

CALL FOR PAPERS

The **Connecticut Maritime Association (CMA)** and the **CMA Education Foundation** are seeking entries from students attending American maritime colleges and universities with programs and/or courses that deal with shipping, international trade and marine transportation.

The Connecticut Maritime Association, Inc., is a not-for-profit organization established in 1984 and has an educational mission. It is an association of individuals representing every aspect of shipping and international trade, both ship and cargo interests.

CMA's annual trade show and conference, April 1 to 3, 2025, will feature **Student Research Presentations on the Business of Shipping throughout the conference.** To qualify, a student must be an individual working towards a bachelor's or master's degree in a US university.

All papers are to be original manuscripts and the topics should have practical application to industry problems, issues, or policies. Papers will be reviewed by teams from academia and industry. Three papers will be selected and awarded certificates, with a first place award of \$2500, second place award of \$1500, and third place award of \$1000. The awards are courtesy of **d'Amico Shipping Group**. Papers, presentations or portions of the submissions may be published in industry publications and/or on the CMA Education Foundation website or annual report.

All topics of the "Business of Shipping" are acceptable. Possible topics that students may wish to explore might include:

- Financial pressures and survival among owners of ships – tankers, bulk carriers, containerships
- The supply chain impact on the maritime industry
- Imbalance between the supply of, and the demand for, ships and their implications
- Global warming – the effect on the output of agricultural goods and demand for bulk carriers
- Global maritime policies such as those covering safety, environmental emissions, invasive species and ballast water issues, market competition, etc.
- Regulation, enforcement and governance in the maritime field
- Energy – oil, gas, coal, wind, solar – what are its effects on the shipping industry?
- Vessel operating issues – for example, crew recruiting, retention and education
- Ship waste disposal, environmental ship scrapping, population growth and migration and their impact on demand for resources
- Piracy and/or terrorism and their impact on shipping
- The environment – regulations and technological solutions
- Cyber security and data protection for vessel and shore-side offices
- AI in shipping: where, when, how, why?
- Port development and operations
- Others, such as: the Maritime Labor Convention, emission issues and technological solutions

Submit your **paper (of a maximum of 15 pages) and presentation by January 20, 2025.**

Submissions are to be e-mailed only. Feel free to contact Shmuel Yahalom if you have any questions.

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