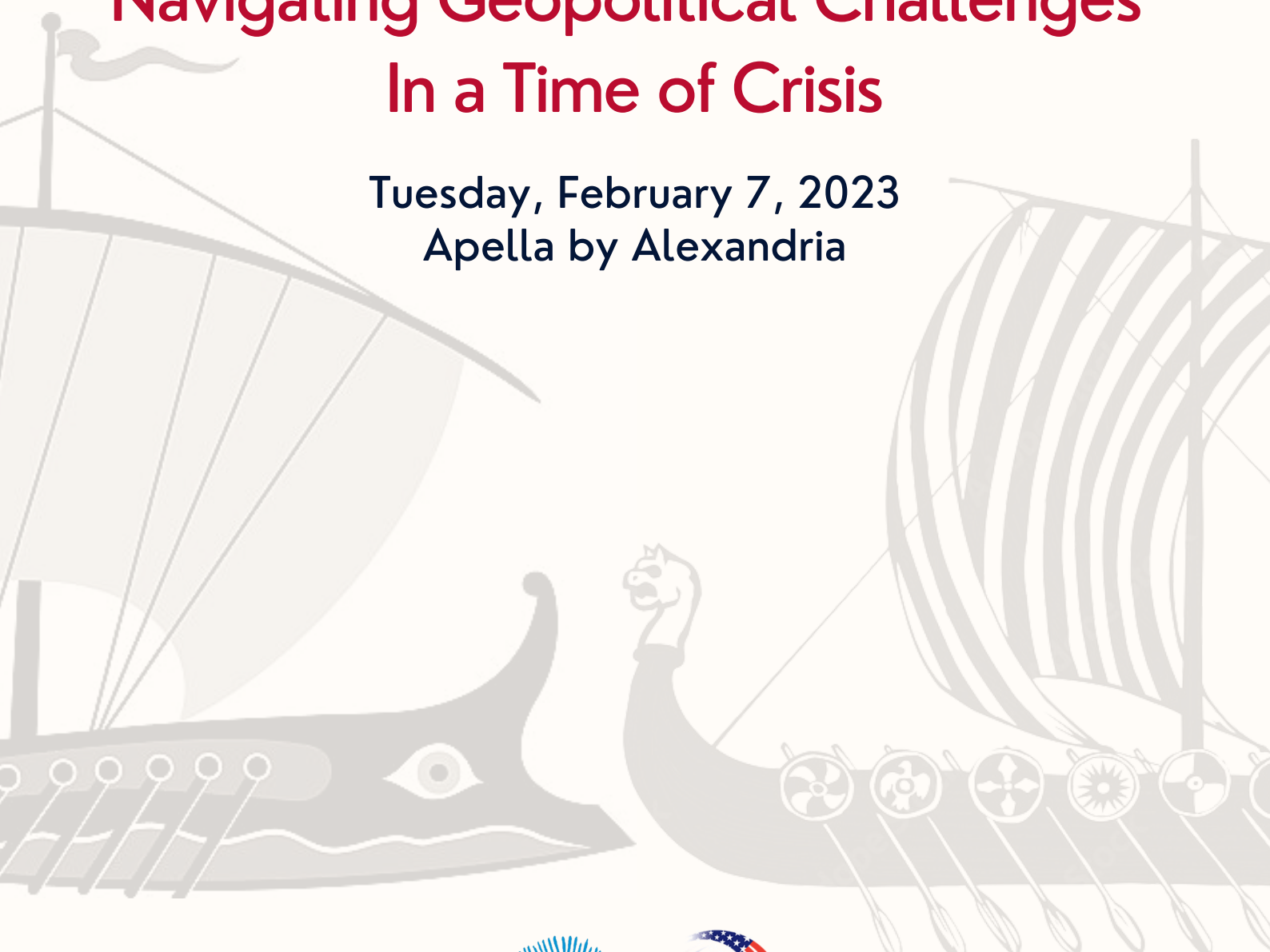


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This year, our industry is facing major new decarbonization regulations amid a strong freight market and with increased interest rates, non-traditional lenders are becoming more competitive. Developing methods to adapt to the constant change is essential to maintaining a successful operation in these perilous times.

