

### SPEAKERS

#### Nikolaos Bakatselos President American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

Nikolaos Bakatselos is the President & CEO of "Pyramis Metallourgia A.E." and "Pyramis Deutschland GmbH". Nikolaos Bakatselos was Member of the Board of Directors, and Deputy Managing Director, of "Northern Greece Publishing S.A.". He has held the position of Managing Director of "Imperium AEEX", and Member of the Board of Directors of "Egnatia Bank Securities S.A.". He was a Member of the Board of Directors of Attica Bank from February 2014 until June 2016. Nikolaos Bakatselos was a Member of the Steering Committee of the "International Hellenic University" from 2006 until January 2014 and Member of the Board and President of the Northern Greece Committee of EEDE. He is Member of the Committee Support CERTH, Trustee of Anatolia College, Member of the Board of Directors of SVE, Member of the Board of Directors of IOBE and Honorary Consul of Belgium for Northern Greece. After being a Member of the Board of Directors of the American – Hellenic Chamber of Commerce for several years, in June 2010 he was elected Vice President of AmChamGR and President of the Northern Greece Committee and since June 2019 he is the President of AmChamGR. Nikolaos Bakatselos is Founding Member and Member of the Board of Council of Competitiveness of Greece. From October 2019 until February 2022, he was elected as President of HEDNO by the General Assembly of HEDNO. He holds a B.A. in Sociology from University of Reading and a MSc in Shipping, Trade and Finance from City University Business School.

# Joseph Hughes Chairman, North American Marine Environment Protection Association, (NAMEPA) Chairman & CEO, Shipowners Claims Bureau

Joseph E.M. (Joe) Hughes: Chairman & CEO of Shipowners Claims Bureau (SCB), and affiliated companies. Founding Principal, Eagle Ocean Management, LLC. Joe has served as Chairman and CEO of the managers of the American Club, an International Group mutual, for over twenty-five years. Joe also oversees the activities of Eagle Ocean Agencies, Inc., an affiliate of SCB, which operates the Eagle Ocean Marine and Eagle Ocean America insurance facilities. In addition, he is a Director of American Hellenic Hull Insurance Company, Ltd., a Cyprus-based underwriting investment of the American Club. In addition to his corporate responsibilities, Joe is Chairman of the North American Marine Environment Protection Association, (NAMEPA), a Director (and former President) of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York and New Jersey and a Director of New York Maritime, Inc. (NYMAR). He also sits on the Classification Committee of the American Bureau of Shipping, the North American Advisory Committee of Lloyd's Register, and is a member of the National Cargo Bureau. An Oxford-educated British barrister by training, Joe spent the first half of his career in the United Kingdom and Norway. Prior to arriving in the United States in 1995, he served as Chairman of the global marine practice of JIB International Ltd., a prominent insurance brokerage owned by the Jardine Matheson Group operating at Lloyd's of London and across the globe.

### Yuri Ann Arthur Senior Commercial Officer Embassy of the United States in Athens

Yuri Ann Arthur is the incoming Senior Commercial Officer for the U.S. Embassy in Athens. She will lead the Commercial Section of the Embassy, working on issues such as commercial diplomacy and trade advocacy, while also focusing on promoting U.S. commercial interests in Greece. Prior to being assigned to Greece, Yuri served in Manila as the Commercial Section Deputy, covering sectors including infrastructure, defense, ICT, and medical devices and pharmaceuticals. She served on the Embassy Deal team, working with interagency colleagues to identify project leads for possible private sector involvement and U.S. Government funding. Yuri also supported firms through advocacy in an attempt to secure transparent and fair evaluation of proposals. Utilizing her Japan experience, she also secured pathways for U.S. firms to partner with Japanese firms on Japanese Government funded big ticket projects in the Philippines. While in Manila, Yuri also led partnerships with like-minded foreign Embassy colleagues for a multilateral approach to policy issues, coordinating conferences to discuss policy issues of concern for the private sector with relevant government agencies in the Philippines. Prior to being assigned to the Philippines, Yuri was based in Tokyo, Japan where she handled the services and investment portfolio. She led delegations to key trade shows, worked with the State of Hawaii for an education trade mission led by the First Lady, accompanied Ambassador Kennedy to the SelectUSA Summit, was chosen to serve as Control Officer for the first international trip by Commerce Secretary Ross. In 2016, she was chosen to be Control Officer for the Iseshima G7 Summit. Before her Japan assignment, Yuri was a Mansfield Fellow, and also served in the West Los Angeles U.S. Export Assistance Center where she enjoyed counseling local firms on international market expansion and supporting the Asia Pacific Business Outlook Conference. Her first position with the Department of Commerce was in the Office of East Asia where she started as a trade specialist, and participated in trade dialogues with the Governments of Japan and Korea. Yuri started her career as an Information Officer at the Japanese Embassy. She also worked as an Account Manager for Japanese airline All Nippon Airways. Yuri has a B.A. in International Relations from the University of California San Diego, and graduate level certificates in International Business and Program Management from Georgetown University. She has completed study abroad programs at both Keio University in Japan and the Chinese University of Hong Kong. She is married and has two children (one dog and one daughter.

