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ICNAME Founding Members News

World's Largest 271,000 cbm LNG Carrier Begins Construction in Shanghai

On 9 June, China began construction of the world's largest LNG carrier, a 271,000-cubic-metre vessel being built by CSSC's Hudong-Zhonghua Shipbuilding in Shanghai, scheduled for delivery in 2028. The vessel measures 344 metres in length and will be equipped with China's latest domestically developed NO96 Super+ membrane containment system. Compared with mainstream 174,000-cubic-metre conventional vessels, cargo capacity has increased by 57%, and the daily cargo evaporation rate is controlled at 0.087%, effectively reducing LNG storage and transportation losses. Equipped with a high-efficiency dual-fuel propulsion system, the vessel fully complies with the highest international Tier III environmental standards. The 271,000 cbm ultra-large LNG carriers are part of QatarEnergy's historic LNG fleet expansion project, in which Hudong-Zhonghua secured 36 vessel orders, including 24 ultra-large LNG carriers with total order value exceeding 56 billion yuan, setting a global record for single shipbuilding contracts.

Source: China State Shipbuilding Corporation (CSSC)

Link:<https://news.cctv.com/2026/06/09/ARTIyFI4aKtrW8Awu24o96kt260609.shtml>

CSSC Chengxi Shipyard Launches Second 50,000 DWT MR-Type Chemical Tanker

On 6 June, the second 50,000-ton MR-type chemical tanker built by CSSC Chengxi Shipyard Co., Ltd. was successfully launched, completing the entire dock construction process in just 48 days, with multiple key processes completed ahead of time. The vessel achieved efficient construction despite adverse weather conditions, with coordinated cross-departmental collaboration allowing for improved overall production efficiency.

Source: China State Shipbuilding Corporation (CSSC)

Link:<https://www.cssc.net.cn/n5/n21/c33796/content.html>

Harbin Engineering University Holds High-Speed Electric Motor Research Institute Development Seminar

On 8 June, HEU held a seminar on the development of its High-Speed Electric Motor Research Institute, convened by HEU President Yin Jingwei. Yin stated that establishing the Institute is a key initiative for HEU to serve national strategies and

open up new development sectors, as well as a practice of deeper alumni empowerment and university-enterprise collaboration. He emphasized the need for high-level planning, high-standard implementation and major achievements to ensure tangible results.

Source: Harbin Engineering University (HEU)

Link:<https://news.hrbeu.edu.cn/info/1141/88939.htm>

Strathclyde-Led Project Warns Coastal Communities Face Inequality in Energy Transition

A new report led by the University of Strathclyde warns that current governance arrangements may leave coastal communities bearing the cost of the energy transition while seeing limited long-term benefits. The findings, released on 7 June, will inform ongoing policy discussions around offshore energy development, community benefit and the UK's pathway to net zero, highlighting the need for more equitable distribution of benefits from marine energy projects.

Source: University of Strathclyde

Link:<https://www.strath.ac.uk/whystrathclyde/news/2026/june/strathclydecontributestoprojectwarningcoastalcommunitiesriskinequalityinenergytransition/>

Other Maritime and Ocean Engineering News

Russia Reactivates Arctic LNG Route with Early-Summer Icebreaking Carrier Transit

Russia has reopened its seasonal eastern export corridor for LNG from the sanctioned Arctic LNG 2 project after the Arc7 ice-class icebreaking LNG carrier “Christophe de Margerie” completed a rare early-summer voyage along the Northern Sea Route. The vessel departed the Utrenniy terminal at Arctic LNG 2 on May 26 and passed through the Bering Strait on June 8, completing the transit in 13 days. The voyage signals the reactivation of the logistics chain linking Arctic LNG 2 with Asian customers through the eastern transfer hub for the summer 2026 navigation season.

Source: gCaptain

Link:<https://gcaptain.com/russia-reactivates-arctic-lng-route-to-asia-as-icebreaking-carrier-completes-rare-early-summer-transit/>

HD Korea Shipbuilding Wins VLGC Order as Global Orders Reach 179 Vessels

On June 8, HD Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering announced it had secured a contract from BGN International, a subsidiary of Turkish energy giant BGN Group, for the construction of two 93,000 cbm VLGCs valued at approximately 360.7 billion Korean won. This follows the company’s June 1 contract for eight 90,000 cbm VLGCs valued at approximately 1.4161 trillion Korean won. To date, HD Korea Shipbuilding has secured 32 VLGC orders this year. Global newbuilding orders for VLGCs have reached 179 vessels, accounting for nearly 37% of the global VLGC fleet.

