

## **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS and EVENTS**

-Updated as of 31 January 2025-

Dear Members,

Please find below a summary of the main events and meetings that INTERCARGO attended in the recent past and will be attending in the coming months. This calendar is updated on a monthly basis.

## **JANUARY 2025**

#### IACS/INDUSTRY PRE-SDC 11 MEETING

#### 08 January

INTERCARGO met with IACS and industry partners to discuss the SDC 11agenda. INTERCARGO Regional Representative Emmanuel Vergetis attended.

#### INDUSTRY COORDINATION MEETINGS

#### 08 January

Hosted by ICS, these regular meetings among Shipping Associations aim to high level coordination of industry initiatives, sharing updates and information. INTERCARGO was represented by Secretary General Kostas Gkonis.

#### ECSA TASK FORCE ON THE USE OF THE EU ETS REVENUES

#### 09 January

ECSA Task Force on the use of the EU ETS revenues met to discuss the 2024 General Call & the Hydrogen Auction, and more specifically discuss the criteria of this call and alternative criteria, as well as how to reduce the administrative burdens for shipping companies. INTERCARGO Regional Representative Emmanuel Vergetis attended.

# IMO CCC- FIRST VIRTUAL MEETING - CG ON AMENDMENTS TO THE IGF CODE AND DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES FOR LOW-FLASHPOINT FUELS

#### 09 January

The Correspondence Group on Amendments to the IGF Code and development of guidelines for low-flashpoint fuels met to discuss the working group plan. INTERCARGO Regional Representative Emmanuel Vergetis attended.

#### IACS EXTERNAL ADVISORY GROUP MEETING, Tokyo, Japan

#### 09 January

INTERCARGO Technical Manager Ed Wroe participated in the IACS EAG meeting to discuss potential rules changes.

#### INTERCARGO-HOSTED EU NAVFOR ASPIDES WEBINAR

#### 14 January

INTERCARGO, in collaboration with ASPIDES, the EU Naval Force operating in the Red Sea area, organised a Webinar focusing on recent maritime security developments in the Red Sea and GOA regions under the title "Enhancing Maritime Security in the Red Sea: The Role of EUNAVFOR ASPIDES in Safeguarding Freedom of

Navigation" moderated by Dimitris Monioudis, INTERCARGO Technical Committee Chairman. For relevant information, please refer <u>here</u>.

## ECSA TASK FORCE ON FUEL EU IMPLEMENTATION

#### 16 January

The ECSA TASK force weekly meeting will discuss the input to ESSF. INTERCARGO Regional Representative Emmanuel Vergetis attended.

#### DG CLIMA/EMSA SIXTH WEBINAR ON EU ETS

#### 16 January

The webinar focused on the THETIS-MRV new functionalities for preparing and submitting annual emissions reports at ship level and company emission reports. INTERCARGO Regional Representative Emmanuel Vergetis attended. The link for the webinars is available <u>here</u>.

## IMO SUB-COMMITTEE ON SHIP DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION (SDC 11), London, UK

#### 13-17 January (TBC)

The key agenda items that were discussed included requirements for Steering Gear and the ESP Code.. INTERCARGO Technical Manager Ed Wroe attended. Please refer <u>here</u>.

#### IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL BRIEFING, London, UK

#### 17 January

The IMO Secretary-General held a briefing for observer (intergovernmental and non-governmental) organisations. INTERCARGO was represented by Secretary General Kostas Gkonis, whose intervention focused on the need for holistic regulations by IMO, the primacy of seafarers' safety, as well the importance of industry contributions to the IMO deliberations.

#### ECSA TASK FORCE ON FUEL EU IMPLEMENTATION

#### 21 January

The ECSA TASK force weekly meeting will discuss the input to ESSF. INTERCARGO Regional Representative Emmanuel Vergetis attended.

## INDUSTRY LIFEBOAT GROUP MEETING

#### 21 January

The ILG meeting held a meeting remotely and discussed issues including lifeboat accidents update, the progress of the LSA Correspondence Group and SSE Intersessional Working Group, MSC 109 outcome and preparation for SSE 11, to be held on 24-8 February 2025. The meeting served as a pre-SSE 11 meeting. Operations Manager Joe Zhou attended.

