

## Emanuele Grimaldi appointed ICS Chairman

- The International Chamber of Shipping's board appoints Mr. Emanuele Grimaldi, Managing Director of the Grimaldi Group, as chairman.
- ICS recognises Day of the Seafarer, honouring the efforts of crews throughout the ongoing supply chain crisis.

*22 June 2022, London* - The board of the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), representing 80% of the world's merchant fleet, today appointed Emanuele Grimaldi, President and Managing Director of Grimaldi Euromed SpA, as Chairman of the Board.

Grimaldi, a former president of both Confitarma and European Community Shipowners Association (ECSA), was formally voted in as chair by the ICS Board of Directors, following the announcement of his nomination last year. Alongside ICS Secretary General, Guy Platten, his mandate will include working to find private and public solutions to a range of issues facing the sector, including decarbonisation, digitisation, diversity, and crew change.

He succeeds current chair, Esben Poulsen, Executive Chairman ENESEL PTE. LTD., who has served as ICS Chair since 2016, and who steps down after serving three terms of office.

### **Emanuele Grimaldi, ICS Chairman, commented on his appointment:**

"I am honored to represent the shipping industry at this crucial juncture in our history. I hope to build on the legacy of my predecessor Esben Poulsen, and continue to drive meaningful change within the sector and work closely with UN bodies.

"The world is changing, and shipping must change with it. Fundamental transformation to our fuel supplies, our technology, and the skillsets of our workforce will define the direction shipping takes this decade. I'm excited to say that we are confronting the challenge head on.

"While we are not immune from the challenges that face the global economy, we are resilient. I am confident that the sector will remain a force for good on the international stage, facilitating the movement of vital supplies to those who need them most."

This Saturday, June 25, the maritime sector will come together to honor the hard work and sacrifice of the 1.8 million seafarers who crew the global fleet, celebrating the UN [Day of the Seafarer](#). This year's theme is 'Your voyage - then and now, share your journey,' looking at seafarer voyages, and how they have both evolved and stayed the same throughout the history of this essential profession.

**Guy Platten, Secretary General of the International Chamber of Shipping, remarked:**

"I'm pleased to welcome longtime board member, Emanuele Grimaldi, to the position of Chairman. I have full faith in him and look forward to working closely together to advance the maritime sector and support our seafarers.

"I cannot thank outgoing chair, Esben Poulsson, enough for his six years of leadership and companionship. Expertly navigating ICS through several major events, including the Covid-19 crew change crisis, a rise in piracy, and the Suez Canal blockage."

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**Notes to editor**

**About ICS:**

The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) is the principal international trade association for merchant shipowners and operators, representing all sectors and trades and over 80% of the world merchant fleet.

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