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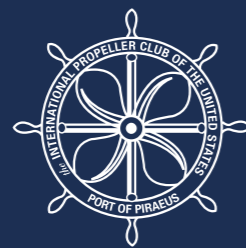


International
Port of Piraeus

The International **Propeller** CLUB of the United States



NEWS FROM THE PROPELLER CLUB



COVER DESIGN
Caroline Rovithi

The design and the artwork of the cover was inspired by the belief, values and the work of the International Propeller Club of the United States, Port of Piraeus. The bold frame serves as a symbol of strength and stability that embraces powerful synergies, created through the cooperation that exists between Greece and the United States, and is highlighted with the artwork of the two flags (www.carolinerovithi.com).

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WORKING FOR THE FUTURE

This single word encapsulates the commitment and dedication of the Propeller Club to work towards a better future.

A better future for shipping.

A better future for Greece.

A better future for the environment.

A better future, for all of us, especially for our children.

It also reflects the determination of the Board of Governors to build on the excellent work of the past few years, to enhance the Propeller Club's role in furthering the interests of the maritime industry, in Greece and internationally.



President's Welcome



Costis J. Frangoulis

President of the International Propeller Club of the United States, Port of Piraeus

After the challenges of the pandemic with virtual meetings and restricted gatherings, we are delighted to present this issue of the newsletter, dedicated to the achievements and the events that have marked the history of the International Propeller Club of the United States, Port of Piraeus, during the past two years.

I am proud to say we have not just weathered the storm, but we've emerged stronger than ever before, fulfilling our mission, and shining as a beacon of excellence within the shipping industry.

First and foremost, our combined resilience and dedication fueled remarkable growth, both in terms of quality and quantity. The Port of Piraeus is by far the largest International Propeller Club globally, with more than 900 members, including some of the best of the Greek maritime cluster.

I am proud to have served as President of the Club during the past four years, and despite three years

of COVID, we have managed to keep our members close to the Club.

During my tenure, we placed high priority on the Club's strategic communication. We established a strong presence on social media, to expand our reach and engagement within the community. We also substantially redesigned the website for a better user experience.

One of our greatest achievements has been the establishment of the Student Port. This initiative underpins our fundamental mission. It enhances the future of the Piraeus maritime cluster by exposing the next generation to key stakeholders and professionals in the industry. Nurturing the next generation of maritime professionals is something we proudly embrace.

Financial strength is vital to our Club's sustainability and growth. I am pleased to share that we have achieved a substantial increase in fundraising

whilst reducing our operating costs. This important financial transformation has enabled us to purchase our first office premises, situated right in the heart of the port of Piraeus. This is a significant milestone for the Club.

In line with our commitment to give back to the community, we have substantially increased our donations and scholarships program by 81%, supporting various organizations and individuals aiming to pursue careers in the maritime industry whilst promoting educational excellence.

The 96th International Annual Convention and Conference was organized in Athens in September 2022. This was a great success thanks to the hard work and dedication of the entire Board for almost twelve months preceding the event.

During the last two years, we were the proud recipients of three prestigious awards - two from the International Propeller Club and one from the USCG. These awards provide a valuable testament to our dedication in promoting shipping and global cooperation within the maritime sector.

Last June, I personally made an official visit to the headquarters of the U.S. Coast Guard. I am confident we will broaden our valuable cooperation even further.

The last two years also witnessed the launch of two highly significant annual events: The Blue Horizons Conference and the Hellenic-American Shipping Gala.

Blue Horizons is the result of excellent cooperation with the Yacht Club of Greece and HELMEPA. It is tailored to young individuals with an interest in the maritime field. Blue Horizons connects them with the maritime sector, providing guidance and the important opportunity to discover prospective careers in the growing blue economy.

The Hellenic-American Shipping Gala was held in July 2023, with the specific objective of establishing a new and significant annual event celebrating and building even closer ties between Greece and the United States. The gala was a resounding success, a warm celebration of the friendship and cooperation between our nations.

Social responsibility lies at the heart of our values, and we have strengthened our social programs to positively impact the communities we serve. Beach clean-ups and reforestation projects in which we participated during the last three years serve as a good example.

As our journey continues, let us remember that the challenges we have faced - and will continue to face - mold us into skillful sailors, ready to navigate whatever the future may hold. The dedication and resilience displayed by our Board of Governors and members have been remarkable.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the U.S. Embassy, whose encouragement and assistance have been invaluable. We are immensely grateful for this continued support. Strengthening our relationship and cooperation with the Embassy has been a priority, and we now actively collaborate with more departments than ever before.

Once again, thank you all for your unwavering support. The Propeller Club's success is a testament to the power of unity and collective effort. Let us move forward, embracing the opportunities that lie ahead. Let us continue to make a positive impact on the maritime world. It is in our power to do so. We are an international maritime organization with a very proud past and an even more promising future.



Message from the Ambassador



George J. Tsunis

U.S. Ambassador to Greece

Honorary President of the International Propeller Club of the United States, Port of Piraeus

As the U.S. Ambassador to Greece, I have had the good fortune to experience so much of this wonderful country and to draw inspiration from its rich history and culture. Before becoming the birthplace of Western civilization, democracy, literature, theater, and philosophy, Greece's beginnings were much simpler. In the words of Nobel Prize-winning Greek poet Odysseus Elytis: "if you take Greece apart, in the end, you will be left with an olive tree, a vineyard, and a boat... which means that with these items you can rebuild Greece." These words eloquently capture the essence of Greece's rich maritime heritage and the resilience of its people.

The shipping industry remains a cornerstone of the Greek and American economies, forging a strong bond between our nations. The Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus, has been instrumental in fostering this bond as a liaison on maritime matters with the U.S. Embassy in Athens and the U.S. Coast Guard. Greece's position as a global maritime leader is undeniable, with a long history of seafaring excellence. Likewise, the United States boasts a robust shipping industry and supports global maritime commerce through our world-leading financial services industry. As I noted at the Hellenic American Shipping Gala, great things happen when Greek shipping know-how meets U.S.

capital. Our collaboration with Greece has brought about mutual benefits and shared prosperity.

Our bilateral relationships continue to strengthen, and our partnerships in shipping foster cooperation, investment, and innovation. Greek shipping companies have found success in the U.S. market, while American firms recognize Greece's strategic location and maritime expertise. Examples include the revival of Syros and Elefsina shipyards by U.S. company Onex, supported by \$125 million in financing from the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation. This partnership represents significant U.S. investment in Greece and has led to great advancements in areas as environmental sustainability, digitization, and safety at sea. As we work towards our shared goal of achieving net-zero shipping sector emissions by 2050, our maritime partnerships will become even more important as U.S. firms develop new technological solutions that support a greener future.

Moreover, our collaboration extends beyond commercial interests. The U.S. Coast Guard and the Hellenic Coast Guard regularly exchange best practices and conduct joint exercises to enhance maritime security. The U.S. Coast Guard also recognizes the contributions of Greek maritime firms towards saving life at sea with the annual AMVER Awards ceremony. Together, we are committed to safeguarding our oceans and ensuring the smooth flow of global commerce.

As we navigate a rapidly changing world, the resilience of the shipping sector becomes even more crucial. The olive tree, vineyard, and boat so eloquently described by Elytis symbolize not only Greece's ability to rebuild, but also the unwavering spirit and determination of the Greek people. In this respect, the United States stands alongside Greece, ready to face new challenges and seize opportunities together.

I congratulate President Costis Frangoulis for his leadership and encourage the Board and all Propeller Club members to continue fostering connections, exchanging knowledge, and promoting the values that underpin our shared successes.

Together, we can build upon the enduring U.S.-Greece partnership to chart a course for a brighter future.



Message from the International President



James C. Patti
President of the International Propeller Club of the United States

I truly appreciate the opportunity to convey warm greetings from the officers and staff of the International Propeller Club and to congratulate the Propeller Club Port of Piraeus, your President Costis Frangoulis, and your Board of Governors and membership on the resumption of your annual newsletter. Effective communication and the sharing of information throughout the international maritime community are key components of a successful organization and your efforts in this area are second to none.

I am extremely proud to have been elected to serve as International President of the International Propeller Club of the United States which began in 1922 as an informal group of maritime professionals and became a national and international organization in 1927. Today, the International Propeller Club is

an international business network with more than 70 Propeller Club Ports located throughout the world dedicated to the promotion of the worldwide maritime industry and the efficient and economical transportation of global trade.

Significantly, there is no organization of its kind having as diverse a membership of individuals directly and indirectly connected to the maritime industry as the International Propeller Club, bringing to our organization a broad wealth of knowledge and serving as our greatest strength and resource. It allows us to capitalize on the expertise of those engaged in every segment of our industry to encourage young people to pursue a career in our industry. It strengthens our ability to educate the general public and government officials throughout the world as to the importance of a strong maritime industry to support domestic

commerce and world trade; to strengthen homeland and military security; and to address issues affecting the environment. And it enables the International Propeller Club and our individual Propeller Club Ports to support efforts to improve the quality of life for seafarers and to provide a safe workplace environment for all those who go to sea.

The International Propeller Club believes that every worker is worthy of respect; that we have an obligation to stand up for what is right and to speak out when seafarers are being persecuted and abused.

To those who question why belong to the Propeller Club? I believe the answer, regardless of where you are located, is simple: it is the Propeller Club that provides the most all-inclusive forum for the discussion of critical maritime industry issues and the development of rational, meaningful solutions. Each of our members in each of our propeller club ports has the opportunity to interact with colleagues from every segment of our industry and to work together as one to respond to the everchanging demands facing the international shipping community.

Moving forward, the International Officers and staff will continue to work with the Propeller Club Port Presidents and Regional Vice Presidents to develop a strategic plan of action for the next two years that will further advance our goals and objectives on behalf of the worldwide maritime industry. As International President I have personally found that our regional calls are an extremely effective way to facilitate the exchange of information, not only between the international officers and our local and regional officials, but between the regions and ports themselves. Of course, the fact that these virtual meetings have been so productive is due directly to the participation and dedication of our Port Presidents and Regional Vice Presidents and I am especially grateful for the work done by your Regional Vice President, Michalis Dalacouras.

In addition, the International Propeller Club will continue to expand our maritime promotional and advocacy efforts. We are initiating a series

of webinars directed towards those who we hope to recruit to our industry and who will become the next generation of seafaring and shoreside maritime leaders. We must educate those who are unfamiliar with our industry and provide greater information to those who are considering a career in maritime. It is our responsibility to reach out to the younger generation and to serve as mentors and teachers so they can bring the maritime industry into the future.

In 2022, during our International Convention hosted by the Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus, I had the distinct honor to present the first International President's Special Award of Excellence to the Officers, Board and members of the Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus, in recognition of your unprecedented growth, your generous charitable contributions, and your involvement with young people interested in the maritime industry. Everyone associated with the Port of Piraeus Club should be proud of what you have achieved. You have set a standard that will be difficult if not impossible for others to meet. I congratulate you again, and I look forward to working with you in the years to come.





2023

Hellenic-American Shipping Gala

JULY 2023

The Hellenic-American Shipping Gala Celebrates 27 Shipping Companies



The President during his welcome address

Twenty-seven shipping companies of Greek interests listed on U.S. capital markets were honored for their exceptional quality, transparency, and attractiveness to global financial and service providers during the inaugural Annual Hellenic-American Shipping Gala, on Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

This prestigious event, held in Athens at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center, and organized by the International Propeller Club of the United States, Port of Piraeus, in collaboration with the U.S. Embassy in Athens, showcased the remarkable cooperation and synergy



The Hellenic Coast Guard Band during the Reception



The limited edition giveaway gift, signed by Caroline Rovithi and accompanied by a certificate of authenticity



Custom designed award by artist Caroline Rovithi

between Greece and the United States in the shipping sector.

The companies honored at this event were:
NASDAQ-listed: Capital Product Partners L.P., Castor Maritime Inc., C3is Inc., EuroDry Ltd,

Euroseas Ltd, Globus Maritime Limited, Imperial Petroleum Inc., OceanPal Inc., Performance Shipping Inc., Pyxis Tankers Inc., Seenergy Maritime Corp, Star Bulk Carriers Corp, Stealth Gas Inc., Top Ships Inc., Toro Corp, United Maritime Corporation.



**Costis Frangoulis
with Giannis Plakiotakis
and Adonis Georgiadis**



**George Tsunis
with Simeon Palios
and Semiramis Palios
with her sons**



Kelly Margariti, Peter Economides, Christina Bezantakou



Adonis Georgiadis, Harry Vafias and Aristides Pittas



**Melina Travlos
with Costis Frangoulis**



**George Xiradakis,
Daisy Andrianopoulou
and Giannis Plakiotakis**





**Costis Frangoulis
with Marina Hadjimanolis**



George Tsunis



**George Saroglou, CEO of Tsakos Energy Navigation Ltd.,
one of our Gold Donors**



Dimitri Vassilacos



Christos Timagenis





Markos Sigalas, CEO of Edit Automation, one of our Gold Donors

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Costamare Inc, Danaos Corporation, Diana Shipping Inc, Dorian LPG Ltd, Dynagas LNG Partners L.P, Gaslog Partners L.P, Global Ship Lease Inc, Navios Maritime Holdings, Navios Maritime Partners, Safe Bulkers Inc, Tsakos Energy Navigation Ltd.

