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# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

## Introduction

During 2019, we continued implementing HELMEPA's mission, which is nurturing an **Environmental Consciousness** and **Safety Spirit** within the Greek maritime community and beyond. Supported solely by the annual membership fees of our Members and certified by DNV GL, we operated as "**Maritime Training Center for Pollution Prevention, Safety at Sea and Environmental Awareness**". We trained Greek and foreign merchant mariners and office staff of Member companies as well as officers of the Hellenic Coast Guard and the Hellenic Navy through refresher seminars and bridge simulator courses.



Following the new requirements with regard to personal data privacy, we continued to offer environmental awareness to the school community starting from kindergartens and in direct cooperation with volunteering educators and kindergarten teachers all over Greece. We note with satisfaction their positive comments on the programs of HELMEPA, which contribute to their work towards introducing children to the concept of sustainable development. In addition, the support of the Members of HELMEPA to these programs as they are assisting today's children to become environmentally aware so as tomorrow's citizens will be consciously involved in the "green, sustainable evolution" of the country, a necessary task.



HELMEPA is carrying out its mission by also collaborating with many Organizations around the world and has received the following accreditations:

- Technical Advisor to the Greek Delegation at the International Maritime Organization
- Accredited NGO to the United Nations with competence in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea
- Partner of UNEP/MAP (UN Environment Program/Mediterranean Action Plan)
- Member of GPML (Global Partnership on Marine Litter)
- National Coordinator of the "International Coastal Cleanup Day" of Ocean Conservancy
- National Coordinator of the "European Cleanup Day"
- Nonprofit partner of "1% for the Planet"

All the activities of 2019 were carried out by the staff of the Maritime and Environmental Awareness sectors.



# MARITIME SECTOR

# I. MARITIME

## 1. Training Program of 2019

The 2019 Refresher Training Program, the 37<sup>th</sup> since its beginning in 1983, included the following seminar categories:

- A. "Reducing Shipping's Environmental Footprint: Today's and Tomorrow's Hot Issues"
- B. "Learning from PSC Inspections: Common Deficiencies and their Prevention"
- C. "Enhancing Safety through Effective Management of Operational Risks and People On Board"
- D. "Marine Environmental Awareness" (certified by the Maritime Administration of Cyprus based on IMO Model Course 1.38)
- E. "Encountering Heavy Seas – Parametric Rolling and Emergency Preparedness – Incident Case Studies"
- F. "Vetting Inspections and TMSA – Tanker Management and Self-Assessment"



The 25 Seminars (16 two-day and 9 one-day) of the Program:

- Took place during 41 days,
- Were attended free-of-charge by 282 individuals (39% deck officers, 9% engine officers, 48% land-based personnel and 4% Hellenic Coast Guard and Hellenic Navy Officers),
- Were conducted by 32 Lecturers, from 16 Member Companies and Organizations, the Hellenic Coast Guard and HELMEPA, who delivered 40 topics,
- Were evaluated as "Excellent" or "Very Good" for their overall quality by 85% of attendants.

We cordially thank the following lecturers and their companies/Organizations for their consistent contribution to our joint effort towards providing refresher training to our Members, in the context of STCW of IMO:

- P. Aravanis, Olympic Vision Maritime Co. Inc.
- N. Athanasakos, Andriaki Shipping Co. Ltd.
- G. Barkas, Springfield Shipping Co. of Panama S.A.
- P. Chrysanthi, Andriaki Shipping Co. Ltd.
- D. Dedepsidis, DNV GL
- K. Dimitriou, Cleopatra Shipping Agency Ltd.
- J. Drakogiannopoulos, Costamare Shipping Company Co. S.A.
- D. Fineskos, Diana Shipping Services S.A.
- L. Hanoumidis, HCG Commander, Port State Control Head Office Greece-Paris MoU

- D. Ilia, The Swedish Club of Greece
- K. Karantzis, Marine Chemist – Independent Partner
- G. Kiadimos, Hellenic Lloyd's S.A.
- S. Kiouproutzoglou, V. Ships Greece Ltd.
- E. Mariaki, Environmental Protection Engineering
- M. Markogiannis, RINA Hellas
- A. Minaides, Diana Shipping Services S.A.
- P. Papageorgiou, Marine Chemist – Independent Partner
- P. Patsoulis, Euronav Shipmanagement Hellas Ltd.
- S. Petronios, Danaos Shipping Co. Ltd.
- D. Simakis, Hellenic Lloyd's S.A.
- A. Skempes, Arcadia Shipmanagement Co. Ltd.
- D. Sofiadi, American Bureau of Shipping
- J. Stefanatos, DNV GL
- A. Theodorou, Hellenic Lloyd's S.A.
- D. Tsilimos, Bureau Veritas
- A. Vourdachas, American Bureau of Shipping

## 2. Training Committee

Our sincere thanks to the Chairman Capt. John Drakogiannopoulos of Costamare Shipping and the following members of the Training Committee, for assisting us to select appropriate and contemporary topics for the seminars as well as their contribution, when needed:

- A. Apostolidis, Cleopatra Shipping Agency Ltd.
- G. Barkas, Springfield Shipping Co. of Panama S.A.
- P. Chrysanthi, Andriaki Shipping Co. Ltd.
- K. Dimitriou, Cleopatra Shipping Agency Ltd.
- M. Fragkias, S. Livanos - Hellas S.A.
- M. Gavriil, Minoa Marine Ltd.
- C. Kannelopoulos, S. Livanos - Hellas S.A.
- A. Katsika, Euronav Ship Management Hellas Ltd.
- G. Lymperatos, RCCL (TUI, AZAMARA, PULLMANTUR)
- L. Massonou, Neda Maritime Agency Co. Ltd.
- A. Minaides, Diana Shipping Services S.A.
- A. Mitrofanis, Atlantic Bulk Carriers Management Ltd.
- V. Pantelelis, Chandris (Hellas) Inc.
- V. Papazis, Euronav Ship Management Hellas Ltd.
- P. Patsoulis, Euronav Ship Management Hellas Ltd.
- S. Petronios, Danaos Shipping Co. Ltd.
- N. Polymeris, Danaos Shipping Co. Ltd.
- A. Skempes, Arcadia Shipmanagement Co. Ltd.
- E. Souroulia, Springfield Shipping Co. of Panama S.A.
- A. Theiopoulos, V. Ships Greece Ltd.
- G. Tsoukatos, Diana Shipping Services S.A.



As of September 2019, the seminars are held in a new and fully equipped classroom space suitable for 25 persons, at the building of HELMEPA offices.

### 3. Bridge Simulator Courses



In total, 32 courses under 5 different categories were conducted during 96 days and were attended by 133 officers, of which 108 were officers of the Merchant Marine and 25 of the Hellenic Navy. Three Member Companies evaluated 46 chief officers, candidates for promotion and newly appointed masters. Also, 24 officers of a Member Company attended "tailor made" courses. The categories of courses are:

- "Bridge Resource Management"

This 5-day course is approved by the Cyprus Flag Administration and consists of 19 topics delivered during 40 hours, of which 20 hours are classroom presentations and 20 hours simulator practice (exercises). It was conducted 9 times with a total of 43 participants.

Deck officers, successfully completing the course, can obtain the official Cyprus Flag BRM Certificate.

- "Advanced Ship-Handling and Navigational Safety"

A three-day course with 7 hours of classroom presentations and 14 hours simulator practice that took place 5 times and was attended by 20 participants.

- "Navigating in Dense Traffic - Fishing Areas - COLREGs and Loss Prevention"

A two-day course with 6 hours of classroom presentations and 8 hours simulator practice that took place 12 times and was attended by 49 participants.

- "Real Incident Simulation and Root Cause Analysis"

A two-day course presenting, simulating and analyzing real maritime incidents obtained from existing relevant official sources, such as MAIB, CHIRP, MARS etc. It was carried out 4 times and was attended by 11 participants.



- "Marine Meteorology - Handling Ships in Heavy Weather and Following/Quartering Seas"

A two-day course consisting of 8 hours classroom presentations and 6 hours simulator practice that was repeated 2 times and was attended by 10 participants.

All those who attended the courses of the 5 categories evaluated their quality as "Very Good" or "Excellent".

The seminars were presented by Captains George Tziagkidis and Cosmas Thiraios, Simulator Instructor and Marine Consultant of HELMEPA respectively, while Dr. Nikos Mazarakis was key instructor of the Marine Meteorology course.

All participants, in both the 2019 Training Program and the simulator courses, received a HELMEPA Certificate of Attendance.

#### 4. "e-Learning" Program

We prepare our training programs according to current conditions in international shipping, legislative developments at IMO, EU, USCG, AMSA, as well as suggestions made by Member Companies and the officers attending the seminars. The Training Committee helps us provide the participating officers with the most useful, up-to-date information.



