the Magnus Effect - otherwise known as spinning sail technology. The rotors, designed by Anemoi Marine Technologies, harness energy in the wind to enhance efficiency and reduce fuel consumption and emissions.

Anemoi describes Flettner Rotors, pioneered by a German inventor who installed the first 'Roto Sails' aboard a vessel in 1921, as a proven but under-utilised technology.

The firm cites research that they can save 10% of a ship's annual fuel consumption, while another study suggests a larger bulk carrier can potentially save 17% during a voyage.

Blue Planet, which in 2018 managed a fleet of 14 bulkers, has long been committed to protecting the environment and investments in energy-saving technology.

The company and its predecessors have been managing newbuild projects since the 1970s. These have often reflected the company's innovative spirit, an example being six double-skinned supramax bulkers ordered at the end of the 1990s.

Its team worked hard to combine multiple fuel-saving devices to maximise the efficiency



The m/v 'Afros' loading in 2018

and performance of the vessel. Other technologies incorporated include energy-efficient variable frequency drives to reduce powering needs on auxiliary machinery, a Nakashima GPX Propeller and ECO-Cap, aerodynamic modifications to the accommodation, de-rating of the main engine and an exhaust gas bypass system, to name a few.

According to the company's head of newbuildings, Spiros Contopoulos, "The combination of these technologies not only deliver significant fuel savings, it paves the way for a more sustainable future in shipping and a platform to test proven and emerging technologies."

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Vassilios Kroustallis (left), senior vice president of sponsor ABS, presents the Lloyd's List Intelligence Big Data Award to Ioannis Martinos for Signal Ocean Platform

LLOYD'S LIST INTELLIGENCE BIG DATA AWARD

SIGNAL Group won the Lloyd's List Intelligence Big Data Award, adjudicated separately by a team of experts at LLI, for a revolutionary digital application that has transformed the life of its earliest users in terms of their market knowledge and ship chartering experience, while also enhancing profitability.

Launched during 2018 after extensive beta-testing, the Signal Ocean Platform is the flagship of Signal's drive to fuse shipping and technology to improve industry performance.

The product, which utilises big data and draws on levels of artificial intelligence that would not have been possible three years earlier, consolidates users' emails from multiple sources, such as various brokers' reports, and structures them in order to be used by the system.

The result is a fast, highly-intuitive tool with an extremely friendly user interface that is

also available on mobile, radically making the lives of owners and charterers easier and more flexible. Signal Ocean Platform provides users with a dynamic, constantly updated tonnage list, and helps strategise chartering options worldwide in the blink of an eye along with forward-looking fully automatic time charter estimates and estimates for rival vessels.

Prior to launch, extensive tests 'in action' on the Signal Maritime fleet showed the platform supported much faster decision-making and offered a spot market trading advantage reaching six figure dollar amounts per vessel. Other users have confirmed this.

It is also being used to support the launch and operation of the first of an envisaged series of commercial pools, starting with a pool for aframax tankers.

The vision is to use the advantages of speed and superior data provided by the platform

to manage a pool that is so highly automated and flexible that owners can enter and exit after just one voyage if they wish.

Signal Ocean Platform began with full coverage for very large crude carriers, suezmaxes and aframaxes, with a dry bulk market version other segments of both the wet and dry markets to follow.

Signal claims that the platform is an example of technology that respects the current shipping market structure and does not negate individual market edges. However, it is available to all and can help any owner maximise their performance.

The tool was originated by a Greek company and tested primarily by Greek initial users but has already gained an enthusiastic wider user base in Greece and internationally.

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Paris Kassidokostas-Latsis (left) accepts the Next Generation Shipping Award from Theofilos Xenakoudis, director, worldwide business operations for sponsor IRI/The Marshall Islands Registry

NEXT GENERATION SHIPPING AWARD

THE Next Generation Shipping Award is aimed at a new wave of young Greek shipping entrepreneurs and professionals under 40 and Paris Kassidokostas-Latsis, the winner for 2018, has demonstrated on more than one occasion he is aware of a strong field of candidates out there.