The event brought together shipping industry leaders, government officials, diplomats, and representatives from the international maritime community at a gathering which celebrated the close ties between Greek shipping and U.S. capital

markets and acknowledged the important role that Greek shipping plays in U.S.- Greece relations as an essential bridge of friendship between the two nations in support of global commerce.

Acclaimed journalist and TV news anchor Apostolos Mangiriadis moderated the event introducing speakers including Christos Timagenis, 1st Vice President of the International Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus, Danae Bezantakou, General Secretary and Dimitri Vassilacos, Treasurer, who participated in the award-giving ceremony together with George Tsunis and Costis Frangoulis.



Apostolos Mangiriadis moderating the event



Isabella Schidrich, Senior Managing Director Nasdaq Stock Exchange



Erick Diaz, Head of EMEA Capital Markets, New York Stock Exchange



The Founder, President and CEO of Capital Link, Inc., Nicolas Bornozis



Ioannis Pappas, Deputy Minister of Maritime Affairs & Insular Policy





Danae Bezantakou

Musician and composer Evanthia Reboutsika along with her four-piece band delivered a memorable performance taking the event's 500 guests on a musical journey at the crossroads where East meets West - a journey filled with sound and color.

The event was sponsored by: Gold Donors Edit Automation, Tsakos Group of Companies, Silver Donors Alberta ShipManagement, Castor Maritime, Costamare Shipping, D.K. Fotinakis, Franman, Navios Maritime, Safe Bulkers, Sekavin, and Bronze Donors AEGEAS Non-Profit Civil Company, Alassia, Bureau Veritas, Charterwell Maritime, Dorian LPG, Euronav, Latsco Marine Management, M.T. Maritime, Marichem Marigases Worldwide Services, Marine Support Goup of Companies, Marshall Islands Registry, National Bank of Greece, Samos Steamship, Seenergy, Technomar Shipping, Tototheo Maritime, V.SHIPS Greece, Watson Farley & Williams.



Robert Perri, CEO of OceanPal Inc.



Aristides Pittas, CEO of EuroDry Ltd and Euroseas Ltd



Polys Hajioannou, CEO of Safe Bulkers Inc. with his son and daughters



George Youroukos, Executive Chairman of Global Ship Lease Inc. with his team



Panagiotis Tsakos Jr. and George Saroglou of Tsakos Energy Navigation Ltd



Petros Panagiotidis, CEO of Castor Maritime Inc. and Toro Corp.



**Jerry Kalogiratos,
Director and CEO
of Capital Product
Partners L.P.**



**Alex Hadjipateras,
CEO of Dorian LPG
with his wife
Vanessa Zdravou
and John Lycouris**



**Athanasios Feidakis, CEO/
CFO of Globus Maritime
Limited**



**Spyros Kapralos,
Chairman of the Board of Directors
of Star Bulk Carriers Corp.**



**Valentios Valentis,
CEO of Pyxis Tankers Inc.
with his sons**



Harry Vafias, CEO
of Stealth Gas Inc.,
of Imperial Petroleum Inc.
& C3is Inc.



Angeliki Frangou,
CEO of Navios
Maritime Holdings
and Navios Maritime
Partners L.P.
with her team



Aliki Paliou, Chairperson
of the Board of Directors
of Performance Shipping Inc.



Semiramis Paliou, CEO of Diana Shipping Inc.



Iraklis Prokopakis, COO of Danaos Corporation



Stamatis Tsantanis,
CEO of Seenergy
Maritime Corp.
and United Maritime
Corporation
with his team



**Anastasios Gabrielides,
General Council and Secretary
of Costamare Inc.**



**Costis Frangoulis,
Robert Palm,
George Xiridakis**



**Vangelis Ikonou,
COO of Top Ships Inc.**



Vice Admiral Ioannis Drymoussis with the President



Petros Panagiotidis with Christos Timagenis

**Polys Hajioannou,
Irene Daifas,
Stamatis Tsantanis,
Maria Hajioannou,
Marina Hadjimanolis**



Musician and composer
Evanthia Reboutsika
on stage



World Championship Techno 293

AUGUST 2023



The Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus, was very pleased to support the Greek sailor, Minas Koutelas' participation in the World Championship Techno 293, which was held in early August 2023, at the National School Sailing And Water Sports ENVSN, France.

Congratulations, Mina, on the silver medal.

You've made us proud.



The Greek Shipping Miracle

JULY 2023



This year, we were pleased to be a part of the successful exhibition of our member, George Foustanos, titled "The Greek Shipping Miracle." The event captivated attendees with a remarkable collection of rare photographic and archival material, showcasing the extraordinary journey of the Greek Shipping Industry from the 19th century to the present day. The Propeller Club took pride in sponsoring this remarkable display, and was further supported with the attendance of many of our Club members. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to George Foustanos for highlighting the rich history and enduring legacy of Greek Shipping.



George Foustanos with his son Michael



Costis Frangoulis, Peter Economides, Costas Kontes, Niki Gatzouni, George Tsavlis, Irene Notias, Nikos Skevofilax



Costis Frangoulis with Nikos and George Tsavlis



Peter Economides with Michael Foustanos



Private tour of the Battleship Georgios Averof

JULY 2023



Group photo of the private tour attendees

On the evening of Tuesday, July 4, 2023, Members and friends of our Club had the pleasure of attending a private tour of the Floating Naval Museum - battleship Georgios Averof.

A heartfelt thank you to Rear Admiral I. Kalogeropoulos for his hospitality, Captain V. Asimakopoulos and

the crew members for the warm welcome, as well as Lieutenant Commander (E) G. Kyriazis for his insightful guidance throughout the tour.

Special thanks to the Members of our Club for their enthusiastic participation and for making this visit a memorable one.



Floating Naval Museum Battleship Georgios Averof



The President with Captain V. Asimakopoulos





Rita Georgiou



**The President
with Gregory Timagenis
and Captain V. Asimakopoulos**



**Costis Frangoulis
with Irene Daifas
and George Pateras**



Our President's visit to Washington DC

JUNE 2023



With RDML Wayne Arguin, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy

President, Costis Frangoulis, managed a full agenda of interesting and productive meetings while on his 4-day trip to Washington DC.

His schedule included a visit to the Annapolis Naval Academy, accompanied by Member and Annapolis graduate, Captain Robert Palm, USN, Retired.

The following day, he had constructive meetings at US Coast Guard Headquarters, where he met with RDML Wayne Arguin, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, as well as at the U.S. State Department, where he met with Assistant Secretary of State, Geoffrey Pyatt, and discussed various matters related to our Club and its activities, Greek Shipping, and the cooperation between Greece and the U.S. in maritime issues.

On June 13, Costis Frangoulis attended the "Salute to Congress" organized by the International Propeller Club, honoring Senator Maria Cantwell, in recognition of her years of leadership and advocacy for the maritime industry.



With the Assistant Secretary of State, Geoffrey Pyatt



With James Patti

During the event, Costis Frangoulis was given the opportunity to meet and exchange views with Presidents and Members from the Propeller network, VIPs from the political and maritime circle, including, among others, Senator Cantwell, Rebecca Dye, Head of the Federal Maritime Commission and VADM Peter Gautier USCG, Deputy Commandant for Operations.

Finally, on June 14, in his capacity as the International Vice President of the International Propeller Club, he participated in an Executive Committee meeting.



The 2023 Salute to Congress Honored Senator Maria Cantwell



2023 Run for Kids with Disabilities

JUNE 2023



The Propeller Team

On Saturday, June 10, 2023, Members and friends of our Club participated in the “Run for Kids with Disabilities.”

Well done to the organizers, participants and all involved in this initiative.



Members’ Day Event in Honor of Polys Hajioannou

APRIL 2023



The Board of Governors with Ambassador George Tsunis and Polys Hajioannou

The Club’s Members’ Day event took place on Wednesday, April 19 2023, in the Faros room of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center, in the presence of the Ambassador of the United States to Greece and Honorary Club President, George Tsunis, along with 300 distinguished guests.

A separate welcome ceremony was held prior to the event for the 150 new members, where they were awarded their Propeller Club certificate and pin.

The evening opened with a warm welcome from

our General Secretary, Danae Bezantakou, followed by greetings from our President Costis Frangoulis and the US Ambassador to Greece, George Tsunis. The keynote speaker, Polys Hajioannou, CEO of Safe Bulkers, was introduced by 1st Vice President, Christos Timagenis. Mr. Hajioannou spoke about the “Resilience of public shipping companies in the ever-changing and demanding global environment”.

A short fireside chat followed between our President and the CEO of Safe Bulkers. The event ended with a cocktail.



Costis Frangoulis



Polys Hajioannou





Vice Admiral Dimitris Kataras with the President



Christos Megalou, Loukas Barmparis



Danae Bezantakou



Vice Admiral Aristeidis Pantazoglou, Costis Frangoulis, George Alexandratos, Vice Admiral Alexandros Tselikis



Polys Hajioannou with his sons and daughters, Loukas Barmparis, Costis Frangoulis and Athena Frangoulis





**Fireside Chat
President Frangoulis with Polys Hajioannou**



**The President with the U.S. Ambassador to Greece,
George Tsunis**



The Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus' new Members



Race for Autism 2023

APRIL 2023



The Propeller Team

On Sunday, April 2, 2023, on the occasion of World Autism Awareness Day, the Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus, participated in the 5 km "Race For Autism Gr", at Kavouri Beach in Vouliagmeni.

Congratulations to all the participants and the organizers of this initiative.



Inspiring the Future



I recently visited the beautiful city of Ermoupoli on the island of Syros, for the opening of THE GREEK SHIPPING MIRACLE, an exhibition put together by Greek maritime historian, George Foustanos. I was inspired by the remarkable stories which unfolded on the walls of the Cyclades Art Gallery. Stories about vision, resilience, creativity, hard work and perseverance. Stories reflected in the beautiful city of Ermoupoli itself.

The transformation of Greek shipping is an important story that needs to be told.

To the world.

To ourselves, the Greeks.

But most of all to our children.

Yes, it's the story of a miracle.

Proof, indeed, that nothing is impossible because "impossible is nothing."

It's a story with relevance way beyond the world of shipping.

It's a reminder of what can be done when we truly commit to doing it.

It's a story that belongs at the centre of the modern Greek narrative.

A story which every young Greek should know.

Because it inspires.

It contributes to the future.

A few days earlier, I had attended the First Annual Hellenic-American Shipping Gala, hosted by the Propeller Club, in cooperation with the United States Embassy in Athens. The gala honored and celebrated the 27 shipping companies of Greek interests which participate in US financial markets.

This event was much more than that.

It was an inspiring reminder of the power of cooperation.

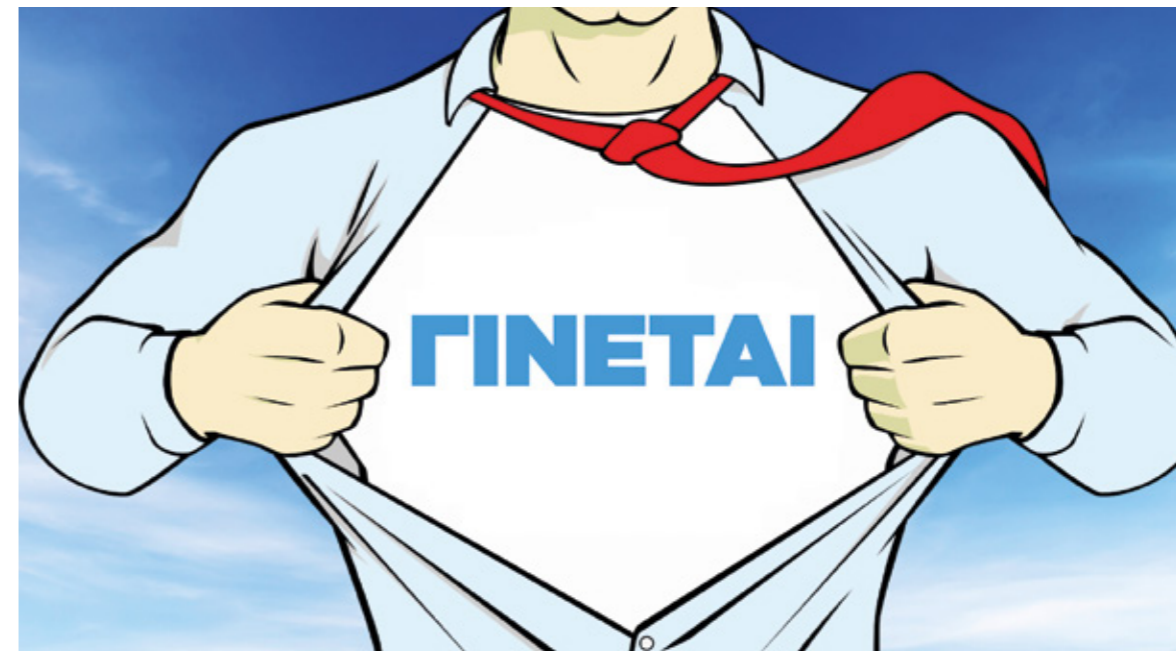
The power of thinking big.

