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The 2016 Awards dinner was the largest ever with almost 1,200 guests. One of the features of the ceremony was the toast to Greek shipping's health (inset). Sponsored by China Classification Society, the toast was proposed by Jiping Chen (left), the general manager of CCS's Athens branch, accompanied by hosts Nigel Lowry (centre) and Andriana Paraskevopoulou

An occasion to focus on Greek shipping's truly global scope

GLOBALISATION may no longer be in political fashion in some quarters but its relationship with and dependency on shipping is something to celebrate.

That is exactly what the Lloyd's List Greek Shipping Awards 2016 did on December 2 in the packed ballroom of the Athenaeum InterContinental Hotel.

A record audience of nearly 1,200 guests watched in suspense as the winners, including some of the country's premier shipping companies, service organisations and maritime personalities, were announced.

Lloyd's List Intelligence data cited during the ceremony underlines the unparalleled global spread of the cross-trading Greek-owned fleet, the world's largest. Over the course of a year, 32% of Greek shipping capacity was trading to ports in Asia, while 23% was trading to North and South America. Europe claimed 20% of

Greek capacity movements, with 9% operating in African ports, the Middle East representing 11% of the fleet's calls and the remaining 5% of Greek shipping focused on the Australasian trades.

Underlining the industry's truly global scope, each of the 17 categories of award presented on the night was heralded with a different video message to the audience from Greek masters and crews on a variety of vessels all over the world, their positions pinpointed for the audience on an electronic map flashed up onto numerous large screens around the ballroom.

The internationality of the world's largest shipping awards event has been increasing for some years, as more of Greek shipowners' international business partners have been drawn to the keenly-awaited annual event.

In 2016 there was an added international dimension. The minister of Shipping and Island Policy, Panagiotis Kouroumbliis, gave a speech on

behalf of the government, but for the first time his counterparts from both Malta and Cyprus also attended the Greek Shipping Awards. The three nations have been coordinating their maritime policies increasingly in recent times to have a stronger, unified voice in influencing European shipping policy.

Mr Kouroumbliis said that the state, public institutions and private sector all had to work together in order to find common ground and jointly tackle the economic crisis in Greece. Greek shipping in particular could play a multi-faceted role in developing the country, he said.

Another key welcome speech was delivered by Junichiro Iida, executive vice president of ClassNK, the event's overall lead sponsor.

Guests enjoyed a welcome reception hosted by Malta Ship Registry, which was addressed by Joe Mizzi, Malta's minister of Transport and Infrastructure.



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The Malta Ship Registry sponsored the event's welcome reception and Joe Mizzi (top right), Malta's minister of Transport and Infrastructure, addressed the gathering. Bottom right: Greece's minister of Shipping and Island Policy, Panagiotis Kouroumbilis, opened the dinner ceremony with a speech to guests

Another highlight of the ceremony was a traditional champagne toast to the future of the Greek shipping industry, delivered by Jiping Chen, the general manager of the China Classification Society's Athens branch.

Bulk carrier and reefer owner Panos Laskaridis, who is also president-designate of the European Community Shipowners Associations, was crowned Greek Shipping Personality of the Year while Safe Bulkers chief executive Polys Hajioannou was named Newsmaker of the Year, the only award conferred directly by Lloyd's List.

A prestigious panel of judges representing the Greek shipping community voted Nicos D. Efthymiou, a former president of the Union of Greek Shipowners, the winner of the Lloyd's List / Propeller Club Lifetime Achievement Award for 2016.

Stavroula Betsakou, head of tanker research at Howe Robinson Partners, won the Next Generation Shipping Award.

Peter Hinchliffe, secretary general of the International Chamber of Shipping, was chosen

as International Personality of the Year, the sole award open only to non-Greeks.

Greek Seafarer of the Year for 2016 was Captain Diamantis Papageorgiou, the master of Hellenic Seaways' ferry 'Nissos Rodos', who has a reputation for captaining vessels on some of the country's more difficult island routes.

Major company awards went to Samos Steamship Co., the Inglessis family company with a 140-year background in shipping, as Dry Cargo Company of the Year, and Thenamaris, long seen as one of Greece's premier shipping companies, as Tanker Company of the Year.

Minoan Lines of Crete, nowadays a member of the Grimaldi Group, scooped the prize for Passenger Line of the Year.

Carriers Chartering was named Shipbroker of the Year while National Bank of Greece won the Shipping Financier of the Year Award. Both were winning their respective categories for the second time.

The Tsakos Group had reasons to celebrate as newly-delivered LNG carrier 'Maria Energy'

was revealed as the Ship of the Year for 2016 and the group's vice-chairman Vassilis Papageorgiou won the Technical Achievement Award for his career achievements.

The Piraeus International Centre Award was won by Hemexpo - the Hellenic Marine Equipment Manufacturers and Exporters - which was established in 2014 to promote Greek-made equipment on ships constructed overseas.

The Eugenides Foundation was recognised with the Award for Achievement in Education or Training for its multi-faceted work supporting maritime education in Greece.

Helmepa Junior, the youth wing of the Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association, was chosen for the 2016 Award for Achievement in Safety or Environmental Protection.

Moore Stephens was unveiled as winner of the Lloyd's List Intelligence Big Data Award for its OpCost operating costs benchmarking tool.

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Junichiro Iida, executive vice president of Event Sponsor ClassNK gave a welcoming address to guests. Below is an edited version

'Relationships with Greeks are paramount for us'

Good evening, Excellencies, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

It is an honour to be among so many esteemed representatives in one of the world's most iconic maritime nations.

In March our organization underwent a management change and I was appointed as Executive Vice President.

In this new role I hope to work even closer with our Greek partners who contribute so much to the industry.

Greece has a long-standing and well-respected position in the maritime industry. It has shown the industry an exemplary model of how it can withstand any market challenge.

ClassNK established its office in Piraeus in 1975 and at that time just a small number of secondhand vessels accounted for our registrations here. From these humble beginnings we have maintained and developed a strong presence in Greece with a fleet of around 1,000 vessels we proudly service today.

However, success in any sector is a two-way street and our growth here would not have been possible without the ongoing support and engagement from our clients in this region.

Throughout these 40 years we have worked closely with partners in this leading maritime hub to provide services that support, optimise and streamline their operations.

We will continue providing the same level of service and even more under our new management team.

Our relationships and collaboration with owners of this world-renowned maritime nation have always been and will continue to be paramount for ClassNK.

I am sure you would all agree that shipping is an industry filled with emerging risks and opportunities. The last few years have certainly shown us that.

Despite the challenges we face, ClassNK considers these as valuable opportunities to explore new businesses and seek out new solutions for the industry.

One such area ClassNK is exploring is big data and how its application can yield benefits across the global maritime community.