Accepting the Award, he dedicated it to "all the young Greek shipowners and the continuity of our country's great shipping legacy and tradition".

Grandson of the legendary John Latsis, Mr Paris Kassidokostas-Latsis was exposed to ships and shipping from an early age. After studying business management at King's College, London, he established himself in the US as a film producer and financier and has also pursued other media ventures.

At the same time he is dynamically continuing the family tradition in shipping. Since 2014 he has taken over the reins of family shipping

company Latsco Shipping and has strengthened its presence in the industry as one of Greece's highest-quality operators.

Concentrating on the product tanker and large gas carrier sectors, the company took delivery of 19 newbuildings in the 2014-2018 period and it currently operates a fleet of more than 30 vessels in the two sectors with an average age of less than five years.

In the last few years, Mr Kassidokostas-Latsis has diversified the family's footprint in shipping. In 2018 Latsco made its first foray into the liquefied natural gas carrier sector, signing orders for two large LNG carriers to be built at Hyundai Samho Heavy Industries.

For delivery in 2021, the vessels will go straight onto five-year charters to Trafigura. It is believed to be the first time a debutante in the sector has been able to order LNG carriers supported by pre-agreed employment with a major charterer.

Mr Kassidokostas-Latsis has also personally invested in shipping joint ventures that fall outside the focus of Latsco.

In 2017 and 2018, he established Marla Bulk and Marla Tankers with outside investors, acquiring respectively four secondhand supramaxes and two secondhand aframax.

The judging panel agreed that he was the outstanding candidate for this Award.

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Cyprus Shipping Deputy Minister Natasa Pilides (left) presents the Lifetime Achievement Award to Simos P. Palios

LLOYD'S LIST/PROPELLER CLUB LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

LONG considered one of Greece's leading shipowners, Simos P. Palios was chosen by the panel for the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award for a 50-year career in shipping.

He can trace a long lineage in the shipping industry to Chios island family forebears active in the age of sail who made the transition to steamships by the early years of the 20th century.

As a young man Mr Palios served as an ensign in the Greek Navy for the inspection of passenger boats on behalf of the Ministry of Merchant Marine and he gained his qualifications as a naval architect and engineer.

In 1972, three years after entering the business, he established his own shipping company, Diana Shipping Agencies. In the first two decades of operations, the company was notable for owning and operating specialised vehicle carriers and then refrigerated vessels.

In the 1990s the company ran multipurpose

vessels and containerships as well as tankers and dry bulk carriers, making Mr Palios one of the very few Greek shipowners with experience in such a wide variety of vessels.

Today he is best known to the international maritime world as the founder, chairman and chief executive of New York-listed Diana Shipping. He floated the company on the stock market in 2005 and since then has grown the fleet from 10 to 50 bulkers.

While Diana was not immune to the dry bulk doldrums that affected all owners in the sector after 2009, Mr Palios and his management team won a reputation for transparency and consistency.

Adhering to the founder's belief in the market's obedience to laws of supply and demand and cyclicity, Diana continued buying vessels at regular intervals during the depressed part of the cycle, and fixing ships on short to medium term time charters at prevailing market rates, confident that ships'

prices and charter rates average out. Quarterly earnings calls became master-classes for equity analysts trying to understand industry dynamics and Mr Palios grew famous for a reluctance to sugar-coat market prospects.

Since 2010, Mr Palios has also helmed Nasdaq-listed containership company Diana Containerships, now renamed Performance Shipping.

He participates in many maritime bodies and has served as president of the 'Friends of Biomedical Research Foundation, Academy of Athens' since 2015.

The Lloyd's List/Propeller Club Lifetime Achievement Award was sponsored by Shipping Deputy Ministry, Cyprus.

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Angeliki Frangou (left) receives the Award from Iain White, global marine marketing manager of sponsor ExxonMobil

GREEK SHIPPING NEWSMAKER OF THE YEAR

NEWSMAKER of the Year is an Award that is decided directly each year by senior editorial staff at Lloyd's List, rather than by the judging panel. For 2018, two or three candidates came to mind as standing clearly above the rest, but it was hard to look much further than Angeliki Frangou.