### Costis Frangoulis President, International Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus CEO, Franman

Costis J. Frangoulis is a Greek entrepreneur born in Athens, Greece, and a father of two daughters, Elli and Athena. He holds a B.A from the University of Richmond, U.K in Economics and Business Administration since 1988. He is the Founder, President, and CEO of Franman Group which he formed in May 1991. For 31 years now, Franman has provided a wide range of services to the shipping industry, focused on shipbuilding equipment, spare parts, ship repairs and service, ship supplies, maritime security, underwater cleaning services, cyber security and consulting. year 1996, he founded Imperium Shipmanagement SA which managed and owned 5 handysize bulk carriers. After a decade and while the Dry Cargo market was booming, he decided to exit the market by taking advantage of the very high asset values at the time. Costis Frangoulis is the President of the International Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus, Vice President of the International Propeller Club of the United States, an Ambassador of the Sailors' Society in Greece, and a non-executive member of the board of Sfakianakis Group.

### George Pateras President, Hellenic Chamber of Shipping Deputy Chairman, Contships Management Inc.

George D. Pateras, born in London, UK, and the father of 3 adult children, is the Deputy Chairman, Contships Management Inc. and since 2016 the Chairman of the Hellenic Chamber of Shipping. He Studied Engineering and Economics and holds a BSc in Marine Engineering from Newcastle University, MS in Marine Engineering and Naval Architecture from MIT and a PhD from Plymouth University. He is a Board member of the Hellenic War Risks Association and the Bahamas Shipowners

Association, Chairman of the Hellenic Shipping War Risks Insurance S.A., Vice Chairman, NATO, PBOS now TG(OS) (2000-) and permanent advisor (AMSCC) of the Hellenic Ministry of Defense. Dr. Pateras has also served as the Chairman of the Bahamas Shipowners' Association (2011- 2015) and as a Board member of the Hellenic Seamen's Pension Fund (1984- 1993), Olympic Aviation (1991-1993), the Hellenic Chamber of Shipping (1986-2015), the Union of Greek Shipowners (1983-2004), HELMEPA (1996-1998), the BSA representative on International Chamber of Shipping (2011-2015) and Managing Director of Aegeus Shipping S.A. (1981-2018).

### Lieutenant Commander JB Zorn Chief, Inspections Division US Coast Guard Activities Europe

As Chief of the Inspections Division for U.S. Coast Guard Activities Europe, Lt. Cmdr. Zorn leads a team of marine inspectors responsible for the Coast Guard's largest area of responsibility spanning across Africa, Europe, and the Middle East. In addition to representing the U.S. Flag Administration on board U.S. merchant and military ships for compliance with U.S. regulations and international conventions, Activities Europe also conducts construction oversight of foreign-flagged/built cruise ships planning to conduct U.S. operations. Prior to his current assignment, he served as a Coast Guard Congressional Fellow in the U.S. House of Representatives within a personal member office where he was responsible for policy research, leaislative assistance, communications for a broad portfolio of issue areas including Defense Appropriations, maritime. foreign/domestic trade. taxation/budget. From 2016 to 2019, he served as Chief, Investigations Division and Public Affairs Officer at Sector Charleston, leading teams investigating marine causalities and mariner licensing suspension and revocation cases. Previously, from 2013 to 2016, he was assigned Chief, Vessel Security Division and Staff Naval Architect, Hull Division at the Marine Safety Center, where he was responsible for the approval of security plans for all U.S. vessels as well as technical engineering plan review of stability, structures, and sail rigging for a variety of inspected vessels. Prior assignments include Marine Inspections and Investigations at Sector Honolulu. A native of Maryland, Lt. Cmdr. Zorn earned a Bachelor of Science in Maritime

Operations and Technology, from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York in 2008; and a Master of Science in Systems Engineering, from the Naval Postgraduate School at Monterey, California in 2013. He holds a Third Mate Merchant Mariner License (Unlimited Tonnage, Oceans) with QMED endorsement.

