

**MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES**

**OUR OCEANS COMMITTEE**

**MEETING OUTLINE FALL 2021**

**90 MINUTES**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

1. **WELCOME:** **(11:00 – 11:05 AM)**
2. **INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS:**

Chair Christopher E. Carey

Vice Chair Sean Houseal

Secretary Eva-Maria Mayer

BOD Liaison Jennifer Porter

1. **MISSION STATEMENT:**

The Our Oceans Committee monitors and reports on ocean resources and their economic, environmental, sustainable, and competing uses. We follow international and U.S. oceans policy developments in legal, scientific, and commercial spheres of interest to the MLA’s membership, including but not limited to: climate change, polar ice melt, increased Arctic access, and rising sea levels; and the impact of human actions on the oceans.

1. **SITUATIONAL UPDATE:** **(11:05 – 11:15 AM)**
2. **M/V WAKASHIO** (off Mauritania) (update)
3. **FSO NABARIMA** (off Venezuela) (update)
4. **FSO SAFER** (off Yemen) (update)
5. **STATUS OF ARCTIC SEA ICE AND EFFECTS ON NAVIGABILITY**
6. **U.N. Panel Issues Stark Climate-Change Warning** <http://a.msn.com/04/en-us/AAN6b9x?ocid=se>
7. **Europe Rolls Out Vision for a Carbonless Future, but Big Obstacles Loom** <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/14/world/europe/climate-change-carbon-green-new-deal.html?referringSource=articleShare>
8. **M/V X-PRESS PEARL: UN official says sinking caused significant damage to planet**
9. **A Major Ocean Current May Be Hurtling Towards Collapse** <http://a.msn.com/04/en-us/BB1dWPCc?ocid=se>
10. **IMO March 2, 2021 Meeting 2021 Re: “Working to Regulate Dumping of Waste at Sea”**

IMO: Working together to regulate waste dumping at sea - SAFETY4SEA   
<https://safety4sea.com/imo-working-together-to-regulate-waste-dumping-at-sea/?__cf_chl_jschl_tk__=pmd_t7l0PZ3z22JYvI_q_LdXmbljQsjyJvafo36S5RFTvGI-1631644451-0-gqNtZGzNAhCjcnBszQiR>

1. **RECENT DEVELOPMENTS** (George Croton) **(11:15 – 11:25 AM)**
2. **CLE PRESENTATION:**
3. “Jones Act Considerations for the Development of Offshore Wind Farms” by Charlie Papavisas, Winston & Strawn, Washington, D.C.; (**11:25 – 11:55 AM)**
4. “Decarbonizing the Shipping Industry: A Status Report” by Prof. Gunther Handl, Tulane University Law School, New Orleans, La.; **(11:55 – 12:25 AM)**
5. **New Business (12:25 – 12:30 PM)**

-Discussion re: suggestions for subcommittees

-Possible Joint Meetings?

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