In this context, we have made available to our Members and others the new e-Learning program, enriched and designed in accordance with developments mainly at IMO. The program includes 14 topics in English, divided into two "training packages", the Environmental Training Course and the Safety related Training Course. Last year, 10 Member companies made the program available to 211 officers, 114 of whom chose Safety and 97 Environment, whilst 98 received the HELMEPA Training Certificate after successfully completing the tests each package provides.

#### 5. "New Marine Fuels" Seminar

In view of 2020, we offered to our Members a one-day seminar on new fuels, on November 28th, kindly hosted by Member company Olympic Shipping and Management S.A. More than 70 directors, chief engineers and engineer officers of 31 Member Companies attended the presentations of Messrs Bill Stamatopoulos, Business Development Manager of Bureau Veritas' special service VeriFuel and Panos Zachariadis, Technical Director of Atlantic Bulk Carriers and Management Ltd and Member of our Board.

The two speakers, with their knowledge on the subject and experience from their participation at IMO Working Groups, presented the new marine fuels as of 1-1-2020 with an emphasis on prevention of and dealing with problems that may possibly arise in fuel supply and its combustion, as well as during Port State Control inspections.



#### 6. "The Environmental Footprint of Shipping"

A special HELMEPA seminar titled "*Reducing the Environmental Footprint of Shipping: Hot Issues of Today and Tomorrow*" was hosted by Member company Neda Maritime Agency, with the participation of 30 persons of 15 Member Companies. The issues of waste management, ballast water management, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, compliance with the new global sulphur limit and oil spill emergency response were highlighted.

We would like to thank the following Members who provided experienced Lecturers for the



successful implementation of the seminar:

- American Bureau of Shipping
- Bureau Veritas
- Diana Shipping Services SA
- DNV GL
- Environmental Protection Engineering S.A.

## 7. "Soft Skills Workshop"

In 2019, we collaborated with Potentia, who carried out a series of 5 workshops titled *"Empowering the Seafarer: Learning & Developing Soft Skills"* free-of-charge for the Association's Members. A total of 90 persons, mainly office staff, were informed on the following topics:

- Communication skills
- Leadership
- Public speech
- Stress management
- Cultural and business awareness at the workplace



## 8. Member Vessels' Incident Reports

According to a special agreement HELMEPA has made with IHS Markit (formerly Fairplay) in 1986, the latter **confidentially** provides us with data pertaining to Member vessels' incidents that are reported to IHS Markit, recorded and available to any interested party. The agreement allows us, through again a confidential procedure, to request the correction of an erroneous report. We forward the information we receive to the interested Managing company who, if deemed appropriate to make a correction, provides us with the relative documentation, which in turn we forward to IHS Markit to correct the report on the vessel's record.

In 2019, there were 8 incidents on Member vessels, without causing marine pollution:

- 2 collisions with ships
- 2 main engine failures
- 2 crane collisions at the pier
- 1 collision with pier
- 1 grounding

## 9. Port State Control Inspections - Deficiencies - Detentions

A total of 673 deficiencies were noted during 694 Member vessels' inspections carried out in the regions of Paris and Tokyo MoUs as well as that of USCG, in the following categories:

- Alarms
- Certificates and documentation
- Cargoes
- Emergency Systems

- Fire Safety Measures
- ISPS
- MARPOL Annexes I to VI
- Pollution Prevention - Ballast Water
- Radio communications
- Structural Conditions
- Water/Weathertight condition
- ISM
- Life Saving Appliances
- MLC 2006
- Propulsion & Auxiliary Machinery
- Safety of Navigation
- Various Requirements
- Working and Living Conditions

Most of the deficiencies relate to Fire Safety Measures by 14,01% in the Paris MoU area, 17,28% in the Tokyo MoU area and 32,79% in the USCG area. Moreover, one Member vessel was detained due to deficiencies found in Fire Safety Measures, ISM Code, Oil Record Book, Ballast Water Management Certificate and International Air Pollution Prevention Certificate.

## 10. Technical Bulletins of the Maritime Sector

Among the main “tools” we use to inform our Members are the electronic Technical Bulletins “The HELMEPA Navigator” and “The HELMEPA Monitor”. In 2019, the two editions completed 14 and 6 years of circulation with 4 and 3 issues respectively available also in the **Members** section of our website [www.helmepe.gr](http://www.helmepe.gr).



The bilingual bulletin “The HELMEPA Navigator” presents news and articles that cover key developments at IMO and also shipping-related studies and research.

“The HELMEPA Monitor” has resulted from our cooperation with the USCG and is therefore only available in English. It highlights issues related to maritime transport in the US and of interest to Member vessels visiting US ports.



## 11. International Synergies

### (a) Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) IMO

Staff members of the Maritime Sector took part, as Technical Advisors to the Greek Delegation, in the works of MEPC 74, in May. At the end of each meeting, they informed our Members with concise reports on all of the important decisions and developments on the issues discussed, such as greenhouse gas emissions, preparation for smooth implementation of the new Sulphur content limit in marine fuels, the action plan to limit marine pollution with plastics, etc.

HELMEPA reports on both MEPC and MSC are in Greek and remain available at the **Members** section of our website.



## (b) United States Coast Guard



Accompanied by representatives of seven managing company Members, we met with the Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, RADM Richard Timme and members of his Staff, at the US Coast Guard HQ in Washington DC, on October 15th. It was the annual meeting, an initiative launched in 2013, which allows for fruitful

discussions on and constructive clarifications of contemporary issues that concern our Members. During the meeting, HELMEPA representatives and USCG officials exchanged views on issues such as the implementation of the new Sulphur limit (IMO 2020 Sulphur Cap), GHG and vessels' energy efficiency, ballast water management, PSC inspections in US ports, future requirements of VIDA, electronic Oil Record Books and other.

## (c) Australian Maritime Safety Authority

As part of HELMEPA - AMSA relationship, the CEO of the latter, Mr. Mick Kinley accepted our invitation and gave a very interesting speech at the auditorium of Member Company CERES, in October. More than 100 representatives of Member companies, maritime entities and members of the Press were informed by Mr. Kinley on recent developments on Australia's policy regarding foreign Flag vessels. He analyzed the way Port State Control inspections are implemented in Australia and highlighted the main deficiencies inspectors identify in the fields of Safety and Pollution Prevention, often leading to vessel detentions. Mr. Kinley answered a number of questions and had discussions with representatives of the maritime Press.



## (d) UNEP/MAP

HELMEPA, as a long standing "Partner Organization" of the United Nations Environment Program/Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP), participated once again at:

- The meeting on "Marine Litter Management Practices in the Mediterranean Region" and the UNEP/MAP "Guidelines Waste Reception Facilities in Mediterranean Ports", held in Spain.



- The “Regular Biennial Focal Points” meeting of representatives of the Mediterranean countries and the European Union, in Athens. During the meeting technical and economic plans to reduce pollution, protect biodiversity and promote sustainable development in the Mediterranean region were discussed among other.

## (e) European Environment Agency

The year 2019 was the 5th consecutive one that we participated in the “Stakeholders’ Workshop on Marine Litter”, organized in June by the European Environment Agency (EEA) at their headquarters in Denmark.

Representatives of the EEA and environmental organizations from various European countries shared their knowledge and experiences on voluntary coastal cleanup activities and explored ways to collaborate and use marine litter data across Europe, through the use of the Marine Litter Watch (MLW) online application.



## (f) Lloyd's Register Foundation



The Lloyd's Register Foundation (LRF) agreed with our proposal to include shipping issues in the project we submitted titled **“Enhancing the Understanding of New and Enduring Challenges in Maritime Safety Culture in the Eastern Mediterranean”**, approving its funding for 3 years.

Project partners are Member Companies, the Hellenic Lloyd's and DYNAMARINE in Greece and the sister association CYMEPA in Cyprus, whilst HELMEPA is responsible for its implementation of the following in both countries.

- Creation of an online “*Vessel Incidents’ Reporting Platform-VIRP*” for the voluntary reporting of maritime accidents and near miss incidents;
- “Safety First” seminars for seafarers and office staff of Member-managing companies in Greece and Cyprus as well as courses simulating real accidents on HELMEPA’s bridge simulator;



- “Safety at Sea” seminars for the crews of fishing boats and pleasure craft and all those involved in marine activities;
- “e-Learning” program for seafarers, fishermen and recreational boaters;
- Awareness campaign on maritime safety.

We presented the project to representatives of the Maritime Press in the presence of AMSA’s CEO, who promised to assist by making Safety related information available to us.

In 2019, 11 Simulator Courses were held, attended by 30 Merchant Marine Officers and 9 Hellenic Navy ones. Also, the first Safety at Sea Workshops took place on the island of Salamis and in Limassol, Cyprus with the participation of 65 fishermen, sailors, recreational boaters, sailing clubs and representatives of the Port Authorities of both countries. The completion of the program due May 2022, has been delayed because of the pandemic interruption occurred in March 2020.

