

ANNUAL SUMMIT 2025

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SURVIVAL IN A POLARIZING WORLD



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Maritime transportation serves as the main artery of global trade. Intricate networks of shipping firms, routes, ports combined with maritime competitiveness have enabled for globalisation and strengthened the interconnectedness of the world economy. However, the sector is facing numerous challenges that threaten maritime transportation as we know it today, including its competitiveness, resilience and sustainability.

Shipping & Offshore Network cordially invites you to join us to discuss and explore the above dire topic creating an arena for deep reflection, better understanding and inspiration for a prosperous future for maritime transportation. Welcome to Annual Summit 2025!

THURSDAY 3 APRIL

09:30–10:00 **REGISTRATION AND COFFEE, TEA & SNACKS**

10:00–10.15 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

10:15–12.00 **KEYNOTE OPENING SPEAKERS**

A global trade update amid disruption and uncertainty

Hassiba Benamara, Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

When geopolitics and trade collide

Dr. Martin Stopford, former CEO of Clarkson Research, author of Maritime Economics and its accompanying website The Maritime Lectures, and much more

12:00–13:00 **LUNCH**

13:00–13:45 **BUSINESS CASE: What we do to adapt and survive in a polarizing world?**

Ernst Meyer, CEO, Torvald Klaveness (est. 1946)

13.45–14.30 **Green shift in challenging waters – new strategy for the Shipowners' Association**

Helene Tofte, Executive Director, Department of International Cooperation and Climate, the Norwegian Shipowners' Association (NSA)

14:30–14:45 **COFFEE REFILL**

14:45–16:15 **WORKSHOP: SURVIVAL IN A POLARIZING WORLD**

What are the likely implications (and opportunities) for maritime transportation due to the material geopolitical developments including armed wars/conflicts, trade wars, de-globalization, tear-down of international institutions, and of course environmental challenges? How do you consider the future of maritime transportation in this regard and how should market players navigate and adapt?

16:15–17:30 **SUMMARY OF GROUP WORKS & PANEL DISCUSSION**

Kjartan Bru, Head of Transportation Capital Markets Nordics, BNP Paribas SA, Oslo

17:30–18:30 **PRE DINNER SPEAKER: DAGFINN LUNDE**

Chairman & Co-founder, eShipfinance.com

A lifetime in ship finance - what I saw then and what I see now

19:30 **APERITIF & ANNUAL SUMMIT DINNER**

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FRIDAY 4 APRIL

09:00–09:30 **THE HUMAN FACTOR**

People Investment in Shipping - where Technology meets Sustainability

Ronald Spithout, Managing Director, OneHealth by Vikand LLC, USA

09:30–09:45 **COFFEE REFILL**

09:45–11:15 **SHIPPING MARKET UPDATES**

Guy Hindley, Dry Cargo Managing Partner, Howe Robinson Partners, London

Fredrik Dybwad, Equity Research Analyst, Fearnleys, Oslo

Nicolai Hansteen, Director Shipping Markets, DNV – Maritime

11:15–11:30 **COFFEE REFILL**

11:30–13:00 **INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS ON THE ENERGY TRANSITION**

Opportunities of green fuels in shipping

Dr. Estela Vázquez Esmerode, Programme Manager,
Mærsk Mc-Kinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping

Limitations of green alternative fuels in global shipping

Dr. Jan Emblemsvåg, professor, NTNU Ålesund

New nuclear for maritime

Unni Einemo, Marine Regulations Lead, Core Power, London

13:00–13.15 **CLOSING REMARKS, LUNCH & END OF SUMMIT**

FEE AND REGISTRATION

NOK 9,900 for members

Non-members: NOK 11,900

Price includes all meals, drinks (except bar) and single room accommodation 1 night which we automatically book for you

REGISTRATION (please note that you will be invoiced later):

<https://www.shippingoffshorenetwork.no/events/annual-summit-2025/>

Or email us at post@shippingoffshorenetwork.no

The venue: <https://www.losbygods.no/english/>



TERMS & CONDITIONS: No-shows and cancellations later than Thursday 27 March will be invoiced 100%.

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HASSIBA BENAMARA is a maritime transport and trade economist. She has over 26 years of professional experience in transport and trade logistics. She holds a graduate degree in Economics and an undergraduate degree combining Economics and Political Science from the University of Ottawa (Canada).

Since joining UNCTAD 20 years ago, Hassiba has been responsible for various files dealing with maritime transport and trade. She contributed articles and book chapters focusing on maritime transport economics, security, and sustainable shipping, and co-authored 19 editions of the UNCTAD annual Review of Maritime Transport. Areas of work include seaborne trade, port developments, climate change mitigation and adaptation, transport costs, supply chain security, sustainable freight transport, corridor management, and maritime supply chain resilience. Before joining UNCTAD, Hassiba has been working for the Canadian Ministry of Transportation in the international shipping and international trade divisions, respectively.



