

# Posidonia 2022

6th - 10th June, Athens, Greece | **Metropolitan Expo**

## Your flag for quality ship registration

### Benefits of The Bahamas

- ▶ Legal system based on English Common Law
- ▶ On USCG Qualship 21 and Paris and Tokyo MoU 'Low Risk' status
- ▶ Rapid response to technical, legal, seafarers and registry queries
- ▶ User-friendly online seafarers documentation system
- ▶ Vessels under construction may be registered
- ▶ Annual fee based on net tonnage
- ▶ Inspectors worldwide



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### The Bahamas Maritime Authority – your trusted Flag for quality and excellence

The Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) is delighted to be returning to Posidonia and Greece, the country of the world's largest group of shipowners, this year after the extended COVID-19 induced absence – the chance to reconnect with maritime partners and friends has been a long time coming.

It is with great joy that we look forward to being able to meet up and engage face-to-face, to share our experiences and recognise the resilience and importance of the sector to responding to, and ensuring a recovery from, the challenges of the pandemic. The Greek shipping community and the maritime sector in general has ensured the continuous provision of goods and services with The BMA being particularly proud of the role played by the seafarers whom we have supported and assisted through the crisis. Following on from the pandemic,

The Bahamas will continue to offer its assistance to all stakeholders impacted by the current geopolitical situation.

As one of the top ten Flags in the world, The Bahamas readily espoused a leadership role within the maritime industry as an active member of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and the International Labour Organisation (ILO), collaborating with industry stakeholders as part of the COVID-19 global recovery efforts at the regulatory stage.

Climate change is an existential challenge for all Small Island Developing States such as The Bahamas and we support the IMO's greenhouse gas strategy and the broader vision of practical and enforceable global environmental standards for ships. We are reassured that the Greek shipping industry is investing in green vessels and is committed, as is The Bahamas, to

reducing the carbon footprint of shipping. Thanks to our new digital solutions, which include electronic ship certification and remote surveys/inspections, The BMA is now running a more efficient and cost-effective service that has simultaneously reduced our carbon emissions.

Throughout recent years, shipping has played a pivotal role in keeping the world warm, fed and safe and we are pleased that, despite the challenges that the pandemic has brought, the Greek market has been going from strength to strength, and Posidonia will see the Greek maritime industry once again take centre stage.

We welcome the opportunity to showcase our services, share experiences, meet industry partners and reconnect with valued clients at Posidonia. The BMA team invites you to visit us on Stand No. 2.208 and enjoy our Bahamian hospitality.



**Hon. JoBeth Coleby-Davis MP**  
Minister for Transport & Housing



**Ms. Jacqueline Simmons**  
Chairman



**Peter John Goulandris**  
Deputy Chairman



**Capt. Dwain Hutchinson**  
Managing Director and CEO

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**Dimitri Tsiftsis**  
Regional Director



## Update from The BMA's Greek office

From the opening of its Piraeus office in 2014, The BMA's Greek owned/managed fleet has grown to over 300 vessels representing just under 20% of The BMA fleet.

Our Greek office offers the complete range of BMA services, including registration, seafarer certification and technical operations support. Like the rest of The BMA, our commitment to providing a quality service to ship owners, managers and seafarers remains the backbone of everything we do. The BMA's strategic objective is to extend our global representation and this will include expansion of our business within the broader Black Sea and Mediterranean regions.

As an industry leading top-rated Flag, the Bahamas has again been placed very highly on the whitelists for port state control and consolidated its recognition by the United

States Coast Guard through its QualShip 21 programme. This consistent level of performance serves to highlight the excellent customer service with operational support that we have maintained worldwide, despite the pandemic. We recognise that this achievement is a testament to the determined efforts and adherence to the quality onboard standards of our clients and we would like to thank all of our Greek shipowners, managers and seafarers for their commitment to excellence and continued regulatory compliance.

Please come and meet the Greek office team at Posidonia:

