



BIMCO
SUMMER SHIPPING SCHOOL

Copenhagen
15-19 June 2026



DAY 1

09:00-09:25

Welcome & introduction

09:25-10:05

Setting the scene – the big picture:

With 90% of global trade carried by sea, shipping is the backbone of the global economy. As a highly regulated industry, the maritime sector relies on a global level playing field to function effectively.



To set the stage for the week's programme, Andreas Nordseth, former Director General of the Danish Maritime Authority, will explore the complexity of the maritime sector and discuss the key opportunities and challenges ahead. Drawing on over 30 years of maritime experience, he will offer insights into the evolving regulatory landscape, sustainability imperatives and the forces shaping the industry's future.

10:05-11:05

Maritime market analysis:

The aim of the session is to provide an understanding of the key drivers of shipping demand.

11:05-11:20

Break

11:20-12:05

It's all in the contract:

- Why BIMCO standard contracts play a vital role in sustaining shipping
- Who writes them and how do they become "standards"
- Current major contract projects, including on decarbonisation
- Filling in the gaps – why individual clauses are such an important part of BIMCO's work
- Key standard clauses in context
- The challenge of outdated documents and the importance of authenticated contracts.

12:05-13:00

An overview of international trade:

- Shipping and contracts
- How do the safe contracts, letters of credit, charters, bills of lading and the insurance policy all fit together?

13:00-14:00 *Lunch*



14:00-15:00

Dispute resolution:

What you need to know about arbitration and litigation.

15:00-15:15 *Break*

15:15-16:30

Introduction to time chartering:

- Duration
- Payment of hire
- Offhire and performance claims
- The duty to trade between safe ports and comply with legitimate employment orders
- Redelivery and geographical ranges.

16:30-17:30

Case study 1

18:30 *BBQ at KolleKolle*





DAY 2

09:00-10:15

Introduction to voyage chartering:

- Description of the vessel and seaworthiness
- Freight; definition and calculation, deadfreight; payment and deductions from freight
- Problems in the performance of voyage charterers; cancellation, breach of contract by owners or charterers, LOI's, cargo damage, casualties and general average.

10:15-11:30

Introduction to bills of lading:

A consideration of the three functions of the bill of lading and an explanation of why the bill of lading is such a fundamentally important document.

11:30-11:45 *Break*

11:45-12:45

Introduction to laytime and demurrage:

- How is laytime calculated?
- When does laytime start to run?
- What suspends the running of laytime?
- Is demurrage the only remedy for delay?

12:45-13:45 *Lunch*

13:45-14:50

Case study 2 – Worked example

15:00 *Departure from KolleKolle to Roskilde*

16:00

Viking Ship Museum:

We will visit the Viking Ship Museum, which is built around the five original Viking ships found in Roskilde Fjord. They are part of a global story about ships, people and things on voyages.

18:30 *Dinner in Roskilde*





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DAY 3

09:00	<i>Bus leaves for Force Technology</i>
09:30-11:30	Ship design and development Force Technology – DMI (Division for Maritime Industries): Conducted tour including towing tank, wind tunnels and bridge simulator facilities.
11:30	<i>Bus leaves for BIMCO House; Group photo at BIMCO House upon arrival.</i>
11:45-12:15	<i>Light lunch at BIMCO House</i>
12:15-13:15	Maritime decarbonisation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Decarbonisation and contracts in the world of international maritime trade■ Do you know your EEXIs from your EEOIs from your EEDIs and your CIIs? Do you follow your MEPCs? Deciphering the alphabet soup.
13:15	<i>Bus leaves for Copenhagen</i>
13:45-14:45	MB Shipbrokers: This session offers an introduction to shipbroking, a vital part of the global shipping industry. Kasper Holm-Hemmingen from MB Shipbrokers will explore the role of intermediaries in connecting shipowners with charterers or buyers with sellers. He will also discuss the evolution of brokering into financial services and business intelligence, providing insights into the daily operations of a major shipbroking house.

15:00-16:30

Decarbonization of the global maritime industry – Mærsk Mc-Kinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping:

Visit to the not-for-profit, independent research and development center looking to accelerate the transition towards a net-zero future for the maritime industry.

16:45-17:45

Canal boat tour from the pier at Amerikakaj to Toldboden

17:45

Copenhagen on your own





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Maritime & cyber security:

This session explores key challenges in maritime and cyber security, including piracy, mass migration, and cyber threats.

10:30-11:30

P&I Insurance:

- Features of P&I Insurance
- Services of P&I Clubs
- International Group.

