

## ANNUAL SUMMIT 2024

at Losby Gods, Thursday 11 and Friday 12 April

### THE FUTURE OF SHIPPING

**Consequences and implications of  
the energy transition & shifts in trade**



Jakub Walenkiewicz, DNV • Mikael Lind, RISE, Gothenburg • Tim Smith, MSI, London  
Øystein Tunsjø, Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies • Arnstein Eknes, DNV  
Martin Stopford, London • Carl-Johan Hagman, NYK Group Europe, London  
Jostein Bjørngo, Wilson, Bergen • Aage Thoen, Belleza Capital Group, Panama  
Kenneth Thu, Western Bulk, Oslo • Christos Chryssakis, Wallenius Wilhelmsen, Oslo  
Fredrik Dybwad, Fearnley Securities, Oslo • Nicolai Hansteen and Mathias Sørhaug, DNV  
Khalid Abbas, Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences • Nassima Dzair, InterBridge

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### THURSDAY 11 APRIL

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

10:00–10:15 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

10:15–12:00 **KEYNOTE OPENING SPEAKERS**

**Shipping markets and trade in a time of disruption**

Jakub Walenkiewicz, Director, Maritime Markets & Trade, DNV

**Maritime trade and supply chain resilience**

Dr Mikael Lind, Ass. Professor, RISE Research Institutes of Sweden

**Energy transition and impact on shipping demand as a consequence**

Tim Smith, Director, Maritime Strategies International (MSI) Ltd., London

12:00–13:00 **LUNCH**

13:00–13:45 **DOING BUSINESS IN CHINA - PRECAUTIONS TO CONSIDER**

Dr Øystein Tunsjø, Professor of International Relations, Head of Security in Asia Program, Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies (IFS), Defence Commission

13:45–14:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

14:00–17:00 **THE FUTURE OF SHIPPING incl. coffee breaks**

**Moderator:** Arnstein Eknes, Global Segment Dir., Offshore Service Vessels, DNV

**OPENING SPEAKERS**

Dr Martin Stopford, former MD of Clarkson Research, author of Maritime Economics and its accompanying website The Maritime Lectures:

**Future sustainable shipping - new technologies and trading patterns**

Carl-Johan Hagman, President & CEO, NYK Group Europe:

**A shipowner's options in a long-term perspective**

**PANEL DISCUSSION WITH SHORT INTRODUCTIONS BY THE OTHER PANELISTS:**

Use of existing vs new tonnage with Jostein Bjørgo, Commercial Director, Wilson, Bergen, Aage Thoen, CEO, Belleza Capital Group SA, Panama, and Kenneth Thu, CFO, Western Bulk, Oslo

17:00–17:30 **LIQUID UPDATE**

17:30–18:30 **PRE DINNER SPEAKER: Innovation vs Tradition – a dilemma?**

Carl-Johan Hagman, President & CEO, NYK Group Europe, London

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

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### FRIDAY 12 APRIL

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- 09:00–09:45 **SUSTAINABLE SHIPPING**  
**Sustainability and new energies from a global shipowners' perspective**  
Dr Christos Chryssakis, Head of New Energy, Wallenius Wilhelmsen ASA
- 09:45–10:00 **COFFEE REFILL**
- 10:00–11:45 **SHIPPING MARKET UPDATES**  
**Opportunity knocks?**  
Fredrik Dybwad, Equity Research Analyst, Fearnley Securities  
**Newbuilds vs retrofitting existing fleet – consequences and implications**  
Nicolai Hansteen, Business Director Bulk & Tank, DNV – Maritime  
Mathias Sørhaug, Business Development Director CO2 Shipping, DNV – Maritime
- 11:45–12:00 **COFFEE REFILL**
- 12:00–12:50 **CLOSING SPEAKERS: NAVIGATING THE FUTURE**  
**AI's transformation of global shipping**  
Dr Khalid Abbas, Ass. professor, Inland Norway University of Applied Science  
**Gen Z into the workforce**  
Nassima Dzair, Founder and CEO, InterBridge
- 12:50-13.00 **CLOSING REMARKS, LUNCH & END OF SUMMIT**
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## COST AND REGISTRATION

