

**10th Maritime Conference “NAVIGATOR 2011”, Wednesday, 9th November
2011, Athens Golf Club, Glyfada**

PRESS RELEASE

NAVIGATOR HOSTS SUCCESSFUL 10th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NAVIGATOR S.A. organized the **10th Annual NAVIGATOR Maritime Conference** at the Athens Golf Club on 9th November 2011, with remarkable success, celebrating its 20-year successful course and presence in the Greek Shipping Industry.

The widely recognized shipping event has been held annually since 2001 and this year it attracted more than 400 prominent personalities from the Greek and international shipping community.

The **US Ambassador**, as well as the **Ambassadors of United Kingdom and India**, together with the **Consulate of Panama**, all honored the conference with their presence. **Mr. Nicky Pappadakis**, President of INTERCARGO, was among the conference’s distinguished industry guests.

The International Propeller Club of the United States was represented by **Mr. Gregory Timagenis**, 1st Vice President and **Mrs. Despina Foros – Tsirozidis**, 2nd Vice President.

Mr. Dimitris Zorbalas, Member of the Board of Governors, **Mr. Theodoros Rentzeperis**, Member of the Propeller Club were also present, together with **Dr. Konstantinos Rokkos**, Member of the Board of Governors, who was also one of the Conference’s Speakers.

The Navigator Conference always aims to review, examine and discuss critical, topical issues faced by today’s maritime community, on the insight of experienced speakers, including widely-known and successful Shipowners and shipping specialists. It is widely covered in the Greek shipping press, supported by a range of important shipping organizations and generously sponsored a number of prestigious maritime companies involved in various industry sectors.

NAVIGATOR 2011 Conference Moderator was **Nigel Lowry of Lloyd’s List**. Four (4) different sessions highlighted key developments regarding **Piracy, Market Trends, Maritime Education and Technical Issues** and held the audience’s interest until late in the afternoon.

The Conference’s Keynote Speaker, **Emmanouel Vordonis**, Executive Director and Chairman of THENAMARIS SHIPS MANAGEMENT INC opened the **Piracy Session**.

US ambassador to Greece, **Daniel B Smith**, was a guest speaker and after addressing the issue of piracy, reminded the audience of the sanctions imposed on Iran saying it was the responsibility of the shipping industry to ensure they were kept.

Peter Sand, Chief Shipping Analyst of BIMCO, **George Gourdomichalis**, President and Managing Director of GBROS MARITIME S.A. and **Emmanouel Alexandrou**, Director of ALKON HOLDING INC were some of the distinguished Speakers who honored the Conference with their presence.

NAVIGATOR 2011 MARITIME CONFERENCE was followed by a **Forum hosted by Admiralty**, entitled "Are you ready for the new ECDIS regulations?" Captain Paul Hailwood, Master Mariner, explained and demonstrated the transition stages required for shipping companies to ensure that the safety and efficiency benefits are realized across the fleet and to meet IMO obligations.

NAVIGATOR Conference was **sponsored by** the Platinum Sponsor, ADMIRALTY, Gold Sponsors I.S.B (HELLAS) Ltd. and PHOENIX SHIPPING & TRADING Ltd.

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NAVIGATOR Members honored the Conference with their support and presence, AGENCIA MARITIMA NABSA S.A. –Agency in Argentina, FOSS MARITIME – Towing Company in US West Coast and Boston, NEXT MARITIME – Worldwide Agency, NORTON LILLY INTERNATIONAL – Agency in the US, Canada and Caribbean, VISWA LAB – second biggest fuel analysis and fuel Management Company worldwide and VSHIPS AGENCY GROUP – Agency in China, Singapore, Taiwan and Rotterdam.

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