

MASTERCLASS
OFFSHORE, PROJECT & HEAVYLIFT

Hamburg
9-10 February 2026



DAY 1

Overview

09:00-09:30

Introduction to the documentary work of BIMCO:

- Drafting BIMCO standard contracts and clauses
- Working with subcommittees to draft new contracts and clauses
- BIMCO Explanatory Notes as a tool for guidance in understanding the thinking behind the contracts.

09:30-10:30

Principles of English contract law and their relevance to project and heavylift contracts:

- Dispute resolution clauses
- Principles of interpretation
- Breach of contract
- Repudiation
- Damages
- Force majeure and frustration
- Express termination rights.

10:30-10:45

Break

10:45-11:45

Multi-contract projects:

- Overview: SUPPLYTIME, WINDTIME, ASVTIME, HEAVYCON, HEAVYLIFTVOY, TOWCON, TOWHIRE, PROJECTCON, BARGEHIRE
- The adoption of parts of the BIMCO forms within Charterers in house terms
- The relationship between BIMCO forms and construction/service contracts.
- How does the scope of work fit into the BIMCO suite of offshore forms?
- Project delay and adverse weather – are they appropriate for BIMCO forms?
- Using SUPPLYTIME for specialist services.

11:45-12:45

Knock-for-knock and general issues of insurance:

- Understanding the knock-for-knock principle
- The reasoning behind knock-for-knock
- How knock-for-knock operates
- Liabilities covered by the charterer under the BIMCO forms
- Gross negligence and willful misconduct
- Reasons to agree or not to agree on knock-for-knock
- Consequential loss exclusions
- Vessel tonnage limitation
- Casualties and salvage
- General Average.

12:45-13:30

Lunch

SUPPLYTIME 2017

13:30-15:30

Commercial/practical introduction to SUPPLYTIME 2017:

- What is SUPPLYTIME?
- How does the form work?
- Is it owner-friendly?
- Key clauses in SUPPLYTIME 2017
- Optional Annexes to SUPPLYTIME 2017.

15:30-15:45

Break

15:45-17:00

Case Study Workshop and general Q&A:

Discussion between trainers and participants.

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DAY 2

SUPPLYTIME based time charters

09:00-10:00

ASVTIME/WINDTIME:

- Special features of these contracts which are based on SUPPLYTIME
- Key clauses in ASVTIME, including extended offshore operations and limitation of liability and off-hire provisions tailored for ASVs
- Exclusion of cargo-specific clauses in WINDTIME and possible considerations about general average.

10:00-10:15

Break

Towage contracts

10:15-11:15

TOWCON/TOWHIRE 2008/2021:

- Place of departure and delivery
- Seaworthiness and tow-worthiness
- Early termination
- Deviation and slow steaming
- Vessel maintenance
- Breakage of gear, salvage situations, “no claim for salvage” clauses and other common issues.

11:15-12:30

HEAVYCON 2007:

- Structure of the form: Part I, II and Annex A and their interrelation
- Charterers’ responsibility for cargo; clause 2; certificate of weight and drawings
- Right to substitute before cancelling date; clause 20
- Right to terminate before commencing loading; clause 21
- Condition of the cargo and the approval of transportation; clause 11
- Loading and discharge – equipment, seafastening/lashing; clause 4
- Scope of work – Annex A; working with the “tick-boxes”
- The voyage
- Laytime and cancellation provisions, clauses 8-13
- Common areas for disputes.

12:30-13:15

Lunch

HEAVYLIFTVOY 2009

13:15-14:30

HEAVYLIFTVOY I:

- The transition from CONLINEBOOKING Note to a specialist voyage C/P
- Charterers’ responsibility for cargo preloading
- Making the vessel seaworthy
- Loading and discharging – Free-In and Liner-In Hook
- Loading additional cargoes and rotation of loading/discharging ports
- Cargo discrepancies.