## (g) AUSMEPA and HELMEPA



We had the opportunity to cooperate with AUSMEPA’s Executive Officer, Ms Julie Nash - who visited HELMEPA in October towards finding ways to connect the environmental education our associations are offering to student communities but unfortunately in opposite school seasons in Greece and Australia. During her visit, Ms Nash witnessed some of HELMEPA’s activities, such as a wetland cleanup and educational school visits to our environmental exhibitions. She spoke to the children about Australia and the Great Barrier Reef, the importance of a healthy marine environment for all and the activities of AUSMEPA children at this far-away country. She also presented to us the “Maritime Emissions Portal” for vessels’ emissions and AUSMEPA’s cooperation with ports for the recording of emissions.

Throughout 2019, HELMEPA’s Maritime Training Center welcomed young people intending to engage in maritime professions. Thus, graduate students of the Shipping Department of New York College visited our offices accompanied by their Department’s competent professor. We informed them about HELMEPA’s work and activities and discussed contemporary environmental issues and how they affect maritime activity. Their visit was concluded with a demonstration of the capabilities of HELMEPA Bridge Simulator.

## (h) Visits to the Maritime Training Center

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The Ambassador of Japan to Greece, Mr. Yasuhiro Shimizu, also visited our Maritime Training Center, where we briefed him on the history, mission, nature and activities of the Association. We also explained to him how we conduct the simulated training of officers and had the pleasure of showing Mr. Shimizu our environmental Exhibition at Costamare.



## (j) Presentation at the Metropolitan College

Invited by Associate Corporate Member "Piraeus Metropolitan College" and on their request, the Director General of HELMEPA talked in English to 100 students of the Shipping Department, in the framework of the College's "Shipping Leaders in Residence Speaker Program". He presented the role of the vessel along the entire chain of responsibility, her environmental footprint and the general legislative framework that ensures the seaworthiness of the vessel and that she is safe and environmentally friendly. *"Compliance with these requirements depends to a large extent on the human factor"*, Mr. Mitsatsos highlighted *"and here comes the voluntary involvement of shipowners and seafarers in HELMEPA who make the difference"* he emphasized.



Mr. Nikita Karpenko, the new Chairman of UKRMEPA, the Association HELMEPA helped establish in Odessa, also attended the presentation on the side of his visit to Athens for obtaining information about the activities and ways of HELMEPA's operation.

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# **ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS SECTOR**

## II. ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

With such activities like the ones that follow, of the Environmental Awareness sector carries out, we are trying to pass on to the wider society the message that we all need to protect Nature from our own actions. This initiative the HELMEPA Volunteer Members offered for the first time in 1984, brought the maritime community closer to the Greek society and the children in particular, of whom the Association has informed more than 500,000 young Greeks across the country to date.



We believe that this offer of environmental awareness to the Greek society demonstrates clearly that the volunteer Members of HELMEPA have adopted a self-imposed code of conduct towards conserving the environment and supporting the society, long before the "Corporate Social Responsibility" became a requirement.

### 1. "HELMEPA Junior" Program



In 2019, the Program completed 26 years of operation, with a total participation of 111,292 children of 1,451 Elementary Schools and Kindergartens in Greece. The children-members have executed 35,150 environmental activities, guided by 3,906 volunteer teachers. To the financial cost of the Program, significant is the annual contribution of the "Captain Vassilis and Carmen Constantakopoulos Foundation".

#### (a) Activities of 2019

During the 2018-2019 school year, 369 volunteer teachers of 158 elementary schools and kindergartens, together with 6,004 students in 633 Groups executed 2,500 activities throughout Greece. The children's most "favorite actions" were the dissemination of HELMEPA's motivational material, beach cleanups, recording of



habits that if changed we shall protect the environment, the drawing of the water cycle and the creation of artworks depicting the marine world and seabed.



Intending to project the activities of the volunteer teachers and students, we have been publishing since 1994 the "Young Seagulls" magazine. In the 2019 issues, we presented topics of environmental interest, news of the program and some of the groups' activities.

More than 2,500 children-members of 78 Kindergartens and Elementary Schools of the country participated in the annual Panhellenic Drawing Contest under the theme "***I dive into the ocean and discover...***". We received 230 collective drawings by which the kids have captured the beauty of the sea, along with the problem of pollution and the threats it faces by us, humans.



5-7 years old - 1<sup>st</sup> Prize



5-7 years old - 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize



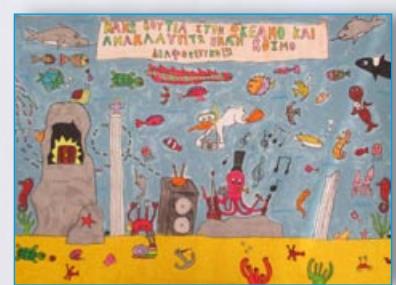
5-7 years old - 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize



8-12 years old - 1<sup>st</sup> Prize



8-12 years old - 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize



8-12 years old - 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

All artworks were evaluated by a Committee consisting of Primary School teacher Maria Lambridou, the Scientific Advisor to our Board Dr Michalis Skoullos, the cartoonist and creator of HELMEPA's "Seagull" figure Stavros Georgiadis and our Associations' Executive Coordinator Christiana Prekezes.

The Committee awarded the three best paintings created by children aged 5-7 and 8-12 years old from four mainland towns and one island.

Commemorative Diplomas were presented by HELMEPA to the volunteer teachers and the children-members of the Groups who reported their activities during last year.



## (b) 26th Annual Meeting of Children's Representatives

In December, 12 children-leaders of the most active Groups of the Program from 10 regions of Greece, represented 6,004 pupils at the "HELMEPA Junior" annual meeting. The event was once again hosted by Member Company Costamare Shipping, from where the children sent out to the society of adults the following resounding message:



***"People beware, don't pollute the waters!  
The trash you throw away, you won't get away with it as you will eventually eat it!"***

During the meeting of the children, their escorting parents and teachers attended a presentation on the main mission of HELMEPA within shipping and its activities in the wider community.





On behalf of the family of the late Captain Vassilis Constantakopoulos, his son Christos welcomed the guests. Present at the event were representatives of the Ministry for Education and of the Commandant of the Hellenic Coast Guard, the Chairman of the Hellenic Offshore Racing Club (HORC), Mr. J. Maragoudakis, the association's Chairman Dr. G. Gratsos together with the General Secretary Ms I. Daifa, Deputy Treasurer Mr. M. Dalakouras and the Members of the Board Messrs P. Zachariadis and A. Beis as well as the Chairman of HELMEPA's Training Committee, Cpt. J. Drakogiannopoulos.



## (c) Evaluation of the Program

Teachers participating in the program, evaluated it as "Excellent" or "Very Good", stating that their students developed a more responsible behavior towards seas and oceans after they took part in the program and that they propose to their colleagues to also take part in it.

Some comments of the Educators:

- *"Students are informed in a valid and scientific way. Some of the activities give the opportunity for the "opening" of the school to the local community, which is one of the goals of school."*
- *"Given that the students live in a mountainous area, they got involved in and learned interesting things about the marine world, which they may never have had the opportunity otherwise. In addition, they became couriers of environmental messages and realized the value of volunteerism."*
- *"The program triggered the interest and enthusiasm of the children throughout its implementation. They gained knowledge, learned how to search and gather information, got to know the marine environment better and were informed about the major environmental problems of the planet and their impact on our lives."*

## 2. "HELMEPA Cadets" Program

The young volunteers, aged 13-29 from all over Greece, who became HELMEPA Cadets reached 2,065 in 2019. Through a dedicated website and the monthly e-bulletin "HELMEPA Cadets' Periscope", we inform the Cadets on the marine environment, research developments and new technologies and coordinate their voluntary participation in HELMEPA's activities.



## 3. Environmental Exhibitions

We transported, at the association's expense, 2,150 students and 165 teachers of 52 schools of Athens and Piraeus to HELMEPA's environmental Exhibitions hosted by Member companies Ceres and Costamare and offered them guided tours. Additionally, 116 students of private schools as well as University students visited the Exhibitions at their own cost.

Our mobile environmental Exhibition visited for a total of 24 days four (4) areas in cooperation with the local Municipalities and Educational Directorates. Approximately 3,600 pupils and 207 teachers of 45 Elementary and High Schools were transported to the Exhibition at the expense of the association and learned the importance of the marine environment and the threats it faces, nowadays mainly with plastic litter, as well as the need for its protection.



The students, after their guided tour, completed evaluation questionnaires from which we derive that half of them heard for the first time about the marine environment, whereas the majority considered the presentation so pleasant as to recommend to their friends to visit the Exhibition.

Similar was the response of the Teachers who escorted the students during their visits.