We are particularly excited about the opportunities that big data provide and welcome your cooperation and support for our future activities.

On behalf of our organisation, I look forward to fostering an even stronger relationship with this remarkable maritime community.

I can assure you that everyone at ClassNK will go on to provide support and innovate to ensure that it continues to be one of Greece's crowning successes.

Thank you very much and I hope you enjoy the rest of your evening!

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George D. Pateras, president of the Hellenic Chamber of Shipping, presents the donation to Argo's president, Despina Papastelianou

Argo – a charity linked to the seafaring family

WITH seafarers being integral to the experience offered by the 13th annual Greek Shipping Awards, 'Argo' was clearly a good home for the traditional charity donation from the proceeds of the event.

Lloyd's List has been offering an annual gesture of support to the children's charity for the last decade.

Argo was formed 31 years ago primarily to support seafaring families that have children with physical or learning disabilities.

It provides a day care centre, education and a variety of other activities and services for those in its care, from teenagers up to about 45 years of age.

It is managed by a nine-member administrative council, including elected representatives of parents as well as representatives of the Panhellenic Seamen's

Federation and the Hellenic Chamber of Shipping.

Fittingly, Chamber president George D. Pateras agreed to do the honours and present a cheque to Argo on behalf of Lloyd's List and the Greek Shipping Awards team.

Accepting the donation, Argo's president, Despina Papastelianou said:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, on behalf of Argo, I would like to thank Lloyd's List for its continuous support and recognising our hard work all these years.

"I would like to inform you that with all your donations and with a contribution from the Plesch Foundation, we managed to gather the required funds to replace our old school bus, as was required by health and safety laws.

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Anastasios Tzamouranis, managing director of Samos Steamship, receives the Award from Matthew More, business executive of sponsor Marichem Marigases

DRY CARGO COMPANY OF THE YEAR

THE 'Dry Cargo Company of the Year' Award for 2016 went to one of Greece's oldest-established family shipping operations.

Samos Steamship traces its origins to 1875 when the Inglessis family began trading goods from the Aegean island of Samos using a small fleet of sailing ships.

Early family businesses based on the island included leather manufacturing, cigarette production and wine-making. When Samos Steamship was officially established in 1911 and a first steamship bought the same year, the vessel was employed transporting wine from Samos to France.

Over the years, the company has owned and operated various types of vessel, including passenger ships.

In the 1960s and '70s it ordered about 40 new multipurpose vessels and bulk carriers from Japanese shipyards. Dry cargo has historically been the company's primary focus although it has had a mixed fleet since diversifying into

tankers for the first time in the late 1980s.

Today Samos Steamship's fleet of 2m dwt capacity includes 12 bulkers.

Over the last year it has been expanding with bulker acquisitions, including the recent purchase of its largest-ever dry cargo vessel, the very large ore carrier G Pegasus. The 229,200 dwt vessel, renamed Vathy, was reportedly acquired for about \$12.6m.

Earlier in the year the company also acquired a new post-panamax and a 2006-built capesize.

A characteristic of Samos Steamship's fleet is that all the vessels were built in Japan, the family's experience being that Japanese-constructed ships are superior in quality and efficiency.

The company's reinvestment in the dry bulk sector also includes two kamsarmaxes ordered from Sanoyas Shipbuilding for delivery in 2018.

According to the nomination for Samos, "The Inglessis family, through its maritime tradition and culture of quality, represents the essence of the Greek shipping family that not only survived but thrived over challenging times."

Accepting the Award, Samos Steamship's managing director, Anastasios Tzamouranis, said: "For us this award comes as a recognition that our core principles of conducting business with respect to all people and minimum footprint to the environment is met with appreciation by our shipping society. "It also gives us confidence that through these challenging times our steering is right."

The Dry Cargo Company of the Year Award was sponsored by Marichem Marigases.



Thenamaris chief executive Nikolas Martinos (left) receives the company's Award from Lambros Chahalos, vice president, regional chief executive for the Hellenic & Black Sea region of sponsor Bureau Veritas

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TANKER COMPANY OF THE YEAR

THENAMARIS has long been recognised not only as one of Greece's highly-rated tanker companies but one of the most advanced worldwide in its systems, planning and treatment of employees.

Many of today's leading Greek shipowners began their career with Thenamaris and were encouraged by the company to launch their own operations.

In the year and a half prior to the 2016 awards cut-off the company reinvested heavily in the industry with the intention of renewing the fleet and maintaining its strong presence in traditional segments, as well as building on new moves into areas such as gas shipping.

Taking advantage of lower prices in 2015, Thenamaris placed orders for two new very large crude carriers from Hyundai Heavy Industries as well as acquiring a 10 year-old VLCC secondhand. The company also exercised options for two suezmax

newbuildings at Hyundai Samho Heavy Industries and doubled its orders at Hyundai Mipo Dockyard for 38,000 cu m liquefied petroleum gas carriers.

This brought Thenamaris' fleet to about 60 tankers including 10 on order, as well as three liquefied natural gas carriers in operation and four LPG carriers on order.

The company has proactively sought assessment under leading environmental programmes such as the Green Award and was the first European ship management company to comply with the Voluntary Best Achievable Protection (VBAP) standards, and subsequently with the even stricter Exceptional Compliance Program (ECOPRO) standards. Both are part of Washington State's voluntary compliance programme which aims to control marine pollution risks.

It is also recognised within the industry for its systems linking the office with the vessel

and its sophistication in using data to help plan maintenance and procurement.

Other positives noted by the panel included Thenamaris' corporate social responsibility that has manifested itself in support for organisations helping vulnerable social groups. In the last two years the company has also backed a training scheme giving high school students the chance to participate in sailing voyages, raising awareness of life and work at sea.

The Tanker Company of the Year Award was sponsored by Bureau Veritas.



Malta Shipyard



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Raffaele Palumbo (right), chief executive of Palumbo Group, presents the Award to Minoan's managing director, Antonis Maniadakis

PASSENGER LINE OF THE YEAR

MINOAN Lines, now in its fifth decade, began as a multi-shareholder company established in Crete and in recent years has been a member of the Grimaldi Group, though its headquarters continues to be in Heraklion, Crete.

Winning the Award was the company's second victory in the passenger line category. This time it won the support of the judging panel for a number of reasons: the quality of its ships and services, its increasing investment in Hellenic Seaways, the leading domestic ferry operator, and its impressive results as it emerges from the crisis plaguing the sector.

Reflecting increased efficiency and successful marketing, Minoan doubled its profit to €12m in the first half of 2016, the best first-half result in its 44-year history. Further improvement took net income for the first nine months of 2016 to €24.4m on turnover of about €128m.