The power of working with the best.

The power of a remarkable synergistic relationship and true friendship between Greece and the USA.

The Syros exhibition tells the story of the miracle.

The Shipping Gala tells the story of friendship and cooperation.



Together they inspire others, especially our children, to dream big and act bold.

To have vision and resilience.

To cooperate with others.

And to work hard to make things happen.

Because this is the only way that things happen.

And why not?

We did it in the ancient past.

We did it again in the recent past.

Let's carry on doing it - in shipping and beyond shipping.

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This all reminds me of the simple manifesto adopted a few years ago by the International Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus.

NEXT

This single word encapsulates the commitment and dedication of the Propeller Club to work in creating a better future. A better future for shipping. A better future for Greece. A better future for the environment. A better future for all of us, especially for our children.

I have often expressed my belief that Greece should be the "West Coast of Europe", the fresh, innovative hub on this long-established continent. The place where the past is respected, the present is disrupted and the future is created. The place that shows what comes "NEXT".

Article submitted by:

Peter Economides

Brand Strategist/Founder of FelixBNI
Honorary Member of the Propeller Club
since 2018



Blue Horizons

MARCH 2023



Costis Frangoulis



George Procopiou

The three-day open workshop “Blue Horizons - Shipping for the New Generation” took place between Friday 17/03/2023 to Sunday 19/03/2023 at the Yacht Club of Greece with great success and attendance of students and graduates.

For the first time, three historical organizations of Piraeus, the Propeller Club, the Yacht club of Greece and HELMEPA collaborated with the aim of strengthening the ties of today’s youth with shipping.



Semiramis Paliou



Elisavet Procopiou



Constantinos Triantafyllou



Olga Stavropoulou, Constantinos Malliaris and Danae Bezantakou



Danae Bezantakou,
Semiramis Paliou,
Costis Frangoulis



This new collaboration attracted young people from 15-25 years of age, giving them the opportunity to learn from industry experts, engage in interesting discussions, and gain valuable insights into the world of shipping. Among the young participants, we had the pleasure of having several members of our own Student Port present.



Costis Frangoulis
with George Procopiou



Visit to the USS George H.W. Bush

FEBRUARY 2023



The USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77)



Costis Frangoulis with Nikolaos Bakatselos

On Saturday, February 4, 2023, President Costis Frangoulis and General Secretary, Danae Bezantakou visited the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77).

The visit to the aircraft carrier was hosted by Captain David - Tavis Pollard, Commanding Officer of USS George H.W. Bush.



With Captain David-Tavis Pollard, Commanding Officer of USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77)



Nikolaos Bakatselos, Elias Spirtounias, Danae Bezantakou, Costis Frangoulis

2023 Pitta Cutting Ceremony

JANUARY 2023



Our Club's traditional Vasilopita ceremony took place on Monday, January 23, 2023, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in the presence of 370 distinguished guests.

Affairs & Insular Policy, Giannis Plakiotakis; and the Minister of Education & Religious Affairs, Niki Kerameus.

Among the prominent attendees were the United States Ambassador in Greece and Honorary President of our Club, George Tsunis; the Minister of Maritime

During the event, our Club announced 22 scholarships, 17 donations, and 4 technical seminars to students and organizations.



Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy, Giannis Plakiotakis



Niki Kerameus, Minister of Education and Religious Affairs





George Alexandratos, Vice Admiral Aristeidis Pantazoglou, Vice Admiral Dimitris Kataras, Vice Admiral Georgios Alexandrakis, Vice Admiral Ioannis Drymoussis, Kostas Katsafados, George Pateras, Niki Kerameus, Costis Frangoulis, Giannis Plakiotakis, Danae Bezantakou, John Belousis



Michalis Dalacouras, Katerina Stathopoulou, Dorothea Ioannou

In his brief greeting, President, Costis Frangoulis, stated:

“It fills us with pride and optimism that we manage to fulfill, in the best possible way, one of the main purposes of the Propeller Club. That is, to support the young and deserving children who excel and are



George Tsunis

the hope and future of our country. And to support organizations that carry out important social work.”

It was the young generation who provided the happy, positive ambience to this special evening, with students from Pierce, Deree and ACS performing traditional Greek songs and dances.





**Giannis Plakiotakis
with Costis Frangoulis**

**Akis Tsirigakis
with George Karageorgiou**



**Giannis Pontikos, Danae Bezantakou,
George Alexandratos**



George Koumoutsakos with Kostas Katsafados



**Danae Bezantakou,
Spyros Goumas,
Costas Constantinou,
Dorothea Ioannou**





Greek traditional dances



Donations & Scholarships

JANUARY 2023



During our Club's New Year's Pitta Cutting event, on January 23, 2023 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, we had the pleasure of awarding 17 donations, 22 scholarships and 4 technical seminars to institutions that carry out important work in Greece, but also to distinguished young men and women of our country.

The fact that the social action of our Club has increased by 40% compared to the previous year, makes us particularly happy and optimistic.





Donations and Scholarships were awarded as follows:

Donations:

3rd Fire Station of Piraeus, A Woman Can Be, Asklipeio Voulas, Girokomeio Pireos, Elepap, Mazi Gia to Paidi, Omilos Ereton Pireos, Symplefsi, To Hamogelo Tou Paidiou, Xatzikiriakio

Scholarships:

Athens Law School (4), University of the Aegean (2), University of Piraeus (2), Athens University of Economics (1), Livaneio Lyceum (2), American College of Greece (2), American Farm School (1), Fulbright Organization (1), Alba Graduate Business School (3), BCA College (2), MAN Energy Solutions (4), Metropolitan College (1).





Opening of our New Offices in Piraeus

JANUARY 2023



Blessing of the new offices



Nikos Tsavlis, Markos Foros, Vlassis Katrantzos, Costis Frangoulis, Marios Kyriakou

The opening of the Club's new offices took place on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, attended by the Board of Governors and other distinguished guests.

Among those present were former Presidents Marios Kyriakou, Markos Foros, Vlassis Katrantzos, Nikos Tsavlis and George Xiradakis, as well as prominent former executives of our Club.

President, Costis Frangoulis stated that he is proud of the new privately-owned offices, which were a challenge and a long-held dream that came true after 88 years of the Propeller Club's presence in Piraeus.





With former President, Nikos Tsavlis

The blessing was performed by the Protosyncellus, Pateras Nyfon Kapoyiannis, while in the cutting of the traditional vasilopita that followed, the New Year coin went to the former President, Nikos Tsavlis, who emotionally expressed his thanks and congratulated the President for the excellent organization.

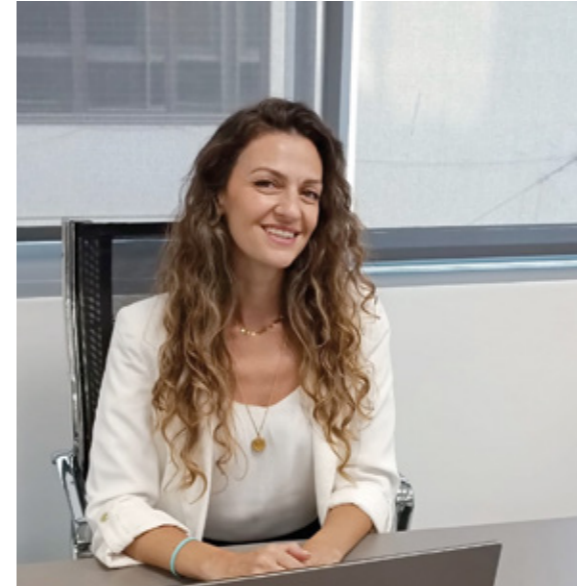


Gregory and Christos Timagenis



New Office Staff

JANUARY 2023



Anna Basil



Venia Gallidou

In January 2023, our Club welcomed Anna Basil and Venia Gallidou as our new office administrators. They provide valuable support to the Club's activities and ensure efficient management of all our events and initiatives.





2022

2022 Pitta Cutting

FEBRUARY 2022



On Monday, February 28, 2022, prior to the Board of Governors meeting, a holy communion for the New Year was held and our Club cut its Traditional New Year pie.

The Board of Governors had decided to postpone the Pitta cutting until the end of February due to COVID restrictions, thus allowing it to be held in person.

“Last year, the difficult conditions of the pandemic

forced us to cut our New Year’s pie online,” said President, Costis Frangoulis in his short greeting to the members of the Board. “This year, although times remain difficult, I am happy that we can cut the Pie together with the Board. I am confident that next year conditions will allow us to celebrate with members and friends. I wish everyone health, peace and progress.”

Member of the Board of Governors, Ioannis Lagoudis won the New Year lucky coin.



Our Executive Committee during the Pitta Blessing



Race for Autism 2022

APRIL 2022

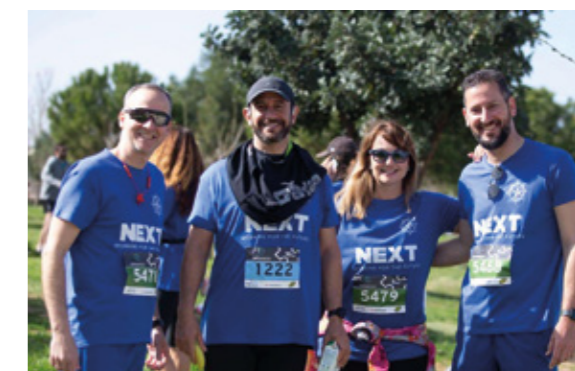


The Propeller Team

On Saturday, April 2, 2022, the World Autism Awareness Day found our team in the Antonis Tritsis Metropolitan Park, participating in the 5 and 10 km races of “Race For Autism Gr”.

More than 40 members and friends of the Club, ran building awareness for autism.

Congratulations to the organizers and participants.



A New Website A New Era

APRIL 2022



In April 2022, our Club proudly announced the launch of our newly-designed website, which provides a clear picture of who we are, what we stand for and what our core values are.

The new website boasts a clean design, with improved menu functionalities that makes it faster, easier to navigate, and more user-friendly.

We believe it responds well to our objective of creating a functional and informative site.

A site with a contemporary interface and with

renewed content to reflect the position of our Club as the largest worldwide.

Furthermore, it is a site that reflects Greece's leading role in the global maritime sector, as well as the goal we have of further building the relationship between Greece and the United States.

Have a scroll through our new website here: www.propellerclub.gr

Please also check out our social media channels for more updates.

Farewell Luncheon in Honor of Geoffrey Pyatt

APRIL 2022



Our Club hosted a private farewell luncheon in honor of the outgoing US Ambassador to Greece, The Honorable Geoffrey Pyatt, on Friday April 29, 2022.

During this luncheon, the Ambassador was presented with an honorary plaque as well as a certificate of lifetime honorary membership of the Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus.

President, Costis Frangoulis, expressed gratitude for the Ambassador's exceptional contribution to the

strengthening of the relationship between Greece and the United States.

He also thanked the Ambassador for his solid and consistent support to the Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus in his role as Honorary President during his term in Greece.

He wished him continued success and expressed confidence that his relationship with the Club would continue in the future.



Costis Frangoulis, Geoffrey Pyatt, Danae Bezantakou



Costis Frangoulis pinning the Propeller Club lapel pin to Ambassador Pyatt





Costis Frangoulis, Geoffrey Pyatt, George Xiradakis



Costis Frangoulis with Yuri Arthur



Geoff Keogh with Danae Bezantakou



Christos Timagenis with Yuri Arthur and Dimitri Vassilacos



A Discussion with the Minister

MAY 2022



During President's discussion with the Minister of Shipping, Giannis Plakiotakis

At the opening of the 6th Naftemporiki Shipping Conference, which took place on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, Costis Frangoulis had the opportunity for an interesting open discussion with the Minister of Shipping, Giannis Plakiotakis.

They spoke about current issues impacting the shipping industry, the challenges for our flag, our

seafarers, maritime education, digitalisation and environmental protection.

“In our industry, we stand united behind a common goal of furthering the development of the world’s largest fleet. A substantive dialogue with the Minister is always of high interest and significance” our President stated.



Members' Day Welcome Ceremony

MAY 2022

In the presence of the new U.S. Ambassador, George Tsunis, our Club welcomed 200 new members



Welcoming our new 200 Members at the Yacht Club

On Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at the Yacht Club of Greece and in the presence of the new United States Ambassador to Greece and Honorary President of the Club, George Tsunis, our Club welcomed 200 new members.

In his opening speech, President Costis Frangoulis, referred to the great importance of the continuous renewal of the Club with new, active members who willingly participate in the Club's processes and continue to contribute to the achievement of its goals.

"Today we welcome you, our 200 new members," said Costis Frangoulis. "We have now reached 700 members in total, and we are the largest Propeller



The new US Ambassador to Greece and now Honorary President of our Club, George Tsunis



George Koumoutsakos during his speech

Club in the world – the first among 72 other Clubs. The certainty of this great development gives me extraordinary joy, including the progress that we have achieved during the pandemic. The goal is to continue growing. Leading members of the shipping community and beyond, are continuously improving the quality development of our growing family."