## NYK SAFETY / QUALITY CONFERENCE – Athens Greece

#### 22 January

NYK held its Annual Safety Conference in Athens. INTERCARGO Technical Committee Chair Dimitris Monioudis and Regional Representative Emmanuel Vergetis attended.

## IACS/INDUSTRY PRE-PPR 12 MEETING,

## 22 January

INTERCARGO met with IACS and industry partners to discuss the PPR 12 agenda. Technical Manager Ed Wroe attended

#### ROUND TABLE CEOs MEETING, London, UK

## 29 January

The CEOs of the Round Table Associations (INTERCARGO, ICS, INTERTANKO, BIMCO) met to discuss and coordinate common agenda issues. INTERCARGO Secretary General Kostas Gkonis participated.

## IMO SUB-COMMITTEE ON POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RESPONSE (PPR 12), London, UK

## 27-31 January

Items under discussion included Scrubbers, Plastic Litter and Black Carbon. INTERCARGO was duly represented.

#### MEETING OF JOINT INDUSTRY WORKING GROUP ON SHIP RECYCLING

#### 30 January

With the entry into force of the IMO Ship Recycling Convention (HKC) on 26 June 2025, regulatory confusion is anticipated with the risk of ships being detained for violations of the Basel Convention (BC) even when they are fully compliant with HKC. To address this issue, the IMO is expected to engage with the Basel Conference of the Parties (COP). A meeting of the joint industry working group was held to share views on the Norwegian and EU MEPC Submissions to IMO and discuss the possibility of having a common industry submission. The meeting also considered the industry's input to the Basel COP. Operations Manager Joe Zhou attended.

## FEBRUARY 2025

#### ROUND TABLE CHAIRS' MEETING, Athens, Greece

#### 06 February

The Chairs of the Round Table Associations (INTERCARGO, ICS, INTERTANKO, BIMCO) will meet to discuss and coordinate common agenda issues. INTERCARGO Chairman John Xylas, Honorary Chairman Dimitris Fafalios and Secretary General Kostas Gkonis will attend.

## ECSA TASK FORCE ON FUEL EU IMPLEMENTATION

#### 06 February

The ECSA TASK force weekly meeting will discuss the input to ESSF. INTERCARGO Regional Representative Emmanuel Vergetis will attend.

#### 15th ANNUAL CAPITAL LINK GREEK SHIPPING FORUM

#### 07 February

INTERCARGO is a supporting organisation of the 15th Annual Capital Link Greek Shipping Forum, which will take place on Friday 7 February at the Athenaeum Intercontinental Athens in Greece. INTERCARGO Chairman John Xylas will take part at the Keynote Industry Leadership Roundtable. Please refer <u>here</u>.

## IMO SUB-COMMITTEE ON HUMAN ELEMENT, TRAINING AND WATCHKEEPING (HTW 11), London, UK

## 10-14 February

Items to be discussed at HTW 11 include the role of the human element, unlawful practices associated with certificates of competency, and the continuation of the comprehensive review of the 1978 STCW Convention and Code. Operations Manager Joe Zhou will attend.

## ECSA SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

## 10 February

ECSA Safety & Environment Committee will meet to discuss EU Regulations developments including the Clean Industrial Deal & 2040 climate target, EU ETS implementation, FuelEU Maritime implementation, Latest IMO developments and alignment of EU legislation with future IMO measures, Carbon Capture (CCUS and OCCS) and

Ship recycling. INTERCARGO Secretary General Kostas Gkonis and Regional Representative Emmanuel Vergetis will attend.

## INTERCARGO WEBINAR ON RIGHTSHIP SAFETY SCORE ALGORITHM

## 12 February

INTERCARGO members are invited to a webinar hosted by INTERCARGO in collaboration with RIGHTSHIP, focusing on the Safety Score "Black Box" Algorithm. INTERCARGO Technical Committee Chairman Dimitris Monioudis will moderate. For relevant information, please refer <u>here</u>.