# Jeanne Grasso Partner, Blank Rome Co-Chair, Maritime and International Trade Practice Group

Jeanne M. Grasso is a partner at Blank Rome LLP and Co-Chair of the firm's Maritime and International Trade Practice Group. counsels vessel owners and operators, charterers, and facilities in connection with regulatory compliance related to the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and other agencies, including related to ballast water, emissions, port-State control, and coastwise trade. Jeanne handles internal and grand jury investigations and defense of administrative, civil, and criminal enforcement actions; counsels clients on risk mitigation strategies related to environmental incidents; advises on environmental compliance, pollution incident response, and coastwise trade; and conducts training seminars.

### Patrick Ryan Senior Vice President, Engineering &Technology, ABS

Patrick Ryan is Senior Vice President -Engineering and Technology for ABS. He is responsible for global engineering, digital engineering, rules and software, research and development, and the Global Ship Systems Group. Ryan is known for his vision and energy in digitizing maritime engineering and is leading ABS through their digitalization of Class in engineering, plan review, and beyond. His team has the unique responsibility to help ship owners, designers, and builders bring their plans into the digital world, and to lead the development of new technologies that will support remote and condition-based class services - all while never deviating from the ABS mission of making the world a safer place and protecting the impact on the environment. Ryan believes that digital

technologies go hand-in-hand with the ABS mission. A naval architect, Ryan's career has always been focused on great ships. For over 20 years prior to joining ABS, he was in a design and construction role, and most recently responsible for digital innovation around those two big processes at Newport News Shipbuilding. Ryan was at the forefront of their digital transformation; he founded their digital innovation lab, led the development and implementation of CAE, CAD, and digital twin technologies to support Engineering and Design for several major shipbuilding programs, and held a senior position in Corporate Strategy where he wrote several of their digital strategies. Ryan has authored seven U.S. and international patents on industrial augmented reality technology, and in 2017, Smart Industry Magazine named him one of the "Top 50" industrial innovators in Smart Technology. Early in his career, he was well-known as a Navy computational fluid dynamic expert, and he won the prestigious Doug Ensor Award for his leadership and work in Naval hydrodynamics. Ryan is a SNAME member, has a bachelor's degree in Aerospace and Ocean Engineering, and a master's degree in Ocean Engineering, all from Virginia Tech.

### Cynthia Hudson CEO and Founder HudsonAnalytix

Cynthia A. Hudson is CEO and founder of HudsonAnalytix, Inc., a global maritime risk consultancy serving the maritime transportation sector, headquartered in the Philadelphia region in the United States, and with offices across the United States and in Greece, Italy, and the United Kingdom. She is a forwardthinking leader in the industry, providing leadership on risk management challenges within the maritime transportation sector including cyber security risk management for shipping, ports, and terminals. In 1986, Cynthia Hudson founded what became HudsonAnalytix to provide emergency response, maritime project management, and maritime consulting services to maritime transportation interests; oil and energy, vessel owners/operators and insurers for more than 100 oil and hazardous material response incidents. Ms. Hudson led the firm into maritime security for ports and vessels, providing port vulnerability security assessment work at hundreds of ports and facilities worldwide. In 2016, she expanded the

HudsonAnalytix cyber security initiative to design and deliver cybersecurity and cyber risk management solutions to maritime clients and cybersecurity expertise provide governmental agencies. She has created and spearheaded projects such as CyberLogix and PortLogix, both of which are tools providing tailored cyber threat intelligence to senior port and shipping executives around the world. Throughout the maritime transportation industry, she is well-known and highly regarded for her work and contributions in her field. In 2016, Ms. Hudson was honored by the Organization of American States (OAS) Inter-American Committee on Ports with the Maritime Award of the Americas: Outstanding Women in the Maritime and Port Sector. Ms. Hudson serves on several Industry Boards such as the American Caribbean Maritime Association and the Maritime Academy High School in Philadelphia. She is President of WISTA Delaware River & Bay Chapter and a Director of the North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA). She has been a speaker, panelist, and moderator at conferences across the globe.