The event was attended and addressed by the new US Ambassador to Greece and Honorary President of our Club, George Tsunis. The Ambassador mentioned, among other things, his Greek roots from Nafpaktia, the excellent Greek-American relations and the close cooperative relationship with the Propeller Club.



The Greek-US ties strengthened by the Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus since 1935





**Danae Bezantakou,
George Koumoutsakos,
Costis Frangoulis,
Christos Timagenis**



George Tsunis with Kostas Katsafados

A speech entitled “Ukraine: The 100 days that changed the world and international shipping” was delivered by former Minister and MP George Koumoutsakos, who our Club also welcomed as a new member.

In his very interesting speech, Mr Koumoutsakos stated, among other things, that “so far two countries may have lost this war - Russia and Ukraine - one winner - the U.S.A - one potential winner - China - and one obviously injured - Europe.” Mr Koumoutsakos also referred to the “impending food disaster”, the

energy crisis, the sanctions against Russia that act as a double-edged sword, and of course the effects of the war on the international and Greek shipping industry and the new conditions of world maritime trade. To conclude, Mr Koumoutsakos did not fail to mention the difficulties faced by the people and the sailors in these very demanding conditions, stressing the superiority of the Greek Navy, and shared with guests his query: “Why do we not have a faculty of maritime science at the Academy of Athens? If not now when Greek shipping is excelling globally, then when?”.



**Danae Bezantakou,
Christos Timagenis,
Irida Liaskoni,
George Kallianis**



Signing Contract for our New Offices

MAY 2022



The President signing the contract of the brand new Propeller Offices in Piraeus

The Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus, proudly acquired its own privately owned offices in the heart of Piraeus port, in May 2022.

We are grateful to Villy Margariti-Dalacoura, architect and designer of the offices, for her exceptional work and we deeply appreciate her volunteering her time.

We take pride in this endeavor knowing that these offices will serve as a lasting legacy for the Club and, undoubtedly, for future generations.



The Propeller Club Booth at Posidonia 2022

JUNE 2022



Alex Phelps, John Belousis, George Tsunis, Christos Timagenis, Katerina Stathopoulou, Chris Lepore

In the context of the Posidonia exhibition, the biggest celebration of shipping and the world's most interesting maritime event, which opened to the public on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, our Club welcomed George Tsunis the new U.S. Ambassador, and Honorary President of the Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus, to Greece.

The Ambassador had a constructive and warm dialogue with the Governors, who were present, and expressed once again his satisfaction with the initiatives and actions achieved so far by the largest club in the world, while underpinning the significance of international shipping as one of the central pillars of the Greek economy.



Posidonia 2022 3rd Trading in U.S. Waters Seminar

JUNE 2022



Nikolaos Bakatselos,
Joe Hughes,
Yuri Arthur,
Costis Frangoulis,
George Pateras

As part of Posidonia 2022, our Club, in collaboration with the Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce and the North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA), participated in the “3rd Trading Seminar in US Waters: Towards a Decarbonized Maritime Sector by 2050.” This was an interesting forum focused on the critical challenges facing shipping today, with strategies for complying with key environmental regulations.

President, Costis Frangoulis, gave an opening speech in which he recalled the main events affecting the planet, the pandemic and the war between Russia and Ukraine – a war that has led to a serious humanitarian energy crisis. He stressed the fact, that the shipping industry faces very significant challenges on the way to considerably reduce carbon emissions.



The President during his opening speech



The AUEB Scholarship

JUNE 2022



We are very happy to continue our Scholarships Program and support the new generation by empowering the opportunity for learning and development of young people. In June 2022, Secretary General Danae Bezantakou and Katerina

Stathopoulou, Governor-President of the Donations and Scholarships Committee awarded a Propeller Club Scholarship to George Orfeas Tsikourakis for the AUEB Master’s Degree in MSc International Shipping, Finance and Management.



Members' Award of Excellence to John Mytilineos

JULY 2022



Our "Members' Day Meeting" was held on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at the Acropolis Museum in the presence of important personalities from different sectors of the economy, mainly from the shipping industry, as well as government and diplomatic representatives.

The highlight of the evening was the awarding of John Mytilineos, founder of M/Maritime and co-founder of Mytilineos Holdings, with the Members' Award of Excellence for his achievements in the Industrial and Shipping sectors.

The plaque was presented to Mr. Mytilineos by the United States Ambassador to Greece, George Tsunis,



Costis Frangoulis pinning the Propeller Club lapel pin to Mr. Mytilineos



Mr. Mytilineos during his emotional acceptance speech



Costis Frangoulis with George Xiridakis



in his capacity as Honorary President of our Club. Mr. Mytilineos was also named as an Honorary Member of our Club and according to the Club's tradition, Mr. Frangoulis pinned the lapel pin while Ms. Bezantakou presented him with the Club's Honorary Member's Certificate.

In a particularly emotional acceptance speech, Mr. Mytilineos touched everyone by stating that as a modest person not used to award ceremonies and public events, he never expected to be awarded for his work, "Because I always thought that every morning I did a job, a hard job," he said. "However, I cannot help but say that I am indeed proud of my professional and business career over the last 40 years, a career based on my values and beliefs."



The Board of Governors





He also pointed out that “hard work is not enough for someone to succeed, but a prerequisite. All this is possible when there is a vision. A business vision which I had to a limited extent as I was always grounded and focused on the harsh reality”. At that point, Mr. Mytilineos made special mention of his brother, Evangelos Mytilineos, saying that it was thanks to him and his great vision, that the two of them managed to realize all their business plans. Mr. Mytilineos thanked his family for the support they provided him all these years and especially his two daughters “who went to bed before I got home, most of the time”, as he said. He especially thanked his sister Sofi Daskalakis-Mytilineos and his brother Giorgos Kontouzoglou “who were always there to ensure family cohesion even in the most difficult circumstances”. Finally, he thanked our Club, his friend, Costis Frangoulis, as well as the audience present.



Christos Staikouras with Costis Frangoulis



Patrizia Falcinelli, with her daughter Isabella and Giouli Petsa



Rania Patsiopolou, Peter Economides, Petros Petritis



Danae Bezantakou



Dimitri Vassilacos



Christos Staikouras





Costis Frangoulis with Harry and Nicholas Gatzionis



Antonis Tsimplakis, George Teriakidis, Christina Bezantakou, George Alexandratos



Domna Michailidou



Eliza Gerouki with the President



Irene Daifas with Christina Anagnostara



Sifis Vardinoyannis



Dimitri Vassilacos with Panos Theodossopoulos



Ioannis Lagoudis, Danae Bezantakou, Costas Constantinou



John Cotzias, Siana Kyriakou, Renos Papapaschos



Louisa Moschos, Menelaos Pangalos, Maria Mavridoglou





George Tsunis
with Patrizia Falcinelli



Alexandros Chalioris and Athena Frangoulis



Christos Timagenis,
Nicolas Bornozis
George Karageorgiou

Lunch Meeting with DCM Maria Olson

SEPTEMBER 2022



On Wednesday, September 14, 2022, the Propeller Club Executive Committee had the chance to meet Mrs. Maria Olson, the new DCM (Deputy Chief of Mission) at the U.S. Embassy in Athens.

Arthur, Senior Commercial Officer and Tim McNally, Economic Officer, the parties discussed Greece-U.S. relations, the Shipping Industry, future plans of Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus, and other matters of mutual interest.

In a fruitful and interesting business lunch in the presence of Erik Holmgren, Economic Counselor, Yuri



President Frangoulis with DCM Maria Olson



Greece Hosts the World

SEPTEMBER 2022

96th International Convention and Conference of the International Propeller Club of the United States massive success



WE ARE TOGETHER
TOGETHER FOR SHIPPING
TOGETHER FOR THE FUTURE

The 96th Annual Convention & Conference of the International Propeller Club of the United States was successfully held on September 20-22, in Athens in front of hundreds of delegates from around the world who enjoyed a program of insightful panel discussions and keynote speeches from Greek government officials, US Embassy and Senate representatives, European Parliament MPs, dozens of international

shipping decision makers, iconic veterans of the Hellenic maritime heritage and other dignitaries.

The three-day event, which was organized by our Club, also attracted representatives from 72 Clubs of the International Propeller Club. President, Costis Frangoulis and Chairman of the Convention's organizing committee, opened the event, followed by



International Board of Directors Meeting



Joel and Martha Whitehead with Daniel Tadros and Dorothea Ioannou



Niels Aalund

James Patti, President of the International Propeller Club of the United States, who spoke about the event's significance, Giannis Plakiotakis, Greek Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy and His Excellency, George James Tsunis, US Ambassador to Greece and George D. Pateras, President of the Hellenic Chamber of Shipping.

The event generated plenty of buzz and powerful headlines around the world as thanks to the engaging debates of no less than six powerful panel discussions, which featured almost 20 foreign and as many Greek speakers. They tackled every aspect of the challenges facing the world of shipping today; from the impact of current geopolitical events to the role of ports in a fast-changing environment, and from the role of digitalization and the impact decarbonization regulations will have on the future of operators and charterers and the sustainability of the industry, to the issue of upskilling and reskilling for new and seasoned seafarers.





Costis Frangoulis with Cheryl and David Rothbart

The median age of the event's attendees was reduced significantly by the visit of seventy-five members of the recently launched Student Port of the International Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus, who received an official welcome by President, Costis Frangoulis, General Secretary, Danae Bezantakou and Dorothea Ioannou, Chair of the Maritime Education and Next Generation Committee before attending the Student Port Meeting and the Maritime Career Opportunities workshops.

The Convention also honored individuals and organizations with its annual awards, naming Melina



Travlos, President of the Union of Greek Shipowners as Maritime Person of the Year, Geraldo Tiedemann as the Propeller Club Person of the Year, and the Port of Seattle as the Propeller Club Port of the Year. James Patti handed the awards. The Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy, Giannis Plakiotakis, received an honorary plaque by James Patti, President of the International Propeller Club of the United States, during a tour in the Port of Piraeus along with the delegates from abroad of the 96th Annual Convention & Conference of the International Propeller Club of the United States, in the presence of Costis Frangoulis and Danae Bezantakou.



Joel Whitehead, James Patti and Maria Conatser





Caption from the Women's Propeller Club Meeting

During the fun-filled, Greece-themed gala dinner, Costis Frangoulis spoke about the event's significance for Greece and the international maritime community. Mr. Frangoulis was elected 2nd Vice President of the International Propeller Club of the United States during the Second Port Presidents Meeting and Installation of Officers, which was followed by the swearing-in ceremony of the International Propeller Club's new Board of Directors. "This was a stellar event that brought the world of shipping together at the home of global shipping, Greece. We are honored to have had the opportunity to



Minas Tsamopoulos, James Patti, Costis Frangoulis



welcome so many delegates and officials from around the world to learn, network and enjoy each other's presence, as well as also spend a few days under the spectacular blue skies of Athens while visiting some of the world's most prominent cultural sites," said Frangoulis. He added: "On a personal note, I am deeply honored by my election as 2nd Vice President of the International Board. I also feel proud and privileged for the Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus receiving the International President's Award for Excellence, especially so as it comes hard-on-the-heels of last year's distinction, when we were named Propeller Club of the Year, which speaks volumes to the Club's productive contributions and systematic work."



Dorothea Ioannou, Dimitri Vassilacos, Danae Bezantakou



Vangelis Mourikis, John Papazafeiriou, Costis Frangoulis



Antonis Stelliatis, Costis Frangoulis, Giannis Plakiotakis



Melina Travlos with Costis Frangoulis





Costis Frangoulis with Kostas Katsafados



Danae Bezantakou, Costis Frangoulis, Noni Dounia, Peter Economides



Costis Frangoulis with Irene Daifas



Gerardo Tiedemann - International Propeller Club, Member of the Year



Erik Holmgren, Danae Bezantakou, Costis Frangoulis



Daniel Tadros, Elpi Petraki



Peter Economides during his presentation



**Melina Travlos
International Propeller Club,
Maritime Person of the Year**



**The Winners
of the International
Propeller Club Awards**





**Dimitri Vassilacos,
Aristotle Tziampiris,
George Margaronis,
George Koumoutsakos,
Michael Biery,
Daniel Tadros**



**During the Standing
Networking Dinner at the
Grand by Interni**





During the Standing Networking Dinner at the Grand by Interni



Olympia Anastasopoulou



Erik Holmgren, Christian Jonsen, Danae Bezantakou, Costis Frangoulis, Fotis Dalmyras, Sotirios Theofanis, Sean O'Toole





Costis Frangoulis, John Faraclas, Niki Kalogiratu



Irene Notias during her presentation on the "Adopt a Ship" Project



George Xiradakis, Stavroula Tsiamouli, George Foustanos, Katerina Skourtanioti, Kostas Vlachos, Amelia Rocos





Tour of the Port of Piraeus



Giannis Plakiotakis received an honorary plaque from James Patti



Visit to the Ministry of Maritime Affairs & Insular Policy



**Dorothea Ioannou,
Kim Diederichsen,
Guillame Langlois,
Katerina Sardi,
Nicos Rescos,
Athanasios
Thanopoulos**



**Spyros Polemis during
his presentation
on the "Hellas Liberty"**



**Panos Theodossopoulos,
Jonathan Gaylor,
Despina Panayiotou-
Theodosiou,
Michela Schenone,
Stavros Meidanis,
Cynthia Hudson**



**Katerina Stathopoulou,
George Plevrakis,
Valentios Valentis,
Helena Athoussaki,
Nicholas Pfaff,
Spyros Tarasis**



John Cotzias, Katerina Stathopoulou, Valentios Valentis



International Propeller Club - New Board of Directors



Costis Frangoulis with George Pateras



Giannis Pontikos, Costis Frangoulis, Eleftherios Archontis





The Board of Governors



Cocktail Reception & Gala Dinner at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Caryatids Hall



George Pateras



Thanasis Polykandriotis



President's Award of Excellence

SEPTEMBER 2022



Costis Frangoulis with the President of the International Propeller Club of the United States, James Patti

During the 2022 Annual Convention & Conference of the International Propeller Club of the United States, which was successfully held on September 20-22, in Athens, our Club received the new International President's Award of Excellence.