Indicatively, some comments from Teachers:

*"Everything was very useful: the Exhibition, the video, the game! The children are sensitized in a pleasant way! Well done!"*

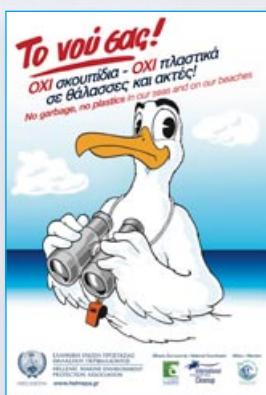
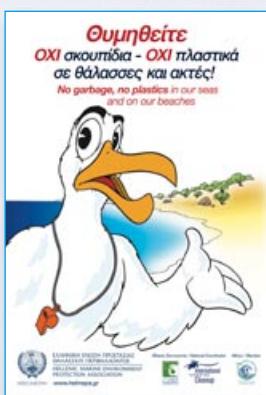
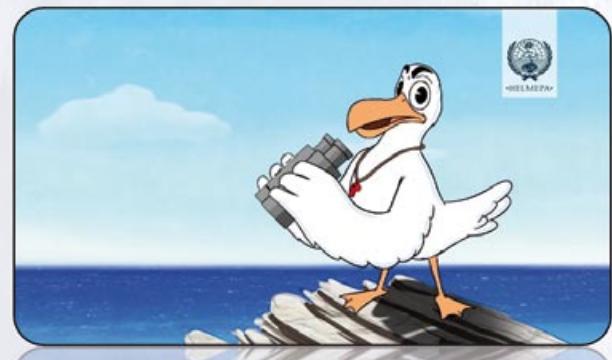
*"Congratulations for the presentations as well as the initiative of establishing HELMEPA! Every one of us, young or old, must visit it! Thank you, we are leaving excited and more motivated!"*

*"Congratulations for the excellent organization and presentation. The children have benefited greatly! Thank you!"*

*"Congratulations for the wonderful presentation of the program! The organization was amazing and the approach comprehensible by Elementary School students. Thank you!"*

#### 4. Summer Campaign

The timeless, but unfortunately always contemporary motto, **"NO Plastics - NO Garbage in our Seas and on our Beaches"**, was broadcasted in new form and gratis by TV and radio stations throughout the country, during the summer, following the approval of the National Council for Radio and Television. The TV spot was forwarded to coastal shipping Member Companies ANEK LINES, BLUE STAR FERRIES, MINOAN LINES and SUPERFAST FERRIES who projected it to the hundreds of thousands of Greek and foreign passengers during the summer and beyond. In addition, Member Company AEGEAN AIRLINES included the spot in their entertainment programs during the flights.



The 6,000 children-members of the 2019 "HELMEPA Junior" Program have undertaken the task to post in their neighborhoods, schools and nearby beaches the two new HELMEPA posters aiming at plastics, the serious threat for all ecosystems. The posters were also distributed by Port and Local Authorities, Associations, Nautical Clubs, Maritime Museums and other partner organizations, whom we cordially thank.

We sent one more poster, this time with the message **"Plastic Kills"** to the Member vessels, reminding seafarers that each plastic item thrown into the sea does not disappear but is dissolved over time breaking down into very small particles, called micro-plastics, which destroy marine life.



## 5. New “Pocket” Leaflet



We have included in a “pocket” leaflet, we produced and disseminated, as simply written as possible, the problem of pollution from single use plastics and useful information on how and to what extent the marine life, and also our lives, are being threatened. We propose in it **9 simple steps** that we can all take for the benefit of the environment, ourselves and the people around us. This leaflet is part of our initiative “**Clean Islands**” supported by the

Athanasiou C. Laskaridis Charitable Foundation. The aim is to inform and raise awareness among fishermen, local stakeholders and the wider public on the importance that volunteerism and cooperation have for pollution prevention and protection of the marine environment.



## 6. Educational Beach Clean ups

In 2019, we coordinated in Greece for the 6th consecutive time the “**Let's Clean Up Europe**” campaign and for the 28th, the “**International Coastal Cleanup**” of Ocean Conservancy. A total of 12.071 volunteers with 281 activities carried out on beaches, seabed, river banks, lakes, woods and parks they cleaned up a total of 131 km, collecting 28 tons of waste, 7 of which were recycled. Cigarette butts were once again on the top of the list followed by single-use plastics, which we should urgently reduce.



Noteworthy was also in 2019 the participation of Member Companies and Organizations:

- American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)
- Athenian Sea Carriers Ltd.
- Bernhard Schulte Shipmanagement (Hellas) SPLLC
- Danaos Shipping
- Deloitte
- Dianik Bross Shipping Corporation S.A.
- DNV GL
- Eurobulk Ltd.
- Genimar Shipping & Trading S.A.
- KPMG
- Kyla Shipping & Trading Corp.
- Lamda Flisvos Marina S.A.
- Load Line Marine S.A.
- Minerva Marine Inc
- Sea World Management & Trading Inc.
- TMS Tankers Ltd. / TMS Cardiff Gas Ltd.
- Tsakos Group of Companies
- Unisea Shipping Ltd.

Furthermore, of great significance was once again the participation of Diving Clubs, Port and Local Authorities, while we also welcomed new volunteers such as the staff of Starbucks and the American College of Greece Alumni Association.



#### *Top 10 litter items in Greece in 2019*



**100,525**  
Cigarette filters

**33,337**

Plastic pieces



**18,234**  
Plastic bottle caps  
and rings



**17,887**  
Straws



**8,789**  
Plastic drink  
bottles



**9,132**

Paper pieces



**5,976**

Single use plastic  
cups and lids



**5,745**  
Plastic bags,  
incl. pieces

**5,929**

Foam pieces



**5,022**  
Glass bottles,  
incl. pieces

## 7. Law students visit HELMEPA

The Exhibition at Ceres building was visited by 50 Law students from Greece and other countries, as part of educational activities of the International Summer School on Maritime Law, organized by the European Law Students Association Greece (ELSA Greece).



After we offered the students a guided tour of the Exhibition and informed them on HELMEPA's mission and work, we presented them the international regime for the prevention of marine pollution from ships as it is environmental issues facing the maritime industry that interested the Summer School in 2019. The issue of the integrated

management of garbage and other waste on board ship and the weak points noted at port reception facilities, were particularly emphasized in our presentation.

## 8. International Coastal Cleanup Coordinators Meeting

At the invitation of the organizers, we took part in the meeting of the coordinators of 27 countries in Oslo and presented the challenges and achievements we identified after 29 years we have been coordinating this international voluntary initiative in Greece. The coordinators discussed innovative policy measures to reduce waste and exchanged ideas on best practices that would improve the projection and effectiveness of the initiative.



## 9. "My Plastic Footprint: Learning, Acting, Changing"



With the financial support of the Seattle International Foundation (SIF), we are implementing this experiential environmental Program for students aged 11-15, which we will complete within 2020. The aim is to inform and raise awareness among participating students and teachers regarding problems linked to the widespread consumption of single use plastics and the available alternatives for the limitation of their use, through research and educational activities. We are preparing educational/informational material, which we will make available to the educational community and the general public.

*Let's Save  
The Seas!*

### III. COOPERATION IN GREECE

#### 1. Municipality of Piraeus

Following the Mayor's invitation, we took part in their initiative "**Sea Days 2019**". We organized and coordinated a demonstration to citizens of Piraeus of a voluntary beach cleanup. "HELMEPA Cadets" as well as kids-members of the "HELMEPA Junior" Program from a local Kindergarten also participated in the cleanup. Together with environmentally concerned citizens they recorded data and separated collected litter into recyclable and non-recyclable items. At the end of the event, everyone shouted out together, "**No garbage, No plastics in our seas and on our beaches – Do the right thing... place all your trash in the bin**".



#### 2. Axion Hellas

As a member of the educational and cultural team along with 10 other organizations, HELMEPA participated in the 7th trip of the Axion Hellas boats to the islands of Astypalea, Tilos, Halki and Kastelorizo. Staff of the association spoke to 200 students about the pollution from human activities threatening seas and oceans. They underlined the destruction of the marine environment from plastics we are wastefully throwing and executed together with the students simple environmental experiments. They also coordinated beach cleanups with the participation of sensitized islanders and Axion Hellas volunteer members.



#### 3. Symi

We took the opportunity of HELMEPA's being in Dodecanese, to also visit the island of Simi. There, we talked to 100 students of the two Elementary Schools of the island about the need of protecting the only marine environment we have. We also carried out an educational/symbolic beach cleanup with the voluntary participation of naval scouts of the island.



## 4. Astypalea

While being on the island of Astypalea, we responded to the invitation of the organizers of the local 2nd Children's Book Festival and coordinated voluntary cleanups of beaches on June 5th, World Environment Day. It is important to underline that 95 children of the Elementary School and Kindergarten of the island, along with their parents, teachers, the Festival organizers and Municipality representatives sent out a strong message of awareness by cleaning beaches that others had polluted.