After an opening presentation on Global Economic and Market Outlook, panels will debate:

- Sanctions in Practice
- Supply Chain Stresses on Trade
- Cyber Risks and Threats
- Geopolitical Overview
- Environmental Repercussions
- Washington's Escalating Hardening Against China: Update and Outlook
- Will Global Circumstances Impact Ship Finance
- Shipowners Perspective

We truly appreciate that our distinguished speakers and panelists are willing to share their views of how new regulations, technologies and investor activism, to mention a few issues, are changing the way ships are operated and how strategies have to be constantly revised to meet the challenges of volatile markets.

We are looking forward to insightful exchanges with the audience during the Q/A sessions following each panel discussion and to meeting and networking amongst our colleagues. Together we may indeed discover new ways of adapting and innovating.

We are grateful to our organizing committee members, who volunteer their time and have been so active and supportive in developing this program, and to our many sponsors. Without our sponsor firms' generous support, this conference would not happen. We are also grateful to YOU for attending and participating in the event in such a positive way. Many of you come back year after year, and we truly appreciate this support. It reflects well on the two organizing chambers and on the New York Metropolitan area as a leading international shipping and business region.

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### CONFERENCE AGENDA

- 9:00 am** **Opening Remarks**  
Clay Maitland, IRI/The Marshall Islands Registry
- 9:05 am** **The New Macro Supercycle: 2023 Global Economic and Market Outlook**  
Hailey Orr, MUFG Securities
- 9:40 am** **Sanctions in Practice**  
Louis Epstein, Trammo  
Nik Ivanov, Skuld  
Bruce Paulsen, Seward & Kissel LLP  
Dan Tadros, The American Club  
Matthew Thomas, Blank Rome LLP  
**Moderator:**  
George J. Tsimis, Esq., GJT Marine Consultants LLC
- 10:20 am** **Supply Chain Stresses on Trade**  
Clay Maitland, IRI/The Marshall Islands Registry  
Casey O'Brien, Global Mile, Amazon  
Peter Tirschwell, S&P Global Market Intelligence  
**Moderator:**  
John Stratakis, Poles, Tublin, Stratakis & Gonzalez LLP
- 11:00 am** **Cyber Risks & Threats**  
Max Bobys, HudsonCyber  
Brendan J. Dolan, US Coastguard  
Kevin Humphreys, Lloyd's Register Americas  
Ryan Moody, ABS Group of Companies, Inc.  
Sean T. Pribyl, Holland & Knight LLP  
**Moderator:**  
Jan Hagen Andersen, DNV
- 12:00 pm** **Geopolitical Overview**  
H.E. Ambassador John Negroponte, McLarty Associates  
**Introduction:**  
John Stratakis, Polest, Tublin, Stratakis & Gonzales LLP
- 1:10 pm** **Luncheon Keynote**  
Robert Bugbee, Scorpio Tankers Inc.  
**Introduction:**  
Han Deng, Reed Smith LLP
- 2:30 pm** **Environmental Repercussions**  
Scott Bergeron, Oldendorff Carriers GmbH & Co.KG  
Steve Bomgardner, Sailplan  
Nick Makar, IRI/The Marshall Islands Registry  
Pia Meling, Grieg Green  
Nikos Petrakakos, Tufton Investment Management Lts.  
**Moderator:**  
Ole Chr. Schrøder, Scorpio Group
- 3:10 pm** **Washington's Escalating Hardening Against China: Update & Outlook**  
Robert Sutter, Elliot School of International Affairs  
**Introduction:**  
Peter Bazos, Southern Star Shipping Co., Inc.
- 3:35 pm** **Will Global Circumstances Impact Ship Finance**  
Mark Friedman, Evercore  
Yannick Le Gourieres, Credit Agricole  
Martin Lunder, Green Harbour Advisors  
**Moderator:**  
Brian P. Devine, Norton Rose Fulbright
- 4:25 pm** **Shipowners' Perspective**  
Robert Burke, Ridgebury Tankers  
Ted Petrone, Navios Maritime Partners L.P.  
**Moderator:**  
John Benson, Watson, Farley & Williams LLP
- 5:00 pm** **Closing Remarks**  
Ole Chr. Schrøder, Scorpio Group



