





GATERS – Gate Rudder System as a Retrofit for the Next Generation Propulsion and Steering of Ships

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GATE RUDDER SYSTEM (GRS)

- Classical single-rudder behind the propeller arrangement is replaced by twin-rudder blades with asymmetric cross-sections which are positioned either side of the propeller
- The Gate Rudder System, therefore, takes advantage of additional thrust generated by the two rudder blades, in contrast to the additional resistance resulted by the conventional rudder
- Each rudder blade can be controlled individually to affect the direction of the propeller's slipstream (i.e. to vector) and hence to steer the vessel with increased manoeuvring and steering control capability.









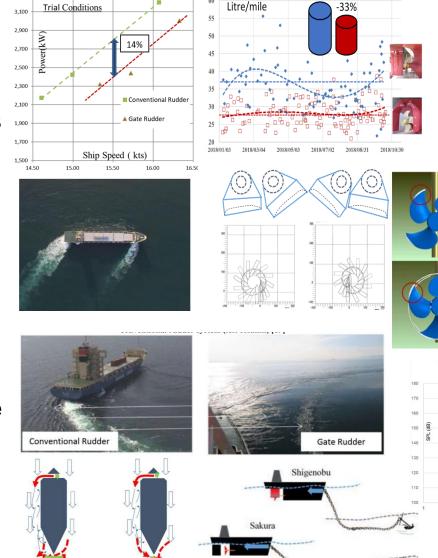
Advantages of GATE RUDDER SYSTEM (GRS)



omparison of Propeler Noise measured by hydrophone (1/3 Octave Band Anavsis 20HZ- 31.5kHz

/s =15.4 kt

- Remarkable fuel saving (up to 14% in trials), especially in-service and rough weather (up to 30%)
- Reduced vessel motions (in yawing and rolling) in waves
- Improved steerability and manoeuvring (especially in harbours) without stern thrusters
- Reduced propeller loading and hence less vibration and Underwater Radiated Noise (URN)
- Low wash wake due to hull waves & propeller slipstream
- Shorter ship length or more space at aft compared to the vessel with a conventional rudder behind the propeller
- Effective use of the bow thrusters at higher ship speeds
- Reduced risk of running anchor





A brief history of GATE RUDDER SYSTEM (GRS)



- GRS had its origin in "Frame Rudder" proposed and tested by <u>Mr Sadamoto Kuribayashi</u> of Kuribayashi Steam Co Ltd, Japan in 2011.
- Frame Rudder was tested and further improved by R&D conducted in NMRI of Japan by <u>Dr Noriyuki</u> Sasaki and this led to the 1st (Japanese) patent for the early version of GRS with a single rudder stock [# JP 2014-73815 A]
- Further R&D work in Japan and the UK at the Newcastle and Strathclyde Universities led by Dr Sasaki as the Visiting Professor resulted in the current shape of the GRS with two separate rudder stocks and the 2nd (European) Patent [# EP 3103715 A1]
- GRS was first applied on a Japanese coastal container vessel called "**Shigenobu**" through a demonstration project conducted by a Japanese Industry Consortium and sponsored by Nippon Foundation in 2017.





First GRS application in Japan



- Shigenobu is a new built 400TEU container ship having the world's first GRS fitted on her.
- Shigenobu has a sister ship **Sakura** with the same size and engine power but with conventional (flap) rudder built in 2016
- As part of the demonstration project the performance of these ships were compared in powerspeed trials in 2017 and later on through continuous performance monitoring in-service.
- Comparative results were remarkably in favour of Shigenobu as will be shown in later slides

SHIGENOBU											
Length overall	L _{OA}	(m)	111.40								
Length between perpendiculars	L _{BP}	(m)									
Breadth	В	(m)	17.80								
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Displacement	Δ	(ton)									
Service Speed	V_{S}	knots	15.5								
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SAKURA				
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Length between perpendiculars	L _{BP}	(m)		
Breadth	В	(m)	17.8	
Draught (midship)	Т	(m)	5.24	
Displacement	Δ	(ton)		Imoto Lines
Service Speed	Vs	knots	15.5	
Rudder			CR	© kenro oshita MarineTraffic.com





Later GRS APPLICATIONS (so far)