### Panagiotis Papagiannakopoulos EY Partner, Technology Consulting, EY South East Europe Cybersecurity Leader, Microsoft Alliance Leader in Greece

After a 4 years' period working for an Oil & Gas Company in the IT & Security domains, Panagiotis joined EY in 2008. He is highly experienced member within EY's Consulting Practice, specializing in Technology services and Cyber Security. He is leading the Cyber Security, Data Protection & Privacy services in Southeast Europe and the EY EMEIA Microsoft Cloud Security Center of Excellence located in Athens. Moreover, he is leading several Cloud Infrastructure related offerings. He holds a BSc degree in Informatics, a MSc degree in Information System from Athens University of Economic and Business, while he is CISSP, CDPSE, and CISA certified. He is a frequent speaker in conferences, and business events, while he an occasional lecturer at the Athens University of Economics and Business.

### Valia Demesticha Security Sales Leader IBM Greece & Cyprus

Valia Demesticha is the Security Solutions Sales Leader for IBM Greece and Cyprus. She joined IBM in 2000, and since then she has undertaken various technical and sales positions with a focus on delivering innovative business solutions by utilizing the IBM software portfolio. She is working as Senior Security Sales Professional in the IBM Technology Unit since 2014. Within her role, her main mission is to enable the adoption of advanced security related techniques in the daily business practice of companies. She is working with various organization in the promotion of technology adoption initiatives, smarter solutions, and process transformation. Valia Demesticha holds a BSc in Physics from the Kapodistrian University of Athens and a PhD in Telecommunications from the National Technical University of Athens

### Katerina Zervonikolaki Cybersecurity Sales Engineer Performance Technologies

Katerina Zervonikolaki is Cybersecurity Sales Engineer, responsible for the Business Development of Performance Technologies Cybersecurity solutions and services portfolio. She helps organizations identify, design, and implement solutions in order to be protected from modern threats and comply with mandates. She holds a BSc in Informatics from Athens University of Economics and Business.

### Eitan Yehuda Associate Director & Cybersecurity Expert BCG Israel

Experience

Hitachi Data System 2016-2017 Chief Technology Officer (Israel & EMED)

• Lead the technical team and the company technology vision. Work with customers C-level management.

IsraCard Ltd. 2013-2016 Chief Technology Officer & Head of Information Technology Department • Lead Isracard's innovation and technology and cyber teams: o Develop mobile & web applications to enable payments for end users and merchant's • Ensure 24/7 availability and security of the company's computer infrastructure • Transition the company's IT

infrastructure to 'cloud computing' o Develop database marketing using 'big data' technology • Manage 50 employees (e.g. software engineers, programmers, & operating personnel) • Preform Cyber Security risk analysis, audit & fraud assessments to safeguard the organization's critical data assets • Manage the company's Business Continuity Plan

Israel Defense Forces 1988-2013 Lieutenant Colonel, Head of Information Technology & Cyber warfare unit • Built Cyber Defense unit for Israeli Defense Forces' criticalsystems: • Managed a team of 140 engineers, programmers and operating personnel o Created unified operation-businesscentric security analysis service o Reduced the unit's critical data assets and prevented exposure to malicious activity • Developed inhouse methodology for risk analysis and security review • Managed peripheral infrastructure & information systems of 120,000 user; Developed and managed the Navy's data center • Oversaw the implementation of a SAPbased ERP system • Economic Operation procurement of computing services (hardware and software) • Led cooperation efforts with intelligence agencies worldwide

Lieutenant Colonel, Chief Information Officer and Head of Technology Unit, Israeli Navy • Led the Navy's information technology branch, comprised of 110 engineers, programmers & technicians • Designed & implemented cyber security for naval combat systems • Developed & maintained applications for navy users Education

Maritime cyber security research (PhD trac) – current position

Political Science & National Security, command and governances, February 2006, National Security College of the Israeli Defense Forces

Master of Sciences, Statistics & Applied Probability, actuary, and risk analysis studies; Graduate thesis: "Development of Statistical Distributions of Data Loss (voice & video) over Data Communications Networks"; October 2005; Haifa University (Israel)

Masters on Business Administration Information Systems; Graduate Thesis: "Implementation of ERP systems"; graduated October 2002; Derby University (England)

Bachelor of Arts, Computer Science and Statistics, graduated October 1998; Technion College (Israel).

