May-June 2026 update of Secretariat activities

Dear Members of INTERCARGO,

Several developments have taken place since May. Here is an overview of our Association's activities, reflecting INTERCARGO's continued focus on safety, operational excellence, regulatory engagement, and member support.

Launch of INTERCARGO's New Website

A significant milestone for our Association has been the launch of INTERCARGO's new website (as always at https://www.intercargo.org/). The new platform has been designed to improve accessibility to information, enhance the user experience, and provide members and stakeholders with a more modern and effective means of engaging with the Association's work.

Members are encouraged to explore the website, familiarise themselves with its structure and content, and make full use of the resources available. We would also greatly appreciate receiving any feedback, suggestions, or observations that may assist us in further improving the platform.

The website will continue to serve as a primary source of information on INTERCARGO's activities, publications, technical work, events, and industry developments.

Member Engagement and Industry Leadership

INTERCARGO's semi-annual meetings were successfully held in Singapore on 14-15 May 2026, bringing together members, guests, and industry stakeholders through meetings of the Technical Committee and Executive Committee, as well as open discussion sessions.The meetings addressed a wide range of technical, operational, regulatory, environmental, and commercial developments affecting the dry bulk sector. Presentations from the meetings have been made available to members.

Our next meetings and AGM will be taking place in Rome on 10-11 November 2026.

The Secretariat has also continued its programme of member engagement through webinars and technical briefings addressing practical industry challenges, including vessel inspections, port and terminal operations, mooring safety, and regulatory compliance.

Safety, Security and Operational Excellence

Safety and the protection of seafarers remain at the core of INTERCARGO's activities.

The Association continues to monitor developments in the Strait of Hormuz and the wider Middle East region, maintaining dialogue with relevant stakeholders and naval representatives while providing members with updates and guidance aimed at supporting informed decision-making, effective risk assessment, and the protection of crews and shore-based personnel.

A major industry milestone was achieved through the publication of the first dedicated Ship-to-Ship (STS) standard developed specifically for the dry bulk sector. The guidance reflects the growing importance of STS operations as trading patterns evolve, vessel sizes increase, and new cargo flows and trading areas emerge.

In addition, INTERCARGO published its latest Bulk Carrier Casualty Report, analysing casualty trends, lessons learned, and areas for continued improvement in safety performance across the sector.

Regulatory and Technical Developments

INTERCARGO has remained actively engaged in international regulatory developments, including the work of the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

The Association has circulated briefings covering the outcomes of MEPC 84 and has continued to contribute to discussions on a wide range of technical and environmental issues, including decarbonisation, biofouling management, ballast water management, and safety-related regulatory matters.

Members continue to receive regular technical updates covering developments across the Association's work programme and matters of relevance to dry bulk operations.

Publications, Data and Industry Intelligence

Supporting members with practical information and industry intelligence remains a key priority. During the period, INTERCARGO published its Benchmarking Bulk Carriers 2025 Report, providing performance and benchmarking insights relevant to the dry bulk fleet.

Our Association has also continued to expand and maintain resources that support operational improvement and experience sharing, including reporting and analysis relating to ship-terminal interface issues, ports and terminals, cyber risks, incidents and casualties, and cargo-related matters.

Communications and Industry Representation

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

The Association has maintained an active presence through media interviews, articles, conference participation, public statements, and engagement with industry stakeholders, reinforcing INTERCARGO's role as the leading voice of quality dry bulk shipping worldwide.

Membership updates

INTERCARGO has been delighted to welcome the following new Members:

Full Members:

- MPP Carriers S.A.
- White Sea
- TA-HO Maritime Corporation
- Alpha Omega Marine Pte Ltd
- Fundador Compania Naviera SA
- Silk Searoad Maritime S.A.

New Full Members joining in 2026 are listed here.

Associate Members

- Harborlab
- Mare Forum
- International Seafarers' Welfare & Assistance Network (ISWAN)
- Kangrim Heavy Industries Co. Ltd.
- Harlas International Transport S.A.
- Aloft Systems Inc.
- SVM Solutions and Technologies Pte Ltd
- Seven Clean Seas
- 3Cube Medicare Pte Ltd

New Associate Members joining in 2026 are listed here.

Looking Ahead

The Secretariat remains committed to supporting members through effective representation, practical guidance, technical expertise, and constructive engagement with regulators and industry stakeholders.

We encourage all members to remain engaged with the Association's activities, make regular use of the new website, 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.

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