No-one has been more active in shipping markets over the last decade and a half than Angeliki Frangou and hardly a year goes by without her being a strong candidate for this Award. She won it for the first time all the way back in 2006. Meanwhile she has built the Navios Group into a multi-billion dollar enterprise with a fleet of more than 200 vessels - not to mention significant port, barge and cabotage operations within its South American logistics business.

The past year nonetheless was one of the busiest in her career and in the 12-18 months prior to the 2018 Awards Ms Frangou led

numerous major moves to enhance the standing of the various arms of Navios.

For mother company Navios Maritime Holdings, 12 new and modern vessels were acquired in 2017 to August 2018 - including 10 kamsarmaxes, one ultramax and one capesize.

Another 12 vessels were acquired for Navios Partners, increasing its fleet capacity by 52%.

In 2017 Ms Frangou launched Navios Maritime Containers with a listing on the Norwegian over-the-counter market.

By the end of 2018 Navios Containers had already built up a fleet of 30 containerships, including anticipated deliveries in early 2019, and had also been listed on the Nasdaq stock market.

Unique in the shipping world, that puts Ms Frangou at the head of four US publicly listed companies. It was a distinction that she

already held but late 2018 also saw completion of a merger between its two tanker entities Navios Maritime Acquisition and partnership Navios Mid-Stream Partners with its fleet of six VLCCs.

On the logistics side, there were also important developments with the commencement in late 2017 of a \$1.2bn agreement by Brazilian mining giant Vale to use the Navios port in Uruguay.

While few can match the Navios Group's pace of growth and fleet renewal, Ms Frangou has always adamantly maintained a conservative philosophy of actively hedging as well as forward chartering to protect Navios against market risk.

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Christina Margelou (left), Eurobank's head of shipping, presents the Greek Shipping Personality of the Year Award to John Platsidakis

GREEK SHIPPING PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

FEW have worked harder for shipping than John Platsidakis, although he maintains that he found himself in the industry "by coincidence" via studies in mathematics and an earlier career in banking.

The judging panel selected Mr Platsidakis mainly as the outgoing chairman of the International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners after six years, having completed the maximum allowable three terms in the position.

As chairman, Mr Platsidakis spearheaded pressure for reforms in the dry bulk shipping sector – from vital safety issues such as campaigns to speed up casualty investigations and action to prevent further incidences of catastrophic cargo liquefaction on bulkers, to urging port state control regimes to tackle inspector corruption by establishing internal affairs departments.

Mr Platsidakis was successful in rebuilding Intercargo's membership during his years at the helm, more than doubling the number of member vessels despite it having the smallest staff of any of the Round Table of international shipping associations.

He is also respected for delivering no-nonsense speeches levelled at the quality – and quantity – of regulation faced by the industry, notwithstanding Intercargo's staunch support for the International Maritime Organization's role.

A mantra has been that shipping welcomed "practical and achievable" regulation but rarely got it due to a poor understanding of shipping among politicians and the public, and the industry's lack of political clout.

He has remained steadfast in calling for the industry to be more outgoing in trying to educate the public about what it does. "We

have to stop giving the impression to the unaware public that we are guilty," he said in his valedictory speech as Intercargo chairman, discussing the industry safety and environmental record. "We are proud of what we have been doing and we welcome any available means to continue and improve on what we have been doing."

The judging panel also recognised Mr Platsidakis' contribution as a director of the Hellenic Chamber of Shipping, as vice-chairman of the Union of Greek Shipowners' nautical education committee, and of course in his 'day job' as a senior executive of the Angelicoussis Shipping Group.

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What they said...



ALTERNATE MINISTER
Nektarios Santorinios,
Ministry of Shipping & Island
Policy:

"It is the great night of shipping, it is the great night for us all. It is a great pleasure to be here and I send greetings to all of you who keep Greek shipping at the top of the world."



HOST Nigel Lowry:

"I think I'm going to need something bigger to get your attention... [unveils large gong]. Ladies and gentlemen at the tables here in the front, it might be a good idea to cover your ears."