## 5. A.C. Laskaridis Charitable Foundation

We coordinate the Working Group on "Coastal Cleanups - Volunteerism" of the "Cooperation Network for the Marine Environment", a Foundation's initiative in which 28 environmental organizations, institutions and agencies participate. We organized a beach cleanup, participated in a panel of the Network's Workshop on single-use-plastics and also implemented, with the support of the Foundation, the research program "Vorias" at remote beaches of Aegina, Euboea, Naxos, Tinos and Poros/Methana.



## 6. Corporate Associate Member DYNAMARINE

We supported the 8th International Forum on "IFSTS 2019", organized by DYNAMARINE in Athens, for ship-to-ship fuel transfer (STS), which was attended by more than 130 executives of Greek and world shipping. The Director General of HELMEPA at his address congratulated DYNAMARINE for the initiative and stressed the importance of the human



element for the proper preparation and execution according to procedures for the safe transfer of fuel. The Executive Coordinator of HELMEPA was the moderator of the panel focussing on the necessary equipment for the STS execution. The latest international developments and best practices for transfers between tankers were presented whilst outcomes from real "Case Studies" were discussed with a noteworthy interest.

## 7. HELMEPA and Isalos.net

In the context of our cooperation with Isalos.net, we participated in the 5th meeting of the Shipping Summer Lectures Cycle held at the premises of Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation and titled "*The Human Factor in Shipping*". As this topic embodies the main mission of our association, we reminded the audiences that it was HELMEPA, first in 1982, who brought to the attention of world shipping the importance that humans have for effectively controlling shipgenerated pollution and reinforcing safety onboard. In synergy with Isalos.net and the Foundation, we also presented to students of Merchant Marine Naval Academies and Maritime Schools the problem of ocean pollution, the environmental "footprint" of ships, the requirements of new regulations and the value of the voluntary involvement for preventing pollution.



## 8. Flisvos Marina

On the World Environment Day, HELMEPA took part in the Biodiversity Festival organized by the Associate Corporate Member LAMDA Flisvos Marina SA and the Sympraxis Team, at the grounds of the Marina. HELMEPA staff briefed hundreds of visitors of the dangers pollution poses to the marine biodiversity and distributed informational material.



## 9. Central Port Authority of Kalamata

The Port Authority of the city of Kalamata requested us and we assisted in the organization of a beach and seabed cleanup with the participation of the Municipality and entities from both the public and private sector of the city. We spoke to volunteers about the importance of informing and educating the younger generations on marine and coastal protection, handed out commemorative diplomas

to children and organizations involved in the initiative and distributed awareness raising material.



## 10. ELPIDA – Association of Friends of Children with Cancer



We gladly accepted the invitation of “ELPIDA” and we presented to children and parents the importance of the seas for every form of life on Earth. We talked about the valuable resources the seas offer us and the ways we can protect them, if we wish to continue to enjoy them. We also participated in the summer event *“The Land of Hope”*, “ELPIDA” held in the hospital grounds. We set up a small mobile exhibition, provided guided tours to children and their parents and painted with them the marine world.

## 11. Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture & Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE)

In the framework of a “Train-the-trainer” workshop, organized by MIO-ECSDE in Athens, we presented HELMEPA’s experience on the issue of marine litter to 16 teachers from Cyprus and Malta.



## 12. Aegean Rally

Once again, HELMEPA supported the Aegean Rally, organized by the Hellenic Offshore Racing Club - HORC and carried out symbolic coastal cleanups on the islands of Astypalea and Milos in collaboration with Local



Authorities and the Hellenic Navy. The Sailing Club of Astypalea presented a plaque to HELMEPA, in appreciation of the association's work and the activities we carried out on their island.

## 13. Fullbright Foundation

Invited by the American Fulbright Foundation, HELMEPA participated in an educational seminar titled *"Environmental Awareness and Education"* the Foundation organized at the city of Komotini. The seminar was addressed to scholars of the Foundation and teachers of Primary and Secondary Education of the Periphery of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace, in the framework of the Foundation's *"Train the Trainer"* program. HELMEPA spoke about the marine environment and the threats it faces from uncontrolled human activity, with an emphasis on plastic pollution and the need to protect and manage marine resources sustainably.

## 14. Hellenic American Maritime Forum

The association was invited as a "Partnering Organization" to the 1st Hellenic American Maritime Forum, organized by SHIPPINGInsight and SAFETY4SEA. The Forum informed executives and staff of shipping companies about issues like

developments on regulatory compliance, digitalization, cyber security as well as advances in fleet efficiency and vessel modernization. HELMEPA offered a welcoming address to the Forum referring to the role of the human element in shipping, emphasizing the importance of investing in people because *"they are the ones who implement new rules and face new challenges"*.



## 15. Seatrade Awards 2019

For the 25th consecutive year HELMEPA participated at the global Seatrade Awards Panel of Judges and Assessors of 2019 with the Chairman, Dr. G. Gratsos and Director General, Captain D. Mitsatsos, respectively. The Panel, always Chaired by the Secretary General of IMO, comprises the following Organizations:



- BIMCO
- CLIA Europe
- Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association (HELMEPA)
- International Association of Classification Societies (IACS)
- International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)
- International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (INTERCARGO)
- International Association of Independent Tanker Owners (INTERTANKO)
- International Group of P&I Clubs

## IV. RECOGNITIONS

### 1. "1% for the Planet"

In 2019, HELMEPA became the first in Greece "Partner" of the international organization "1% for the Planet", whose aim is to encourage businesses to offer 1% of their revenue for the protection of the environment through selected non-governmental and non-profit Partners. Our association was introduced to this initiative by Member Company UNISEA Shipping Ltd, who offered us €20,000 so that 700 additional schoolchildren participate in the activities of the "HELMEPA Junior" program during the 2019-2020 school year. We hope that the association's message "*To Save the Seas*" will be transmitted ever widely through this initiative contributing to the world effort for the protection of the Planet.



### 2. Spanish Channel TVE 2

Spanish state television station TVE2 broadcasted in the "En Portada" series a documentary dedicated to the threat of marine litter, featuring HELMEPA activities and results of the coastal cleanup campaigns the association organizes in Greece.

### 3. Club of Rome

The Greek Section of "The Club of Rome" awarded HELMEPA for "*The diachronic sensitivity and actions the association has been conducting for the protection of the environment*". The award was received by the association's Secretary General, Ms Irene Daifas, whilst the Chairman of the Green Award Foundation and HELMEPA's Board Member, Mr. Dimitris Mattheou, CEO of Arcadia Shipmanagement Co. Ltd., spoke about the efforts of the shipping community towards sustainable development and the importance of educating the human element in order to achieve it. HELMEPA's Director General, Mr. D. Mitsatsos, thanking the Club for this distinction, reminded everyone that the Club of Rome is one of the five "Sponsors" who in 1982 co-signed the HELMEPA Founding Declaration. He also referred to the association's main voluntary activities within shipping, the summer campaigns towards eliminating the pollution we ourselves generate as well as the programs we offer to the environmental education of schools in Greece. And he did



not omit to add "*the plastics we throw into the sea are probably on our plate today*". The representatives of HELMEPA and the Club agreed to explore ways towards a closer cooperation.

## 4. European Business Ethics Network - EBEN

In the framework of their annual meeting, the Ambassadors Club of EBEN in Greece presented an award to HELMEPA in recognition of its public interest work and presented the informative guide "Respecting the Environment", which included a brief account of the association's aims and activities.



## V. EVENTS

### (a) 37th General Assembly

The 37th General Assembly of HELMEPA with Dr. G. Gratsos as Chairman took place in April 2019 and was hosted by Ceres Company, in the same site where the Association's Founding Declaration was signed. Following the reporting of activities during 2018 by the Director General, the presentation of the finances by the Treasurer of the Board, Mr. N. Bafaloukos and the report of the Auditors, the Members unanimously gave their approval.



## (b) Posidonia Sea Tourism Forum

HELMEPA participated in the 5th Posidonia Sea Tourism Forum with a stand that was kindly provided by the organizers and in which the slogan ***"Be careful! No garbage – No plastics in Seas and on Beaches!"*** was displayed. The stand attracted Conference participants, who were informed on the aims of the non profit making association and received awareness raising material presenting ways for protecting our seas.



## (c) Port Captains Club

The Port Captains Club of Piraeus, honoring HELMEPA, invited its Director General, who presented to the Club's members the aims and activities of the Association urging them to bring HELMEPA in contact with shipping, fishing and sailing entities in their areas so they can take part in this unique initiative of the Greek maritime community.



## (d) Coachathon 2019

The Hellenic Branch of the "International Coaching Federation" invited HELMEPA to the "ICF Coachathon, 4th Coaching Marathon for a Better Life" at the Athens Concert Hall. In her presentation titled *"Personal empowerment through volunteerism for the environment"*, the Executive Coordinator underlined the positive response of Member companies' staff and their families to HELMEPA environmental activities, such as beach cleanups, as they provide participants a sense of moral satisfaction deriving from their selfless contribution to the environment and the society.