The current President of the International Propeller Club of the United States, James Patti, together with previous Propeller Club International Presidents Niels Aalund, Wade Wetherington, Joel Whitehead, Rockney Nigretto, were named Honorary members of the Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus, during a ceremony at the gala dinner held on the last day of the event.

Launch of our Student Port

SEPTEMBER 2022

In September 2022 we proudly announced the launch of the International Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus, Student Port.



Our Student Port is an initiative meant to provide an opportunity for worthy young individuals interested in shipping, to gain networking access and business connections to the extensive maritime membership of the Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus. This initiative underpins Propeller Club's key missions, namely, to create greater awareness of the significance of sea commerce, as well as to enhance the future of the Piraeus maritime cluster by exposing the next generation to regional stakeholders in the industry.

The Student Port is open to applicants between the ages of 18 and 25. Candidates will be required to be interviewed by Propeller Club Governors after formal written application.

Benefits of Student Port membership include attendance at a pre-meeting social gathering of the Board of Governors, as well as access to other events organized by the Propeller Club.



Let's bring life back together!

OCTOBER 2022

Reforestation & restoration of the vegetation of Varibombi



General Secretary, Danae Bezantakou and Treasurer, Dimitri Vasilacos, were joined by 40 members of our newly formed Student Port participating in the reforestation and restoration of the vegetation of Varibombi, organized and coordinated by Tatoi Club, on Sunday, October 9, 2022.

Congratulations to the organizers of, and all participants in this important project.

Let's bring life back together!



Dimitri Vasilacos with his daughter Emma and Danae Bezantakou



The Propeller Team



Bringing life back



Our Student Port Members in action



Paleo Faliro Beach Cleanup

OCTOBER 2022



The Propeller Team

On Sunday, October 16, 2022 more than 80 members and friends of our Club, cleaned Batis beach in Paleo Faliro, participating in the International Coastal Cleanup Campaign, coordinated by HELMEPA.

“We act as volunteers in environmental initiatives and it is our commitment to pass on to future generations

the protection of the natural environment. Today’s event was an amazing opportunity for everyone to contribute to a greater cause,” said President Costis Frangoulis.

Heartfelt thanks to all those who participated and, of course, to HELMEPA for organizing and coordinating this commendable initiative.



Our Team in action



Scholarship in Memory of the late John C. Frangoulis

OCTOBER 2022



On Thursday, October 20, 2022, President, Costis Frangoulis with Governor and Chair of the Donations and Scholarships Committee, Katerina Stathopoulou, attended the M.Sc. in Shipping Management Graduation Ceremony at the University of Piraeus, awarding a Propeller Club scholarship to Aristides Makris in memory of the late John C. Frangoulis for the period 2022-2023.

This is a full scholarship to be funded annually by our President in memory of his father and awarded through our Club.

Our warmest congratulations to all those who graduated.



Dinner in Honor of Supporters 2022

OCTOBER 2022



The dinner in honor of our Supporters was held on Friday, October 21, 2022, at the Grand Hyatt Athens Hotel. The event was attended by 220 guests including 20 new members of the newly established Student Port.

During the event, all the Supporters of the Amver Awards 2021, as well as those of the 96th International Convention & Conference, 125 in total, were honored.

The distinguished guests were initially welcomed by our Governor, Mrs. Dorothea Ioannou, followed by a greeting by Costis Frangoulis.

"Without you, we would not be able to implement our vision and goals, which are constantly getting



Dorothea Ioannou

bigger and better," Mr. Frangoulis said, He added: "A big warm and heartfelt "Thank you" for your valuable support, which is so essential to our existence. I am sure you feel satisfied and happy that your support is utilized in the best possible way."

The Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus, proved its qualitative and quantitative renewal, with well over



Katerina Stathopoulou

750 active members, a figure that represents an 80% increase in its active membership. At the same time, it is worth noting that the Donations and Scholarships Program, which is one of the main founding purposes of the Club, had a witnessed 20% growth in 2022.

The evening ended with a music program by the Odin's House Project band.



Katerina Monogiou and Costis Frangoulis



George Margaronis with Nikos Tsavliris



Members of our Student Port with Katerina Stathopoulou, Costis Frangoulis and Dorothea Ioannou



**George Pateras,
Costis Frangoulis,
Dorothea Ioannou,
George Alexandratos**



Dimitri Vassilacos with John Belousis



Kelly Margariti with Nikos Drosos



**Dorothea Ioannou,
Panos Theodossopoulos,
Christina Bezantakou**



**Nikolas Theodorou,
Vasilis Kamitsis,
Pantelis Chinakis-Glaras**



Spyros Vougioussis with Katerina Stathopoulou



George Nikolaou with George Efstratiadis





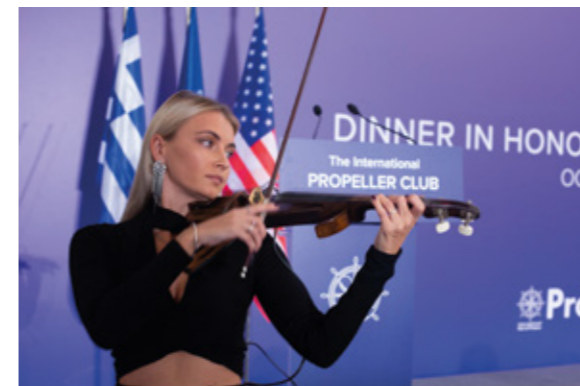
**Michalis Pantazopoulos,
George Pateras,
George Alexandratos,
Rita Georgiou,
George Xiradakis**



**Minas Tsamopoulos,
Costis Frangoulis,
George Pateras,
Dimitri Fafalios**



**Odin's House
Project Band**



A Change in the Workplace for Companies in the Shipping Sector



For decades shipping sector organizations around the world have been workplaces where employees needed to work. Today, we are seeing a shift to workplaces where employees actually WANT to work. This is a big part of what employee experience is all about.

When you foster an exceptional workplace, employees become genuinely enthusiastic about being part of it. They feel a strong sense of engagement and are motivated to give their absolute best. And at the heart of this transformation there are leaders, just like you, who lead by example and inspire others to do the same.

Here are 6 ways leaders can create a great place to work

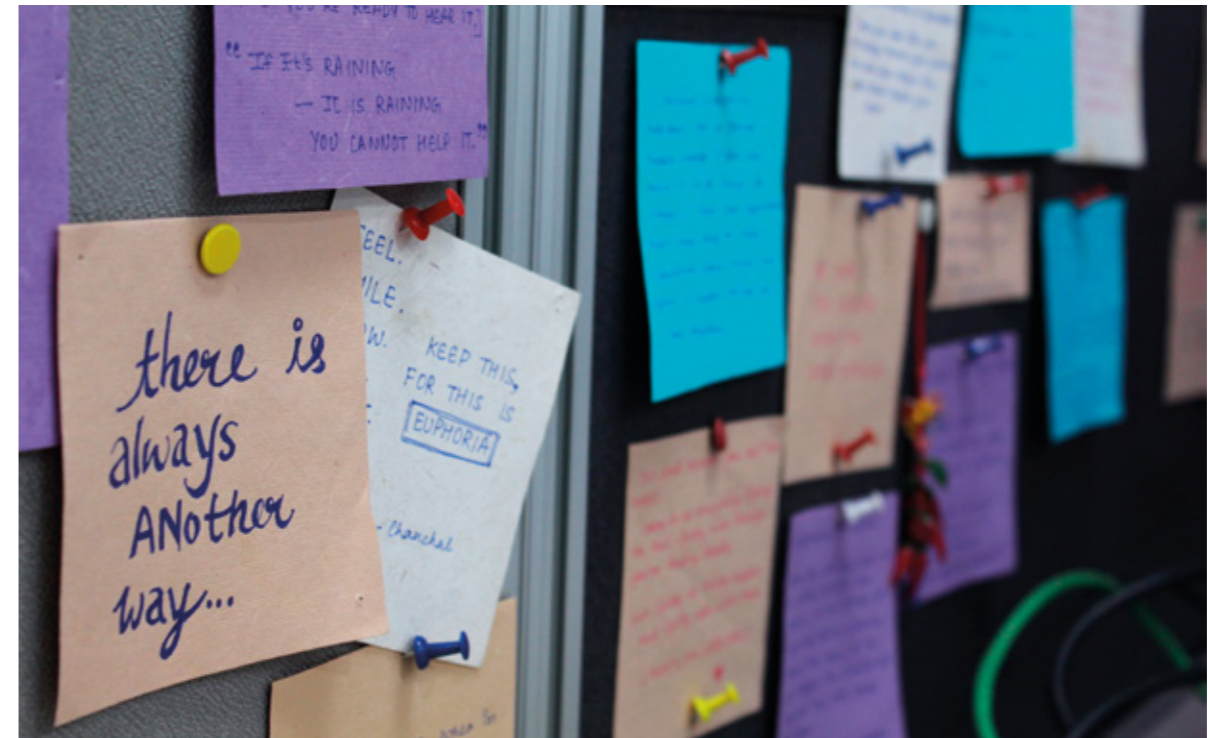
View yourself as a lighthouse

Throughout history, lighthouses were used by mariners and explorers to find their way to their destinations and to navigate the waters safely. Modern leaders are lighthouses who shine their light onto the sea of uncertainty, that we are all a part of. They guide their people to success in a safe way. Creating a great place to work starts with leaders who care about their people and view themselves as lighthouses. Remember, without ships in the water, a lighthouse is useless. There's no point in building yourself up to become a great leader if you aren't guiding others to do the same.

Get to know your employees

No one wants to be just a faceless figure in an organization. Every employee is a unique individual, so invest time in discovering their aspirations, objectives, concerns, and what drives them. Initiate conversations, foster meaningful connections, and show empathy. Treating them with humanity and establishing genuine connections is the most effective way to make them feel truly valued and acknowledged.

During the past 2 years, we, at Great Place to Work, have witnessed a transformation in the shipping sector. More and more companies have approached us to help them evaluate their employee experience in order to learn their strengths and weaknesses and work on improving it. Moreover, for the first time, we have had the pleasure to certify a significant number of organizations in this sector and award the honor of being Great Place to Work® - Certified! This is a distinction that is awarded by the evaluation of their work culture by their own employees.



Build Trust

Trust serves as a foundational element for cultivating a thriving company culture and enhancing the overall employee experience. As a leader, you can nurture trust by fostering an environment of openness and accountability. Encourage employees to freely express themselves without apprehension of being blamed or judged. This approach not only leads to higher engagement and productivity, but also fosters a robust culture built on mutual respect and understanding.

Provide feedback

Effective leaders should offer constructive guidance to their team members in formulating actionable goals and devising a plan to achieve them. Regular check-ins should be conducted to provide ongoing support and track progress, thereby encouraging team members to take ownership of their professional growth. Ultimately, empowering teams entails nurturing their capabilities and skills, allowing them to flourish and reach their full potential.

Acknowledge Accomplishments

Leaders should give credit where it's due, and publicly recognize the efforts and successes of their entire team. Acknowledging and praising the accomplishments of team members can help foster a sense of trust, pride, motivation, and team spirit. This, in turn, can lead to increased performance, productivity and overall job satisfaction.

Engage with your team

When leaders prioritize regular interactions with their team members, they foster a culture of trust, appreciation, and collaboration, which in turn, strengthens the overall team dynamics. Through these interactions, leaders gain more opportunities to provide support for individual development, celebrate collective successes, and delegate tasks more effectively. Such an approach, not only promotes the growth of individuals, teams, and the organization as a whole, but also extends its positive impact beyond the workplace, affecting every aspect of employees' lives. Leaders hold the power to make a remarkable difference both within and outside their organizations, shaping a fulfilling and impactful work experience for their employees.

Leaders have an amazing impact both inside and outside of their organizations, and how employees feel and are treated at work, affects every area of their lives.