## IMO EXPERT WORKSHOP ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE BASKET OF CANDIDATE MEASURES

## 13 February

A one-day GHG-Expert Workshop (GHG-EW 6) ahead of ISWG-GHG 18 to facilitate the understanding of the possible impacts of the basket of candidate measures will be organised. INTERCARGO Secretary General Kostas Gkonis and Regional Representative Emmanuel Vergetis will attend.

## IMO INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP ON REDUCTION OF GHG EMISSIONS FROM SHIPS (ISWG- GHG 18)

## 17-21 February

The key agenda items that will be discussed include the mid-term measures. INTERCARGO Secretary General Kostas and Regional Representative Emmanuel Vergetis will attend.

## IACS/INDUSTRY PRE-SSE 11 MEETING

## 18 or 19 February (TBC)

INTERCARGO will meet with IACS and industry partners to discuss the SSE 11 agenda. INTERCARGO will be duly represented.

## IMO SUB-COMMITTEE ON SHIP SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT (SSE 11)

## 24-28 February

Items to be discussed at SSE 11 include new requirements for ventilation of survival craft, revision of SOLAS chapter III and the LSA Code, fire protection, and revision of SOLAS chapter III and the LSA Code. Operations Manager Joe Zhou will attend.

## 8th MARE FORUM SINGAPORE

## 28 February

INTERCARGO is a supporting organisation of the Mare Forum Singapore conference which will take place on February 28 at Novotel Singapore on Stevents. Free places and special discount for INTERCARGO Members apply, please refer <u>here</u>.

## **MARCH 2025**

## ECSA TASK FORCE ON FUEL EU IMPLEMENTATION

## 11 & 27 March

The ECSA TASK force weekly meeting will discuss the input to ESSF. INTERCARGO Regional Representative Emmanuel Vergetis will attend

## EUROPEAN SHIPPING SUMMIT, Brussels Belgium

## 19-20 March

The two-day event will include engaging industry sessions, networking opportunities, and high-level dialogues featuring European and international policymakers, regulators, and industry stakeholders. INTERCARGO Secretary General Kostas Gkonis and Regional Representative Emmanuel Vergetis will attend.

## INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP ON REDUCTION OF GHG EMISSIONS FROM SHIPS (ISWG-GHG 19)

## 31 March-01 April

The development of the basket of candidate mid-term GHG reduction measure(s) will be discussed. INTERCARGO Secretary General Kostas Gkonis and Regional Representative Emmanuel Vergetis will attend.

## **APRIL 2025**

## CMA SHIPPING, Stamford, USA

## 01-03 April

INTERCARGO is a supporting organisation of CMA Shipping 2025. Honorary Technical Committee member Tom Keenan will be a speaker on behalf of INTERCARGO.

## IACS/INDUSTRY PRE-MEPC 83 MEETING,

## 02 April

INTERCARGO will meet with IACS and industry partners to discuss the MEPC 83 agenda. INTERCARGO Technical Manager Ed Wroe and Regional Representative Emmanuel Vergetis will attend.

## INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP ON AIR POLLUTION AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY (ISWG-APEE 1)

#### 02-04 April

Items to be discussed include CII, and Development of draft amendments to existing instruments and/or development of new instruments. INTERCARGO Technical Manager Ed Wroe and Regional Representative Emmanuel Vergetis will attend.

## IMO MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE (MEPC 83), London, UK

#### 07-11 April

Key points to be discussed include: GHG Reduction, Ballast Water, Energy Efficiency (including CII) and Air Pollution. INTERCARGO Secretary General Kostas Gkonis, Technical Manager Ed Wroe, Operations Manager Joe Zhou and Regional Representative Emmanuel Vergetis will attend.

## MAY 2025

## INTERCARGO SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS, Guangzhou, China

## 12-16 May

INTERCARGO's next semi-annual meetings will take place in Guangzhou, China, during the week of 12-16 May 2025. For more information, please see <u>here</u>.