## (e) Supporting other events

In 2019, HELMEPA extended its support to:

- Four Capital Link events, in Athens and London



- the 2nd Yachting Festival organized in Athens by the Association of Owners of Professional Tourist Boats Without Crew



- the Shipping Forum "IFSTS 2019" organized in Athens by the Associate Corporate Member DYNAMARINE



## VI. SCHOLARSHIPS 2019



The Board of Directors, in 2019, awarded scholarships in honor of the memory of the late George P. Livanos, Cpt. Vassilis C. Constantopoulos and Stavros Daifas. The latter was again the kind donation to HELMEPA of the General Secretary of the Board of Directors, Ms Irene St. Daifas, daughter of the late Stavros Daifas. All scholarships were for one-year postgraduate studies at Master's level in the fields of shipping, environment, marine/offshore engineering and technology at widely recognized Universities in Cyprus, France, Greece, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.



## VII. MEDIA

Very often HELMEPA's activities and Press Releases were widely projected by the electronic and printed media, especially the shipping magazines in Piraeus. We wholeheartedly thank the publishers and journalists for the time and space they consistently dedicate to project HELMEPA's messages, always free of charge.

**Οι Υποτροφίες της HELMEPA για το 2019 - 2020**



**Η HELMEPA στα ακριτικά νησιά, Αστυπάλαια, Τήλο, Χάλκη, Καστελόριζο και Σάμο**

**ΗΜΕΡΙΔΑ ΓΙΑ ΤΗ ΘΑΛΑΣΣΙΑ ΡΥΠΑΝΣΗ**

Ο Σύλλογος Αυτοδυτών στο πλαίσιο των δράσεων αφορμή την Ευρωπαϊκή Καθαρισμού «Ας Καθ Ευρώπη» που συντονίζεται από την HELMEPA

Με συμμετοχή χιλιάδων εθελοντών της HELMEPA έκλεισε η Εκστρατεία «Ας Καθαρίσουμε την Ευρώπη»

**Καθαρισμός σε βάθος στο Αμμούδι της Οίας**

**Δράσεις για την προστασία του θαλάσσιου περιβάλλοντος**

Εθελοντικές δράσεις για την προστασία του θαλάσσιου περιβάλλοντος

**«Οι θάλασσες ενώνουν Ελλάδα και Αυστραλία»**

**Δημιουργικοί προβληματισμοί για μια βιώσιμη ναυτιλία**

Isalos.net και HELMEPA θέουν επί τόπτη το στοίχισμα της πρόσνινης ναυτιλίας

**Η Helmepra στον διάπλου της Axion**

7ο διάπλου της Axion Hellas στην Αστυπάλαια, Τήλη

**Μάζεψαν και φέτος 1 τόνο πλαστικά πώματα**

ΔΡΑΣΗ ΜΑΘΗΤΩΝ ΤΟΥ 3ου ΓΥΜΝΑΣΙΟΥ

**Επιμόρφωση HELMEPA**

Οι κανονισμοί που ρυθμίζουν τα ναυτιλιακά πνευματικά δικαιώματα και την προστασία του περιβάλλοντος, σύλλα και οι τε-

**Αποτοίγαρα, σούβι μηχανάκια και... ψητή**

ΕΠΙΤΥΧΗΣ Η ΕΚΣΤΡΑΤΕΙΑ

Συνελέγησαν 10,7 τόνοι απορριμμάτων

Με επιτυχία ολοκληρώθηκε η πανευρωπαϊκή επιτροπή για την προστασία της θαλάσσης στην Ελλάδα

Εκδήλωση με την HELMEPA για το Περιβάλλον στην Λεσχή Αρχιπλοιαρχών Πειραιά

«Εκθεση HELMEPA στην Κορινθία, στο Εραχά

«Να σώσουμε τις θάλασσες» και το 2019

Εκδήλωση HELMEPA-Costamare

Πραγματοποιείται την Παρασκευή 13 Δεκεμβρίου 2019, ώρα 10.30 στην εταιρεία μέλος Costamare η Επίσημη Συνάντηση Αντιπροσώπων του Προγράμματος «Παιδική HELMEPA». Παιδιά - μέλη των ποιοτήτων στην παραδόσεις της περιφέρειας θα μεταφέρουν περιβαλλοντικά μνημύματα από τον τόπο τους και θα μιλήσουν για τις εμπειρίες που αποκόμισαν από τη συμμετοχή τους στο πρόγραμμα και για τις προσπάθειές τους να προστατέψουν το περιβάλλον.

## VIII. SOCIAL NETWORKS



More than 38,600 Facebook friends are regularly informed on contemporary issues about shipping and the marine environment as well as the association's activities. More than 500 news items were posted in 2019.

## IX. WEBSITES AND NEWSLETTER “NEWS”



We operate 3 websites on the Internet, where visitors can learn about HELMEPA's longstanding work, current activities and events as well as be informed about the situation of the marine environmental protection in shipping and other issues of interest. From time to time, we set-up additional microsites in support of the various programs we implement.

In 2019, our main website [www.helmepra.gr](http://www.helmepra.gr) received more than 26,500 visits, while those of the environmental programs “HELMEPA Junior” ([www.helmeprajunior.gr](http://www.helmeprajunior.gr)) and “HELMEPA Cadets” ([www.helmepacadets.gr](http://www.helmepacadets.gr)) 7,700 and 8,800 visits, respectively.

We continued the monthly electronic bilingual version of our Newsletter, which is sent to Members and cooperating organizations in Greece and abroad. With this newsletter we inform about 5,000 recipients on HELMEPA's initiatives and activities. We also welcome our new Members every month..

## X. MEMBERS IN 2019

On 31st December 2019, HELMEPA Members per category were as follows:

Number	Membership Categories
<b>13,958</b>	<b>Seafarers</b> 6,647 Deck Officers 3,596 Engineer Officers 473 Hellenic Navy and Coast Guard Officers, 3,422 Seafarers of other specialties and land-based company staff
<b>157</b>	<b>Full Members</b> Ship Owning Companies of Greek and foreign flag vessels, totaling 21,274,057 DWT, insured with the Merchant Seaman's Fund
<b>247</b>	<b>Associate Members</b> Ship Owning Companies of foreign flag vessels, totaling 19,561,547 DWT, not insured with the Merchant Seaman's Fund
<b>184</b>	<b>Associate Corporate Members</b> 124 Managing Companies 60 other entities and organizations based in Greece and world wide

The average age of the 404 Member vessels totalling 40,835,604 tons DWT was 12 years. Categories, number of Member vessels under each category, average vessel age and their total DWT are shown in Table I.

**Table I**

Vessel Type	Number of Vessels	Average Age	DWT
Bulk Carriers	133	10	11,108,782
Oil Tankers	106	10	19,105,703
Container Ships	74	15	5,413,926
Liquefied Natural Gas Carriers	28	7	2,225,347
Cruise Vessels	24	17	1,201,613
Chemical Tankers	19	14	734,906
Product Carriers	12	13	988,602

(Table I cont.)

Vessel Type	Number of Vessels	Average Age	DWT
Passenger Ships	4	16	25,348
Reefer Ships	2	24	27,792
Cargo Ships	1	29	3,100
Tug Ships	1	45	485

The following changes took place in 2019:

- **19 vessels** with an average age of 9 years and **11 companies** enlisted as new Members
- **15 vessels** with an average age of 20 years and **4 companies** cancelled their membership

The number of Member vessels per Registry were as follows:

Table II

Country	Number of Vessels
Greece	156
Malta	59
Marshall Islands	61
Liberia	54
Bermuda	27
Bahamas	19
Panama	10
Hong Kong	8
Cyprus	6
Portugal	1

All Member vessels were managed by 169 managing companies as shown in Table III. Against each company there is an indication (YES/NO) as to whether it was itself or not an Associate Corporate Member together with the number of Member vessels it managed until 31st December 2019.