WINNER George A. Gratsos:

"Unfortunately, global warming exists and will continue to increase unless we do the right thing. I think we have to study well what we are doing and make sure that it is the appropriate solution for the problem."



WINNER
Savvas Athanassiades,
Clarksons Platou Hellas:

"Greece has the best shipowners in the world and there is no reason why not to have the best shipbrokers in the world. For this reason, we at Clarksons Platou Hellas invest continuously in young Greek talent."



WINNER Ioannis Martinos,
Signal Ocean Platform:

"As Savvas [Athanassiades] said earlier, Greek shipping is at the top of the world already in different ways and I am sure that his vision of also achieving the best broker status in the world is very possible. I also ask why not have the best data solution come from a Greek shipping community company."



WINNER Angeliki Frangou:

"I am not sure why I am getting this Award, but perhaps it is because we survived a very difficult cycle. Whatever is the reason we, me and my team, we thank you very much and we are incredibly honored for this."



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WINNER

Paris Kassidokostas-Latsis:

"I want to thank my family, my mother who supported me unconditionally and my father and my grandmother for inspiring me. I dedicate this Award to all the young Greek shipowners and the continuity of our great country's legacy and tradition. May Greece live to have many more successes in shipping."



WINNER John Platsidakis:

"I consider myself a very lucky person for the opportunity to be a member of the worldwide shipping community and, in particular, of the Greek shipping community this every energetic and successful sector of our economy."



WINNER Marianthe Patrona, Blue Planet Shipping:

"Blue Planet is committed to protecting the environment and putting our sustainability policies into action. Action means investment and we strongly believe that the future lies in renewable energy and not in systems that are re-directed from the air into the sea."



WINNER Christopher J. Wiernicki:

"I am humbled to stand before you and accept this Award not for me, but rather on behalf of the millions of mariners who keep this industry moving and growing each day as they are the real personalities and unsung heroes of our industry."

WINNER George Xiradakis, Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus:

"I want to share with you our secret of success... we simply followed the operational pattern of Greek shipping - respecting principles, working hard and enjoying team spirit."



GUEST Geoffrey R. Pyatt, US Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic:

"The history of the US-Greece relationship is deeply intertwined with Greek shipping just as the history of Greek shipping is inextricable from the relationship with the United States."



SPONSOR Loukas Barmparis, Safe Bulkers:

"This Award (Seafarer of the Year) represents the ability of our crews in terms of bravery, skills and professionalism that are exercised every day. We rely on our crews who most of the time live far from home under difficult conditions. Thank you to our crews!"



WINNER Captain Efstratios Kavros, Master, Anek Lines:

"Know that this moment is a very important part of my life and I would like to dedicate this Award to my crew who that day showed professionalism and courage in those difficult moments."

SPONSOR Ioannis Chiotopoulos, DNV GL:

"I just want to share with you three things that have made my personal life better – and that is being thankful for what I have, being present and to stop multi-tasking. And the winner of the Technical Achievement Award for 2018 goes to..."



SPONSOR Alistair Marsh, Lloyd's Register:

"I am absolutely delighted to be here this evening to present an award at this fantastic amazing event."



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Mr Kostas Fanouriadis, Farad's Managing Director, receives the Technical Achievement Award on behalf of Farad sa, at the 2018 Lloyd's List Greek Shipping Awards.



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SPONSOR Gerry Ventouris, Capital Ship Management Corp.:

"I'd like to congratulate not only all those people receiving awards tonight but also all those considered for an award and the people behind them because no-one alone can make the achievements being celebrated tonight. It is all those people who make Greek shipping what it is, in prime position internationally."



SPONSOR Vassilios Kroustallis ABS:

"Shipping is changing. The limitless ocean of data live-streamed from sensors installed across vessels today is already sufficient to render them functionally transparent... Every aspect of the industry will be informed, improved and inspired by the insights possible from this data."



SPONSOR Natasa Pilides, Shipping Deputy Ministry, Republic of Cyprus:

"I am delighted on behalf of Cyprus Shipping to be here today to present this important award to a person who has devoted a lifetime of achievement to this amazing and inspiring industry that is shipping."



