

GMICC HULL & WAR CLAIMS CONFERENCE 2026



07 July 2026

HMS Wellington, Temple Stairs, Victoria Embankment London WC2

AGENDA

- 08.30am **Registration** with Breakfast Refreshments
Collect your badge from reception and enjoy a pre-conference coffee on deck.
- 09.00am Welcome Address
Guest Moderator: David Keyes
- 09.15am - 09.40am Session 1: **Navigating the Blind Spot: The Operational Impact of GNSS Interference in maritime**
Global shipping security is at risk with deliberate jamming (blocking signals) and spoofing (falsifying positions), presenting critical safety, cybersecurity, and regulatory risks.
Chris Zavos, Partner, Kennedys
Joe Shead, Fellow of the Association of Average Adjusters, Norwegian Hull Club
Capt Alistair Roaf BSc (Hons), MBA, CMMar, AFNI, HCMM, Principal Master Mariner
Brookes Bell
- 09.40am - 10.10am Session 2: **Crew Safety**
Working onboard a vessel can be dangerous: highlighting the human element, with open communication is imperative in preventing accidents.
Kunal Pathak, Senior Advisor, Gard
- 10.10am – 10.30am Session 3: **History of HMS Wellington**
Jenny Mosely, Wellington Trust Trustee
Our guest speaker will highlight the HMS Wellington's history from her construction in 1934 to her service as a convoy escort ship in the North Atlantic during WWII.
- 10.30am – 11.15am **Refreshment Break**
- Welcome Back with **David Keyes**
- 11.15am – 12.20pm Session 4: **Ports of Refuge**
International law states countries should help ships in danger. When a damaged ship needs a safe place to stop, governments face a difficult choice and the risks this imposes.
Mauricio Garrido, President, T&T Salvage
Stephan Hennig, Secretary of State Representative for Maritime Salvage & Intervention: Maritime & Coastguard Agency, SOSREP
- 12.25pm – 12.30pm **Morning round up followed by Buffet Lunch**
- 1.45pm Welcome Back with **David Keyes**
- 1.50pm – 2.30pm Session 5: **The Right to Refuge** – Overview of ports of refuge
Cargo issues at Ports of Refuge (POR) highlight risks of handling damaged or altered freight in port environments. Panel will discuss how these incidents can lead to vessel denials, and legal and financial liabilities for all.
Panel:
Jason Bennett, Director of Salvage Services, ABL
Alistair Johnston, Director, Campbell Johnston Clark
Melis Otmar, Executive Director and Head of Marine Claims, London, Howden
Moderator: **Danielle Datta**, Senior Executive, International Group of P&I Clubs

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- 2.30pm - 3pm **Session 6: Analytics and Real Time Input**
The criticality of information for underwriting and claims decisions in the current geopolitical climate.
Eddie Everett, SVP Risk Sales, Dow Jones
Mark Lloyd, Partner, Marine Global Risks, DWF
- 3.00pm – 3.30pm **Refreshment Break**
Enjoy tea and cake on deck
- Welcome Back with **David Keyes**
- 3.30pm - 4.30pm **Session 7: Intelligence and Tech for the Insurance Market**
Panel discussion on how the integration of intelligence and tech in maritime, can enhance the safety and efficiency of global shipping.
Panel:
James Wilkes, Managing Director, Gray Page
Anders Hovelsrud, Chief Underwriting Officer – War, DNK,
John Thompson, Executive Director, Ambrey
Moderator: **Amy Eaves**, Head of Claims Specialty and Lloyd's, Fidelis
- 4.30pm - 5.15pm **Session 8: Update from Joint War Committee**
Andrew Moulton, Executive Underwriter, Marine, Ascot, and Chair of JWC
Neil Roberts, Head of Marine and Aviation, LMA (Lloyd's Market Association) and Secretary of JWC
- 5.15pm Conference Conclusion from **David Keyes**
- Followed by **Networking Reception**
Beers/Wines/softies served on the Deck with canapes
(Bar will be open for additional drinks ie spirits – card payment accepted)



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