### NOK 9,900 for members

Non-members: NOK 11,900

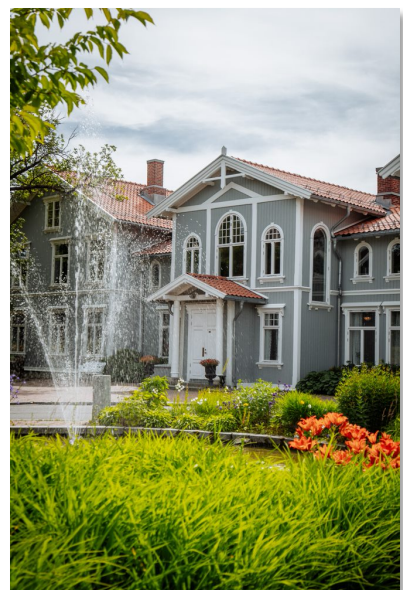
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Or email us at [post@shippingoffshorenetwork.no](mailto:post@shippingoffshorenetwork.no)

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



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**JAKUB WALENKIEWICZ** is Director, Maritime Markets & Trade at DNV and a regular speaker at maritime industry events. He has more than 23 years of research experience and writes articles, develops statistics and assesses influencing factors between shipping, international trade and energy markets. His analysis of commercially sensitive data is used to evaluate supply and demand trends and synergies between the maritime and offshore industries.

Jakub holds a master's degree in Naval Architecture and has been with DNV since 2000, first in Poland, then in Norway since 2001.



**DR. MIKAEL LIND** is the world's first (adjunct) Professor of Maritime Informatics engaged at Chalmers and Research Institutes of Sweden (RISE) and well-known expert in the field of digital collaboration and innovation frequently surfaced in international trade press. He is an expert contributor at World Economic Forum, Europe's Digital Transport Logistic Forum (DTLF), and UN/CEFACT.

He is co-editor of the first two books on Maritime Informatics, co-author of the Practical Playbook for Maritime Decarbonisation, co-editor of the book Maritime Decarbonization, and co-initiator and sponsor of the Virtual Watch Tower (VWT) network initiative.

Dr. Lind has also been instrumental in setting up international ecosystem collaborations as well as co-founding collaborative decision making (CDM) initiatives for different transport and logistics settings.

**TIM SMITH** leads MSI's (Maritime Strategies International, London) oil tanker market research and plays a key role in their coverage and forecasting of global energy markets and the Energy Transition. Recent focus has been on translating trends in energy demand into the impact on future shipping cargoes.

He contributes to a wide range of consultancy and project work from corporate strategic planning to investment proposals for a range of marine assets, as well as acting as an expert witness in dispute resolution.

Tim presents, contributes and moderates at conferences and industry events, his views and analysis are regularly quoted in the maritime media.



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**DR ØYSTEIN TUNSJØ** is Professor and Head of the Security in Asia Program at the Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies at the Norwegian Defence University College. He is author of “The Return of Bipolarity in World Politics: China, the United States and Geostructural Realism”, (Columbia University Press, 2018); “Security and Profits in China’s Energy Policy: Hedging Against Risk” (Columbia University Press, 2013) and “US Taiwan Policy: Constructing the Triangle” (London: Routledge, 2008).

Tunsjø is co-editor with Robert S. Ross and Wang Dong of “US-China Foreign Relations: Power Transition and Its Implications for Europe and Asia” (London: Routledge, 2021); co-editor with Robert S. Ross of “Strategic adjustment and the Rise of China: Power and Politics in East Asia” (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2017); co-editor with Robert S. Ross and Peter Dutton of “Twenty First Century Seapower: Cooperation and Conflict at Sea” (London: Routledge, 2012, translated to Chinese, 21 Shiji

Haiyang Daguo: Haishang Hezuo yu Zhongtu Guanli, by Shehui Kexue Wenxian Zhubanshe, Beijing, 2014) and co-editor with Robert Ross and Zhang Tuosheng of “US-China-EU Relations: Managing a New World Order” (London: Routledge, 2010, translated to Chinese, Zhong Mei Ou Guanxi: Goujian Xin de Shijie Zhixu by the World Affairs Press, Beijing, 2012).