### Introducing The BMA's Greek Team



**Christos Papastathopoulos**  
Technical & Compliance Officer



**Kyra Fraser**  
Registrar



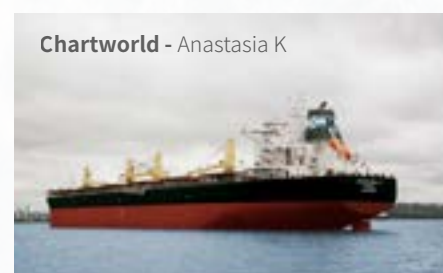
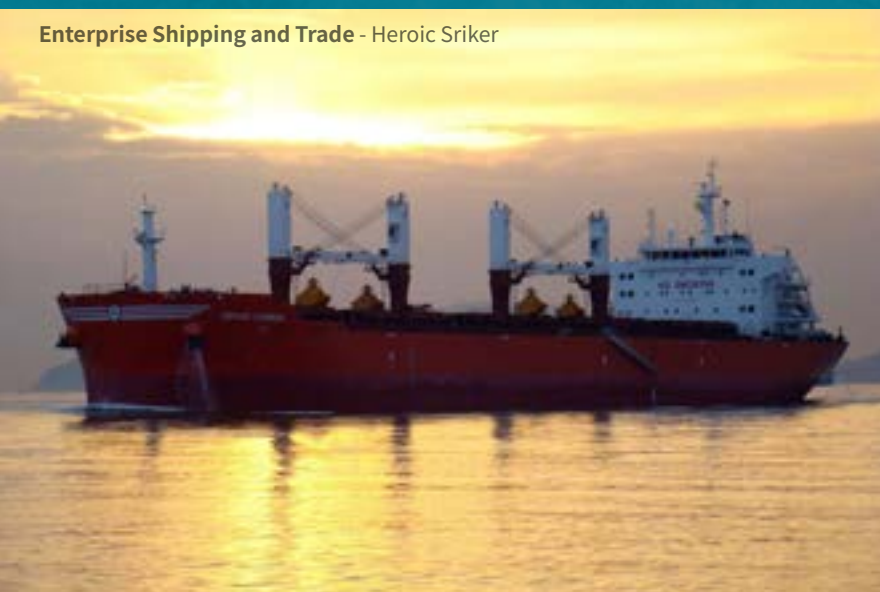
**Efsthia Gkinni**  
Senior Administrative Assistant



**Maria Manolaki**  
Administrative Assistant



**Andreas Minogiannis**  
Administrative Assistant



## Message from John Adams – The Bahamas Shipowners Association



**John Adams**  
The Bahamas Shipowners Association



We are back, or rather we are all back for Posidonia – and it feels fantastic to be here and to be part of this wonderful shipping scene again.

On such a positive note, no one wants reminding of all which has passed during the most dynamic part of the covid pandemic, but we shall not forget how shipping and in particular our seafarers have been hit immensely hard during the past few years. I will return to this matter in a short while, but let us first look into the future of shipping and in particular shipping when flying a Bahamas ensign.

It comes as no surprise to anyone in shipping that the Bahamas Flag has one of the foremost reputations for quality in shipping. The Flag recently ranked among the very top on the Paris MoU annual list, and in the annual ICS Flag comparison table, the Bahamas register is one of only thirteen in the world which has secured a place where we can say “all green”. This is of course true testament to the hard work of not only to Bahamas Maritime Authority, but to the shipowners who have chosen to register their ships with the Bahamas Flag, and even more so to their operational staff and their seafarers - as everyone knows, in order to compete at the very top, you need top people on your team.

Maintaining a top level position and operation is certainly hard work for anyone involved, but it is not without its rewards. The Bahamas Flag is one of few Flags consecutively on the US Coast Guard's Qualship 21 program and representing some 30% of the ships on the USCG's even stricter E-Zero program. The Bahamas also has an Agreement with the Chinese Government granting shipowners of Bahamas the status of “Most-favoured-Nation” with regard to port access, port stays and port facilities, ensuring for instance that Bahamas flagged ships are not subject to non-discrimination on port fees.

To achieve such a top ranking among Flags from around the world, the Bahamas Maritime

Authority and the Bahamas Shipowners Association has always had very good cooperation during the BSA's now 26-year-old history. The purpose of organising the shipowners into a Shipowners Association was initiated by among others Mr Peter John Goulondris and Mr Kenneth Engstrom, both still very active Board members of The BMA and BSA respectively. The close relationship between the Flag and the BSA serves as a hallmark of the constant and unifying strive to keep the Register at the very top among Flags.

Returning back to how covid not only impacted our businesses, but even more so our seafarers, among those owners flying the Bahamas Flag, we have seen some robust ramping up of resources among owners to support their crews in this strange and indeed very dire situation. Owners have gathered crew members on ships and sailed them to their home countries. Others have turned themselves inside out to fly crew home. Throughout this period The BMA has ‘had our backs’. Even though the crew normally sailing the desks at The BMA offices have all been working from home, they have supported us as shipowners in all matters. The pragmatism and service mindedness of The BMA staff has gone further than what we have seen from other flags. It is in times of crisis one knows who you can depend on, and in our case it is the people making up the staff of the Bahamas Maritime Authority.

For those considering which ensign to fly on their ships, as Chair of the Bahamas Shipowners Association, I can truly and honestly vouch for the Bahamas – for all-round holistic service that supports owners' long-term strategies.

**John Adams**  
Chairman