During the year Minoan was the leading operator linking mainland Greece to the Italian ports in the Central and Northern Adriatic, as well as between Piraeus and Heraklion.

Customer loyalty has been a priority for Minoan and its Bonus Club, launched 11 years ago, reached 270,000 members in 2016. On-line booking and ticket purchasing, as well as company use of social media, vastly increased in 2016.

Judges also praised Minoan for incorporating social responsibility at the heart of its business model and agenda. Among the company's support initiatives are many sports, cultural and artistic sponsorships as well as medical causes and monasteries and religious welfare institutions in Crete and mainland Greece.

For the poor, unemployed, people with special disabilities, large families, students and other special categories of passenger, the company offers lower fares.

The year also saw Minoan expand its participation in the country's leading domestic ferry operator, Hellenic Seaways, to more than 48%. It has made no secret of its aim to take control of HSW, which operates a fleet of more than 20 vessels to more than 40 destinations in the Aegean.

Minoan's focus on domestic Greek services is set to intensify after its two chartered-in cruise ferries in the Adriatic were returned to Grimaldi at the end of 2016.

The Passenger Line of the Year Award was sponsored by Palumbo Group.

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Takis Christofides (left), Carriers' founder and managing director, accepts the Award from Harry Hajimichael, general manager of Tsakos Shipping & Trading

SHIPBROKER OF THE YEAR

ESTABLISHED in Greece in 1980 as an independent broking house, Carriers Chartering has won the 'Shipbroker of the Year' Award on one previous occasion, in 2008.

But the judging panel recognised that it has evolved and expanded since then, becoming increasingly international.

The company specialises in dry cargo chartering as well as sale & purchase of bulkers, tankers, containerships and some other specialised vessels.

Clients nominating Carriers drew attention not only to the company's service but also to the reputation it has established with leading international charterers that has been a reliable source of spot and period charter employment. It was also singled out for its ethical approach to business relationships.

The company has set its sights on being a one-stop shop for shipowners, charterers and operators.

Carriers' chartering department is divided into three desks focusing respectively on the capesize, panamax and handysize to supramax sectors. Each desk concentrates on marketing tonnage that is exclusive or close to Carriers, while another team follows charterers, trading houses and operators.

In addition to this, the team has been praised for its research and reporting for clients as well as a wealth of "off-market" information provided daily to customers.

The dry cargo chartering team has risen to 23 experienced brokers. In the last year it was enhanced with the addition of five new brokers and three more operators, in spite of the poor dry bulk market background.

The volume of vessel fixtures has grown rapidly in the last two years. 2016 was a particularly good year for Carriers with more than 650 deals in the first nine months. This compared with a 2015 full-year total of 707 fixtures, 533 in 2014 and 431 in 2013.

A separate post-fixing and operations department has grown to seven operators to take care of any issues arising during the employment of vessels.

Carriers' S&P department consists of four brokers covering all shipping sectors on a global basis. Services include not only contracting of newbuildings and secondhand sales and purchases, but repairs, demolitions and valuations for owners and banks.

The Shipbroker of the Year Award was sponsored by the Tsakos Group.



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National Bank of Greece chief executive Leonidas Fragkiadakis (left) accepts the Award from Milena Pappas of sponsor Star Bulk Carriers Corp.

SHIPPING FINANCIER OF THE YEAR

THE panel's choice of National Bank of Greece as 'Shipping Financier of the Year' reflected judges' support for the efforts of the longest-established Greek bank in the business.

NBG has been on the banking scene for 175 years and in shipping finance for a century. During the 1960s, it became the first among the Greek banks to establish a significant presence financing modern Greek shipping.

Led by the late Alexandros Tourkalias, a strong supporter of shipping who eventually became the bank's chief executive, NBG expanded as a major lender from the 1990s onwards.

Mr Tourkalias died in 2016 and in selecting NBG as the shipping bank of the year several judges cited his outstanding contribution to the industry.

NBG entered the year as one of the largest five lenders to Greek shipowners and today it

maintains a portfolio of loans to the country's owners amounting to about \$2.6bn. At the time of the Awards ceremony, it had \$45m of new commitments in place.

As this implies, despite difficult conditions, the bank has been selectively lending to stand by its existing clients.

The portfolio is described as highly collateralised with vessels of an average 13 years of age. It reflects the mix of Greek shipping, being mainly oriented towards oceangoing tankers and bulkers, with a lesser presence in container vessels and coastal shipping.

The year also saw the bank launch 'Value Chain – Shipping' as a Supply Chain Finance tool, to support the wider maritime cluster. In particular the new tool has been providing trade finance and advice to support Greek maritime manufacturing exports. The new initiative for the shipping cluster is seen as a

pilot that may be adapted for other industries later on.

Accepting the Award, NBG's chief executive Leonidas Fragkiadakis, vowed that NBG would continue to finance shipping which he described as a strategic industry for Greece.

"In the last few years we have faced many challenges in the banking sector and even more in shipping," he said. "But all this time, including the past year, we have not stopped financing shipping."

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Loizos Isaias, head of the Maritime Service Centre & Advisory of sponsor DNV GL, presents the Award to Vassilis Papageorgiou (right)

TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

VASSILIS Papageorgiou received the 2016 Technical Achievement Award for a 53-year career in which he has been at the heart of many of the technical accomplishments of modern Greek shipping.

Today he is vice chairman of the Tsakos Group. But he began his career during the golden age of Greek shipyards. In the 1970s, he supervised repairs and new constructions in Hellenic Shipyards, Elefsis Shipyards and Chalkis Shipyards as well as attending repairs and newbuildings in Japan and Yugoslavia for Carras Shipping.

A qualified naval architect and marine engineer, with a Masters degree in internal combustion engines, management and economics, Mr Papageorgiou joined Lloyd's Register in 1980, initially as a junior surveyor in the Far East.

He became the first surveyor of Greek nationality at LR to supervise newbuilding construction in Asia. Subsequently he also

made history as the first Greek to be appointed senior principal surveyor for LR and later area managing director for Greece, the Balkans and Middle East.

After 23 years with LR he accepted the role of vice president for the Tsakos Group which included taking over the group's newbuilding section. In the last 13 years he has overseen the construction of more than 70 vessels of various types in a range of countries.

According to the successful nomination for Mr Papageorgiou, he has been instrumental in raising tanker design specification standards that "thereafter have gradually been established as an industry norm.

"He stands out with his astute technical proficiency and ability to drive forward advancements for the maritime industry. He does so with integrity, decency, earnest dedication and a great deal of zeal and passion [making him] a frontrunner for a better and more safety-focused industry," the nomination

said. He is also active on a number of industry technical committees.