Dr Tunsjø has published articles in journals such as The Washington Quarterly, The National Interests, Survival, International Relations, Cooperation and Conflict and World Economy and Politics (in Chinese) and contributed with book chapters to several edited volumes.

Dr Tunsjø holds a PhD in International Relations from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, 2006, a cand. philol. from the University of Oslo, an MSc from the London School of Economics, 2002 and a MA from Griffith University, Australia, 2000. He was a visiting Fulbright scholar at the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, during spring term of 2010 and a visiting Fulbright scholar at the Security Studies Program at MIT during spring term of 2023. Tunsjø was a member of the government appointed Norwegian Defence Commission of 2021, which finalized and submitted its report to the Norwegian Government in May 2023.



**ARNSTEIN EKNES** is global segment director for Offshore Service Vessels in DNV, which include a range of vessels engaged from research and exploration to development and service support activities. His background after graduating from NTH (NTNU) with MSc in Marine structures includes 30 years of experience in different technical and management positions. After a period of five years heading the section for offshore support, special vessels and conversions, he was country manager for DNV Maritime in Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania 2006–2009, before taking up his current role.

Eknes is an active lecturer and moderator at international conferences addressing offshore energy developments, market and technology trends, and frequently used advisor in how the industry can improve its competitiveness. Identifying unique regional characteristics is important to

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understand variations in use of technology and operations practices, with environmental and regulatory frame conditions being different for each region. With background in the study of common factors in change processes, and with a program in leading digital transformation at INSEAD in 2018, he works to influence and adapt to the new normal. He is a board member of Shipping & Offshore Network, and of the Maritime Battery Forum.



**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.

Dr Stopford retired from Clarksons PLC in 2012 and 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](http://www.mlecs.com) provides a wide range of study material for lecturers, students and newcomers to the maritime industry, available on PC or smartphone.

Dr Stopford is visiting professor at the Bayes Business School, London; Newcastle University; and has an honorary doctorate from Solent University, UK. 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).

**CARL-JOHAN HAGMAN** is President & CEO, NYK Group Europe Limited in London. He is by training a maritime lawyer. After having served in the Swedish Navy as an anti-submarine warfare officer he has been the CEO of Wallenius Lines in Sweden, Eukor Car Carriers in Korea, Höegh Autoliners in Norway and has headed up the shipping activities of the Stena AB group in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Since 2023 he is the regional head for the NYK group in Europe, based in London. He has been the Korean honorary consul general in Gothenburg and is recipient of the Korea medal for Industrial merit. He is a fellow of the Royal Swedish Maritime Academy and the Royal Academy of War sciences.



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**JOSTEIN BJØRGE** is the Commercial Director of Wilson ASA. He joined the company in 2001 and held various positions there before he was appointed Commercial Director in 2008. Prior to joining Wilson, he studied economics and management at Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences.

Wilson ASA is Europe's largest short sea ship owning company, with a total fleet 136 vessels ranging from 1500dwt up to 8500dwt. Wilson also has 14 newbuildings on order, with expected deliveries starting Q1 2025.

**AAGE THOEN** is Founder and CEO of Belleza Capital Group SA in Panama (shipowners, offshore and investment company) since 1997, owning a fleet of 8 PCTC and specialized vessels (bulk and tankers). He was chairman and CEO of Star Reefers Inc, a world leading reefer operator 2002–2005. Mr Thoen holds and has held numerous board positions in shipping and finance (extract):

- Chairman Ocean Crew Marine Services AS
- Chairman Oslo Maritime Foundation
- Chairman Brazil–Norway Chamber of Commerce
- Chairman Oslo Shipowners Association 2015–2023
- Board Member Silmar AS 2007–2022
- Board Member Norwegian Shipowners Association 2016–2018
- Founding Chairman Bank2, Oslo, 2008–2016
- Board Member Green Reefers ASA 2011–2015
- Board Member Silver Green Carriers AS 2014–2015
- Representative Scandinavia for Credit Suisse 2007–2009
- Founding Board Member Privatbanken ASA 2003–2006
- Chairman NYK–STAR Reefer Pool Inc 2003–2005