11:30-11:45 *Break*

11:45-13:00

Cargo claims and cargo damage

13:00-14:00 *Lunch*

14:00-15:00

Letters of indemnity:

- When to be used
- Position of the P&I Club
- Guidelines in relation to LOI's.

15:00-15:15 *Break*

15:15-17:15	Case study 3: Group discussions and presentation of findings and general discussion.
18:30	<i>Boat leaves for Restaurant Jægerhuset</i>
19:00-21:30	<i>Dinner at Jægerhuset</i>





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Strategic networking:

- Psychological aspects of networking
- Networking and communication
- Culture & typology
- Creating a strong foundation.

10:45-11:00 *Break*

11:00-12:00

Strategic networking (continued):

- Conscious Networking – Changing your habits
- Decision making
- Map your network
- Conclusion.

12:00-12:30

Digitalisation

12:30-13:30 *Lunch*

Game of Fixtures

13:30-14:00

Introduction to the game, rules and guidelines, how to win

14:00-16:00

Game of Fixtures:

All participants will be divided into teams, representing either time charterers or owners. In an exercise based entirely on scenarios created by BIMCO for the Summer Shipping School, the participants will be employed in companies with interesting and exotic names such as "Almost Chartering" and "Desperate Shipping" (just to mention a few). The competition is fierce when you constantly have to find and match ships and positions. The winner(s) are the teams who fix their ships at the lowest rate and highest rate respectively, of course depending on who you represent!

16:00

Closing remarks



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Baris Soyer

Professor Soyer is the Director of the Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law at Swansea University (www.swansea.ac.uk/law/ist). 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.



Andreas Nordseth

Andreas Nordseth is an experienced maritime leader and policy expert with a strong background in international shipping governance. Until the end of 2024, he served as Director General of the Danish Maritime Authority, leading Denmark's efforts in blue growth, global maritime regulation, green shipping, and digital transformation. With extensive experience in international maritime policy, he has played a key role in shaping regulatory frameworks at the IMO and the EU.

Currently, he works as an independent advisor, board member, and consultant, focusing on maritime governance, sustainability, and industry innovation. His expertise spans strategic policy development, capacity-building in developing countries and the intersection of regulation and emerging technologies.



Jonas Axelsen Mundt

Jonas is Assistant Vice President, Claims, Lawyer in Skuld Copenhagen. He has been with Skuld since 2010. He holds a Master of Laws from the University of Copenhagen (2008) and was admitted to the Danish Bar in 2011. Before joining Skuld he held a position in Gorrisen Federspiel Law Firm in Copenhagen from 2008-2010.

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Phillipa Reid

Phillipa is Assistant Vice President, Head of FDD Skuld Copenhagen. She has been with Skuld since 2022. She holds an LLM in Maritime Law from University of Cape Town (2012) and an M.Sc from the World Maritime University in Sweden (2015). Phillipa is dual qualified and admitted to practice in both South Africa and England & Wales. Before joining Skuld she held a position in Britannia P&I Club in Copenhagen from 2020-2022. Before that she spent four years in Hamburg working as a solicitor for Fleet Hamburg and thereafter Clyde & Co.



Thomas Hechmann

Thomas Hechmann comes from a long career in commercial shipping from companies such as AP Møller and DS Norden, as well as having worked as an independent consultant for the industry. Today Thomas works for COACH Solutions, a part of the Kongsberg group, and provides SaaS solutions to the shipping industry in order to optimize vessel performance and reduce CO2 emissions.



Kasper Holm-Hemmingsen

Kasper Holm-Hemmingsen is Senior Director - Global Head of Container S&P at MB Shipbrokers, where he has built extensive expertise in ship sale and purchase, container markets, tanker chartering and newbuildings. Since joining MB Shipbrokers in 2005, he has held various leadership roles, including Director - Head of Container S&P and General Manager, APMM Tonnage / Container S&P, overseeing complex maritime transactions and strategic vessel acquisitions. With nearly two decades in shipbroking, Kasper has played a key role in shaping global shipping operations, particularly within container and multipurpose vessel segments.





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Jakob P. Larsen

Jakob joined BIMCO on 1 June 2018 to become Chief Safety & Security Officer. Within Jakob's scope are all matters related to maritime security including piracy, drug smuggling, war, terrorism, stowaways, mixed mass migration and cyber security. In addition to maintaining a close dialogue with governments and international organizations, his role includes assisting members with all aspects of maritime security.