"Achievement in every field of work is the result of commitment, enthusiasm, passion, determination and very hard work," said Mr Papageorgiou, accepting the Award. "We work to learn from the past and to build a better future and we do so by expanding our horizons and by setting an example to the new generation that will take over from us."

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Nick Brown (left), marine and offshore director of sponsor Lloyd's Register, presents the Award to Olympia Zisi and Constantinos Kolovos of Helmepe Junior, and Helmepe chairman George Gratsos

ACHIEVEMENT IN SAFETY OR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

HELMPEA Junior was a popular winner of the Award for its environmental efforts. Moreover the choice of winner was one of those coincidences that will have particularly pleased the award-sponsor, as the Lloyd's Register Foundation has been a major financial supporter of Helmepe Junior for a number of years.

Helmepe Junior is a schools-based initiative of the Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Organisation (Helmepe), that was launched as a non-governmental, non-profit organisation by the Greek shipping and seafaring community back in 1982. Each year the educational programme offers about 6,500 kids of up to 13 years of age the chance to receive environmental information and to become involved in various activities focused on protecting the environment.

Accepting the Award, Helmepe Junior was quick to underline that in essence it honours some 92,000 pupils and 3,400 teachers who

have voluntarily participated in the programme from its inception in 1993 to the present.

Helmepe Junior came into being during Basil Papachristidis' chairmanship of Helmepe, with generous financial support from Captain Vassilis Konstantakopoulos. The initial programme was designed by Ypatia Mitsatsos.

In 2016, members of the programme carried out a record 3,900 activities throughout Greece – ranging from cleaning up beaches and parks to recording and analysing garbage collected, recycling and raising environmental awareness in their communities.

Over the years, Helmepe Junior has been recognised at the International Maritime Organisation and its activities have been emulated in countries ranging from nearby Cyprus to faraway Australia.

The Award was accepted by Helmepe chairman George Gratsos together with the chairperson of Helmepe Junior's representative board, 12 year-old Olympia

Zisi from Thessaloniki, and the board's secretary, 13 year-old Constantinos Kolovos from Athens.

Thanking Lloyd's List for the Award, Olympia promised that the kids of Helmepe Junior would "continue protecting the seas and beaches of our country with the same enthusiasm." Constantinos urged the Greek shipping community to continue supporting the programme, enabling the children to create a brighter future.

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It was definitely an occasion to be seen at



The event's special buzz began at the welcome drinks reception hosted by the Malta Ship Registry



Intercargo chairman John Platsidakis (left) with Peggy Papastavrou of Athens Exchange Group



From left: George and Hariklia Moundreas with Fedon Tomazos of Cass Technava



China Classification Society and guests toast the health of Greek shipping



"Cheers!"



Enjoying a welcome drink in the Gallery of Winners



"Open the envelope!" - Natalia Tsalirli-Vasilopoulos does the honours



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- Conducting studies on maritime education, organizing and hosting conferences.
- Update of the curricula for the Merchant Marine Academies, the Seafarers Post Training Centres and the Special Schools for Deck and Engine Officers, in order to be compatible with the new requirements for training and certification for seafarers, according to the International Convention STCW '78.
- Donation of the vessel "Eugenios Eugenides" for the students' training voyages.
- Donation of an educational simulator to the Seafarers Post Training Centre.



A version of 'What a wonderful world' wowed the audience



Getting the winners in the frame...



The Best of the Best for 2016 get together at the end of the ceremony



Dorothea Ioannou (left), the American P&I Club's global business development director, with Irene Notias, founder of Project Connect and Prime Petroleum Services



From right: Green Award Foundation executive director Jan Fransen, chairman Dimitrios Mattheou and Fay Emmanouilidou



Video stars: (top) To introduce each award category, Greek seafarers spoke to the audience from their vessels around the world; (above) a feature video showed off the singing talents of VIP guests George Alexandratos (in picture), Milena Pappas, Petros Pappas, Aristides Pittas and Harry Vafias as they were chauffeured from the airport by hosts Andriana Paraskevopoulou and Nigel Lowry



Trophy custodian Livia Calzá (left) shares a joke with Lambros Chahalidis of Bureau Veritas who presented the Tanker Company of the Year Award



Yards front! From left: E.S Yoon of Hyundai Heavy Industries, Yuji Ishimaru from Mitsui & Co. together with Yuhei Sato and Shigeo Harada, both of Namura Shipbuilding



Venetia Kalipolitou, commander, Hellenic Coast Guard and director of Maritime Education, Ministry of Shipping & Island Policy, with (right) Ilias Bissias, director of Naftika Chronika



At the Capital Ship Management table, from left: Athanasia Marinakis, Niki Kalogiratou and Effie Karatzas, marine sales and marketing manager of Express Energy Inc.



From left: George Prokopiou and Thanassis Martinos



From left: Maria Damanaki, global managing director for oceans at the Nature Conservancy, Admiral Evangelos Apostolakis, chief of Greece's National Defence General Staff, with wife Despoina Mangelaki, and Efthimios E. Mitropoulos, general secretary emeritus of the International Maritime Organization



Olympic and world champion windsurfer legend Nikolas Kaklamanakis (centre), with wife Nounouya and (right) Greek Shipping Awards producer Peter Attwater



From left: Xenia Lambropoulou, Yannis Triphyllis, John Gauci-Maistre, Basil Mavroleon and 2016 judging panel member Nicholas Meimarides



Nicholas and Alexia Inglessis of Samos Steamship with the Dry Cargo Company of the Year Award



Andriana Paraskevopoulou wearing a creation of designer Ourania Kay (right)



Right people in the right place: RightShip's David Peel (centre) with guests Doug Barrow, chief executive of Maritime London (left) and gas shipping guru Keith Bainbridge (right)



Akis Tsirigakis (left) of Stellar Acquisition III and Nautilus Offshore Services with shipbroker Liona Bachas, a member of the 2016 judging panel



Move along, please!' - Host Nigel Lowry has a word as Captain Panagiotis Tsakos congratulates award recipient Helen Polychronopoulou of Hemexpo

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Despina Panayiotou Theodosiou (left), joint managing director of Tototheo Group, presents the Award to Helen Polychronopoulou, president of Hemexpo

PIRAEUS INTERNATIONAL CENTRE AWARD

HEMEXPO – the Hellenic Marine Equipment Manufacturers and Exporters – was established in 2014 as a non-profit organisation and represents the first coordinated effort by Greek manufacturers of ships' equipment to expand in export markets.

While Greek shipowners have annually placed shipbuilding orders worth billions of dollars in Asian and, to a lesser extent, European shipyards, Greek equipment has barely had a look-in.

But the Hemexpo initiative has at long last provided an effective umbrella to promote Greek-made equipment on ships constructed overseas.

Gaining support from several of the country's leading shipowners, it has already succeeded in penetrating markets that previously were unaware of Greek manufacturing companies.

