

Dear Members of INTERCARGO,

Below is an overview of our Association's activities recent and upcoming, reflecting INTERCARGO's continued commitment to representing the interests of quality dry bulk shipping, supporting members, and engaging with industry stakeholders and regulators.

Industry Engagement and Representation, and Current Affairs

INTERCARGO has continued to advocate strongly for the safety and protection of seafarers and civilian shipping. Amid escalating security threats in the Middle East Gulf, including attacks on bulk carriers causing human life loss, the Association reiterated that seafarers must never become targets of military action, while calling for international law, freedom of navigation and the safety of merchant vessels and their crews to be upheld. INTERCARGO also joined other leading international shipping associations in an open letter to the UN and IMO Secretaries-General opposing the introduction of compulsory tolls or charges for transit through the Strait of Hormuz, which could undermine established international law and disrupt global supply chains.

On the occasion of the publication of INTERCARGO's Bulk Carrier Casualty Report 2026, our Association highlighted the continued long-term reduction in bulk carrier losses while drawing attention to persistent and evolving risks. Cargo liquefaction remains the leading cause of loss of life, while groundings, flooding and the growing exposure of seafarers to armed conflict underline the need for continued vigilance, effective implementation of existing safety requirements and close cooperation among shipowners, charterers, shippers, ports and regulators.

INTERCARGO has also maintained its active engagement with key industry stakeholders through a range of meetings and initiatives, such as in welcoming the proposed inclusion of Indian ship recycling yards on the European List.

Members are encouraged to consult the Events & Forums section of the Association's website for the latest information on past and upcoming meetings, webinars and other engagement opportunities.

Technical and Regulatory Developments

INTERCARGO remains actively engaged in technical and regulatory matters affecting the dry bulk sector. Our Secretariat continues to monitor developments across the international regulatory landscape, providing members with technical information, practical guidance and updates on issues affecting dry bulk shipping.

Regulations and IMO Engagement

Our Association has maintained its active presence at the International Maritime Organization (IMO), representing the interests of quality dry bulk shipping in the development of international maritime regulations. Since July, INTERCARGO has participated in the IMO Council, where developments in the Middle East Gulf were among the high-level matters considered, and in the Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments covering casualty investigation and port reception facilities.

INTERCARGO has also contributed to IMO discussions on reducing GHG emissions from ships, alternative fuels and their life-cycle assessment, as well as to the ongoing Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers, including amendments to the IMSBC Code and the safe use of new technologies and alternative fuels. The Association's engagement will continue at the Editorial and Technical Group on IMSBC Code amendments and related cargo matters.

Members are reminded that all INTERCARGO submissions, pre-briefs and outcome briefs for IMO meetings are available under the IMO section of the Association's website.

Technical Work

INTERCARGO's Quality Panel has continued its work with members' contributions in helping ensure that inspection frameworks remain both safety-focused and practical.

The Association also convened our Australian Ports Focus Group meeting, facilitating dialogue on operational challenges and matters affecting dry bulk vessels calling at Australian ports.

In addition, INTERCARGO hosted a dedicated webinar on Automated Fuel Consumption Data Gathering, examining available technologies and practical approaches to improving the accuracy and efficiency of vessel-performance monitoring, regulatory reporting, and emissions management.

For more details on our Association's ongoing technical work and agenda please refer to INTERCARGO's Technical Updates for 2026 in the News & Updates section of our website.

Membership Updates & Other Highlights

INTERCARGO is pleased to have welcomed a number of new Members since our last update.

FULL MEMBERS













ASSOCIATE MEMBERS















Other recent highlights, are provided in the relevant sections below.

Members are encouraged to visit INTERCARGO's new website regularly for the latest technical updates, industry guidance and Association news.

We invite all Members to remain actively involved in the Association's activities and to continue sharing their views and feedback with the Secretariat.

For any question or clarification, do not hesitate to contact me and our Secretariat at info@intercargoo.org.

Kind regards
Kostas G. Gkonis, PhD
Secretary General



OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS & AGM

AUTUMN ROME 2026

10-11 November



INTERCARGO SEMI ANNUAL MEETINGS

INTERCARGO will host its upcoming meetings and AGM in Rome 10-11 November 2026. For more information and registrations please visit our website

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INTERCARGO HOSTED WEBINAR



WEBINARS

INTERCARGOxRIGHTSHIP WEBINAR

INTERCARGO will host its upcoming webinar with RightShip for Chinese speaking members and it will provide them with an overview of RISQ 3.2 and the RightShip inspection process. Members can register when visitingg our website

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STRAIT OF HORMUZ UPDATES



INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENTS

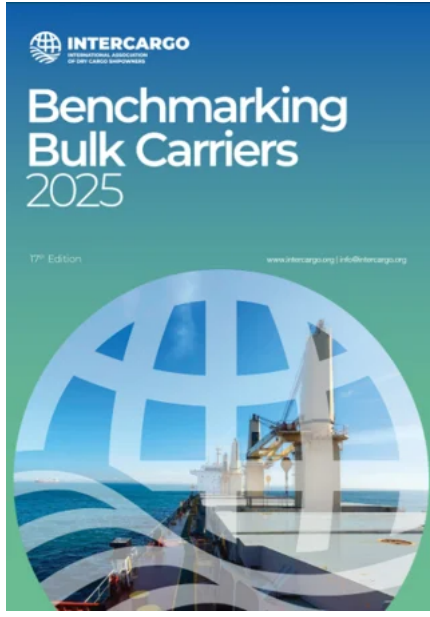
ADVICE FOR MEMBERS REGARDING STRAIT OF HORMUZ

INTERCARGO members can stay well informed with developments in the Strait of Hormuz region and wider shipping

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PUBLICATIONS, DATA & INDUSTRY INTELLIGENCE

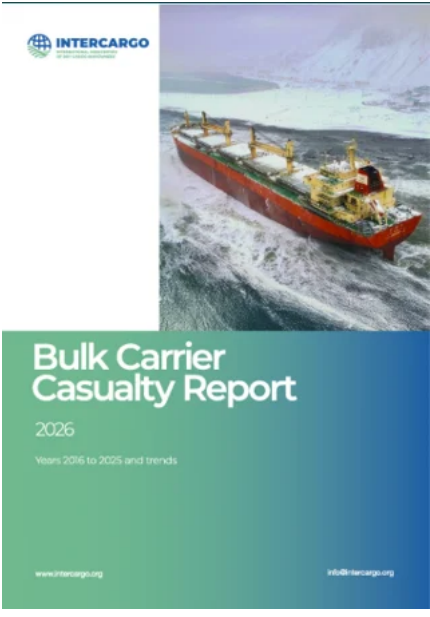
Supporting members with practical information and industry intelligence remains a key priority.



BENCHMARKING
REPORT 2025



STS GUIDELINES



BULK CARRIER
CASUALTY REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS & INDUSTRY REPRESENTATION

INTERCARGO's expertise and advocacy efforts continue to be recognised throughout the maritime industry.

SHIPPING INDUSTRY WELCOMES THE PROPOSED INCLUSION OF INDIAN SHIP RECYCLING YARDS ON THE EUROPEAN LIST



MEDIA RELEASE

JOINT STATEMENT

Shipping industry welcomes the proposed inclusion of Indian ship recycling yards on the European List

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INTERCARGO PRESS STATEMENT



MEDIA RELEASE

PRESS STATEMENT

INTERCARGO is deeply saddened by the tragic loss of life following the fire onboard a vessel undergoing repairs in China.

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INTERCARGO CALENDAR OF EVENTS



UPCOMING EVENTS

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