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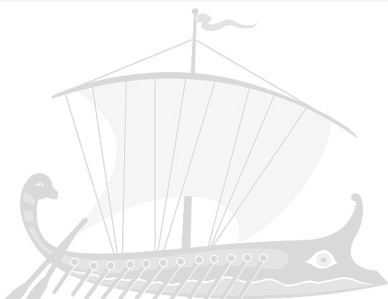
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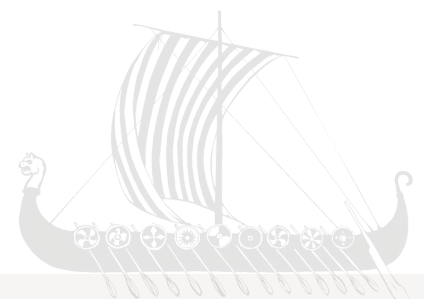
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**Jan Hagen Andersen** has over 30 years of experience in the maritime industry with a focus on propulsion systems and machinery. He has an MS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Washington and started his career at a marine engineering company in Seattle. In 2005, he joined DNV Maritime Technical Advisory Group based in Norway. Since 2010 he is based in Houston, Texas, and is currently a Business Development Director for DNV Maritime, Region Americas. In this role, he is focusing on alternative fuels, environmental compliance, energy efficiency, and novel technologies in shipping. He is a member of the SNAME M-16 Panel on Propulsion Shafting and is on the North America Environmental Protection Association (NAMEPA) Board of Directors.



**Peter T. Bazos** is General Counsel of Southern Star Shipping Co. and Special Legal Consultant to the Chairman of Flour Mills of Nigeria plc. He advises on commercial and legal matters pertaining to shipping and maritime law, cross-border investments, capital markets, mergers and acquisitions, and leverage and acquisition finance. Mr. Bazos serves on the boards of directors for the Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce (and is acting vice president) and the Hellenic-American Cultural Foundation (and is acting treasurer). Mr. Bazos is also a founding member of the U.S.-Nigeria Council, which acts as a convener for U.S. and Nigerian businesses and large-scale U.S. and Nigerian investors. Mr. Bazos has lived and worked in nine countries on four continents and speaks English and Mandarin, and he is building professional fluency in Modern Greek. Mr. Bazos holds a B.A. in East Asian Studies (magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa) from The George Washington University, a Masters-level certificate in International Relations from The Johns Hopkins University – School of Advanced International Studies (Nanjing campus), and a J.D. (with honors) from The George Washington University Law School.

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**Scott Bergeron** is a Director for Oldendorff Carriers, the world's leading bulk carrier owner and operator. With a modern leadership approach and a strong technical foundation, Scott is a proven business leader and international shipping industry executive. Scott is an honors graduate of the US Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point and also earned an MBA from Purdue University's Krannert School of Management. Prior to joining Oldendorff Carriers, Scott was a Principal with the YCF Group. As the Group's maritime program leader he held a variety of roles that included Chief Executive Officer of the Liberian International Ship & Corporate Registry (LISCR), the world's second largest ship registry. Scott also conceived, established, nurtured and grew several profitable businesses for the Group including EuroFlag Services, SeaNet Maritime, SeaNet Verification and Decatur Marine Audit & Survey. In 2011 Mr. Bergeron was appointed by Virginia Governor Robert McDonnell as a Commissioner of the Port of Virginia, where he was subsequently elected as Vice Chairman. During a 3-year term, Scott provided financial and operation governance of one of the largest and deepest ports in the United States of America. Earlier in his career, Bergeron held senior management positions in an international ship owning & ship managing company and served as a marine surveyor for the US Coast Guard and for Det Norske Veritas.