In 2016 Hemexpo expanded its marketing efforts with a programme including five major fairs and overseas business missions. The

panel of judges was impressed by its various efforts aimed at strengthening the Greek marine equipment sector.

A highlight of the association's efforts was embarking on a new two-year programme, part-financed by the Niarchos Foundation, to create more than 65 new jobs in the sector.

Future plans include potentially building a demonstration vessel that can be used for testing. NBG study found that the sector has held up relatively well in the face of the crisis.

Currently Hemexpo has about 20 full member companies, as well as several affiliate members, and members include many of the larger enterprises in the sector.

As well as more effectively representing the industry in contacts with Greek shipowners as well as overseas markets, it aims to strengthen the sector's competitiveness through sharing market intelligence, jointly organised training programmes and cooperation in research and development.

Supporters say that Hemexpo companies enjoy a comparative advantage over overseas equipment manufacturers through constant interaction and feedback from operationally knowledgeable Greek shipowners that have helped them develop products better meeting the industry's needs.

"We have introduced smart-ship solutions to the biggest shipping markets of the world," said Hemexpo president Helen Polychronopoulou, accepting the Award. "We have achieved growth both in turnover and in exports, making the marine equipment manufacturing sector the best performing manufacturing sector in Greece."

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Peter Hinchliffe

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Peter Hinchliffe (left) is presented with the Award by Gerry Ventouris, chief executive of Capital Maritime & Trading Corp.

INTERNATIONAL PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

PETER Hinchliffe has been secretary general of the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), the principal international trade association for the shipping industry, representing shipowners and operators in all sectors, and its sister organisation, the International Shipping Federation (ISF), since July 2010.

The panel of judges recognised him as a tireless and eloquent diplomat and campaigner for world shipping.

The combined membership of ICS and ISF comprises 36 national shipowners' associations and represents more than 80% of the world's merchant tonnage.

One of the principal roles of the organisations is to coordinate the representation of the international maritime industry at the International Maritime Organization, the International Labour Organization, and at other intergovernmental fora which influence the interests and well-being of international shipping.

Established in 1921, ICS is concerned with all technical, legal, employment affairs and policy issues affecting the industry. The Chamber also develops best practices and guidance, including a wide range of publications and free resources that are used by companies globally.

Mr Hinchliffe joined ICS in 2001 and for several years, as its marine director, he led ICS representation on safety and environmental issues at the IMO as well as speaking on behalf of international shipping at other UN agencies and on conference platforms around the world.

Mr Hinchliffe is widely regarded as always knowing what he's talking about and is a down to earth but commanding voice wherever he participates.

His first career was in the Royal Navy. In this exciting career that spanned 27 years, he served at sea in most ship types but specialised as a submariner and commanded diesel and nuclear powered submarines for

more than five years. He also spent two years managing the Royal Navy's Tactical Development Centre.

He has an honours degree in Systems and Management. In addition to his other roles, he is a vice president of the Nautical Institute.

In the last two-to-three years Mr Hinchliffe has been a pragmatic but passionate voice, representing the interests of shipowners and seafarers, especially on major and controversial subjects such as piracy, the refugee rescue crisis, emissions and ballast water treatment.

The International Personality of the Year Award was sponsored by Capital Ship Management Corp.



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Capt Diamantis Papageorgiou

Winner 



Natalia Tsavlis-Vasilopoulos (left), principal of the Tsavlis Salvage Group, presents the Award to the winner, Captain Diamantis Papageorgiou

SEAFARER OF THE YEAR

SEAFARER of the Year is traditionally one of the warmest-received categories of Award at the Greek Shipping Awards each year and 2016 was no exception.

The panel chose from a shortlist endorsed by the Panhellenic Seamen's Federation and the Award went to one of the best-known ferry Masters in the country's coastal trades.

Amazingly, Captain Diamantis Papageorgiou has served as Master of more than 50 different ferries in the Greek coastal fleet and is known for being entrusted with the most difficult routes.

While it may be true that no-one is irreplaceable, Capt Papageorgiou comes close. Reflecting this, in his 16 years as a captain he has taken a total of only one-and-a-half months' holiday leave.

Currently, he is Master of the 1987-built ro-ro/passenger ferry 'Nissos Rodos' for Hellenic Seaways and he typifies the company's commitment to provide a

service to the islands under often difficult conditions.

The 192.5m-long ferry, which carries up to 1,600 passengers, is a large vessel for many of the tiny Aegean ports it visits and the service requires a brave and skilled Master.

Illustrating another recent aspect of the service, in 2016 alone Capt Papageorgiou's vessel transported 65,000 migrants and refugees from the islands to the Greek mainland.

"It is really the greatest honour for me to be awarded today as a Captain and I am sharing it with all my colleagues who, at this very moment, are onboard their ships trying to connect the island complex of our country under difficult circumstances," said Capt Papageorgiou, accepting the Award.

Today's ferries were "twice the size of those which served 50 years ago, but at the same time, the ports and port facilities remained the same.

"This disproportion of sizes between ports and ships, along with the adverse weather conditions, make our job extremely demanding, where mistakes are not forgiven," he said.

"But the Greek captain matured within these conditions and often makes heroic efforts in order to sail the route safely and serve the needs of island communities."

The Seafarer of the Year Award was sponsored by the Tsavlis Salvage Group.



TARGET MARINE GROUP



Leonidas Demetriades-Eugenides (left), president of the Eugenides Foundation, accepts the Award from Dimitris Heliotis, technical director and chief operating officer of sponsor Target Marine Group

ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION OR TRAINING

SINCE its establishment in 1956, the Eugenides Foundation has been a consistent, multi-faceted supporter of marine education, remaining so to this day.

Among the highlights of its work over the last 60 years, the Foundation has published 134 books for marine education among a total of more than 500 textbooks, distributed in more than 50m copies.

It recently spent more than 700,000 euros to repair and refurbish the Merchant Marine Academy of the Ionian Islands in Cephalonia after the island and the school suffered earthquake damage in 2014.

It has donated simulators and other equipment to many of the nation's academies and since 1989 has provided 60 scholarships for Coast Guard officers to study shipping.

In the past the foundation donated the training ship 'Eugenios Eugenides' and its many other

initiatives include conferences and studies of the Merchant Marine Schools.

The focus on marine education is part of the wider part played by the foundation since it was set up according to the will of the prominent shipowner and philanthropist Eugene Eugenides to help educate young Greeks in science and technology.

Over the years, the foundation, which also hosts the state-of-the-art Athens Planetarium, has spent more than \$400m on social and educational projects. In addition to the 60 Coast Guard scholarships, it has provided another 440 scholarships for graduates of the National Technical University of Athens.