WINNER Simos P. Palios:

"I would like to congratulate Lloyd's List for this glamorous evening coupled with good food... This Award does not belong to me, it belongs to all my associates over this half a century lifetime going through shipping and navigating a difficult but very pleasant business."

SPONSOR Iain White, ExxonMobil:

"Looking towards the future for fuels, with the challenge we face for 2020, we are prepared now to support you and help you through these interesting and challenging times with conventional fuels, compliant fuels, LNG and of course lubricants."



HOST Andriana Paraskevopoulou:

"The moment is already here to learn who are the distinguished winners of tonight's awards in 17 different categories, who were those who led the industry this year, who stood out, who contributed the most..."



HOST Nigel Lowry:

"To stress the depth and breadth of expertise on the stage tonight, please give Andriana a round of applause as an honorary member of the Hellenic Physical Society."



SPONSOR Paillette Palaiologou, Bureau Veritas:

"Here in Greece, the cradle of the shipping industry, the owning and managing shipping companies hold the leading position in the world energy trade."

SPONSORSHIP Janet Wood Lloyd's List

"We've been very fortunate to have so many leading international companies supporting us year on year"



WINNER Captain Thanassis Karapoulis, Tsakos Enhanced Education Nautical School:

"This Award strengthens our commitment, increases our determination and provides us with an energy to strive even higher."





L-R - Capt. John Chalas, George Xiradakis, Eleni Polychronopoulou, George D. Pateras, Haralambos Fafalios, Nikolas P. Tsakos, Irene Daifas, Dimitrios Mattheou, Panos Laskaridis, Nigel Lowry

TRIAL BY JURY MAKES OUR AWARDS MORE THAN A MERE POPULARITY POLL

INDUSTRY awards sometimes struggle to sustain themselves but in this respect the Greek Shipping Awards has been blessed in addressing a world-beating industry that offers a seemingly limitless supply of strong candidates for the Awards – and of jurists with the knowledge and wisdom to judge on the merits.

For 2018, the event's 15th anniversary year, the line-up of judges was just as strong and prestigious as its predecessors.

The organisers of the Awards have always made every effort to ensure the procedure of choosing the Award-winners is as fair and democratic as possible.

While the scheme is open for nominations from the industry, meaning anyone connected to shipping who cares to propose a candidate, the final decisions are made by a panel of experts representing the industry, protecting the Awards from being a mere popularity contest.

Out of the 17 categories of award, only two are not decided by the panel. These are 'Newsmaker of the Year', conferred directly by senior editorial staff at Lloyd's List, and the 'Big Data' Award, determined by a team of experts at Lloyd's List Intelligence, based on public nominations.

Since the inception of the Awards in 2004, more than 60 Greek shipping personalities have served on the panel and the judging panel for 2018 once again delivered in a year when many categories were so closely contested they required more than one round of voting.

'Freshman' panelists were Panos Laskaridis, currently president of the European Community Shipowners' Associations (Ecsa), Dimitrios Mattheou, chairman of the Rotterdam-based Green Award Foundation, and Eleni Polychronopoulou, president of Hemexpo, the Hellenic Marine Equipment Manufacturers & Exporters.

They joined panel stalwarts including John Chalas, the longest-serving general secretary of the Panhellenic Seamen's Federation, Haralambos Fafalios, chairman of the Greek Shipping Co-operation Committee, and George D. Pateras, president of the Hellenic Chamber of Shipping.

The 2018 panel also featured returning guest-judges Nikolas Tsakos, immediate past chairman of Intertanko, Irene Daifas, president of the Piraeus Marine Club, and George Xiradakis, president of the Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus.