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**Captain Steve Bomgardner's** role at SailPlan involves leading the global commercial development, go to market and sales strategy for the company. SailPlan offers technology solutions to enable ships, ports and marine terminals to measure, report and reduce fuel consumption and GHG emissions using real-time data. He also sits on Board of Directors for a non-profit called Eyesea, which is mapping global maritime pollution and debris, using cell phone technology. As well as advising other maritime start-ups, focused on new technology in autonomy and green solutions. He previously worked for two leading ship registries (BMA and LISCR) where he oversaw the Americas and helped to create and oversee a new Offshore and LNG division for the other. Captain Steve spent the first 15 years of his career managing operations in the Offshore Drilling Industry, working on some of the most technically advanced vessels. He holds an MBA from Georgetown University and a BS from Texas A&M University.



**Robert L. Bugbee** is the President and Director of Scorpio Tankers Inc. and Eneti Inc. He has over 36 years of experience in the shipping industry. Prior to joining Scorpio Group, Mr. Bugbee was a partner at Ospraie Management LLP between 2007 and 2008, a company which advises and invests in commodities and basic industry. From 1995 to 2007, Mr. Bugbee was employed at OMI Corporation, or OMI, a NYSE-listed tanker company sold in 2007. While at OMI, Mr. Bugbee served as President from January 2002 until the sale of the company, and he previously served as Executive Vice President since January 2001, Chief Operating Officer since March 2000 and Senior Vice President of OMI from August 1995 to June 1998. Prior to this, he was employed by Gotaas-Larsen Shipping Corporation since 1984. During this time he took a two year sabbatical from 1987 for the M.I.B. Programme at the Norwegian School for Economics and Business Administration in Bergen.



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**Robert (Bob) P. Burke** is the CEO of Ridgebury Tanker, Westport CT based shipowner with a fleet of crude and product tankers. Mr. Burke is the former CEO of Chembulk Tankers. He led the acquisition, operations, and ultimate sale of Chembulk in a leveraged transaction. He is the co-founder and former head of Great Circle Capital, directing maritime investments for a \$200MM Overseas Private Investment Corp (OPIC) backed investment fund. He is the Former Managing Director of GE Capital's Ship Finance Group: Led maritime finance and investment activities. Over 75 vessels bought / sold / financed, in addition to corporate equity investments. He holds an MBA from Columbia University and is a US Merchant Marine Academy graduate, where he served as ship's officer for three years aboard tankers.



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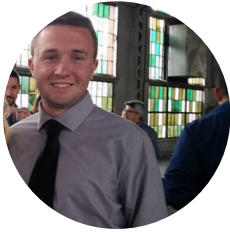


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Mr. Dolan holds a bachelor's degree in Journalism from St. Thomas Aquinas College and a Masters in Cybersecurity from Southern New Hampshire University. He still serves at Coast Guard as a Reserve member of the Sector New York Intelligence Department.



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In private practice and as an in-house lawyer for Trammo and more recently as an arbitrator, Mr. Epstein has been involved in litigation and arbitration around the world. He is a graduate of Columbia University (B.A. 1977, M.A. 1978) and of the University of Pennsylvania Law School (J.D. 1982). From September 2012 to September 2015, Mr. Epstein was Chair of the Arbitration Committee of the New York City Bar Association. He has served multiple terms as a member of the City Bar's International Commercial Disputes Committee ("ICDC") and is a founding member of the International Arbitration Club of New York. In 2018, Mr. Epstein became a member of the Society of Maritime Arbitrators. Mr. Epstein has been the author of a number of articles and reports on arbitration and litigation. Among other things, he was the principal author of a July 2010 ICDC report entitled "Obtaining Evidence from Non-Parties in International Arbitration in the United States," that appeared in Volume 20 of the American Review of International Arbitration; the author of "Arbitrator Independence and Bias: The View of a Corporate In-House Counsel," ICC International Court of Arbitration Bulletin, 2007 Special Supplement; and a principal author (with Robert H. Smit) of an April 2005 ICDC report entitled "Lack of Jurisdiction and Forum Non-Conveniens as Defenses to the Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards" that appeared in Volume 15 of The American Review of International Arbitration. More recent publications include "Force Majeure Clauses in International Commodity Sale Contracts: The Need for Detail," The MLA Report (November 2020), and "Commodities Arbitration Under SMA Rules," Chapter 16 of Navigating Arbitration: The Experts Speak (Juris 2019).