Meanwhile the planetarium, which first opened in 1966, has hosted 3.5m visitors since it was fully modernised in 2003.

Accepting the Award, the foundation's president, Leonidas Demetriades-Eugenides,

dedicated it first of all to Eugene Eugenides, and thereafter to the founder's sister, Marianthi Simou, who was its first governor, and to her successor Nikolaos Vernikos-Eugenides.

The foundation was "effectively the child of the ocean-going shipping industry" and he pledged that a large part of its activities would continue to support marine education in the future.

The Award for Achievement in Education or Training was sponsored by the Target Marine Group.



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Elizabeth and Irene Tsakos (centre) accept the Award from Mathieu Antin, vetting superintendent for sponsor RightShip (centre back), accompanied by Tsakos newbuilding department representative Vanessa Florou (left) and vessel godmother Alexia Papageorgiou (right)

SHIP OF THE YEAR



SINCE the 'Ship of the Year' Award was introduced in 2006, winners have been drawn from the ranks of passenger ferries, bulk carriers and container vessels, offshore support vessels and drillships. Unique victories have been scored by an anti-pollution vessel and even a restored Liberty vessel used as a floating museum.

But prior to 2016 no liquefied natural gas carrier had won the title, in spite of the remarkable investment by leading Greek shipping groups in the LNG sector in recent years.

While there have been other sophisticated LNG carriers constructed for Greeks that might have been equally worthy winners, this anomaly has now been put right by the selection of the 174,000 cu m 'Maria Energy' as the latest 'Ship of the Year'.

Delivered by Hyundai Heavy Industries as recently as October 7, 2016, the 'Maria Energy' is doubtless a state-of-the-art and, additional to that, iconic vessel.

The GTT Mark III membrane-type carrier is just the second LNG vessel constructed for tanker owner Tsakos Energy Navigation and is the company's first with tri-fuel diesel electric propulsion capable of running on marine diesel, heavy fuel oil or natural gas.

Moreover, the vessel has the distinction of being the 100th newbuilding for the Tsakos Group.

Named in memory of Maria Tsakos, the owner's sister and daughter of group founder Captain Panagiotis Tsakos, the vessel has been linked with her vision to protect and promote the development of talented and underprivileged young people, such as the children hosted on educational and residential scholarships at 'Maria's House' in Chios.

Commercially, the vessel has been given a decent start to its career with an inaugural three-year charter of up to three years.

Technical highlights of the vessel include a low boil-off rate of no more than 0.09% of cargo volume per day.

The 'Maria Energy' is fitted with twin propellers and boss cap fins for hydrodynamic improvement, exhaust gas economisers for each engine and a dynamic trim assistant.

All the main equipment of the vessel is linked to an on-line ship performance monitoring system and efficiency is further improved through a condition-based maintenance system.

The Ship of the Year Award was sponsored by RightShip.

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Stavroula Betsakou (right) accepts the Next Generation Shipping Award from Theofilos Xenakoudis, director, worldwide business operations of sponsor IRI/The Marshall Islands Registry

NEXT GENERATION SHIPPING AWARD

STAVROULA Betsakou joined the Howe Robinson Partners (former ICAP Shipping) Tanker Research team in 2009 and she has now logged 14 years in the shipping industry, the last seven of these becoming an increasingly admired analyst of the crude and product tanker markets.

Today, as head of Tanker Research for Howe Robinson, she leads a team of four analysts, operating from London and Singapore.

She had previously worked for Lyras Maritime from 2006 and prior to that for Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) Greece S.A. from 2002.

She holds a bachelor degree in Maritime Studies from the University of Piraeus and an MSc in Shipping, Trade and Finance from Cass Business School in London.

Ms Betsakou is among the most in-demand tanker trade analysts in the world. She has performed over 220 tanker market

presentations in 21 cities around the world and is regularly invited to contribute to clients' board and management meetings as an external strategy advisor.

She delivers annual guest lectures on the oil and tanker markets to postgraduate shipping students at Cass Business School and Henley Business School.

The Greek Shipping Awards judging panel is not alone in acclaiming Ms Betsakou as a rising star of the industry. Earlier in the year, she also won the 2016 international Seatrade Awards 'Young Person in Shipping' Award.

Furthermore, Ms Betsakou was included in Riviera Maritime's '50 Tanker Shipping & Trade Industry Leaders' survey which identified her as one of the industry's most exciting young talents, capable of "note-perfect" presentations and market assessments while being unafraid to offer "clinical" market predictions.

"We all have a role to play to help the people who come out of our universities and have studied shipping to find their way in the industry and to let them know that they can aim high, regardless of their background," she told the audience as she accepted the Award.

The Next Generation Shipping Award was sponsored by IRI/The Marshall Islands Registry.



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Marios Demetriades (centre), minister of Transport, Communications & Works, presents the Award on behalf of Cyprus' maritime administration to Richard Greiner (left) and Costas Constantinou (right) of Moore Stephens

LLOYD'S LIST INTELLIGENCE BIG DATA AWARD

The 'Big Data' Award was introduced to the Greek Shipping Awards in 2015 and the winner is chosen by Lloyd's List Intelligence.

In its second year the Award went to the international accountant and shipping adviser Moore Stephens for OpCost, the market-leading ship operating costs benchmarking tool.

It is avidly used by the shipping community, especially at times of adverse market conditions, such as those of the last few years, when cost savings assume an even greater importance for many companies.

The Greek market is the biggest contributor to the Opcost database with about 730 vessels, or about 25% of the total, and is one of its keenest users. As Opcost draws on financial data, the tool is also seen as a significant sign of market confidence in Moore Stephens.

According to the global project leader for OpCost, Richard Greiner, OpCost can also be used for business and budget planning, and transfer pricing studies. "The most widely respected barometer of ship operating costs in the industry, it is available in a user-friendly online format, and is continually supplemented with new data to provide the shipping industry with the information it needs to monitor and plan its expenditure," he said.

Accepting the Award, Costas Constantinou, managing partner of Moore Stephens in Greece, said: "Whether from its early primitive days with hundreds of spreadsheets used by my father back in the '70s or in its present day web programme, OpCost covers the same basic need -the need to compare like with like and the need to ensure that the costs are within the market."

The Award recognises the significant potential that big data has to transform shipping, from timely insights drawn from real-time monitoring and forecasting of events, to improved management of performance and risk.

Candidates were required to demonstrate measurable results in areas such as strategic business/investment planning, performance monitoring and optimisation, condition-based and predictive maintenance, optimisation across systems and system overview of operations.