DR. MARTIN STOPFORD is a graduate of Oxford University and has a PhD in International Economics from London University. Over 50 years in the maritime industry he held positions as Director of Business Development, British Shipbuilders; Global Shipping Economist, Chase Manhattan Bank N.A.; Chief Executive, Lloyds Maritime Information Services; Managing Director, Clarkson Research; and Executive Director, Clarksons PLC.

Martin retired from Clarkson Research in 2021. He is now running MarEcon Ltd, which he founded in 1997 to support maritime education. Its publications include "Maritime Economics" 3rd edition (2009), now translated into Japanese, Greek, Brazilian, Portuguese, Korean and Turkish. Also, many papers on shipping economics and ship finance. The company website www.mLeCs.com provides a wide range of study material for lecturers, students and newcomers to the maritime industry. Martin is visiting professor at the Bayes Business School, London; Newcastle University; and has an honorary doctorate from Solent University. He received the Chojeong Book Prize (2005); Lloyds List Lifetime Achievement Award (2010); Seatrade Global Shipping Personality of the Year (2013); The Onassis Prize for Shipping (2015); and the Capital Link Shipping Leadership Award (2016).

ERNST MEYER has 30 years of experience in the energy and maritime industries, holding various executive positions throughout his career. He began his professional journey at Statoil Shipping after earning an MSc in Naval Architecture from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim. In 2001, he joined DNV, where he spent 20 years in various roles, including international assignments in Houston and Singapore. In 2019, Meyer joined Torvald Klaveness as Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director. Three years later, he was appointed President & Chief Executive Officer of the company, a position he continues to hold today.



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HELENE TOFTE is a member of the Management Group and Executive Director, Department of International Cooperation and Climate, Norwegian Shipowners' Association (NSA).

Helene has the overarching responsibility for the association's international engagement and climate activities, with special focus on monitoring international climate processes and its participation in the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS). Helene joined the NSA in 2012, after six years in Brussels working on EU political affairs. She has a Political Science degree from Bath University (UK) and Charles University (Czech Republic). She completed the Norwegian Defence College's executive leadership programme Autumn 2022.



KJARTAN BRU has some 20 years experience from banking in Paris, Oslo and London. He is Head of Transportation Capital Markets Nordics, in BNP Paribas, Oslo office. Previously he was heading DNB's shipping, offshore and logistics activities in Oslo covering Scandinavia and thereafter in London covering EMEA, spending in total about 13 years in the bank. He started his career in Paris in Credit Lyonnais.

Kjartan Bru studied economy at the University of Toulouse before graduating from ESCP Europe, a French business school. He is a board member of the Shipping & Offshore Network.

DAGFINN LUNDE is the chair and co-founder of eShipfinance.com (SFG Ship Finance Global Ltd.) and current and past board member of several known shipping companies, but it was his time as CEO of Intertanko and head of shipping at DVB Bank that made him famous.

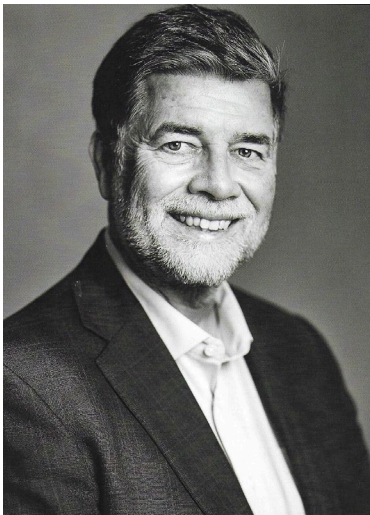


- 2023 - Board member, Irish ICAV fund - Cleaves Shipping Fund
- 2021 - Chairman of Cleaves Securities AS
- Since Jan 2018 Chairman and co-founder of SFG - Ship Finance Global Ltd which owns the brand eShipfinance.com which creates ship mortgages online and place them with investors
- January 24th 2014 DagMar Navigation Ltd was created - a 50/50 company with his partner Marina Tzoutzouraki - the company is doing consultancy related to banking and ship financing
- Board member in Dynamic Drilling, India/Cyprus/Singapore
- Board member Newport Shipping UK LLP from 2017 to June 2018
- Board member of Advantage Tankers
- Board member Maxi Shipping
- Board member of Maritime and Merchant bank from Jan/2014 to Dec/2016
- 2002 to end of 2013 Member of the Board of Managing Directors of DVB Bank SE and Head of the Shipping and Offshore Division in DVB
- 2000–2002 Nedship Bank N.V., Rotterdam, CEO and Industry Head, Shipping Division, DVB

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- 1995 - July 2000 Intertanko, Managing Director
- 1990 - 1995 Den Norske Bank AS, New York, Executive Vice President and General Manager
- 1987 - 1990 Den norske Creditbank, Oslo - Head of Global Shipping and General Manager
- 1986- 1987 Den norske Creditbank, Oslo Sorting out bad loans in Shipping, General Manager
- 1984 - 1986 Den norske Creditbank S.A., Luxembourg and Oslo, General Manager
- 1982 - 1984 DnC-Ship Mortgage International Bank N.V. (SMIB), Managing Director
- 1981 - 1982 Stanford University, The Sloan Program - Master in Management
- 1976 - 1981 The Torvald Klaveness Group, Oslo, Financial Director
- 1973 - 1976 Different positions in Tandberg's Radiofabrikk AS
- 1970 - 1973 The Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration (NHH)



RONALD SPITHOUT: With over 20 years of mobile satellite industry knowledge, having served global mobile communities on land, in the air and at sea, Ronald has a deep understanding of the maritime industry from a perspective of digitalisation, driving operational efficiency and new business models with respect to decarbonisation/fuel transition, crew communication, welfare, safety and (cyber) security.