In 2010, holding the rank of Commander, Jakob left the Danish Navy to become Maritime Security Officer in BIMCO. In 2013, after three successful years in BIMCO, Jakob changed over to Nordic Tankers where he expanded his responsibilities over time to become Head of HSSEQ. In 2015 Jakob went to Maersk Line to become Global Security & Marine QA Manager. During his time in Nordic Tankers and Maersk Line, he managed a number of security challenges all over the world, including operating small tankers and container ships in and out of the Niger Delta, pirate attacks, kidnaps, assassinations, evacuations, drug smuggling and stowaways.



Christian Bækmark Schiølborg

Christian Bækmark Schiølborg is Regulatory Affairs Manager at BIMCO. In 2019 Christian joined the BIMCO regulatory team to work on decarbonisation, environmental, and sustainability

issues. Christian represents BIMCO and its members at the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), and the European Commission. Prior to joining BIMCO, Christian was Special Advisor on Technical Regulation at the Danish Maritime Authority, representing Denmark at IMO and EU level on issues including fire safety, offshore safety, Port State Control, implementation of the Polar Code, and broader maritime governance. Christian has also served as Head of the Danish delegation to IMO's Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment. Christian's career began at sea as a cadet on the Training Ship DANMARK, followed by several years with Maersk on container ships and offshore vessels. Ashore, Christian has worked as Ship Surveyor and Port State Control Officer, focusing on safety management audits, Arctic operations, sulphur directive implementation, and safe ship-to-ship cargo transfer. Christian holds a Master's degree in Sustainable Leadership from the Technical University of Denmark (DTU) and is a qualified Marine Chief Engineer and Master Mariner from the Svendborg International Maritime Academy.



Niels Rasmussen

Niels Rasmussen joined BIMCO in 2022 and is the Head of Shipping Analysis & Chief Shipping Analyst. At 19, he joined Maersk as a trainee and spent 24 years with the container giant before moving to the shipbroking industry. There, he headed up the market research team at a major shipbroking company. Niels focuses on explaining and predicting supply and demand developments in the major shipping markets.

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**Carl Wilhelm
Lindahl**

Carl has a background from the commercial side of shipping with several years of experience from the tanker and gas tanker sector and currently works as a Maritime Contracts Manager in the Contracts & Clauses team at BIMCO. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Shipping & Logistics from Chalmers University of Technology (Gothenburg, Sweden) and LL.M in Maritime Law from the University of Oslo (Norway).



Zehra Göknaz Engin

Zehra Göknaz Engin is a Maritime Contract Manager in BIMCO's Contracts & Clauses Department. She is involved in the development of BIMCO's wide range of standard contracts and clauses with industry experts. Zehra is a Turkish-qualified lawyer and graduated from the University of Ankara, Turkey in 2014. Prior to joining BIMCO in 2022, she worked in the in-house legal department of a global container shipping company. Her duties included litigation support, drafting and reviewing corporate, commercial, and shipping contracts, as well as providing legal assistance to the sanctions and claims departments.



**Mads Wacher
Kjærgaard**

Mads is Digital Lead at BIMCO. He is a lawyer and joined BIMCO's Contracts & Clauses team in March 2018 where he worked with the development of BIMCO's wide range of standard contracts and clauses. In February 2022, Mads transitioned to a role in BIMCO that focuses on digitalisation of shipping business processes and documents. As part of this, he heads up the development of BIMCO's contract editing platform SmartCon and the AI R&D team which has a strong focus on the application of AI in the contracting process. Prior to joining BIMCO, Mads worked in the legal department of a Danish shipowner.





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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 Gorrisen 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.



Ayako Odashima

Ayako is a Training Manager at BIMCO, and is responsible for marketing and implementation of BIMCO's training courses worldwide. Prior to joining BIMCO in 2015, Ayako has worked for various international organizations, including UNICEF, FAO, WFP and UNOPS, and has been responsible for large-scale emergency logistics and coordinated training programs on humanitarian logistics and supply chain management in Asia, Africa, Europe and in the Middle East. Ayako holds a MSc in International Relations from London School of Economics and BA from Boston University.



Mette Juul Madsen

Mette is a Training Manager at BIMCO, delivering both online and face-to-face training courses that cover key commercial shipping topics to a global audience. Mette's responsibilities include course planning and implementation, and she is assisting with the development of new training activities.

Mette was part of BIMCO's Training department from 2012 to 2017, and joined again in 2023. Mette holds a MSc in Business, Language and Culture from Copenhagen Business School.

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