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Nicos D. Efthymiou



Nicos D. Efthymiou (right) accepts the Award from Vassilios Kroustallis, senior vice president, Europe Eastern Region of sponsor ABS

LLOYD'S LIST/PROPELLER CLUB LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

NICOS D. Efthymiou is a native son of Piraeus, the home port of the Greek merchant fleet. Throughout his life he has been a staunch supporter of its institutions, including its famed football club, Olympiakos FC, which he chaired briefly during the 1980s.

He grew up working in the ship agency business established by his father Dimitrios just before the Second World War and was educated in Athens and at City of London University in the UK.

After the family's diversification into shipowning, initially in partnership with Anthony Angelicoussis, he represented the company in London.

From 1973 onwards the London office was Liberty Maritime, established in partnership with Markos Frangos.

After returning to Greece in 1981, he took the reins of Efthymiou D. Shipping and joined the board of the Union of Greek Shipowners, later serving as vice president.

During the 1970s and 1980s, the family company took delivery of Japanese-built Freedom vessels and newbuilding bulk carriers.

In 2003 he was elected president of the Union of Greek Shipowners and served the maximum two terms of three years each. He remained on the board of the Union until 2012.

During his tenure, achievements included the implementation of government measures to improve the competitiveness of the Greek ship registry and successfully leading resistance to double-hull requirements for bulk carriers.

The Union also stepped up its social contributions after a series of wildfires ravaged Greece. A landmark gesture was donating a fleet of ambulances and fire-fighting vehicles to the country's under-funded emergency services.

He has long been a champion of the Greek flag, Greek seafarers and development of Piraeus into a full-service international maritime and business centre.

As UGS president, Mr Efthymiou gave principled leadership in cases such as the Prestige accident in Spain and the Tasman Spirit spill in Pakistan when Greek seafarers found themselves bearing the brunt of the backlash from national and local authorities.

Such incidents undermined efforts that he strongly supported to attract young Greeks to the seagoing profession, not only as a resource for the industry but also as an employment solution for a generation of impoverished youth.

Accepting the 'Lifetime Achievement' Award, Mr Efthymiou urged the younger generation to stick with shipping, "the main industry of our country".

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Polys Hajioannou (right) accepts the Award from Costis Frangoulis,
president and chief executive of the Franman Group

GREEK SHIPPING NEWSMAKER OF THE YEAR

NEWSMAKER of the Year is an Award that is always decided directly by senior editorial staff at Lloyd's List.

Over the years, personalities linked to publicly-traded companies have had a definite edge in the news-related category. However 2016 was a year in which many listed companies were forced on the defensive under the harsh glare of public transparency and – frequently – shareholder dissatisfaction.

To a great extent, Polys Hajioannou emerged as winner of the Award by showing that you can make news in hard times by playing good defence and by being transparently fair to shareholders.

During the year his US-listed Safe Bulkers caught the eye for a number of initiatives. For example, it frequently updated investors on its successful negotiations on refinancing and loan amendments that have put it in a stronger position to navigate the bad market.

In all it agreed with its lenders to amend credit facilities aggregating \$472m. That represented all its commercial bank debt, excluding about \$130m in sale and leaseback financing and finance from a Japanese state institution. Impressive operating cost reductions were another feature of its strategy.

The company has been creative in finding new funds without diluting its shareholders, and secured \$16.9m of finance towards the cost of a kamsarmax newbuilding due in 2018 through an issue of redeemable shares to an outside investor.

But what really clinched the Award for Mr Hajioannou was his commitment to put the company first and fund this with his own cash.

The shipowner, who controls 56% of the company, twice came to the aid of Safe Bulkers in 2016 by buying vessels at a premium to average market prices, boosting

the company's liquidity and reducing capital expenditure needs.

In February, he agreed to buy two of the company's post-panamax bulkers for a combined \$29m, and took over newbuilding contracts for another two vessels due in 2018 and 2019.

By October two of Safe Bulkers' remaining four ships on order were also sold to the chief executive, wiping another \$48m off the company's spending commitments.

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Panos Laskaridis (left) accepts the Award from Nikolaos Karamouzis, chairman of sponsor Eurobank Group

GREEK SHIPPING PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

PANOS Laskaridis has had a long and impressive shipping career since, together with brother Athanasios, he took the reins of their father's fishing business.

They created one of the world's largest reefer and fishing fleet logistics businesses and have steadily diversified into other businesses. Most recently, Laskaridis has built up one of Greece's largest bulk carrier fleets, to offset the global decline in the reefer business.

The group also includes two shiprepair yards in Spain and a fleet of small product-chemical tankers.

2016 was a landmark year with a number of secondhand dry bulk acquisitions and resale newbuilding projects that have lifted the bulker fleet to 41 vessels, ranging from ultramaxs up to newcastlemaxes, including six new deliveries scheduled for 2017.

Meanwhile the company has been astutely managing the fading reefer business although this still includes about 25 ships.

The year also saw Laskaridis extend its activities in dry bulk through an investment in a recently inaugurated dry bulk terminal in Montevideo, Uruguay. The new \$110m panamax terminal opened in mid-2016 and is aimed at growth in the export of grain and wood cargoes. It is the only berth that can fully load panamaxs in the River Plate without the need for topping off cargo in another location.

Laskaridis partnered Brazilian private equity fund Patria and the Promon Group in the project.

Mr Laskaridis contributes to the industry in many ways and is currently vice-president of Ecsa – the European Community Shipowners' Associations. He is due to take over the presidency in January 2018 – an increasingly important position from the perspective of Greek shipping's concerns with Brussels.

The shipowner is also a strong supporter of social, educational and cultural causes and

projects, many of these supported through the Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation.

Accepting the 'Personality of the Year' Award, Mr Laskaridis emphasised the contribution of shipping to the Greek economy – through employment, wealth-creation and bringing foreign exchange.

Another "intangible but most important" contribution was that the 300,000 people involved in the national shipping community, both in the offices and at sea, offered an example to the rest of the population of being first in their field.

"What it takes is hard work, discipline, not blaming others for what is wrong with you - and endless work," he said.

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SPONSOR Costis Frangoulis, Franman Group:

"We might be going through rough times in Greece and challenging times in our industry but the fact that Greek shipping remains No.1 in the world fills us with pride, confidence and optimism."



WINNER Polys Hajioannou:

"We are just finishing the worst year we ever had in our company and still we receive an award. This is a good sign."



WINNER Nikolas Martinos, Thenamaris:

"I remember back in 2004 sitting with my family at the first ever Greek Shipping Awards where my grandmother Athena Martinos and the matriarch of our family was awarded the Personality of the Year Award. I remember sitting there being very proud."



WINNER Nicos D. Efthymiou:

"Just one further word, for the younger generations... You are the future of our industry. I know that you have decided to follow shipping at a difficult time, but stick to your decision - you will not regret it. This is the main industry of our country. Don't hear anything else. Persevere. Things will become better for everybody who has tied their life to shipping."

