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Environment tops the agenda at **Singapore Maritime Week**

Increasingly stringent environmental regulatory framework for shipping garners much of the limelight during annual event

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Shipping leaders from across the globe converged on Singapore last week to take part in numerous forums examining the industry's future and how it can become greener.

Shipowners at Singapore Maritime Week shared how they have decided on whether to opt for low-sulphur fuel or scrubbers, although such choices are tinged with a high degree of risk that will not become fully clear until the price of the new fuel is known.

They heard that oil majors and the Port of Singapore have gone to great lengths to assure the industry they will be ready with enough IMO 2020-compliant fuel, while giving little indication of how much it would cost.

But it is what happens after IMO 2020 that is becoming of increasing concern, because the environmental impact of shipping is clearly in politicians' sights.

 $\label{eq:state} Stakeholders fear regulations will become increasingly stringent, and often unrealistic, based on the technology available today.$

The IMO is already working on its carbon road map and expectations are that new



Such moves would make it difficult to plan ahead, especially when new

Capital Link Forum: Kristin Holth, DNB's global head of o an industries Photo: Jonathan B

regulations are combined with rapid developments in technology that could easily render a ship obsolete at a relatively young age

Andreas Sohmen-Pao, chairman of BW Group, summed up the thoughts of many of his peers when he said it would take a brave person to order a ship today

"We have no idea what the world will look like over its lifespan of 20 to 30 years," he said at Seatrade's Sea Asia forum

The recurring theme throughout the week was that shipping can no longer be complacent and ignore the environment

If it does not take the lead and make the necessary adaptations, governments will force it to change with rules that often create an uneven playing field.

Customers are also demanding that the industry become greener.

And, based on comments made by lenders at the Capital Link, Marine Money and Moore Stephens forums, so are bankers, who are themselves under pressure from shareholders to support green initiatives with incentives such as financially advantageous lending terms

Away from the conference, there were plenty of opportunities for the industry to network and let down its hair.

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ico party: Maite Bolivar Klarup (left), South East Asia ge sident designate Photo: Jonathan Boonzaier eral manager, and Sadan Kaptanoglu

Shipbroking held cocktail receptions at Eden Hall — the 115-year-old mansion that is the official residence of British high commissioner Scott Wightm

Guests were served fish and chips wrapped in mock copies of newspapers highlighting the history of the stately residence.

Bimco opted for a more modern venue, hosting a party at a private business club high up in a downtown skyscraper

The organisation took the opportunity to introduce its incoming president. Sadan Kaptanoglu, to the Asian shipping community at the reception, where fine imported cheeses were paired with French wines.

Also making introductory rounds was Quah Ley Hoon, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore's recently installed chief executive.

The presence of two women holding such prominent positions signalled that shipping is making strides to improve its poor record on gender equality.

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Alan Hatton predicts smoother sailing for smaller ships post-IMO 2020

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Foreguard Shipping managing director Alan Hatton expects operators of smaller-size ships to face less IMO 2020 volatility as few such vessels will be scrubber-fitted.

This is in contrast to the larger-size segments, where scrubber-equipped vessels may or may not have the competitive edge over vessels that will run on low-sulphur fuel.

Speaking at a Moore Stephens forum in Singapore, Hatton said the smaller-size sectors are somewhat insulated as most vessels that operate in these markets will not be fitted with scrubbers.

"Almost all the ships in the sectors we operate in will run on compliant fuel. There will be much more of a level playing field," he said.

Foreguard's fleet comprises four handysize product tankers, two small LPG carriers and an anchor handling tug supply vessel.

"It didn't make sense for us to fit scrubbers on these ships," Hatton explained.

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