Since 2022 Ronald has been advising maritime digital initiatives and their use of mobile satellite communications for enhanced crew welfare and sustainability. He joined Vikand in 2023 as Managing Director for OneHealth by Vikand to promote digital innovations and progressive medical solutions to proactively focus on seafarers' overall wellness and Human Sustainability.

GUY HINDLEY is Managing Partner of the Dry Cargo Division of leading Shipbrokers Howe Robinson Partners in London.

Formed in 1883, Howe Robinson has grown to become one of the largest fully integrated international Shipbroking Houses, with a global network of 14 offices and 350 staff.

Guy has spent his career specialising in Dry Cargo transportation and has an in-depth knowledge of chartering as well as other project related business.

Guy directs the Dry Cargo Research Team who produce regular bespoke reports covering all aspects of the Dry Bulk Commodity and Freight Market as well as a specialist set of in-house indices.

Guy is also Chairman of Maritime Strategies International (MSI), the Research and Consulting specialist and is a Member of the Baltic Exchange Governing Council.



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FREDRIK DYBWAD is an analyst covering shipping equities at Fearnley Securities, which is a part of the Astrup Fearnley Group, representing over a century of history within shipping and offshore services.

At Fearnley, Dybwad follows close to 50 shipping equities within all major segments. He has previously worked close to the shipping and offshore industries at PwC and holds an MSc from the Norwegian School of Economics (NHH) in Bergen.



NICOLAI HANSTEEN is Director Shipping Markets at DNV. His responsibility is to develop business relations globally as it pertains to new and existing clients. Nicolai started with DNV in mid August 2023 from a commercial background as Chief Shipping Analyst with the international shipbroking company Lorentzen & Co working out of their Oslo headquarters.

Nicolai is ranked as one of the top shipping analysts, utilizing research as a mechanism to build client trust and understanding, introducing and proposing deals that are value-added and with a high degree of successful completion. He has also been Department Manager S&P Oslo, working actively on second-hand and newbuilding transactions. Previously he has worked at both Pareto Securities and Pareto Shipping in the international capital and shipping markets, and before that at Nordea Securities as a financial analyst covering the shipping and offshore sectors.

Nicolai holds a BA from Middlebury College, Vermont in 1992 and an MSc from City University Business School (CASS, now Basesy), London in 1996, specializing in Shipping, Trade & Finance. He has been a member of several boards and committees in the shipping and offshore industry including Shipping & Offshore Network and has been delighted to participate as a speaker at many prestigious conferences around the world.



DR. ESTELA VÁZQUEZ ESMERODE leads the innovation program “Transform the Energy System” at the Mærsk Mc-Kinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping (MMMCZCS) in Copenhagen.

The program seeks to replace the current, fossil-based fuels used in the maritime industry with sustainable energy forms.

Estela has a PhD in geology and geophysics, and she spent the initial part of her career in the oil and gas business, before changing focus towards decarbonization and energy transition.

Estela has led carbon capture and storage (CCS) projects and has worked with the development of floating offshore wind, before joining the quest for decarbonizing the shipping industry.

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DR. JAN EMBLEMSVÅG has been a professor at NTNU since 2020, but before that he has had many top management positions in the industry since 2004. The last three were SVP and Shipyard Director/SVP of Innovation and Process Improvements in Vard, SVP Ship Design & Systems in Rolls-Royce Marine and General Manager at Midsund Bruk. He has maintained an adjunct faculty position since 2006 (BI, Høyskolen in Ålesund, NTNU).

He has many years of experience as a consultant, key note speaker and board member/chairman of the board. He has researched and published significantly in Life-Cycle Analyses, Life-Cycle Costing, energy, risk, Lean and other areas.



Jan graduated with a PhD (1999) and a Master of Science (1995) from Georgia Institute of Technology. He is also a sivilingeniør in Mechanical Engineering and Industrial Engineering from Norges Tekniske Høyskole (NTH, 1994) - today known as NTNU in Trondheim, Norway.



UNNI EINEMO is the Marine Regulations Lead at Core Power Ltd., London, UK. She has had a distinguished career spanning over 25 years as a prominent communicator in the marine fuels industry.

Initially serving as a writer, analyst and editor, she later assumed the role of head of the International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA), acting as the industry's voice at the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

Recognised by Lloyd's List as one of the 'Top 10 in regulation' in 2018 and among the 'Ten women influencing shipping' in 2019, Unni brings a wealth of expertise to her role.

As Marine Regulations Lead at Core Power, Unni works closely with stakeholders to assess and shape the regulatory frameworks that are needed to unlock the potential of advanced nuclear technology for the maritime sector.

