

Antwerp, Belgium 29-30 June 2026



MASTERCLASS LAYTIME & DEMURRAGE



DAY 1

09:00-09:30	Introduction to BIMCO
09:30-10:30	Overview of law and practice
10:30-11:00	Break
11:00-11:45	Types of laytime
11:45-12:30	Case study 1
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	Commencement of laytime – legal and contractual principles
15:00-15:45	Termination and stoppage of laytime
15:45-16:15	Break
16:15-17:30	Demurrage and despatch

DAY 2

09:00-10:30	Case study 2
10:30-11:00	Break
11:00-11:45	Termination and stoppage of demurrage
11:45-12:45	Case study 3
12:45-13:45	Lunch
13:45-14:30	Damages for detention
14:30-15:30	Time bar clauses and the commercial usage of laytime and demurrage in non-traditional ways
15:30-15:45	Break
15:45-16:15	Laytime and demurrage – practical issues and suggestions
16:15-16:30	Q&A



Baris Soyer

Professor Sover is the Director of the Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law at Swansea University (www.swansea.ac.uk/law/istl). He is a member of the British Maritime Law Association and British Insurance Law Association. He is the author of Warranties in Marine Insurance published by Cavendish Publishing (2001), Marine Insurance Fraud published by Informa Publishing and of an extensive list of journal articles published in elite journals such as Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly, Journal of Business Law, Cambridge Law Journal, Edinburgh Law Review, Law Quarterly Review, Torts Law Journal and Journal of Contract Law. He sits on the editorial boards of the Journal of International Maritime Law, Shipping and Trade Law and editorial committee of the Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly (International Maritime and Commercial Law Yearbook). He currently teaches Admiralty Law, Charter parties: Law and Practice and Marine Insurance on the LLM Programme, and is the Director of Shipping and Trade LLM programmes at Swansea.



Jean-Paul Dezutter

Jean-Paul is a former shipbroker, laytime and operations expert who manages laytime and demurrage cases globally. Through Demurrage Desk, he designs tailored contracts and clauses to optimise and mitigate laytime risk. In addition, he provides personalised consultancy services to stakeholders, such as ports, law firms, P&I clubs, technology companies and start-ups, focusing on process analysis and optimization. His work includes designing workflow and process strategies, identifying and mitigating operational risks, facilitating organisational changes, and building resilience in response to the fast-changing maritime industry.

Jean-Paul's expertise mainly focuses on dry shipping, including charter parties (voyage, time, demise), laytime & demurrage and speed & performance claims. He holds certificates in Ship Chartering, Ship Finance, Maritime Disputes & Arbitration and Laytime & Demurrage.

As a CIArb accredited mediator and supporting member of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association, he advises and assists in the commercial resolution of laytime and demurrage disputes. He also lectures laytime & demurrage and ship operations at various organisations, universities, institutes and forums.





Christian Hoppe

Christian is BIMCO's Head of Training. He is a lawyer and graduated from the University of Copenhagen with a Master's degree in 2001 and an LL.M. with Distinction from the University of Southampton in 2004. He worked at the Danish Maritime Authority from 2001 until joining the European Commission's Directorate-General for Maritime Transport and Energy in 2005. Christian has been with BIMCO since 2009, being the General Counsel from 2016 to 2025, representing the association at various international meetings and managing a number of contracts and clauses related projects. Christian was seconded to Danish law firm Gorrissen Federspiel from 2017 to 2018 and was admitted to the Danish Bar in February 2019 (practice certificate deposited). From 2022 to 2023, he worked out of BIMCO's Singapore office whilst being part-time seconded to BW Group.

Where will the course be held?

The course venue will be confirmed approximately 8 weeks before the start of the course so we can find a suitable venue for the number of participants.



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