Source: World Ports

Link:<https://www.worldports.org/nearly-180-vessels-orders-for-this-ship-type-surge-over-two-months/>

Samsung Heavy Industries Secures \$247 Million LNG Carrier Order

Samsung Heavy Industries has secured a KRW 385.5 billion (\$247 million) contract to build one LNG carrier for a shipowner in Oceania. The order lifts the South Korean shipbuilder’s 2026 intake to 29 units worth \$8.5 billion, putting Samsung Heavy Industries at 61% of its \$13.9 billion full-year order target. A company official indicated that selective ordering focused on high-value-added ship types.

Source: PortNews

Link:<https://en.portnews.ru/news/392619/>

Changhong International Delivers Second 10,300-TEU LNG-Powered Boxship to MSC

On June 8, Zhoushan Changhong International Shipyard delivered the “Mediterranean Maria Laura” (CHB2038), the second 10,300-TEU LNG-powered container ship built for Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC), delivered 206 days ahead of schedule. The vessel features LNG dual-fuel main engines and generators, along with a high-and-low-pressure hybrid gas supply system, and incorporates ammonia-ready and methanol-ready designs.

Source: World Ports

Link:<https://www.worldports.org/changhong-international-delivers-second-10300-teu-lng-powered-container-ship-to-msc/>

Beihai Shipbuilding Delivers 21st 210,000-Ton Bulk Carrier to CMB.TECH

On June 8, Beihai Shipbuilding, in collaboration with China Shipbuilding Trading, delivered the 210,000-ton bulk carrier “MINERAL MAGYAR” to Belgian shipping company CMB.TECH, marking the 21st bulk carrier of the same series delivered by Beihai Shipbuilding to CMB.TECH. The vessel achieved a hull integrity score of 91 points upon undocking, setting a new record for inspection efficiency for similar vessels.

Source: World Ports

Link:<https://www.worldports.org/beihai-shipbuilding-delivers-cmb-techs-21st-210000-ton-bulk-carrier/>

Perdana Petroleum Orders Two AHTS Vessels from China’s Aulong Shipbuilding

Malaysian offshore marine support services provider Perdana Petroleum has signed shipbuilding contracts with China’s Aulong Shipbuilding Co., Ltd. for the construction of two anchor handling tug supply (AHTS) vessels with bollard pull capacity of approximately 60 tonnes each. The total contract value is approximately \$34 million. The vessels are expected to be delivered in stages during the third and fourth quarters of FY2028.

Source: World Ports

Link:<https://www.worldports.org/perdana-petroleum-orders-ahts-pair-at-aulong-shipbuilding-in-china/>

USV Rescues Aviators Off Oman in First Publicly Reported Personnel Recovery

A Saronic-built, U.S. Navy-operated autonomous surface vessel successfully rescued two U.S. Army aviators following a helicopter crash off Oman, marking the first publicly reported personnel recovery by an unmanned surface vessel. The successful rescue validates ASV capabilities for critical, time-sensitive maritime missions and could accelerate ASV integration for commercial shipping applications.

Source: Seaway Maritime Intelligence

Link:<https://www.seawayshipservices.com/maritime-intelligence.php?article=usv-rescues-aviators-in-oman-a-new-era-for-maritime-safety-operations-309fc3>

Houthi Forces Strike Two Commercial Vessels in Gulf of Aden

Houthi forces struck two commercial vessels in the Gulf of Aden on June 8-9, 2026, in the first kinetic enforcement of a “complete and total ban” on Israeli maritime navigation declared in a televised address hours earlier. The attacks mark a significant escalation in the Middle East maritime security situation, further complicating shipping routes in the strategically vital waterway.

Source: MarineLink / House of Saud

Link:<https://houseofsaud.com/houthi-missiles-strike-two-vessels-in-gulf-of-aden/>