**July - August 2026 update of Secretariat activities**

Dear Members of INTERCARGO,

Several developments have taken place since June. 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**

On 25 June 2026, INTERCARGO marked the Day of the Seafarer by expressing sincere gratitude to seafarers worldwide, highlighting their essential role in sustaining global trade in key shipping regions, including the Black Sea and the Middle East Gulf, and calling for the genuine recognition and protection of their key worker status.INTERCARGO has continued its active engagement with key industry stakeholders through a range of meetings and initiatives. Members are encouraged to consult the Events & Forums section of our Association’s website for latest information on past and upcoming meetings, webinars and other engagement opportunities.

**Technical, Regulatory Developments, and Current Affairs**

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.

*Technical Developments*

INTERCARGO, together with industry partners, issued updated guidance on the safe carriage of nickel ore cargoes from the Philippines and Solomon Islands, highlighting the increased risks of liquefaction and providing recommendations to mitigate the associated hazards.

INTERCARGO's Quality Panel welcomed RightShip's decision to remove the automatic impact of Show-Stopper findings on Safety Scores and inspection outcomes. The change reflects constructive industry engagement and reinforces the value of members' contributions in helping ensure that inspection frameworks remain both safety-focused and practical.

Our Association also hosted a dedicated webinar on Energy Efficiency, showcasing innovative technologies and practical solutions to improve

vessel performance, reduce emissions and support the industry's decarbonisation objectives.

*Safety and Security*

INTERCARGO contributed to the latest update of the Best Management Practices (BMP) for Maritime Security, with the revised guidance including new content on actions during activist boardings and reflecting the evolving security landscape for seafarers and vessels.

In light of the continuing tensions in the Middle East, members are encouraged to keep referring to INTERCARGO's guidance regarding the Strait of Hormuz and the wider region, urging heightened vigilance, close monitoring of security developments and strict adherence to industry best practices to safeguard vessels and crews operating in high-risk areas.

Our latest media release also highlighted the dry bulk sector's continued improvements in safety performance while drawing attention to emerging risks and the need for sustained vigilance and proactive risk management.

*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, on the development of international maritime regulations, as well as current affairs such as the ongoing situation in Hormuz.

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

**Membership updates**

INTERCARGO has been delighted to welcome the following new Members since our pervious update:

Full Members:

- Wilhelmsen Ship Management Singapore Pte Ltd
- Wisdom Marine Group
- Jiangsu Ocean Shipping Bulk Company Limited (JOSCO)
- Ya-Sa Shipmanagement and Trading S.A.

Associate Members

- Complexio Ltd
- Headway Technology Group (Qingdao) Co. Ltd
- Amspec Cr Cox

**Looking Ahead**

The Secretariat remains committed to supporting members through effective representation, practical guidance, technical expertise, and constructive engagement with regulators and industry stakeholders.Members are encouraged to visit INTERCARGO's new website regularly to access technical updates, guidance, and news, including guidance on vigilance and protection of bulk carrier seafarers and shore-based personnel operating in the Gulf region.We encourage all members to remain engaged with the Association's activities and 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@intercargo.org.

Kind regards



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