Article submitted by:

George Mavros

Country Director

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Thanksgiving Dinner 2022

NOVEMBER 2022



Costis Frangoulis welcoming the guests

On Tuesday, November 22, 2022, our Club, together with the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, hosted its Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Athenaeum Intercontinental Hotel.

In a warm and festive atmosphere, members, guests, family and friends of the two organizations came together and enjoyed a traditional dinner.

The President of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, Nikolaos Bakatselos, President of the Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus, Costis Frangoulis, as well as the Ambassador of the US Embassy in Greece, George Tsunis, expressed their thanks and wishes for the day.



Katerina Stathopoulou and Danae Bezantakou with George Tsunis



Eleftherios Archontis with George Tsunis



Claudia Carydis, Irene Daifas, George Xiradakis, Liona Bachas



50 Years of Cooperation between Greek Shipowners & South Korean Shipyards

NOVEMBER 2022



Maritime Historian and Author, George Foustanos

On the occasion of the completion of 50 years of successful cooperation between Greek Shipowners and South Korean Shipyards, our Club had the pleasure of hosting an event on Monday, November 28, 2022, at the Piraeus Marine Club, in the presence of His Excellency, the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, Jung Il Lee.

Welcome addresses were delivered by President, Costis Frangoulis and Ambassador Lee. The two keynote Speakers were Stavros Hatzigrigoris, Technical Director of Zodiac Maritime, and George Foustanos, Maritime Historian and Author, who also presented his new book: "Made in South Korea – Fifty Years of Greek Shipbuilding Activity in the Land of the Morning Calm".



Costis Frangoulis presenting an honorary plaque to the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, Jung Il Lee



Jung Il Lee



George Alexandratos, George Foustanos, Jung Il Lee, Costis Frangoulis, Stavros Hatzigrigoris





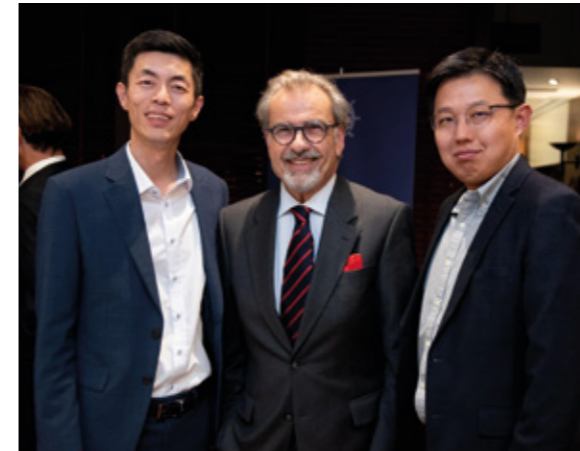
Costis Frangoulis presenting an honorary plaque to George Foustanos



Costis Frangoulis presenting an honorary plaque to Stavros Hatzigrigoris



Stavros Hatzigrigoris, Danae Bezantakou, George Foustanos, Jung Il Lee, Costis Frangoulis



Distinguished Guests



George Foustanos, Jung Il Lee and Christos Timagenis



Spyros Tasis, Katerina Stathopoulou, John Belousis



Spyros Sofronis with Petros Petritis



Lunch with the Ambassador

NOVEMBER 2022



On Wednesday, November 2, 2022, our Club proudly sponsored the Working Luncheon hosted by the Piraeus Marine Club with Guest of Honor, the Ambassador of the United States to Greece, His Excellency Mr. George Tsunis.

The Ambassador gave an overview on the current challenges facing the maritime sector, highlighting Greece's pivotal role in global shipping industry, proudly being the top shipowning nation in the world.

Congratulations to the Marine Club team for the excellent organization.

Lloyd's List / Propeller Club Lifetime Achievement Award

DECEMBER 2022



Theodore Veniamis presented with the Lloyd's List / Propeller Club Lifetime Achievement Award by our President

On Friday, December 2, 2022, President Costis Frangoulis presented the Lloyd's List/Propeller Club Lifetime Achievement Award to Theodore E. Veniamis.

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the former President of the UGS, along with all the other well-deserving winners. And thanks to Lloyd's List for organising and hosting this excellent event.



75th Anniversary of the Truman Doctrine

DECEMBER 2022



On Tuesday, December 6, 2022, President, Costis Frangoulis and 1st Vice President, Christos Timagenis, attended the wreath-laying ceremony held to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Truman Doctrine and celebrate the history of the Marshall Plan, at the U.S. Embassy.

In the presence of the Ambassador of the United States, George Tsunis, and DCM, Maria Olson, our President laid a wreath to honor this great legacy.

The World Hellenic Inter-Parliamentary Association, AHEPA HELLAS and The American Legion were also in attendance.



DCM, Maria Olson



Christos Timagenis, George Tsunis and Costis Frangoulis



Costis Frangoulis laying wreath



2022 AMVER Awards

DECEMBER 2022



Rear Admiral Laura M. Dickey presenting an honorary plaque to our Club for our 30 Years commitment and valuable contribution to the success of the AMVER Program in Greece

Hundreds of Greek shipping companies were recognized for their participation in the AMVER program last year, during the 30th anniversary of the Greek AMVER Awards Gala Dinner, which took place on Friday, December 16, 2022, at the Athenaeum Intercontinental Hotel.

Held in the presence of Greek government officials, top US diplomats and senior representatives from across the entire Greek maritime community, the event was organized by the International Propeller Club of the United States, Port of Piraeus, in collaboration with the U.S. Embassy in Greece and the United States Coast Guard.



Costis Frangoulis during his welcoming speech



DCM, Maria Olson



U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral Laura M. Dickey addressing the guests

The AMVER System (Automated Mutual Assistance Vessel Rescue) monitors ships, identifies possible problems and informs ships in the vicinity to approach and provide assistance. It officially came to life on 15 April 1958 through the efforts of the United States Coast Guard and a number of commercial shipping representatives. Over 7,000 lives have been saved by AMVER-participating ships since 2000 and many of them owe their lives to the selfless and altruistic efforts of seamen and vessels of Greek interests. Over 11,000 international ships participate in AMVER and an average of 6,300 ships are added on the AMVER plot each day. The AMVER Center computer receives over 40,000 AMVER messages a day.



Danae Bezantakou presenting, on behalf of the Propeller Club, an honorary plaque to Rear Admiral Laura M. Dickey



Kostas Katsafados, Maria Olson, Costis Frangoulis, Domna Michailidou and Christos Timagenis





Presentation of the AMVER Awards to the Top Ten Companies

Fittingly, the event opened with renditions of the anthems of the United States and Greece, before the welcoming remarks by President, Costis Frangoulis.

A video was projected with all the Greek companies which were honored with the 2022 AMVER Awards.

Fourteen Propeller Club and Greek shipping industry representatives shared their views and impressions about the Propeller Club during a video reminiscing about the humble beginnings of the award scheme and sharing personal stories about the history of AMVER Awards, ranging from the first AMVER Awards during Posidonia in the early 90's, the increase of Greek recipients from



45 in 1992 to 2022's record of 247, the initiative's values of courage, "filotimo" and humanity, as well as to real rescue stories, such as one about 120 people saved near Libya's coast by a Greek vessel. The video featured the thoughts of Stefanos Costopoulos, Gregory Timagenis, Costas Constantinou, George Xiradakis, Nicky Papadakis, Markos Foros, Vlassis Katrantzos, Antonis Faraklas, Kostas Rokkos, Marios Kyriakou, Theodore Kontes, Nikos Tsavlis, Dimitri Fafalios, Costis Frangoulis.

The event continued with the awarding ceremony.





The Top Ten Companies that were awarded were the following:

- Angelicoussis Group of Companies (114 ships),
- TMS Group of Companies (97 ships),
- Technomar Shipping Inc (80 ships),
- Capital Ship management Corp (75 ships),
- Tsakos Group of Companies (74 ships),
- Star Bulk (70 ships),
- Thenamaris (Ships Management) Inc (62 ships),
- Danaos Shipping Co Ltd (62 ships),
- V Ships Greece Ltd (61 ships),
- Euronav Ship Management (Hellas) Ltd (50 ships).



The first three of them also received the Fidelity Awards, which go to companies with the most vessels on the AMVER system during the past decade.

Angelicoussis Group of Companies (1,010 ships) won the Gold Award, Silver went to Tsakos Group of Companies (672 vessels) and Thenamaris (Ships Management) Inc scooped the Bronze in the same category (614 ships).



The Rescue Awards went to:

- Seamar Management S.A. (for the M/V Bulk Pangaea)
- V Ships Greece Ltd (two rescue awards, M/V Methoni and M/V York)
- Eastern Mediterranean Maritime (for the M/V Agioi Fanendes),
- Polembros Shipping Limited (for M/V Resilient Warrior)
- Star Bulk (three rescue awards for M/V Star Marianne, M/V Star Pauline, and M/V Star Dorado)
- Euronav Ship Management (Hellas) Ltd (three rescue awards for the M/V Cap Quebec, M/V Antigone, M/V Cedar)
- Latsco Shipping Ltd (M/V Fos Athens)
- Meadway Bulkiers Ltd (M/V Integrale)
- Arcadia Shipmanagement Co Ltd (for the M/V Aegean Dream)
- Sun Enterprises (for M/V Christina)
- Navarone S.A. (for the M/V Seapearl)
- Balthellas Chartering S.A. (M/V St Dimitrios)
- Bulkseas Marine Management S.A. (M/V Arcturus).



Presentation of the Rescue Awards





In total, eighteen of their vessels participated in rescue missions during the last 12 months and saved a total of 410 people.

Thomais Apergi and Locomondo provided the musical entertainment in an evening that brought the Greek maritime community together to celebrate its contribution to safety at seas worldwide.

The AMVER Awards 2022 event was held with the support of The Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy, the Union of Greek Shipowners and the Hellenic Chamber of Shipping.



Presentation of the Rescue Awards



2022 AMVER Luncheon

DECEMBER 2022



Open discussion taking place during the luncheon

The longstanding tradition of the business luncheon on the day of the AMVER Awards ceremony in Greece was, once again in 2022, a great opportunity for representatives of the Greek Shipping community, the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Embassy to meet, exchange ideas and share experiences.

As host, President Costis Frangoulis, welcomed the guests to this special event, marking the 30th anniversary of the Greek AMVER Awards, the most important Awards ceremony for Greek Shipping.

U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral Laura M. Dickey was the special guest at the luncheon and executives of the Greek shipping industry, as well as Governors of the Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus, had the opportunity to discuss with her issues regarding the AMVER Program, the U.S. Coast Guard and the Hellenic-American collaboration.



U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral Laura M. Dickey addressing the guests of the luncheon



The President presenting the Propeller Club plaque to USCG Rear Admiral Laura M. Dickey



Dorothea Ioannou and Danae Bezantakou with U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral Laura M. Dickey



Timothy Cassel, Costis Frangoulis, Rear Admiral Laura M. Dickey, Chris Lepore and Amanda Harris



Amanda Harris with Chris Lepore





Distinguished Guests of the luncheon

Student Port Gathering

DECEMBER 2022



The Propeller Club Student Port gathering took place on Monday, December 19, 2022, at the Piraeus Marine Club. A compelling presentation was delivered by our honorary member, marketing guru and brand strategist, Peter Economides, who spoke about the significance of Greek Shipping - the past, the present and the future.

He asked the young shipping professionals and students assembled in the room to imagine the future of Greek Shipping - its potential, especially if it assumes its rightful position in the hearts and minds of Greeks and the world. "Greece, he said, is truly a shipping superpower."

An interesting dialogue and Q&A session followed.



Costis Frangoulis with Peter Economides



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2021

Visit to the USCGC CHARLES MOULTROPE

APRIL 2021



Costis Frangoulis with the Commanding Officer of the 41st Sentinel-Class Fast Response Cutter, LCDR Steven Hulse



The USCGC Charles Moulthrop

In April 2021, President, Costis Frangoulis, visited the USCGC Charles Moulthrop, the United States Coast Guard's 41st Sentinel-Class Fast Response Cutter, which made a stop at the port of Piraeus.

The Moulthrop's Athens stop highlighted the enduring partnership between the United States and Greece in the maritime sector.

A discussion with the U.S. Ambassador to Greece

MAY 2021



The President at the Jefferson House, residence of the U.S. Ambassador to Greece

Ambassador Pyatt made a keynote address and had a most interesting discussion with President, Costis Frangoulis, during the NEXT FORUM 2021, organized by the International Propeller Club of the United States, Port of Piraeus.

For 86 years, the Propeller Club has been dedicated to building the relationship between Greece and the United States in the maritime sector.



Timothy Ketter Farewell

JUNE 2021



Dimitri Vassilacos,
Costis Frangoulis,
Timothy Ketter,
Costas Kontes,
Chris Lepore,
Dimitris Patrikios,
George Xiradakis

In June 2021, we wished a fond farewell to U.S. Navy Captain, Timothy N. Ketter, Defense and Naval Attaché at the United States Embassy in Athens, who left Greece after serving here since 2018.

We expressed to Captain Ketter our heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation for the excellent collaboration we enjoyed with him.