14:30-14:45

Break

14:45-15:45

HEAVYLIFTVOY II:

- Swell, port congestion and time waiting for berth
- Freight demurrage and detention
- Bill of lading – HEAVYLIFTVOYBILL
- Merchant’s option to terminate
- Liability issues – Defence of insufficient packing, deck cargo, walk through Cl. 26 and the two law regimes US/English Law.

15:45-17:00

Case study workshop – Multi contract issues – Navigating issues and tensions between BIMCO forms and specialist contracts in offshore energy asset projects:

Participants will engage in a scenario-based exercise grounded in real-world examples. This exercise will highlight the common issues and tensions between BIMCO forms and specialist contracts during the construction and maintenance of offshore energy assets.

This delegate-led activity will serve as a catalyst for broader discussions on contractual challenges within the offshore energy sector.

**Tony Concagh**

Tony is a partner at Adams&Moore Solicitors LLP, London. For more than 20 years, Tony has been a premier legal advisor to the offshore energy industry and has represented many of its best-known companies. He has been described by his clients in legal directories as “tough and commercial”, “thorough and capable” and “a true offshore specialist”.

He regularly advises on problems and disputes relating to specialist vessels including OSVs, SSVs, DSVs CTVs, HLVs, and drilling units. As a result, he has unmatched experience with the BIMCO suite of offshore forms. He represented the successful owners in the first reported case on SUPPLYTIME 2017, Atlantic Marine and Aviation LLP vs Boskalis Offshore. This established the basis on which an owner has the immediate right to payment of an undisputed invoice without set off. The decision has implications for payment terms in all forms of contracts on English law.

In recent years he has been instrumental in the development of handling disputes in the offshore renewables industry. He and his team advised on schedule delays and cost increases on a £2.3 billion wind farm project. In 2017 he launched a successful judicial review in the English High Court on behalf of an EPIC contractor against the UK government’s work permitting policy for non-EEA specialist crew constructing wind farms in UK waters. Since then he has been closely involved in advising his clients on the work permit requirements for UK territorial waters.

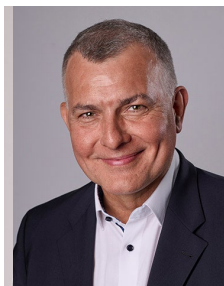
He has been invited to speak by BIMCO at workshops and presentations worldwide since 2008.

**John Butler**

John is a partner at Adams&Moore Solicitors LLP, London. Dual-qualified as a Solicitor-Advocate in England & Wales and as a Solicitor in Hong Kong, John is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) and has represented clients at arbitrations both “ad hoc” and subject to institutional rules (including LMAA, SCMA, SIAC, LCIA, ICC, UNICTRAL, HKIAC, CIETAC and others).

John specialises in disputes arising out of charterparties, bills of lading, sale & purchase contracts and contracts of affreightment. Prior to joining A&M, John spent 9 years in Hong Kong (including a secondment to an IG P&I Club) and has experience of acting for parties across Asia, including owners, charterers, P&I insurers, brokers, cargo interests and shipyards in the marine sector. Outside of the marine field, John has also acted for shareholders and creditors in commercial disputes, fraud and insolvency proceedings, both before the Hong Kong and London courts. John has an international background, and speaks fluent German as well as basic French, Mandarin and Japanese. John has also been recognised as a Rising Star in the Shipping Litigation category of the Legal 500 Asia Pacific (Hong Kong) between 2018 and 2020.





Peter Grube

Peter Grube is Training Manager at BIMCO, where he develops and delivers BIMCO courses and seminars worldwide. As part of a long-term succession plan, he stepped down as Head of BIMCO Training in 2025 and continues to contribute to the team in a part-time role, focusing on programme development and delivery.

Peter joined BIMCO's Support & Advice department in 1990 and later became Marketing & Sales Director for membership and products, driving BIMCO's global position as a leading membership and shipping organisation. Before joining BIMCO, he worked at a shipowning office in Copenhagen and as a Sale & Purchase broker in Greece.

He is a graduate of the Danish School for International Marketing & Export, a Chartered Shipbroker (FICS), and holds a Master's in Education and Learning from Roskilde University (RUC).

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