



Liberian Shipowners' Council Ltd.

LSC
The Voice of
Liberian-Flag Shipowners

LSC represents its members at numerous government and industry venues including the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the US Coast Guard, the US Customs and Border Protection, the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), the International Shipping Federation (ISF), and the International Maritime Employers' Committee (IMEC).

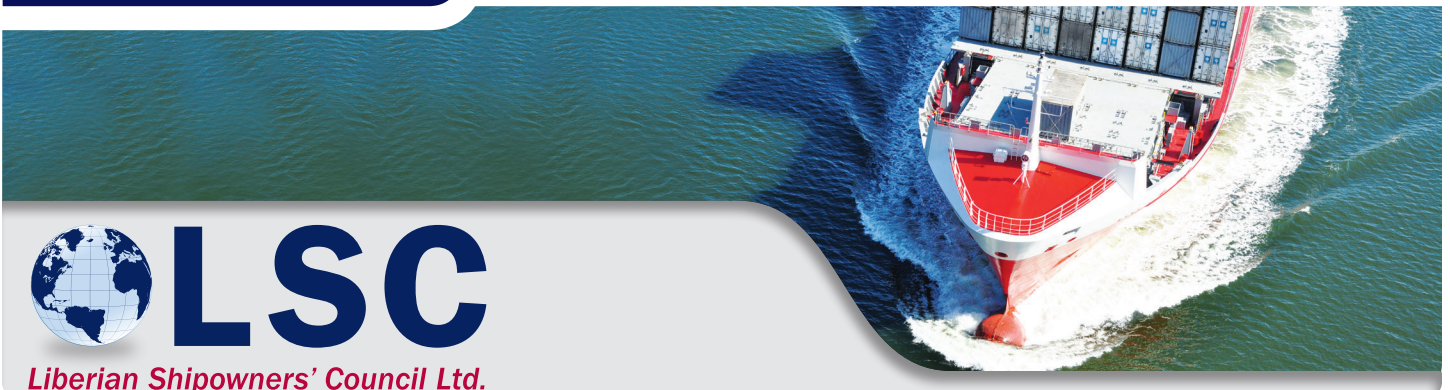
About LSC

The Liberian Shipowners' Council Ltd. (LSC) is the national association of Liberian-flag shipowners. Membership enables shipowners to gain strength, through numbers, to better manage the significant threats and issues we are facing today, including:

- ⇒ Maritime legislation promoted by politicians who have limited knowledge or interest in marine transportation or the concerns of shipowners
- ⇒ Regulations that vary by region, state, and port
- ⇒ Threats to free trade and the ability to operate ships under an open register
- ⇒ Criminal liability resulting from pollution, security or safety accidents

As the voice of Liberian-flag shipowners, LSC articulates and advocates shipowner and industry positions to the Liberian Registry and works closely with the Registry to implement shipowner cost reductions, while maintaining the high standards of quality, safety, and environmental protection, for which the Liberian fleet is renowned.

LSC members represent all sectors of the ship owner community, including but not limited to, oil tankers, product tankers, chemical tankers, orange juice carriers, latex carriers, gas tankers, container ships, reefer ships, general cargo ships, bulk carriers, car carriers, livestock carriers, heavy-lift vessels, deep-water drilling rigs, offshore support vessels, research vessels, and passenger ships.



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LSC directly influences the outcome of rules and regulations that affect shipowners. As a member of the International Chamber of Shipping, LSC represented shipowners' interests in Geneva during negotiations of the ILO Maritime Labour Convention. LSC is the only shipowner association dedicated to protecting the shipowners' right to operate under an open register. This is one of the reasons why many shipowners, who are members of traditional national shipowner associations, are also members of the LSC.

History

The Liberian Shipowners' Council was established in 1974 to ensure that Liberian-flag ship owners could operate their vessels to the highest practical standards of quality, safety, and environmental protection, while retaining the cost-effective advantages of the open register system. LSC continues to be the leading advocate for the open register system and the ship owners' right to choose the flag under which it operates. LSC has led the way in the struggle against organizations like the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and other groups who wish to eliminate the open register system.

A major advantage enjoyed by LSC members is that their voice can influence the vote at IMO and ILO. As the national shipowner association of the world's largest white-listed register, LSC can ensure that its members' positions are favorably considered by the Liberian Administration in the IMO and ILO voting process.

Becoming a LSC Member

LSC is completely separate from the Liberian registry. Owners who register their vessels under the Liberian flag are not automatically designated members of LSC. Members are selected and invited by the Board. Current LSC Board Members include Managing Directors from *Ahrenkiel Shipmanagement*, *Hartmann Schiffahrts*, *Marwave Shipmanagement B.V.*, *Stolt-Nielsen Ltd*, *Unisea Shipping Ltd.*, and *Zodiac Maritime Ltd.*

For more information about participating in the Council, or to receive our *Information Bulletins* and *Advisories*, please contact the General Secretary, Joe Ludwiczak at JL@Liberianshipowners.com.

Benefits of Membership

One of the benefits of membership is the access to informed analysis and information via our LSC Information Bulletins and Advisories which include updates regarding developments and positions of the various committees of the IMO, ILO, ICS, Port State Control, the USCG, the US Congress, US CBP, US EPA, EU, UN, OECD, IMEC and ITF. Our members consider the Information Bulletin to be "essential reading material".



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