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Maritime transportation: overview of industry and ocean information needs

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World Ocean Council: the home of the Responsible Ocean Business Community

International, Cross-Sectoral **Business Leadership Alliance**

- **Bringing ocean industries together**, e.g. shipping, oil/gas, fisheries, aquaculture, tourism, offshore renewables, etc.

- **Catalyzing private sector leadership and collaboration in**
  - Advancing “Corporate Ocean Responsibility”
  - Communicating responsible ocean industry/economy

- 70+ members worldwide; 34,000+ in global network

**Goal:** Healthy, productive global ocean and its sustainable use and stewardship by responsible ocean business community

**Creating business value for responsible companies**

- Synergies and economies of scale in addressing issues
- Stability and predictability in ocean operations
The Shipping Sector: industry overview
Shipping Business Community Diverse and Complex

1. Direct Ocean Users
   • Merchant fleet, many routes, diversity of ships, regional networks
   • Personnel transport fleet with the development of the cruise industry

2. Ocean User Support Industries
   • Industries that depend on direct users for their existence (e.g. shipbuilders) or drive ocean industry growth (e.g. extractors, manufacturers, retailers that transport materials or products by sea)

3. Essential Ocean Use “Infrastructure”
   • Insurance, finance, legal and other essential services that enable ocean industries to operate, ship registries, classification companies
90% of global trade

Container shipping increase by 10% / year since 1985

50,054 ships (2010)

Slow down of growth since 2012 and some over capacity..
SHIPPING: Many routes…

50,054 ships (Oct 2010)

- Tankers: 13,175
- Bulk Carriers: 8,687
- Container ships: 4,831
- Passenger ships: 6,597
SHIPPING : not just freight.... Focus on cruise tourism

- 14 million passengers in 2010
- Growing at 8.5% per year over the next decade
- Global fleet: 341 ships (92 megaships, > 2000 berths)
- 53 ships built in last 5 years (40 megaships)
- Europe: up 12% from 2009, now 33% of global market
- Asia: up 10-40% from 2009 in various countries
- New destinations: Africa, Australia, Indonesia, Arctic
INDUSTRIAL COASTAL INFRASTRUCTURES: developments follow global trade growth

**Ports:** new, expansion, improvement, deepwater, offshore

**Coastal:** Piers/jetties, shoreline protection

**Dredging:** extraction, maintenance, landfill, reclamation
Opening of new Regions: Growing Multiple-use of the Arctic

- Shipping
- Oil and gas
- Fisheries
- Aquaculture
- Tourism
- Mining
- Dredging
- Port development
- Submarine cables
- Etc.
Arctic Ocean Use: Shipping
Arctic Ocean Use: Tourism
Arctic Ocean Use: Ports
Arctic Ocean Multiple Use and Issues

Transit Traffic on the Northern Sea Route: 1990-2013

Courtesy: Oran Young
New Challenges for Shipping

Precautionary Approach
+ Marine Protected Areas
  + Ecosystem Based Management
    + Marine Spatial Planning/Ocean Zoning
      + Marine Biodiversity/ Marine Mammals
        + High Seas/Deep Seabed Concerns
          + Ocean Governance Changes
            + Sustainable Development Goals

= an increasingly complex and challenging business environment for ocean industries like shipping
Collaboration on Ocean Knowledge where the shipping industry has an active role to play

A wide range of industry vessels can:

- Provide routine, sustained, standardized information on ocean and atmosphere
- Contribute to describing the status, trends and variability of oceanographic and atmospheric conditions
- Improve the understanding, modeling and forecasting of oceanic ecosystems, resources, weather, climate variability and climate change

The World Ocean Council SO-SI program works to:

- Foster, facilitate and broker interaction between scientists needing data and companies with vessels and platforms that could collect data
- Expand the number of vessels that collect standardized ocean, weather and climate data
- Improve the coordination and efficiency of data sharing and input to national/international systems and existing programs
Example of collaboration on Tsunami Detection with the shipping industry

Accurate, rapid detection and assessment of tsunamis in open ocean is critical.

Recent earthquakes/tsunamis highlighted:
- Weakness in understanding of events generating tsunamis
- Gaps in knowledge, coverage and capabilities of detection

Need: Robust detection system with much more densely-spaced observing capabilities
Tsunami Detection
Opportunity and Solution

Opportunity:
Use merchant vessels traversing tsunami-prone areas

Solution:
Use geodetic GPS on ships to transform them into floating tide-gauges that can detect tsunamis in open ocean (demonstrated by University Hawaii research vessel in 2010)
Concerns of the Shipping Sector: ocean information needs are increasing

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Priorities for the shipping sector; what keeps a shipowner awake at night?
Sustainability Agenda and Climate Change are driving new needs for shipping in terms of data

- Seafarer safety and support: with extreme weather events both on the bridge and at fleet management level, there is a need for finer, better and real time data so as to reduce the margins of error.
- Sustainability: need to reduce operational environmental impacts to lower changes in current gyres and in weather routine can have an impact of up to 5% on fuel costs.
- Climate change: finer modelling, better metric and warning of extreme weather events for ships can save lives.
- Sea level rise: need to mitigate and adapt to this new challenge by obtaining better bathymetric and tide modelling for ports and mapping the seabed (GEBCO Seabed 2030 project).
Cyber security is a new challenge

- Global increase in levels of shipping and ship traffic drive the need for data
- Autonomous ships will disrupt the market and the practices, in between, phases of crew reduction will be balanced by increases in data flow needs
- The “Internet of Things” will scale up progressively in three directions:
  - Internal workings of the ship
  - Interface hull /waves
  - External oceanography
- Increasing importance of satellite communication with the development of real time observations and communications pipelines
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