#### HONORARY ORDERS:

- Order of Rio Branco, bestowed by the President of Brazil



**KENNETH THU** is the CFO of Western Bulk, a trading oriented and asset-light dry bulk operator, exploiting technology, analytics, and risk management to succeed in a highly competitive and global shipping market. The company is efficiently matching cargo with vessels to create an optimal transportation service under all market conditions. Western Bulk is listed on Euronext Growth, operates a fleet of about 130 vessels and generates annual revenue of about USD 1.5bn.

Kenneth is also a Board member of the Oslo Shipowners' Association. He has several years of experience from shipping, retail, energy and management consulting. Before joining Western Bulk in 2017, he was the acting CFO in Elkjøp Nordic, the largest electronics retailer in the Nordic countries.

Kenneth holds an MSc in Economics and Business Administration from the Norwegian School of Economics (NHH) in Bergen, Norway.

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**DR CHRISTOS CHRYSSEAKIS** is Head of New Energy at Wallenius Wilhelmsen ASA in Oslo, focusing on decarbonization and marine fuels. In the past, he has worked at DNV Group Technology & Research focusing on alternative fuels and energy efficiency. Before joining DNV in 2011 he worked as a researcher at the National Technical University of Athens, and at the Institut Francais du Petrole (IFP), in Paris. He has more than 10 years of R&D experience in internal combustion engines for marine, automotive and off-road applications, with particular focus on emissions reduction.

Christos has a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens and an MSc and PhD degree from the University of Michigan. Christos is a highly sought after speaker within the field of decarbonisation of shipping throughout the world today. He is also an important part of the team behind most of DNV's reports in this field.



**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, Norway.

**NICOLAI HANSTEEN** is Business Director for bulk carriers and tankers 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 Busey), 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.





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**MATHIAS SØRHAUG** holds an MSc in Marine Technology from NTNU from 2005. Mathias started in DNV Maritime Advisory in 2005 and has since then held different engineer and management positions within several disciplines both in advisory and class, in Norway and abroad.

Since 2018 he has held different business development roles in Maritime Advisory taking a leading role on the gas carrier segment in general, and CCS and CO2 shipping in particular. Since August 2023 Mathias has been working as Business Development Director CCUS and CO2 shipping in DNV Maritime.



**DR KHALID ABBAS** is associate professor at Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences, Department of Business Administration. Dr Abbas has a background as an innovation & management consultant with a particularly strong focus on technology adoption, such as artificial intelligence and related technologies. He is researching, teaching, and speaking on strategy, digitalization, artificial intelligence technologies, accounting & auditing, and business models. His areas of expertise include entrepreneurship, innovation, digital strategy as well as the impact & challenges of AI on organizations and professions. He is a frequent speaker at business and academic conferences.

Dr Abbas holds a PhD from University of Pisa, which included a longer study term at BI Norwegian Business School. From 2013-2016 he was Project Data Manager at Equinor in Stavanger, following three years as Senior Consultant at Halliburton. His education includes an MSc in geophysics from University of Uppsala (2009). It is fair to say that Dr Abbas is a jack of many trades. Khalid has also been the successful moderator for two student hackathons organised by Ocean Industry Forum Oslofjord, financed by Oslo Municipality, in 2022 (Oslo Innovation Week) and 2024.

**NASSIMA DZAIK** is the founder and CEO of InterBridge, a social startup that provides leadership trainings. A niche focus is providing Gen Z insights to companies focused on the future of various industries.

Nassima is a social innovator passionate about working for positive social impact and a more just sustainable future. Her dedication is building bridges between people, cultures, and generations. As a global citizen, Nassima has traveled the world avidly, speaks five languages fluently, relates to different cultures and has acquired knowledge across disciplines. She has a unique interdisciplinary background bridging health and peace including matters of global health, development, security, international conflict and human rights.

Nassima is also an accomplished public speaker, trainer and moderator.