**Πίνακας III**

Managing Company	Member	Member Vessels
A.M. NOMIKOS TRANSWORLD MARITIME AGENCIES	YES	-
ADELFA SHIPPING ENTERPRISES	NO	1
AEGEAN BULK CO. INC.	NO	1
AEOLOS MANAGEMENT S.A.	NO	2
ALEXANDRIA SHIPPING (HELLAS) S.A.	NO	1
ALLSEAS MARINE S.A.	YES	-
ALMI TANKERS S.A.	YES	-
ALPHA BULKERS SHIPMANAGEMENT INC.	YES	3
ANDRIAKI SHIPPING CO. LTD.	YES	10
ANGLO EASTERN SHIP MANAGEMENT LTD.	YES	-
ARCADIA SHIPMANAGEMENT CO. LTD.	YES	5
ARISTON NAVIGATION CORP.	NO	4
ASSODIVERS MARINE SERVICES LTD.	YES	-
ASTRA SHIPMANAGEMENT INC.	YES	1
ATHENIAN SEA CARRIERS LTD.	YES	-
ATLANTIC BULK CARRIERS MANAGEMENT LTD.	YES	21
ATLAS MARITIME LTD.	YES	1
AVIN INTERNATIONAL S.A.	NO	2
AZAMARA CLUB CRUISES	NO	2
ΑΝΩΝΥΜΗ ΝΑΥΤΙΛΙΑΚΗ ΕΤΑΙΡΕΙΑ ΚΡΗΤΗΣ (ANEK A.E.)	YES	-
BERNHARD SCHULTE SHIPMANAGEMENT (HELLAS) SPLLC	YES	-
BLUE LINE SHIP MANAGEMENT S.A.	NO	1
BLUE PLANET SHIPPING LTD.	NO	1
BLUE STAR FERRIES S.A.	NO	1
CAPITAL SHIP MANAGEMENT CORP.	YES	-
CARRAS (HELLAS) LTD.	YES	3
CELEBRITY CRUISES INC.	YES	5
CELESTYAL CRUISES	NO	2
CENTRAL MARE INC.	YES	-

CENTROFIN MANAGEMENT INC.	YES	-
CENTURY BULK CARRIERS MANAGEMENT CO.	YES	-
CHANDRIS (HELLAS) INC.	YES	7
CHARTWELL MARITIME S.A.	NO	1
CHARTWORLD SHIPPING CORPORATION	YES	4
CHIOS NAVIGATION (HELLAS) LTD.	NO	9
CHRONOS SHIPPING CO. LTD.	NO	1
CLEOPATRA SHIPPING AGENCY LTD.	YES	-
COMMON PROGRESS COMPANIA NAVIERA	YES	-
CONBULK SHIPPING S.A.	NO	1
CORAL SHIPPING CORP.	YES	-
COSTAMARE SHIPPING COMPANY S.A.	YES	21
DALEX SHIPPING CO. S.A.	NO	2
DANAOS SHIPPING CO. LTD.	YES	20
DIANA SHIPPING SERVICES S.A.	YES	20
DIANIK BROSS SHIPPING CORPORATION S.A.	YES	-
DORIAN (HELLAS) S.A.	YES	-
DORIAN LPG MANAGEMENT CORP.	YES	-
DRYLOG SERVICES LTD.	YES	-
DYNACOM TANKERS MANAGEMENT LTD.	YES	-
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN MARITIME LTD.	YES	2
EFNAV COMPANY LTD.	YES	4
EF SHIPPING COMPANY S.A.	YES	-
ELEMENT SHIPMANAGEMENT S.A.	YES	6
ELETSON CORPORATION	YES	2
ELIN SHIPPING CO.	YES	1
EMPIRE BULKERS LTD.	YES	-
EMPIRE NAVIGATION INC	YES	-
EMPROS LINES SHIPPING CO. S.A.	YES	-
ENEA MANAGEMENT INC.	YES	-
ENESEL S.A.	YES	-

ESTORIL NAVIGATION LTD.	YES	-
EUROBULK LTD.	NO	3
EURONAV SHIP MANAGEMENT HEL	YES	17
EUROPEAN PRODUCT CARRIERS LTD.	YES	1
EUROSEAS LTD.	YES	-
FAFALIOS SHIPPING S.A.	NO	3
FAIRDEAL GROUP MAN/MENT S.A.	YES	2
FRANCO COMPAÑIA NAVIERA S.A.	YES	-
GANMAR SHIPPING CO.	NO	1
GASLOG LNG SERVICES LTD.	YES	28
GENIMAR SHIPPING & TRADING SA	NO	1
GOLDEN UNION SHIPPING CO. S.A.	YES	-
GOULANDRIS BROTHERS (HELLAS) LTD.	NO	1
GOURDOMICHALIS MARITIME S.A.	NO	1
HALCOUSSIS Z. & G. CO. LTD.	NO	1
HALKIDON SHIPPING CORPORATION	YES	1
HELLENIC TANKERS	YES	-
HYDROUSSA NAVIGATION LTD.	YES	-
IONIA MANAGEMENT S.A.	YES	-
IONIC SHIPPING (MGT) INC.	YES	-
KALLIANIS BROS SHIPPING S.A.	YES	-
KASSIAN MARITIME NAVIGATION AGENCY LTD.	YES	-
KONKAR SHIPPING AGENCIES S.A.	YES	-
KYKLADES MARITIME CORPORATION	NO	3
KYLA SHIPPING AND TRADING CORP.	YES	-
LASKARIDIS SHIPPING CO. LTD.	YES	1
LATSCO MARINE MANAGEMENT INC.	YES	-

LEON SHIPPING & TRADING S.A.	YES	-
LIDMAR SHIPPING & TRADING COMPANY LTD.	YES	-
LOAD LINE MARINE S.A.	NO	1
LOTUS SHIPPING COMPANY LTD.	YES	-
M/MARITIME CORP.	NO	3
MAJESTIC INTERNATIONAL CRUISES INC.	NO	1
MARAN DRY MANAGEMENT INC.	YES	11
MARAN GAS MARITIME INC.	YES	-
MARAN TANKERS MANAGEMENT INC.	YES	2
MEDCARE SHIPPING S.A.	YES	-
MEDTANKERS MANAGEMENT LTD.	YES	-
MELISSA CEMENT TRANSPORT SHIPPING CO.	NO	1
METROSTAR MANAGEMENT CORP.	YES	2
MILLENIA MARITIME INC.	YES	-
MINERVA MARINE INC	YES	1
MINOA MARINE LIMITED	NO	1
MINOAN LINES SHIPPING CO. S.A.	NO	2
NAFTOMAR SHIPPING & TRADING CO. LTD.	YES	-
NARVAL SHIPPING CORPORATION	YES	-
NAVARONE S.A.	YES	-
NEDA MARITIME AGENCY CO. LTD.	YES	6
NEPTUNE LINES SHIPPING & MANAGING ENTER. S.A.	YES	-
NEREUS SHIPPING S.A.	NO	8
NIOVIS SHIPPING CO. S.A.	NO	1
OIKOS MARITIME INC.	NO	1
OLYMPIA OCEAN CARRIERS LTD.	YES	2
OLYMPIC SHIPPING & MANAGEMENT S.A.	YES	-
OLYMPIC VISION AND MANAGEMENT	NO	10
OMICRON SHIP MANAGEMENT INC.	YES	-
OPTIMUM SHIP SERVICES LTD.	YES	-

ORPHEUS MARINE TRANSPORT CORP.	YES	-
PANTHEON TANKERS MANAGEMENT LTD.	YES	4
PARADISE NAVIGATION S.A	YES	-
PEGASUS MARITIME ENTER. INC.	NO	2
PHILIPPINE TRANSMARINE CARRIERS	YES	-
PHOENIX ENERGY NAVIGATION	YES	-
PLEIADES SHIPPING AGENTS S.A.	YES	1
POLEMBROS SHIPPING LIMITED	YES	1
POLROM OIL MARITIME CO.	NO	1
POLYAR SHIPPING CO. LTD.	YES	-
PRIME TANKER MANAGEMENT INC	YES	-
PROBULK SHIPPING & TRADING S.A.	NO	3
PULLMANTUR CRUISES SHIP MANAGEMENT LTD.	NO	4
QUEENSWAY NAVIGATION CO. LTD.	YES	4
RCL CRUISES LTD. UK	YES	4
REV MARITIME LTD.	YES	-
ROUSSOS J.G. SHIPPING S.A.	YES	-
ROXANA SHIPPING S.A.	YES	-
ROYAL CARIBBEAN LTD.	YES	-
S. LIVANOS (HELLAS) S.A.	YES	13
SEAGLOBE MANAG. & TRADING	YES	-
SEA WORLD MANAGEMENT & TRADING INC.	YES	-
SILVERLAKE SHIPPING CO. S.A.	NO	1
SIRIOS SHIPMANAGEMENT CORP.	NO	2
SPRINGFIELD SHIPPING CO. OF PANAMA S.A.	YES	19
STAMCO SHIPMANAG. CO. LTD.	YES	-
STARBULK S.A.	YES	-
STEALTH MARITIME CORP.S.A.	YES	-
SUPERFAST FERRIES S.A.	NO	1

TARGET MARINE SA	YES	1
TECHNOMAR SHIPPING INC	YES	-
TEO SHIPPING CORPORATION	YES	-
THENAMARIS (SHIPS MANA.) INC	NO	2
TMS BULKERS LTD.	YES	-
TMS CARDIFF GAS	YES	-
TMS DRY LTD.	YES	-
TMS TANKERS LTD.	YES	-
TSAKOS COLUMBIA SHIPMANAGEMENT (TCM) S.A	YES	6
TSAKOS ENERGY NAVIGATION LIMITED (T.E.N.)	NO	14
TSAVLIRIS (HELLAS) MARITIME	YES	1
TUI Cruises GmbH	NO	6
UNION COMMERCIAL INCORPORATED	YES	-
UNION MARINE ENTERPRISES	YES	-
UNISEA SHIPPING LTD.	YES	-
UNITED SHIPPING & TRADING CO.OF GREECE S.A.	YES	-
UNITIZED OCEAN TRANSPORT LTD. (UOT)	YES	-
UNIVERSAL SHIPPING ALLIANCE LTD.	YES	-
V. SHIPS GREECE LTD.	YES	24
VAMVASHIP MARITIME S.A.	YES	-
VANTAGE SHIPPING LINES S.A.	YES	-
VRONTADOS S.A.	NO	5
WORLD MANAGEMENT INC.	YES	-



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### **P & I CLUBS**

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NORTH OF ENGLAND P & I ASSOCIATION LTD.