Military Service: 1988-2013, Lieutenant Colonel (retired).

#### **Yannis Maniatis**

#### f. Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change

#### Assoc. Professor, University of Piraeus

Dr. Eng. Yannis Maniatis was an Assoc. Professor at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, and since 2002 is Assoc. Professor at the University of Piraeus. Visiting Professor at the Institute of Economic Geography, University of Bonn.

Director of the MSc "Climate Crisis and Information and Communication Technologies". Director of the "Environmental and Energy Policies and Systems" Laboratory.

Political: - Member of the Greek Parliament (2004 - 2019) - Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change (2013 - 2015)- Secretary General of the Ministry of Transport and Communications (1998 - 2001)

Academic fields: Energy and Transportation **Policies** and Systems Environmental Management and Climate Change Innovation Management and Digital Entrepreneurship - Systems and Policies of Smart Energy, Digital Agriculture, Smart Cities **Books - Publications** 

- Maniatis, Y. (Scientific Adviser), Sokou K. (2022), "Squaring the energy Transition Circle in Southeast Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean", Atlantic Council eds, Washington D.C.
- Maniatis, Y. (2020). "Green Development: The Answer to Climate Crisis", diaNEOsis Eds, Athens
- 3. Maniatis, Y. (2016). "Structural Reforms and Progressive Patriotism", Papazisis Eds, Athens.
- 4. Maniatis, Y. (2012). "Energy and Natural Resources: National Pillars for Development", Livanis Eds, Athens.
- 5. Maniatis, Y. (2009). "The Challenge of Green Development", Livanis Eds, Athens.
- 6. Maniatis, Y. (1993). "Geographic Information Systems and Environmental Monitoring", Ziti Eds, Thessaloniki.

### Antonis Ekonomidis Sustainability Solutions Leader IBM Greece & Cyprus

Antonis Ekonomidis holds the position of the Sustainability Solutions Leader at IBM Greece and Cyprus. He started his carrier in IBM in 2006 and has 15 years of experience in Account Management in the Financial Services Sector. Prior to IBM, he worked as an IT Consultant and Project Manager in various projects in Greece and abroad. He holds a BSE in Electrical Engineering & IT and MSc in Telecommunications.

### Vassilis Panagoulias Principal Industrial Goods / Shipping Boston Consulting Group

Vassilis Panagoulias is a Principal at BCG Athens and a core member of the BCG Industrial Goods team, focusing on shipping. He has 12 years of international experience in shipping, strategy and finance. Vassilis is a core member of BCG's global shipping decarbonization team and is leading the shipping efforts in Greece. He joined BCG in 2017 and has had a key role in the development of BCG's activities in Greece in the Industrial Goods and shipping space. Over the last years he has led large strategy, digital transformation and venture building projects for shipping companies and energy players in Europe, Middle East and Southeast Asia.

## Vasilis Kopelas Vice President of Corporate Strategy and Business Development Advent Technologies Holdings Inc.

Vasilis Kopelas is the Vice President of Corporate Strategy and Business Development in Advent Technologies Holdings Inc. He holds extensive experience in the automotive and fuel cell industries, having established a successful 15year career working for Toyota Motor Europe, and Jaguar-Landrover, serving in multiple senior roles across different functions, such as R&D, Sales & Marketing, Business Strategy, and countries, including Belgium, Japan, and Russia. Over the past 3 years, Vasilis Kopelas served as Manager (Business Development) of Toyota Motor's Fuel Cells Business Group in Brussels Belgium, being responsible for the corporate cell strategy development, popularization of fuel cell technology solutions in a variety of sectors and applications, actively contributing to Toyota's vision towards the creation of a hydrogen society in the EU region. Vassilis Kopelas holds MSc in Automotive Product Engineering from Cranfield University in UK and a MSc in Aeronautical Engineering from University of Patras in Greece.