	SHIGENOBU (1 st Application, 2017)	KOHSIN MARU (2 nd Application, 2020)	SHINMON MARU (3 rd Application, 2020)
Type of ship	Container (400 TEU)	General cargo (509 GT)	General Cargo (499 GT)
Lpp	101.9	69	72
В	17.8	12	12
т	5.24	4.11	4.13
C _B	0.67	0.70	0.70
Design Vs	14.5	13	13
Fn (Lpp)	0.2436	0.267	0.267
L/B	5.72	5.75	5.75
Stern shape	V shape	Stern bulb	V shape

2 more ships are in order in Japan for 2022:

- A new larger container (max size of a coastal ship)
- A new "Training Ship"

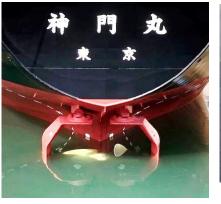
Investigations underway:

- 2 Fishing vessels
- Medium size LNG s
- 20K DWT Bulk Carrier











April 2022 delivery (image)





- 5 members of Japanese Industry Consortium (JC) involving Kay Seven Co., Ltd., (Kuribayashi Steam Co Ltd); Dr. Noriyuki Sasaki, National Institute of Maritime (Port and Aviation Technology), Yamanaka Shipbuilding Co., Ltd. and Kamome Propeller Co., Ltd owns the Gate Rudder Patent (European Patent: EP 3103715)
- Further R&D and promotion activities in the University of Strathclyde (Glasgow) attracted Wartsila Propulsion to purchase the commercial license from the JC to use the Gate Rudder technology protected by the Licensed Patent in 2020
- GATERS Project funding was granted by the EC (H2020) and the GATERS Project Consortium signed **sub-license agreement** with Wartsila Netherlands BV in 2020 for commercial for commercial applications. Hence:

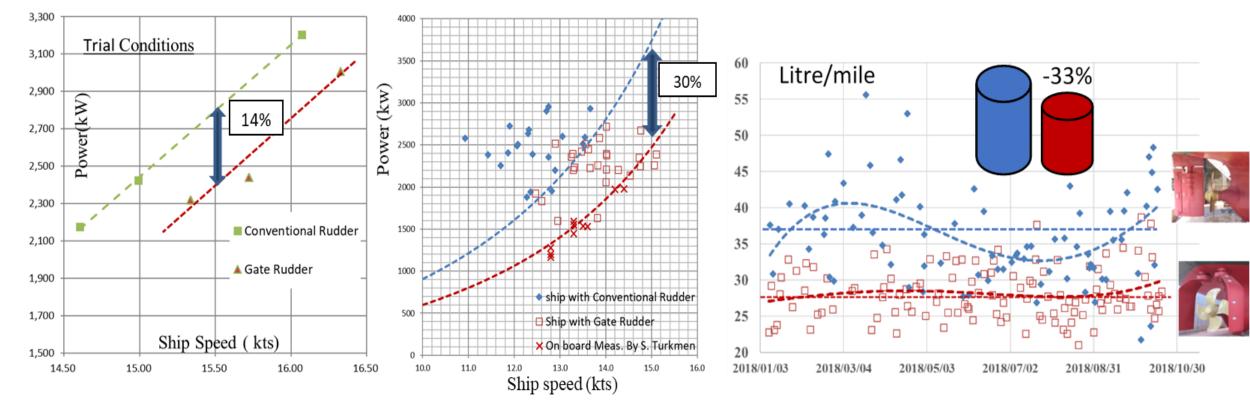
"GATERS has an official sub-licence agreement with Wartsila Netherlands BV to utilise the Gate Rudder Patent (EP 3103715) at specific retrofit projects of vessels sizes below 15,000. DWT. GATERS is sponsored by the EC H2020 Programme (ID: 860337) with the aims and objectives independent of Wartsila Netherlands BV"