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THE AMERICAN P&I CLUB

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WEST OF ENGLAND (HELLAS) LTD.

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### **LAW FIRMS**

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### **OIL COMPANIES**

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### **INSURANCE BROKERS**

JLT SPECIALTY LTD.

TRIREME S.A.

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N.E. VERNICOS - ARGONAFTIS Salvage & Towage

RESOLVE MARINE GROUP

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VANOS S.A.

WALLEM MARITIME SERVICES, INC.

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MOORE STEPHENS S.A.  
STELIOS PHILANTHROPIC FOUNDATION MONACO  
STELIOS PHILANTHROPIC FOUNDATION UK (LONDON)

## XI. FINANCES - PERSONNEL

The financial operation of HELMEPA during 2019 is presented in the Report of Moore Stephens Chartered Accountants S.A., who were appointed as per decision of the 2019 General Assembly of the Members.

Total expenditure was **€ 930,866.94**, which, with the addition of depreciation, foreign exchange differences, membership fees not collected from those whose membership was revoked, bank commissions and fees, amounted to **€ 1,034,313.94**. The total income received was **€ 1,154,627.19**.

The Training Center of HELMEPA comprised of 14 staff members who executed all activities according to the 2019 Budget approved by the BoD and the ISO 9001:2015.

## **XII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors was composed as follows:

Chairman: Dr George A. Gratsos

Vice Chairman: John A. Xylas

General Secretary: Irene S. Daifas

Special Secretary: Aikaterini M. Los

Treasurer: Nicolas Th. Bafaloukos

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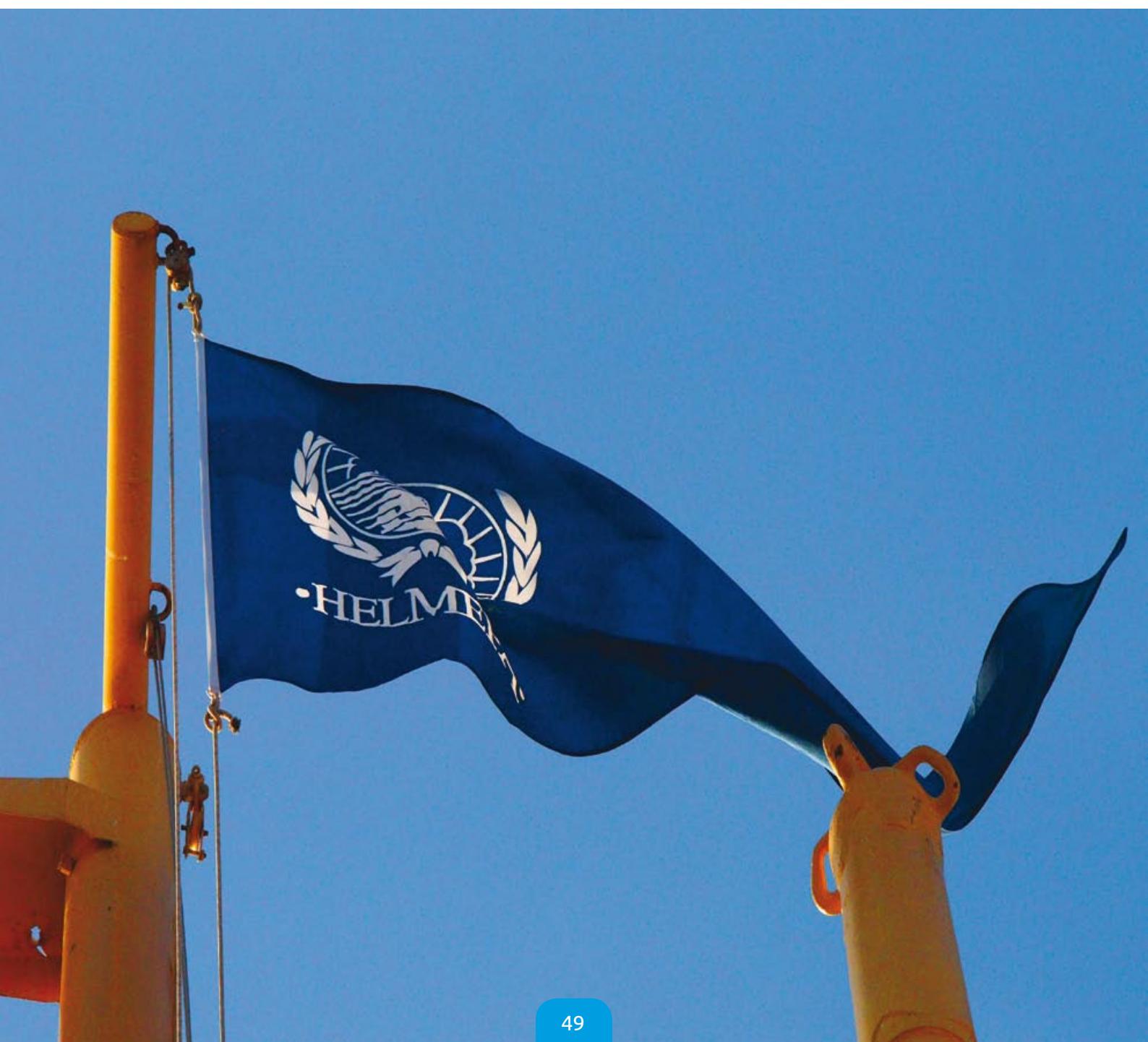
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first runner up Mr. Theofilos Pafliotis.

### **XIII. EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE**

Warm thanks to the following, who with the contribution and courtesy of their donations enhanced the activities of 2019:

- Ms IRENE St. DAIFAS
- CAPTAIN VASSILIS & CARMEN KONSTANTAKOPOULOS FOUNDATION
- A.C. LASKARIDIS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
- LLOYD'S REGISTER FOUNDATION
- OLYMPIC SHIPPING & MANAGEMENT S.A.
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## XIV. SECRETARIAT STAFF



**Dimitris C. Mitsatsos**  
(since 1983)  
Director General



**Sofia Kotsalidou**  
(since 2010)  
Accounting



**Christiana Prekezes**  
(since 1988)  
Executive Coordinator  
*Geologist, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*  
*MA Energy and Environmental Studies, Boston University*



**Natalia Tsantsaridi**  
(since 2011)  
Environmental Awareness Officer  
*BSc Political Studies and History, Panteion University*



**Costas Triantafillou**  
(since 2001)  
Assistant Executive Coordinator  
*Marine Scientist, MSc Marine Resource Management, Heriot-Watt University*



**Eleni Tsolka**  
(since 2014)  
“HELMEPA Cadets” Officer  
*Environmental Engineer, Technical University of Crete*  
*MSc Hydrology and Water Resources Management, Imperial College London*



**Constantinos Andreadis**  
(since 2005)  
IT Officer  
*Forester and Natural Environment Scientist, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*



**George Tziagkidis**  
(since 2015)  
Simulator Instructor  
*Hellenic Naval Academy*  
*MSc Physical Oceanography*  
*Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, USA*



**Dimitris Kazas**  
(since 2006)  
“HELMEPA Junior” Officer  
*Agricultural Technician, TEI of Crete*



**Cosmas Thiraios**  
(since 2016)  
Marine Consultant  
*Hellenic Naval Academy*  
*Naval War College, Newport R.I., USA*



**Stamatiki Antonakou**  
(since 2008)  
Seminar and Statistics Officer, QR  
*International and European Studies, University of Piraeus*



**Evdokia Gerasimou**  
(since 2019)  
Communications Officer  
*MA Media and Communications, City University London*



**Ioannis Pesmatzoglou**  
(since 2010)  
Στέλεχος Ναυτιλιακού Τομέα  
*Biologist, University of Patras*  
*MSc Marine Ecosystems and Biological Resources, University of Crete*



**Costas Zevolis**  
(since 2019)  
Accounting  
Membership Services





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