HOST Andriana Paraskevopoulou:

"Greek seafarers rule – even in the most distant ports of the world. Tonight we will voyage together with them, by following the messages they have sent us from their vessels out at sea."



WINNER Peter Hinchliffe:

"To receive any award is a very special thing, but to be presented with a maritime award in Greece, the historic home of shipping is a truly remarkable thing for me personally."



SPONSOR Natalia Tsavlis-Vasilopoulos, Tsavlis Salvage Group:

"This is the 12th year that our company has sponsored the Seafarer of the Year Award. It is a prize that captures the essence of the industry and we consider it a great honour to be associated with such an award. Our seafarers are the heart and soul of the industry. Without them our industry could not operate."



HOST Nigel Lowry:

"The shipping industry absolutely depends on open seas and global trade and this is particularly true of Greek shipping, which doesn't depend on the Greek economy at all."

WINNER Captain Diamantis Papageorgiou:

"This is an important moment for me, as a man and a captain - perhaps the most important of my career."



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WINNER Olympia Zisi, Helmepe Junior:

"This Award honours us and all the children of Helmepe Junior and our teachers. We will continue with the same enthusiasm to take care of Greece's seas and beaches."



WINNER Leonidas Demetriades-Eugenides, Eugenides Foundation

"These are difficult times for our country and events such as this evening's give us strength to continue with even greater determination our common struggle in the field of education."



WINNER Elizabeth Tsakos:

"The LNG carrier 'Maria Energy' is inspired by our beloved Aunt Maria P. Tsakos and her vision to protect and promote talented young star students."



WINNER Constantinos Kolovos, Helmepe Junior:

"Helmepe Junior teaches us about the environment and the responsibilities we have towards it. Please continue to support it so that we can build a better future."



WINNER Panos Laskaridis:

"Much is due to my family, my children, my brother with whom I have been together for over forty years, the many friends I have in the shipping industry who have always stood by my side and have helped me correct many of my mistakes, the crews of our ships who have endured for decades my almost intolerable behaviour and my friends and staff... They worked very well with me for many years until they got fed up and their new way of working with me is saying: well, let the grumpy old man have his own way and in 10 minutes he will be alright again."



HOST Andriana Paraskevopoulou:

"Nigel, I want you to stay calm. Somebody has to tell you this. You cannot sing – you must not sing!"



WINNER Irene Tsakos:

"Annually more than 20 children enjoy a full educational and residential scholarship from Maria's House in Kardamyla, Chios. [Together with sister Elizabeth:] May God protect the vessel and her master and crew."



SPONSOR Milena Pappas, Star Bulk Carriers:

"Shipping needs the banks and needs them close to them and supporting them, especially in challenging times like these."



WINNER Helen Polychronopoulou, Hemexpo

"Greeks have always turned to the sea to develop and to create - for a better future, for us, for our country... Captain, I can't see you now where you are, Captain, the sea shows us the way. Thank you for everything you have done for us. Thank you... Mr Vassilis Papageorgiou, Mr Stavros Hatzigrigoris, Mr Efthimios Mitropoulos, Mr Simos Palios..."



WINNER Anastasios Tzamouranis, Samos Steamship Company:

"I thank you all on behalf of the shipowners, my colleagues ashore and at sea and I am sure that this award will make them happy and excited as I am right now."



WINNER Takis Christofides, Carriers Chartering:

"I remind you that Carriers previously won the 'Shipbroker of the Year' Award in 2008, eight years ago. I'll see you again in 2024!"



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HELMEPA warmly congratulates all the winners of 2016 and expresses its gratitude to its Member Companies and Associations, in Greece and abroad, for their continuous support of the "HELMEPA Junior" Program, which received the Award for SAFETY or ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.



(Pictured left to right):
Nicholas Meimarides, Capt. John Halas, Liona Bachas, Nigel Lowry,
Haralambos Fafalios, George D. Pateras, Efthimios E. Mitropoulos,
Nicholas Vouyoukas, Angie Hartmann, Leonidas Demetriades-Eugenides

Tradition of credibility upheld by illustrious panel

WHILE the annual Greek Shipping Awards gala dinner has become a firm favourite of the shipping community, the credibility of the Awards and the adjudication process behind them remains a priority for Lloyd's List and is key to the prestige of the prizes.

The system is as open and democratic as can be devised, while protecting the Awards from becoming a mere popularity contest.

Guaranteeing the quality of the decision-making is the consistently high calibre of the judging panel that devotes its collective expertise and integrity to the task of choosing the winners, based on shoals of written entries received from the industry at large.

The complexion of the 10-person panel is refreshed from year to year. This is to ensure that over time as many of the key industry bodies as possible are represented and that as many prominent representatives of the Greek shipping community, drawn from various sides of the industry, are able to participate in adjudication.

Four first-time judges joined the panel for 2016, bringing the total number of personalities to have served as judges in the 13 years since inception to nearly 60.

New faces included George D. Pateras, who was elected president of the Hellenic Chamber of

Shipping earlier in the year. Other fresh blood was provided by Liona Bachas, deputy president of the Hellenic Shipbrokers Association, Nicholas Vouyoukas, president of the Association of Banking and Financial Executives of Hellenic Shipping, and Nicholas Meimarides, chairman of Young Shipping Professionals Greece.

Experienced judges who returned to serve on the panel again in 2016 included Efthimios E. Mitropoulos, secretary general emeritus of the International Maritime Organization, Haralambos Fafalios, chairman of the Greek Shipping Co-operation Committee, Leonidas Demetriades-Eugenides, president of the Eugenides Foundation, and Wista Hellas president Angie Hartmann.

They joined panel 'regulars' Captain John Halas, leader of the Panhellenic Seamen's Federation, and Nigel Lowry of Lloyd's List.

Many of the 15 categories determined by the panel were hotly contested with multiple strong candidates receiving support until a final winner emerged.

The exceptions not adjudicated by the panel are Newsmaker of the Year and the Big Data Award. They are respectively decided directly by the Lloyd's List editorial team and Lloyd's List Intelligence.

2016 JUDGING PANEL

(in alphabetical order):

Liona Bachas

Deputy President of the Hellenic Shipbrokers Association

Leonidas Demetriades-Eugenides

President of the Eugenides Foundation

Haralambos Fafalios

Chairman of the Greek Shipping Co-operation Committee

Capt. John Halas

General Secretary of the Panhellenic Seamen's Federation

Angie Hartmann

President of WISTA Hellas

Nigel Lowry

Athens Correspondent of Lloyd's List

Nicholas Meimarides

Chairman of Young Shipping Professionals Greece

Efthimios E. Mitropoulos

Secretary General Emeritus of the International Maritime Organization

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