Geoffrey Pyatt during his speech



The Propeller Club Flag at the Peak of Olympus

JULY 2021



The Propeller Club flag proudly waving on the peak of Mt. Olympus

On Friday, July 9, 2021, at 1:17pm, Costis Frangoulis reached the peak of Olympus and Greece, at Mytikas, at an altitude of 2,918m.

"I felt great honor in raising the flag of the Propeller Club on the highest summit in Greece. This ascent is dedicated to the memory of our past President, George Dalacouras, who sadly departed from this life", Costis Frangoulis said.



Costis Frangoulis at Mytikas, at an altitude of 2,918m.



Dinner in Honor of the World Hellenic Inter-parliamentary Association

JULY 2021



The Propeller Club hosted a dinner on Friday, July 30, 2021, in honor of the Members of the World Hellenic Inter-parliamentary Association (WHIA).

32 Members of the PADEE/WHIA and 220 guests enjoyed a warm and festive evening at the Yacht Club of Greece with a focus on strengthening the cooperation between the Propeller Club and the PADEE/WHIA in support of Greek shipping.



Lou Raptakis with the President



Danae Bezantakou



John Belousis



George Pateras



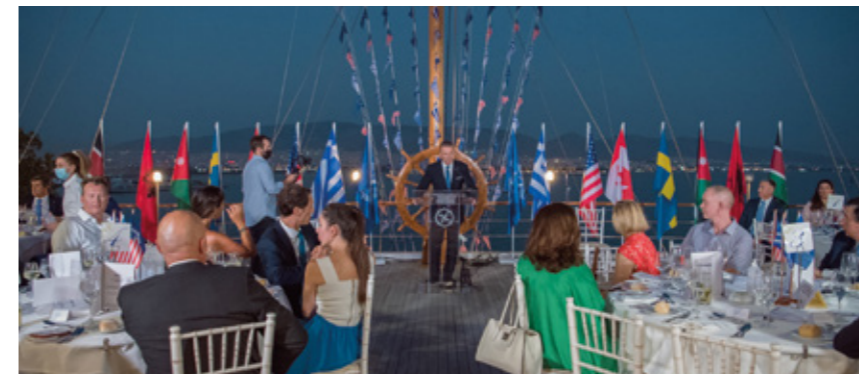
Lou Raptakis



Katerina Stathopoulou presenting a commemorative plaque



Michael Biery with Costis Frangoulis





Peter Economides with Xenia Kourtoglou



Costis Frangoulis, Lou Raptakis, Costas Kontes



Costas Kontes, Costis Frangoulis and George Xiradakis



Francois Lafond, Danae Bezantakou, Costis Frangoulis, Katerina Stathopoulou





A night to remember



General Assembly and Elections 2021

SEPTEMBER 2021



The voting in progress



Danae Bezantakou

On Wednesday, September 8, 2021, the General Assembly and the elections for the new Board of Governors of our Club took place.

This was a hybrid event with an impressive number of participating members, as well as a large online audience, that was held at the Yacht Club of Greece.

Due to the pandemic, the General Assembly was also available for viewing through a live stream for whoever preferred to attend remotely. Additionally, they were given the opportunity to vote online through the Eventora platform.

With a record 309 votes, it was the first time the hybrid voting system was introduced. 185 members voted in person and 124 electronically. At the



John Belousis,
Katerina Stathopoulou,
Dimitri Vassilacos



Danae Bezantakou and Costis Frangoulis



George Pateras and George Alexandratos

previous election, members' votes totaled 235. A total of 27 candidates took part in the elections for 16 positions as Governors, with 3 candidates for positions on the Auditors Committee.

All members of the previous Board of Governors who participated in the elections were re-elected, along with 5 new members.

During the nominations and awaiting the results, in a very pleasant and cordial atmosphere, the members of the Propeller Club had the opportunity to enjoy a light cocktail. It was a great opportunity for everyone to meet and greet, exchange ideas and experiences, setting the tone for a new creative and challenging year ahead.



Christos Timagenis and Costis Frangoulis





Dimitri Vassilacos



George Kalogeropoulos



**Christos Timagenis
with Costis Frangoulis
and Dimitri Vassilacos**



**George Pateras,
George Kalogeropoulos,
Meni Kourkounta,
Costis Frangoulis,
George Alexandratos**



**Costas Kontes,
Costis Frangoulis,
Dimitris Patrikios**



First Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER 2021



Propeller Club - Board of Governors

On Tuesday, September 14, 2021, the first meeting of our Board of Governors, following the elections of September 8, was held to elect the new Executive Committee of our Club.

With 248 votes out of 309, the highest number during the elections of September 8, Costis Frangoulis, was unanimously elected by the Board of Governors, to serve as President for a second term.



Our Executive Committee

Dinner in Honor of Supporters 2021

OCTOBER 2021



After a year of absence, a dinner in honor of the Supporters of our Club, took place on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Athens. This was the first event for the new Boards of Governors, which complemented the Club's Award as the Propeller Club Port of the Year.

The dinner was attended by 4 former Presidents of our Club: Vlassis Katrantzos, Nikos Tsavlis, Antonis Faraklas and George Xiradakis.

Since the dinner was not held in 2020 due to the pandemic, all Supporters during the last two years, 182 in total, were honored that night.

"Our dinner may be delayed due to Covid, but I am very happy that it is finally taking place," said President, Costis Frangoulis.





George Kallianis

“As you can imagine, I have a special bond with Supporters as I was the President of the Fundraising Committee for two years.” Mr. Frangoulis added, “Your contribution is vitally important to the existence of the Club. I thank you sincerely for your great support in 2019 and during the difficult year of 2020. Although we could not organize the traditional AMVER Awards Gala last year, 147 companies supported the publication of our special commemorative album.”

During his speech, Costis Frangoulis announced the 2021 AMVER Awards Gala to be held in December of the same year and also referred to the International Convention of the International Propeller Club scheduled to take place in Athens in September 2022.

In welcoming the Club's 65 most recent members, Mr. Frangoulis stressed that “the renewal of the Club's membership has been one of my main priorities. We have welcomed many new members and cleared the inactive members, thus creating a refreshed core of active members who participate in the Club's activities.”

The President gave the floor to George Kallianis,



Danae Bezantakou



Costis Frangoulis, Dorothea Ioannou, Vincent Solarino

our Governor and Chairman of the Fundraising Committee. After thanking the Supporters, Mr. Kallianis referred to the charity work of the Club, which increased by 60% in the last two years and invited everyone to support the Club and its mission once more.

The evening ended with a short music program by singer Julie Massino.



**George Xiradakis,
Rita Georgiou,
John Cotzias,
Anna Shipilli,
Stefanos Michalis**





Konstantinos Rokkos with Michalis Pantazopoulos



Costis Frangoulis, Evangelos Zouppas and his daughter



Eleftherios Archontis, Costis Frangoulis, Giannis Pontikos



Costis Frangoulis with Paillette Palaiologou and Lambros Chahalis





Moments from the night

Two Significant Achievements of 2021

OCTOBER 2021



Joel Whitehead with Dimitri Fafalios

Firstly, during the Annual Convention of the International Propeller Club in October 2021, the Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus, was distinguished among 72 other candidate Clubs as the Propeller Club of the Year.

Secondly, Dimitri Fafalios, was honored as International Propeller Club Member of the Year 2021.

The Awards were presented on the night of the Amver Awards by the Executive Vice President of the International Propeller Club, Joel Whitehead.



Joel Whitehead with Costis Frangoulis



U.S.-Greece Relations Beyond Myths and Buzzwords



The bonds that unite Greece and the United States are truly remarkable and are engraved in our common history, the values we share and the fights we have given side by side. They are reflected in the lasting contribution of the Greek diaspora in the continuous advancement and global leadership of the U.S. across all sectors, from sciences and technology, to business and economy, as well as, in the influence of the U.S. to Greece's growth after WWII. Since the Marshall Plan and its unique impact in rebuilding Greece, the United States shaped the way we live and do business and although there have been dark moments in our common history, the truth

of the matter is that no other country has supported Greece the way the U.S. has done repeatedly through the last seventy-five years.

And yet this profoundly important and lasting relationship, has always been in the heart of a constellation shaped by myths, biases, contradictions and buzzwords. It is like we love everything American, just like we also love accusing America for everything we don't love.

Having the unique privilege to grow up, study and build my career in the epicenter of the transatlantic affairs and the bilateral relations of our two great nations, next to titans from the Greek business community, inspiring diplomats and visionary business leaders from the U.S., I always felt surprised - if not - shocked by our capacity to continuously miss strategic opportunities for economic growth and social prosperity by not unleashing the dynamics of our unique bonds with the United States.

Sadly, this of course is mostly related to our diachronic failure to see the world as it is. To our inability to move for decades beyond obsolete perceptions and misconceptions and agree, to face our own failures or inabilities without always looking for someone else to blame. To boldly invest in our true competitive advantages so to work our way towards prosperity and to realize that support - even to those matters that are unquestionably right - has to be gained and should not be taken for granted. To accept that investments and entrepreneurship that create jobs and increase geopolitical influence, have to make sense and demand a certain safe, credible and predictable environment in order to arrive in our country.

Today, perhaps for the first time for many generations, these conditions exist in our country. Greece has drastically and systemically changed and is changing every day, gaining global respect and trust. Our country has repositioned herself in the global arena both politically and economically, attracting foreign

direct investments with critical impact to the local economy as well as, to our regional influence. At the same time, we found the way to explore and seize the power of entrepreneurship and collaboration. From shipping and agriculture, to defense and cybersecurity cutting edge technologies and from biomedical innovation, to culture and tourism, Greek entrepreneurs, professionals, scientists, academia across the board are unleashing their true potential. Equally important are the advancements in the digitalization of the public governance, renewing the state-citizen-business relationship, tackling chronic obstacles.

In the heart of many of those changes lies one way or the other the impact of the U.S. Greece relations. The perseverance of the senior executives in American or American related companies that never lost their faith in the potential of our country, the unyielding efforts of philhellenes and Greek diaspora in the highest ranks of the U.S. political and business spectrum, the love of American diplomats that moved way beyond their role and redefined both the commercial and the people-to-people ties, they all, have truly defined today's success story.

However, one should not overlook the relentless, discrete and visionary everyday work of the American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and the Propeller Club, two member-based organizations that have been forging bridges of cooperation for decades against most of the times, unbelievable odds. Two organizations empowered by the commitment and hard work of remarkable people, whose values-based example and expertise created the conditions for change to flourish, propelling forward a new results-oriented mindset, while setting multiple cornerstones for all the successes that lie ahead.

In today's volatile reality, with emerging multi layered challenges constantly reshaping tomorrow, it seems like everything that matters lies on a tipping point. It is today that these organizations matter the most, because today we need to take a step backwards, revisit all that have failed during the past tragic years of the economic and sociopolitical crisis that crippled our country, rethink of all the decisions we failed to make and the choices we feared to take, realize that there is still much to do and raise the level of public debate.

It is today that we need to unleash the human potential hidden in each and every one in facing complex challenges and in pursuing a broadly shared prosperity. It is today, that we need the values, mindset and character shared by business leaders that can be found in these two remarkable

organizations. It is today that we need to remind ourselves of the precious ingredients of the U.S.-Greece relations. Things that in our everyday life we tend to overlook and forget, but they are more relevant and needed than ever.

The American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and the Propeller Club have proven again and again that they are a constant guiding light, our north star to navigate our business, our country and in fact our lives in uncharted waters. They are a launchpad for new endeavors, collaborations, policies and activities that shape new markets and enhance our capacity to seize opportunities. They are a unique, strong and stable bridge to expertise, ideas, solutions, knowledge and a constructive, results-focused mindset that exists on the other side of the Atlantic.

Just like many believe that the pyramid in the dollar bill appears unfinished to demonstrate that the United States will always grow, improve, and build, equally there is no end for the enhancement of the bonds that unite Greece and the United States. To that end, the American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and the Propeller Club will continue growing, improving and building upon those bonds, empowering new solutions and endeavors for broadly shared growth and prosperity.

Just like I keep on saying it is a remarkable period to be a member of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and the Propeller Club.

Article submitted by:
Alexander Costopoulos
Secretary General of the American-Hellenic
Chamber of Commerce
Founder and CEO of FORESIGHT
Member of the Propeller Club since 2021



Glyfada Beach Cleanup

OCTOBER 2021

Global Voluntary Coastal Cleanup in Greece by HELMEPA



The Propeller Team

Our Club completed beach cleanup at 1st Marina of Glyfada, participating in the Global Voluntary Coastal Cleanup in Greece coordinated by HELMEPA.

More than 100 members and friends of our Club responded to the initiative of our Board of Governors

and participated in the significant global movement by cleaning up the beach of the 1st Marina of Glyfada, on Sunday, October 24, 2021.

This symbolic action is further proof of the sensitivity of the Propeller Club to matters concerning the



Our Team in action



Proud of the young generation participating



Cleaning up the beach of the 1st Marina of Glyfada



marine environment. Moreover, the voluntary initiative is indicative of the positive, active, and substantial participation of all the members of our Club.