2018 ADJUDICATION PANEL

(in alphabetical order):

Capt. John Chalas

General Secretary of the Panhellenic Seamen's Federation

Irene Daifas

President, Piraeus Marine Club

Haralambos Fafalios

Chairman of the Greek Shipping Co-operation Committee

Panos Laskaridis

President of the European Community Shipowners' Associations

Nigel Lowry

Athens Correspondent of Lloyd's List

Dimitrios Mattheou

Chairman of the Green Award Foundation

George D. Pateras

President of the Hellenic Chamber of Shipping

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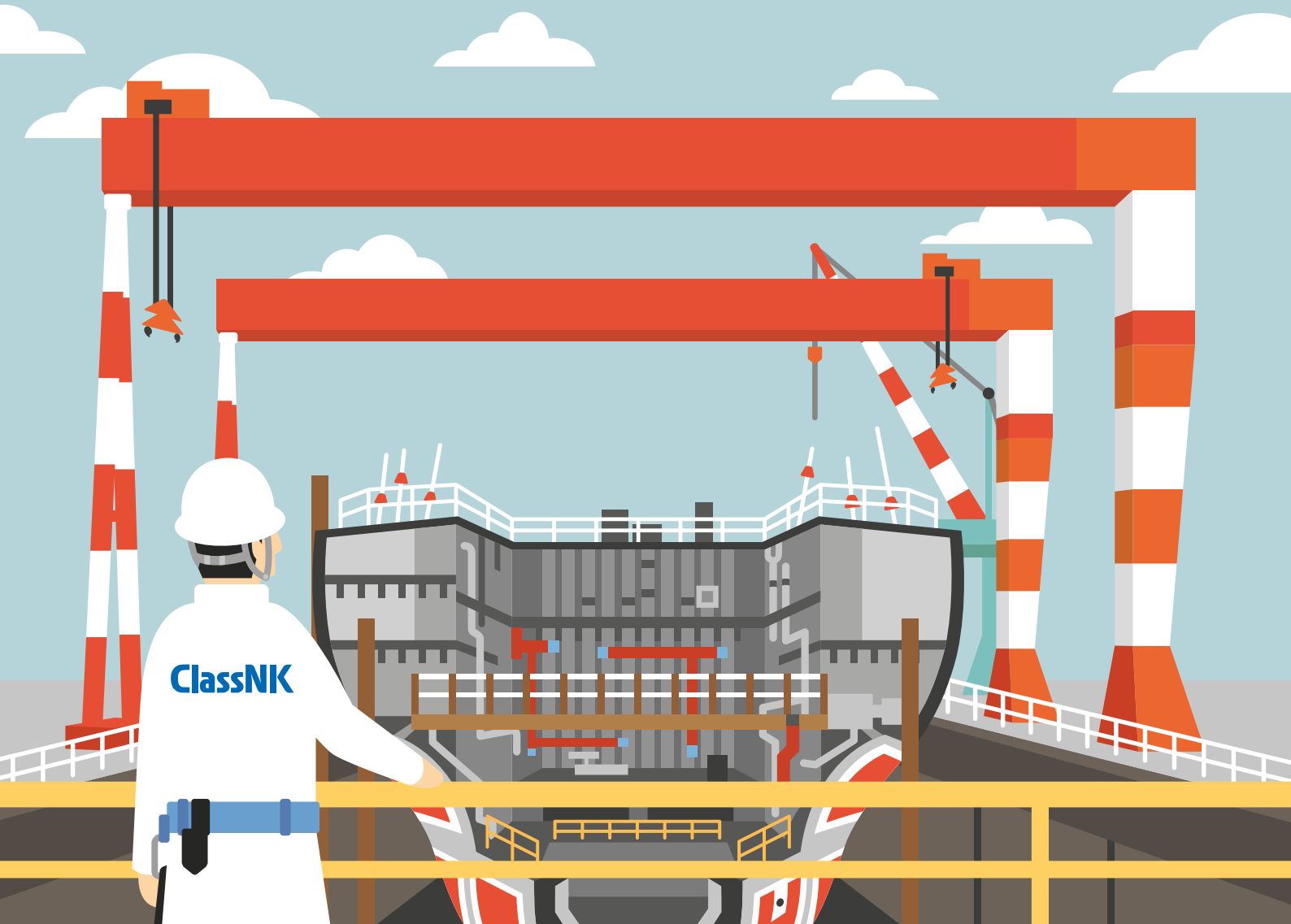


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