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Martin developed and continues to maintain strong relationships globally having spent his career in international banking. Mr. Lunder has held senior Committee appointments with responsibilities for bank regulatory requirements and risk management. As a senior leader at Nordea Bank for over 30 years, he is recognized for developing the bank's franchise in the Americas and reputation as a global leader in maritime finance. His success can be attributed to his ability to build and establish solid relationships and deliver viable solutions. Clients respected his knowledge and insight of the industry and considered him to be a trusted advisor. Over the course of his career, Martin arranged financial transactions exceeding \$100B ranging from large-syndicated credit facilities to bi-lateral loans as well as other related risk management products including foreign exchange and interest rate hedging. He initiated the loan syndication business in the Americas which significantly contributed to Nordea's reputation as a leading financial institution in maritime finance. Martin also has significant experience restructuring publicly listed and private companies. Mr. Lunder commenced his banking career with Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company in New York City where he honed his financial skills. He also served in the Norwegian military. Martin holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Oregon and an MBA from the same institution. Mr. Lunder has been profiled in several industry publications where he was referred to as the 'dean of ship finance in New York'. Mr. Lunder is currently the Principal of Green Harbour Advisors, a consulting firm that provides advisory services to the maritime industry. In this capacity he provides guidance to his clients on senior debt and other financing solutions, restructuring, and optimising the capital structure.



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**Ryan Moody** is President and CEO of ABS Group of Companies, Inc. (ABS Group). He previously served as Vice President of Strategic Development for the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS), where he was responsible for guiding and supporting ABS' and ABS Group's strategic activities and corporate growth globally. Ryan brings 18 years of experience primarily in the oil and gas sector. Prior to ABS, he held leadership positions at Siemens Government Technologies, Siemens Energy, and FMC Technologies. His experience includes engineering, business segment management, product management, cybersecurity strategy, and corporate strategy. Ryan holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University and an MBA from the University of Houston. He is PMP certified.



**John D. Negroponete**, Vice Chair, joined McLarty Associates in 2009, following a distinguished career in diplomacy and national security. Ambassador Negroponete held government positions abroad and in Washington between 1960 and 1997 and again from 2001 to 2008. He has been Ambassador to Honduras, Mexico, the Philippines, the United Nations, and Iraq. In Washington he served twice on the National Security Council staff, first as Director for Vietnam in the Nixon Administration and then as Deputy National Security Advisor under President Reagan. He has also held a cabinet level position as the first Director of National Intelligence under President George W. Bush. His most recent position in government was as Deputy Secretary of State, where he served as the State Department's Chief Operating Officer. While in the private sector from 1997 to 2001, Ambassador Negroponete was Executive Vice President of the McGraw-Hill Companies, with responsibility for overseeing the company's international activities. During those years he was also Chairman of the French-American Foundation. Since 2009, Amb. Negroponete has held teaching positions at Yale, the George Washington University, the University of Virginia, and Georgetown. Ambassador Negroponete serves as Chairman Emeritus of the Council of the Americas/Americas Society. He is also Co-chairman of the US-Philippines Society and a past member of the Secretary of State's Foreign Affairs Policy Board. He has also served as Chairman of the Intelligence and National Security Alliance. Ambassador Negroponete has received numerous awards in recognition of his more than four decades of public service, including the State Department's Distinguished Service Medal on two separate occasions, the highest award which can be conferred by the Secretary of State, and on January 16, 2009, President Bush awarded Ambassador Negroponete the National Security Medal for his outstanding contributions to US national security.

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**Ted C. Petrone** was appointed Navios Maritime Partners' Vice Chairman in November 2022. Mr. Petrone also serves as Vice Chairman of Navios Corporation since January 2015 having previously served as a director of Navios Maritime Holdings Inc. ("Navios Holdings") from May 2007 to January 2015 and President of Navios Corporation from September 2006 to January 2015. Mr. Petrone has also been Navios South American Logistics Inc. President since July 2020. Mr. Petrone has served in the maritime industry for 45 years, 42 of which he has spent with Navios Holdings. After joining Navios Holdings as an assistant vessel operator, Mr. Petrone worked in various operational and commercial positions.