"I am very happy that our members and friends showed such a great response to our invitation",

said President, Costis Frangoulis. "The generous participation on Sunday in Glyfada also expresses the need to take individual and overall, social and corporate responsibility in matters concerning our environment. The protection of our planet and our seas is an urgent global issue and concerns us all."



Meeting with the Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy

NOVEMBER 2021



Delegation of the Board with Giannis Plakiotakis

On Wednesday, November 3, 2021, a delegation from our Board met with the Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy, Giannis Plakiotakis.

Cluster and Greek-American maritime relations and updated Mr. Plakiotakis on the latest actions and developments of the Propeller Club.

The Club's delegation discussed matters related to shipping with the Minister, including the Maritime



Meeting with the Commandant of the Hellenic Coast Guard

NOVEMBER 2021



Delegation of our Club with Vice Admiral, Theodore Kliaris

On Thursday, November 11, 2021, a delegation of the Propeller Club, including President, Costis Frangoulis, the 1st Vice President, Christos Timagenis, General Secretary, Danae Bezantakou, as well as the President of our Maritime Committee, George Margaronis - met with the Commandant of the Hellenic Coast Guard, Vice Admiral HCG

Theodoros Kliaris at their Headquarters. The meeting was an opportunity to discuss shipping-related issues, Greek-U.S maritime relations and emphasised the excellent cooperation that our Club has with the HCG. Conclusively, it was agreed to further strengthen and broaden the cooperation between the two parties.



Athens Marathon 2021

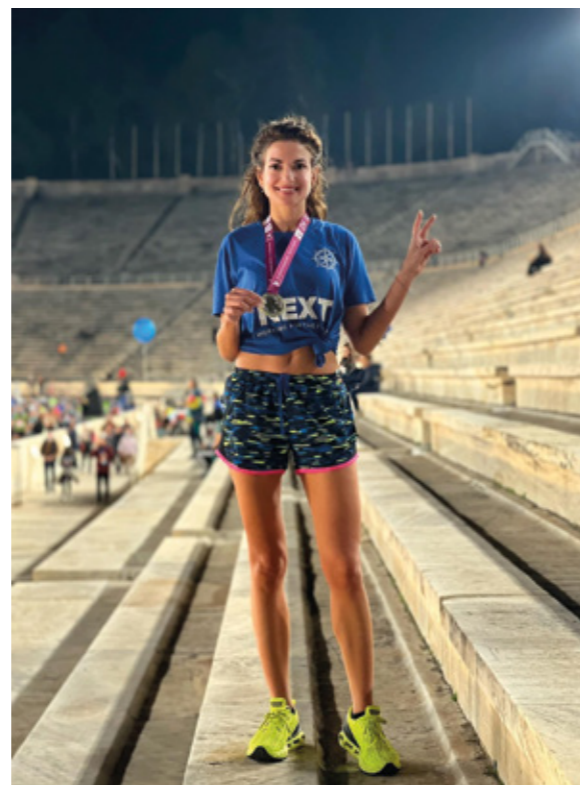
NOVEMBER 2021



Costis Frangoulis with our Members, Athanasios Mylonas, Spyros Sofronis, Angelos Samolis and Eleftherios Archontis

The Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus, participated in the historical Athens Marathon on Sunday, November 14, 2021.

The experience was a true example of sportsmanship. Congratulations to everyone for an outstanding achievement!



Maria Xytaki



Stavrianna Asprogiannidou



Costis Frangoulis with Nikolaos Bakatselos

Meeting with the Commander in Chief of the Hellenic Fleet

DECEMBER 2021



Delegation of the Board with Vice Admiral, Panagiotis Lympiris

On the occasion of St. Nicholas Day, Patron Saint of Sailors and of the Hellenic Navy, a delegation of the Board visited the Salamis Naval Base to meet with the Commander in Chief of the Hellenic Fleet, Vice Admiral Panagiotis Lympiris GRC (N). President, Costis Frangoulis, stated "We have symbolically chosen this date to honor the St. Nicholas Day and our Hellenic Navy, with which we have maintained close relations over time. We had the pleasure and the honor to visit the Admiral with whom we had a very constructive meeting and exchange of interesting ideas".



The President with Vice Admiral, Panagiotis Lympiris



Thanksgiving Dinner by AMCHAM and the Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus

NOVEMBER 2021



On November 24, 2021 our Club hosted its joint with the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Athens Hilton Hotel.

Within a warm and festive atmosphere, members, guests, family and friends of the two organizations came together and enjoyed a traditional dinner.



Costis Frangoulis, Geoffrey Pyatt, Nikolaos Bakatselos



Danae Bezantakou with Christos Timagenis



US Ambassador in Greece, Geoffrey Pyatt during his short address



Costis Frangoulis welcoming the guests





Marios Kyriakou with his wife, Dora and his daughter, Siana



Valentios Valentis with his wife, Theodora



Costis Frangoulis with his daughter, Athena



John and Renee Belousis



**Nikolaos Bakatselos,
Elias Spirtounias,
Irene Notias,
Nikos Marmatsouris**





Nikolas Theodorou, Vlassis Katrantzos, George Teriakidis



Minas Tsamopoulos, Katerina Stathopoulou, Akis Tsirigakis



John Cotzias with Dora Anastasiadou



Michael Biery, George Pateras, Akis Tsirigakis



Irene Daifas with Keith Silver



2021 AMVER Awards

DECEMBER 2021



The President and the Governors on stage during the ceremony

A wonderful evening dedicated to the companies, ships and crews that volunteer for the AMVER program, offering valuable search and rescue services at sea. The 2021 Amver Awards ceremony, which was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, honored Greek ships that volunteered in the AMVER program.

A total of 17 companies with 22 ships responded to rescue operations, saving a total of 505 people. Due to the pandemic, the guests were limited to 50%, compared to previous years.

For the first time, in 2021 the awards were presented to winners prior to the event to avoid overcrowding on stage and to save time. Their award acceptance was shown in a short video played during the night.

251 companies and 2,081 vessels of Greek interests were honored, which completed at least 128 days at sea.



Guests entering the venue



Costis Frangoulis addressing the audience

2021 RESCUE AWARDS

In 2021, 22 ships belonging to 17 companies responded to rescue operations, rescuing a total of 505 people.

The ships awarded were:

1. 3/01/2020 - OPTIMUM GROUP, M/V SBI ATHENA
2. 10/01/2020 - SEASTAR MARITIME MANAGEMENT S.A, M/V SUNDA
3. 17/03/2020 - STARBULK S.A., M/V STAR IRIS
4. 04/07/2020 - OPTIMUM GROUP, M/V SBI PISCES
5. 22/07/2020 - TSAKOS GROUP OF COMPANIES, M/T INCA

6. 25/07/2020 - EURONAV SHIP MANAGEMENT (HELLAS) LTD, M/V CAP GUILLAUME
7. 26/08/2020 - STARBULK S.A., M/V STAR THETA
8. 13/10/2020 - ELEMENT SHIP MANAGEMENT S.A., M/V JAGUAR
9. 02/11/2020 - COSTAMARE SHIPPING CO. S.A., C/V MSC ATHOS
10. 7/11/2020 - PRODUCT SHIPPING & TRADING S.A., M/V ARIEL
11. 01/04/2021 - OCEANBULK INTERNATIONAL S.A., M/V GIACOMETTI
12. 05/04/2021 - SEAMAR MANAGEMENT S.A., M/V BULK FREEDOM
13. 13/07/2021 - OPTIMUM GROUP, M/V SBI HERMES
14. 17/08/2021 - M/MARITIME CORP., M/V AVRA.GR
15. 12/09/2021 - LASKARIDIS SHIPPING COMPANY, M/V LAMBAY
16. 23/09/2021 - CAPITAL SHIP MANAGEMENT CORP., M/T ARISTOFANIS
17. 29/09/2021 - CENTRAL MARE, M/T ECO JOSHUA PARK
18. 26/10/2021 - CHARTWORLD SHIPPING CORPORATION, M/V "DITLEV REEFER"
19. 30/10/2021 - STARBULK S.A., M/V STAR GINA 2GR
20. 01/11/2021 - ATLAS MARITIME LTD, M/V DAKOTA STRENGTH
21. 14/11/2021 - ATLAS MARITIME LTD, M/T MITERA MARIGO
22. 28/11/2021 - LATSCO MARINE MANAGEMENT INC., M/T HELLAS REVENGER



Guests standing during the US national anthem





Vice Admiral Theodore Kliaris during his speech

2021 FIDELITY AWARDS

The continuous presence of three Greek companies in the last decade with most ships in the AMVER system was honored with the Fidelity Awards.

The awarded companies were:

- ANGELICOUSSIS GROUP OF COMPANIES
- 896 vessels
- TSAKOS GROUP OF COMPANIES
- 599 vessels
- THENAMARIS (SHIPS MANAGEMENT) INC.
- 546 vessels



George Margaronis



Propeller Club - Board of Governors



Rear Admiral Steven D. Poulin during his speech



Michalis Dalacouras, Costis Frangoulis, Despoina Moustaka, Giannis Plakiotakis



Giannis Plakiotakis



John Belousis, Vice Admiral Georgios Alexandrakis, Andreas Paschalakis, Rear Admiral Ioannis Kalogeropoulos



Elpi Petraki, Sofia Bekatorou, Danae Bezantakou





Awards Presentation



Awards Presentation





Christos Timagenis with his parents, Gregory and Lily



Suzanna Laskaridis with her team



Theodore Vokos with Kelly Margariti and Peter Economides



2021 AMVER Luncheon

DECEMBER 2021



The business luncheon that traditionally takes place on the day of the AMVER Awards, is always a great opportunity for constructive discussions between representatives of Greek Shipping, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the U.S. Embassy. The 2021 luncheon was attended

by special guest U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral, Steven D. Poulin, who responded to questions about the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S.A. – issues raised by owners and executives within the Greek shipping industry and Governors of the Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus.



Costis Frangoulis with George Xiradakis



The 2021 AMVER Business Luncheon



Costis Frangoulis with Rear Admiral Steven D. Poulin and George Poularas



John Belousis with Katerina Stathopoulou and Anna Kalathakis



Costis Frangoulis with George Bonanos



Erik Holmgren, Yuri Arthur, Christos Timagenis, Costis Frangoulis



Danae Bezantakou,
Costis Frangoulis,
Rear Admiral Steven D.
Poulin, Joel Whitehead
and Christos Timagenis



Valentios Valentis



Steven D. Poulin



Semiramis Paliou with Costis Frangoulis
and Rear Admiral Steven D. Poulin



Our Flag at Antarctica's Highest Peak

DECEMBER 2021



Our member Vanessa Archontidou and founding member of the organization "A WOMAN CAN BE"

We are proud of our member Vanessa Archontidou, a founding member of the organization "A WOMAN CAN BE", which focuses on women's empowerment, sustainable development and environmental issues.

On New Year's Eve 2021, Vanessa reached the summit of Mt. Vinson, Antarctica's highest peak, raising awareness about climate change. The conquest of this peak completed the great goal of the "7 Summits Project", climbing the highest summits on each of the seven continents. Our Club fully and actively supports her efforts.

In Memoriam

Propeller Club Members who are sorely missed



George Dalacouras
1938 - 2021



Andreas Potamianos
1933 - 2021



John Kampanis
1947 - 2023



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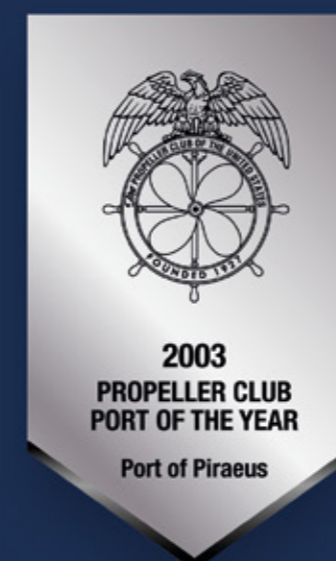
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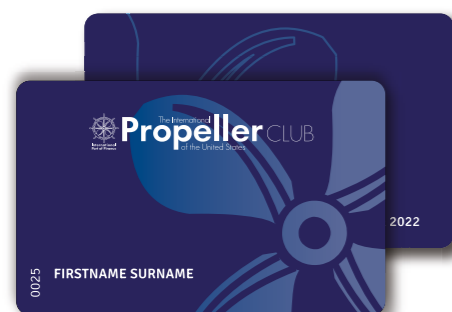
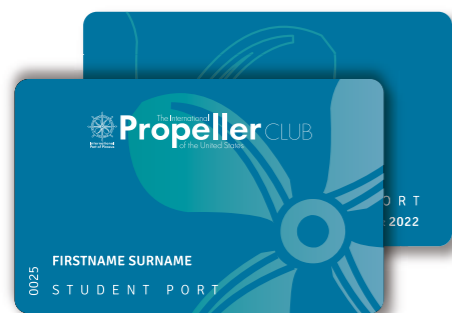
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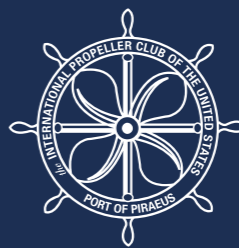
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