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SECURING YOUR SHIPS FROM EXTERNAL DISRUPTIONS: SAFETY AND DECARBONISATION PERSPECTIVES

the 2024 edition of the GREEK-BRITISH SHIPPING FORUM, held as part of Posidonia 2024
on **Tuesday, 4 June 15:30-19:30** at The Book Castle, Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center

- 15:30 **Registration & refreshmentss**
- 16:00 **Welcome remarks**
Harry Theochari OBE, Chair, Maritime London
- Keynote Addresses**
- 16:10 H.E. Matthew Lodge, His Majesty's Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic
- 16:30 **Session 1: Ensuring Safety in a Heightened-Risk Environment**
We hear much about the commercial implications of global trade disruption, as a consequence of the well-publicised choke points in key shipping routes. However, in a heightened-risk environment, how can the industry work smarter to ensure the safety of assets and importantly seafarers?
- Moderator:* Jos Standerwick, Chief Executive, Maritime London
- Panellists:*
Eline Muller, Senior Executive, Multirship Towage & Salvage and Chair, International Salvage Union (ISU) Salvage Sub-Committee
Ben Palmer OBE, President, Inmarsat Maritime
Dr George D. Pateras, Deputy Chairman, Contships Management Inc and President, Hellenic Chamber of Shipping
Gordon Robertson, Head of Greece, NorthStandard
Sally-Ann Underhill, Partner, Transportation, Reed Smith LLP
- 17:45 **Coffee break**
- 18:10 **Session 2: Tramp Shipping - the Elephant in the Decarbonisation Room?**
The flexibility of the spot market is central to the global trade in commodities and has created one of the purest marketplaces the world has ever seen. However, the structure does not lend itself to the collaboration between cargo interests, shipowners, and terminal operators, often cited as a key driver for the shipping industry's decarbonisation. This panel discussion will explore how decarbonisation will alter the market dynamics and what practical steps can be taken to align with IMO mid-term measures.
- Moderator:* Richard Meade, Editor in Chief, Lloyd's List
- Panellists:*
Stephen Gordon, Managing Director, Clarkson Research (*scene-setting presentation*)
Nick Brown, Chief Executive Officer, Lloyd's Register
Harry Fafalios, Chairman, Greek Shipping Cooperation Committee (GSCC)
Michael Parker, Chairman, Global Shipping, Logistics & Offshore, Citi
Charis Plakantonaki, Chief Strategy Officer, Star Bulk Carriers Corp
- 19:25 **Closing remarks**
Evita Souri, Country Manager, British Embassy in Athens/Department for Business & Trade
- 20:00 **British Ambassador's Evening Reception**
held at the Lighthouse, Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center

N.B: The agenda is subject to additions and alterations