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Mr. Petrone was previously responsible for all aspects of the daily commercial activity, encompassing the trading of tonnage, derivative hedge positions and cargoes. Mr. Petrone graduated from New York Maritime College at Fort Schuyler with a Bachelor of Science degree in maritime transportation. He has served aboard U.S. Navy (Military Sealift Command) tankers.



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The image shows a screenshot of the SAILPLAN software interface. On the left, the text "Monitor. Report. Optimize." is displayed in large white font. Below it, "True Emissions & Fuel Consumption" is written in white, followed by "CO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, PM, and More" in blue. The main area features a 3D model of a ship at sea with several blue circular icons representing different pollutants: CO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, and H<sub>2</sub>O. A yellow and blue "SAILPLAN" logo is in the top right. The bottom right shows a software dashboard with a map, a line graph of emissions over time, and a table of "Observed Weather" data.

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**George Tsimis** graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Tufts University in 1988, and subsequently earned a Juris Doctor degree from Fordham University School of Law in 1992 where he was the recipient of the Moore-McCormack Award for excellence in admiralty law. Between 1992 and 2002, George practiced all aspects of maritime law in the New York area, primarily as an associate at the firm of Chalos & Brown, P.C. Most notably, George was part of the legal defense team for Captain Joseph Hazelwood in connection with the EXXON VALDEZ oil spill litigation before the Alaska State and Federal Courts. He also handled all aspects of maritime claims, including cargo, collision, pollution, marine insurance, personal injury, charter party and commercial disputes for clients worldwide. In March 2002, George moved in-house and joined Shipowners Claims Bureau, Inc. ("SCB"), the Manager of the American Steamship Owners Mutual Protection and Indemnity Association, Inc. ("the American Club"), as Manager of the Freight Demurrage & Defense Department. In May 2005, he became Managing Director of Shipowners Claims Bureau (Hellas) Inc. and moved with his family to Athens, Greece to open and manage the American Club's new claims liaison office in Piraeus where his responsibilities included claims handling and market liaison. In October 2007, George was appointed Global Claims Director to manage SCB's worldwide claims function, returning from Greece to headquarters in New York in the summer of 2008. George held this position at SCB for the next 11 years and managed SCB's claims team worldwide totaling 40 people manning offices in New York, Houston, London, Piraeus and Shanghai. During this tenure, he oversaw and settled marine claims matters worldwide with an aggregate value and exposures in excess of \$1 billion.

Between 2007 and 2018, George also served as General Counsel for SCB where he was involved in various domestic and international legal matters and issues including coverage disputes, international sanctions regulations (compliance and policy), vessel arrest and debt collection, toxic tort claims, and contract review, as well as international conventions regarding marine pollution and the environment, salvage, wreck removal, and maritime labor. During his tenure with SCB, George also participated in and sat on various subcommittees of the International Group of P&I Clubs on maritime claims, sanctions, piracy and maritime security. In July 2018, George left SCB and founded GJT Marine Consultants LLC to provide maritime related risk management, claims consultancy, arbitration, mediation and dispute resolution services for vessel owners, charterers, insurance companies and other entities and organizations worldwide. George is a member of the Society of Maritime Arbitrators in New York and a supporting member of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association. He is also a member of the New York and Connecticut State Bars, as well the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Second and the Ninth Circuits. Additionally, he is a Member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States and the Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce.

