INTERCARGO
SECRETARIAT UPDATE OF ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER 2026

Dear Members of INTERCARGO,

This update highlights recent developments and forthcoming activities across our Association, reflecting our ongoing work to support members, promote quality dry bulk shipping and represent the sector.

Industry Engagement and Representation, and Current Affairs

The protection of seafarers and dry bulk shipping remains a central priority. INTERCARGO issued a statement addressing developments in the Middle East Gulf and Black Sea, calling for greater protection of vessels and their crews amid security risks in the Black Sea, Sea of Azov and Strait of Hormuz. The statement drew attention to the risks facing dry bulk shipping and the importance of safeguarding the people and vessels sustaining essential international trade.

INTERCARGO also joined fellow industry associations in an open letter urging EU Member States to support the inclusion of two Indian ship recycling facilities on the European List of Ship Recycling Facilities.

Member Engagement and Technical Activities

Our Association continues to provide opportunities for members to exchange operational experience, raise concerns and engage directly with industry stakeholders.

Recent Quality Panel activities, encompassing QP East and QP West meetings, have covered quality-related issues and engagement with RightShip, supporting continued dialogue on inspection standards and their practical application.

Member-facing webinar initiatives have included Crew Wellbeing on Bulk Carriers, bringing attention to an essential aspect of safe and sustainable operations, and the INTERCARGO x RightShip webinar for Chinese-speaking members, covering RISQ 3.2 and the RightShip inspection process.

The Cargo Panel meeting addressed a range of cargo safety and operational matters, including liquefaction, fumigation, scrap metal fires, mixed stowage and project cargo, and sulphur cargoes.

Members are encouraged to consult the relevant website updates and contribute their experience to these discussions, helping ensure that the Association's work remains informed by operational realities.

Governance and Forthcoming Meetings

Preparations continue for INTERCARGO's autumn Semi-Annual Meetings and Annual General Meeting in Rome on 10–11 November 2026. Members have received updated meeting information and the formal AGM notice, including details of the Chair and Vice-Chairs' elections.

We encourage members to review the circulated information and make arrangements to participate. These meetings provide an important opportunity to contribute to the Association's priorities and future direction.

Events and External Forums

INTERCARGO has also shared updates on a number of industry events, including those supported by the Association as a supporting organisation. Members are encouraged to visit the Events & Forums section of our website for details of forthcoming events and opportunities for engagement.

Membership Updates & Other Highlights

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

FULL MEMBERS

Ersöz Shipping · MARINSA DENİZCİLİK A.Ş. · AGMARIS · INCE SHIPPING GROUP

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

WP SOLICITORS · GALLAGHER

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

Supporting members with timely information remains an important part of the Secretariat's work. Members are encouraged to visit INTERCARGO's new website regularly for the latest technical updates, industry guidance and Association news.

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

Kind regards
Kostas G. Gkonis, PhD
Secretary General



OTHER HIGHLIGHTS



INTERCARGO MEETINGS

INTERCARGO SEMI ANNUAL MEETINGS

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

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MEDIA RELEASE

INTERCARGO Statement – MEG & Black Sea

INTERCARGO calls for greater protection of dry bulk shipping and seafarers amid ongoing security risks

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WEBINARS

INTERCARGO HOSTED WEBINAR

INTERCARGO hosted a webinar for members entitled "Crew Wellbeing on Bulk Carriers: Overcoming the Challenges of Today's Shipping

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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 visiting our website

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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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

INTERCARGO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Members can stay well informed with all the events INTERCARGO will be attending.

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