### Dimitrios Patrikios CEO Kyklades Maritime Corporation

CEO of Kyklades Maritime Corporation, with 33 years of shipping experience, the last 14 years in senior positions.

Member of INTERTANKO Executive Committee Member of the Classification Societies Greek Committee; DNV, NK, ABS and BV Fellow Member of ICS (Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers)

Ex-Vice President of Propeller Club of Piraeus He was born and raised in Athens. He holds a BSc in Mathematics from the University of Athens, a BSc in Business Administration from the University of Piraeus, a MSc in Management Science from the Imperial College. Inspirational Quote: 'Be flexible to new ideas, follow your instinct and be resilient to changes'.

### Floriana Farrar Vice President & Chief Legal Officer Patriot Contract Services

Boriana Farrar is a Vice President and Chief Legal Officer Patriot Contract Services LLC a leading maritime operator in the US and international space. Boriana Farrar brings in seventeen (17) years of legal experience. Boriana holds a master's degree in Admiralty & Maritime Law from Tulane Law School and another master's degree in International Law from the University of San Diego School of Law. She has a thorough international background, having pursued her legal studies not only in the U.S. but also in her native Bulgaria, the U.K. and the Netherlands. In addition to her native language, she is fluent in English, Russian and German. Previously, Boriana was a Vice President, Senior Claims Executive and Counsel at the American P&I Club in New York of which Patriot is a member. She handled variety of P&I claims with focus on personal injury crew and passenger claims, casualties, charter party and contract disputes. Boriana also served as a Business Development of the Americas and was responsible for marketing and production in this region. Before joining the Club, Boriana was a partner at a prominent New York maritime law firm Hill Betts & Nash LLP. There, as a partner in its maritime practice, she had responsibility for conducting a broad range of litigation in the area of maritime disputes in both federal and state court, including matters involving personal injury, maritime casualties, breach of contract and various other insurance defense disputes. Boriana Farrar is a President of Women International Shipping and Trading Association (WISTA), Board member and Chair of Development Committee of Seamen's Church Institute (SCI) and Chair of Marine Insurance and Claims Association (MICA).

### Captain Robert Hughes Chief Operating Officer Genco Shipping & Trading Limited

Captain Robert Hughes has served as Genco's Chief Operations Officer since January 22, 2019 and has over 20 years of experience in the shipping industry both at sea and ashore, with a focus on vessel and cargo operations, customer relations and strategic planning. becoming their COO, Captain Hughes was employed by one of the largest charterers of dry bulk tonnage, Cargill Ocean Transportation, as the Americas Operations and Global Technical Manager. He holds a Bachelor for Science dearee from the US Merchant Marine Academy, a Master of Business Administration from Molloy College, and a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College, and actively maintains a US Coast Guard Master of unlimited tonnage any oceans license.

## Carleen Lyden Walker Co-Founder/ Executive Director, NAMEPA Chief Evolution Officer, SHIPPINGInsight

Carleen Lyden Walker is the Chief Evolution Officer of SHIPPINGInsight, leveraging off her experience as а marketina communications professional in the commercial maritime industry with over 40 years of experience. She specializes in identifying, implementing developing and strategic programs that position SHIPPINGInsight as the most effective forum for shipowners and solution providers to advance optimization and innovation in the maritime sphere. In 2015, Ms. Lyden Walker was appointed a Goodwill Maritime Ambassador by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). She is a member of WISTA (Women's International Shipping and Trading Association), the Connecticut Maritime Association, WIMAC (Women in Maritime Association, Caribbean) and is a Past-President

of the Propeller Club Chapter of the Port of NY/NJ. She was also elected to the Board of Trustees of Tall Ships America Foundation, Northeast Maritime Institute, and the New Era Academy (Baltimore Harbor School). Ms. Lyden Walker is also CEO of Morgan Marketing & Communications, Co-Founder/Executive Director of NAMEPA, and Founder of both CARIBMEPA and the Consortium for International Maritime Heritage. In 2010 she was awarded the Certificate of Merit by the United States Coast Guard, and in 2014 a Public Service Commendation for her work on World Maritime Day and AMVER, respectively. She held a USCG Captain's license.