



“Quality Paradigms in Dry Bulk Shipping”

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Opportunities for Maritime Services Under the Belt & Road Initiative

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Organisers:



Supporting Organisations:



Uniting & Promoting Quality Dry Bulk Shipping

Our objective is the creation of a **high quality** dry bulk shipping industry:

- ✓ **Safe**
- ✓ **Environmentally friendly**
- ✓ **Efficient**

About

- A **voluntary non-profit association** representing the interests of dry cargo vessels' owners.

Based in London - the first General Meeting took place in **1980**.



How

- **NGO** status at **IMO** since 1993
- International shipping associations' "**Round Table**" & relevant shipping **fora**
- **Publications**; ad-hoc **meetings**; industry **working groups**; **Benefits** for members

Prime principle of free and fair competition

Size and Structure of Global Bulk Carrier Sector

Major shipping sectors:

- Dry bulk cargo, Container, Liquid cargo & Cruise/passenger

Dry bulk cargo market:

- Affected by the substantial slowdown in seaborne dry bulk trade.
- Excess tonnage pressed freight rates fluctuating around or below vessels' operating costs.
- Continuous pressure to improve efficiency and optimize operations



Size and Structure of Global Bulk Carrier Industry

Global bulk carrier fleet:

- 43.1% of global dwt in 2016
- 0.5% down in 2016 from 2015
- Trends of global bulk carrier fleet:

% global fleet	1980	1990	2000	2010	2016	2017 -
Dry bulk carrier	27.2	35.6	34.6	35.3	43.1	??
Container ship	1.6	3.9	8.0	13.3	13.5	
General cargo ship	17.0	15.6	12.7	8.5	4.2	
Oil tanker	49.7	35.6	34.6	35.8	27.9	
Other	4.5	7.5	9.4	7.2	11.3	

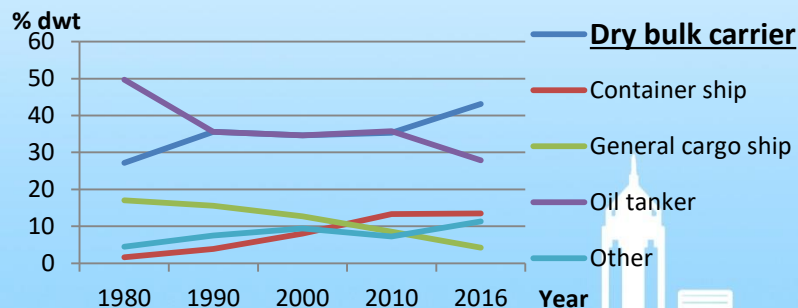


Table 2.1 World fleet by principal vessel type, 2015–2016 (Thousands of dead-weight tons and percentage share)

	2015	2016	Percentage change, 2015–2016
Oil tanker	488 308	503 343	
	28.0	27.9	3.08
Bulk carrier	761 776	778 890	
	43.6	43.1	2.25
General cargo ship	74 158	75 258	
	4.2	4.2	1.48
Container ship	228 224	244 274	
	13.1	13.5	7.03
Other:	193 457	204 886	
	11.1	11.3	5.91
Gas carrier	49 669	54 469	
	2.8	3.0	9.67
Chemical tanker	42 467	44 347	
	2.4	2.5	4.43
Offshore	72 606	75 836	
	4.2	4.2	4.45
Ferry and passenger ship	5 640	5 950	
	0.3	0.3	5.49
Other (not applicable)	23 075	24 284	
	1.3	1.3	5.24
World total	1 745 922	1 806 650	
	100	100	3.48

Source: UNCTAD secretariat calculations, based on data from Clarksons Research.

Note: Propelled seagoing merchant vessels of 100 gross tons and above, as at 1 January.

Bulk carrier sector, together with other sectors, is looking forward to meeting the demand side improvements:

- **Global economy growth:** estimated growth at 3.1% in 2015, projected at 3.4% in 2016 and 3.6% in 2017 (IMF)
- Less barriers and expanding global trade
- More investment in infrastructure

Also:

- Transparency and easy access to information of macro market developments

Achieving the balance of supply and demand of tonnage:

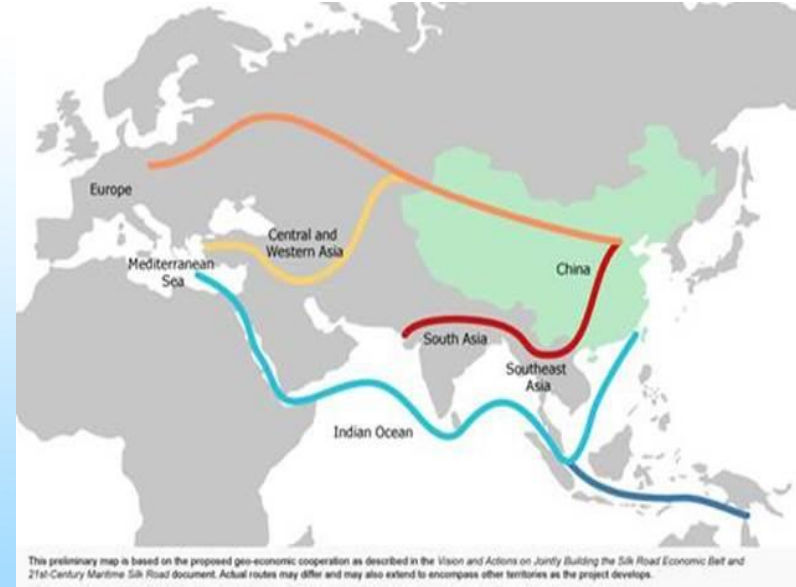
- With adequate structure of global bulk carrier fleet to match the demand

One Belt, One Road initiative will increase demand for dry cargo transportation

Establishing **infrastructure network** connecting various Asian sub-regions with other parts of Asia, Europe and Africa will require investment in railways, highways, air routes, telecommunications, oil and natural gas pipelines and ports.

Development of infrastructure will drive the **demand for steel and construction materials** → **Bulk carriers the main work horses** to support such development.

The scale and reach of “One Belt, One Road” initiative is yet to be defined.



Hong Kong – the Int'l Maritime Centre

Supply chain study and shipping services in Hong Kong

Advantage: Hong Kong is **in the centre of** the One Belt, One Road initiative, in terms of location, unique access to key driving forces (demand side) and connection with global shipping and services industries (supply side).

Demand side: study and analysis on **cargo, ports and berths**, and information sharing will assist the bulk carrier sector in allowing bulk carrier shipowners to plan investments in newbuilding projects.

Supply side: study of **bulk carrier fleet, ship movement and trading patterns**, cargoes load and discharge information will assist the investment and infrastructure to efficiently use the bulk carrier capacity, **pairing demand with supply** of global bulk carrier fleet including breakdown of ship sizes into distinct voyages.

Consultancy Study on Enhancing Hong Kong's Position as an International Maritime Centre



Source: BMT Asia

[http://www.hkmpb.gov.hk/docs/8870%20IMC%20Final%20Report%20-%20ENG%20\(16.04.2014\).pdf](http://www.hkmpb.gov.hk/docs/8870%20IMC%20Final%20Report%20-%20ENG%20(16.04.2014).pdf)



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