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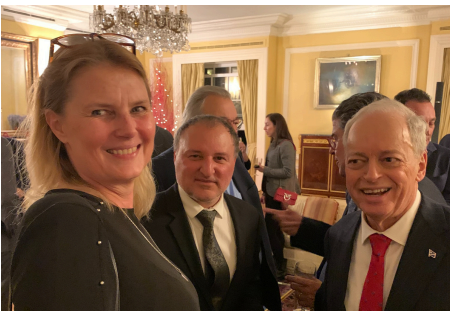
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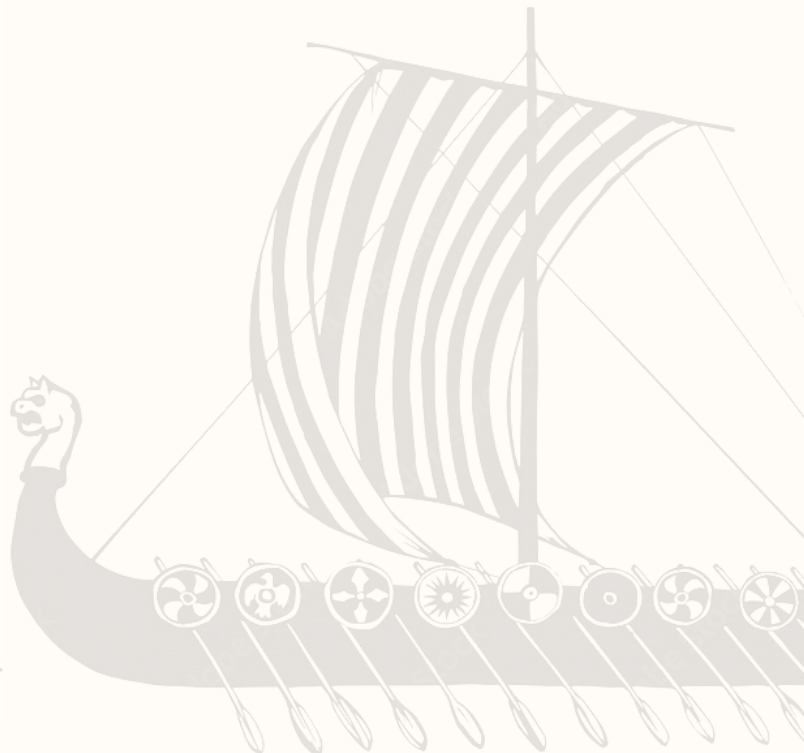
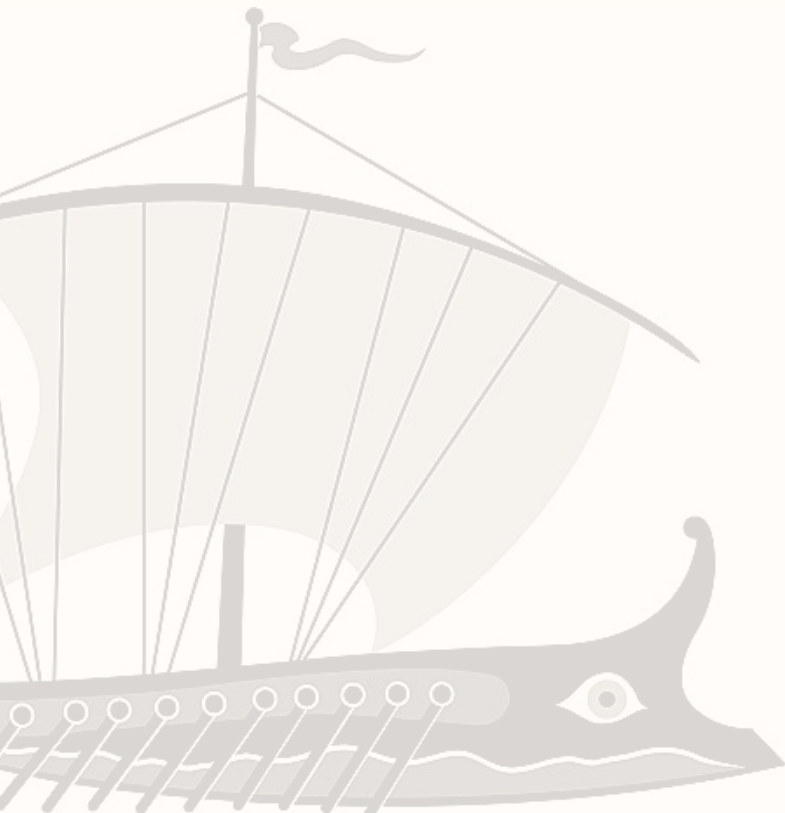
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