Recalling advantages of GRS – Energy saving



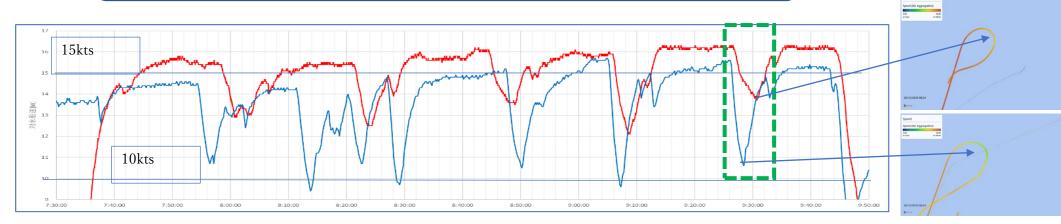


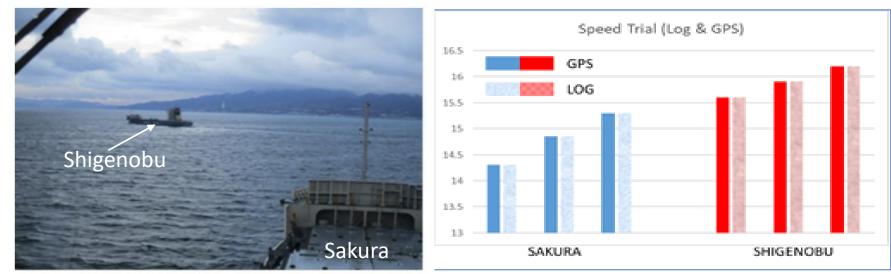
Trials (calm water) and in-service (including rough weather) powering performance comparisons of two sister ships: one *Shigenobu* with Gate rudder system **vs.** *Sakura* with Conventional flap-rudder system **In-service** fuel consumption comparisons of two sister ships, *Shigenobu* with GRS (red) vs. *Sakura* with CRS (blue)



Recalling advantages of GRS – Energy saving





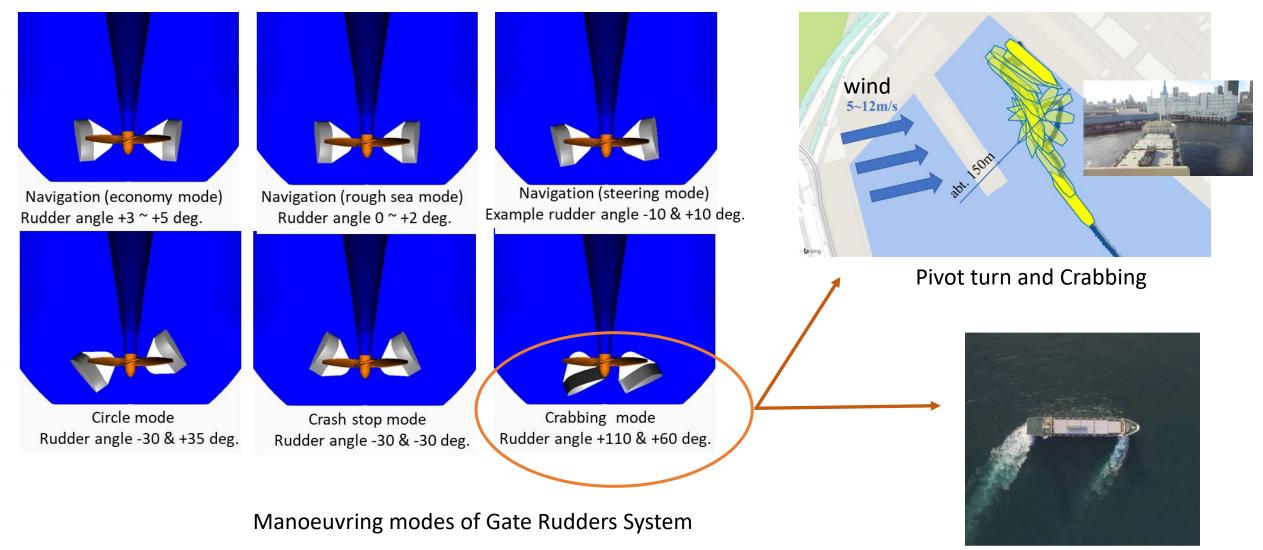


Joint sea trials on the same track in 2020 with *Sakura (CRS) and Shigenobu (GRS)* at the same Engine RPMs for three different engine loading conditions indicated 18% power reduction for Shigenobu which is relatively higher than the individual sea trial conducted in 2017 but further confirming the superior energy saving advantage of GRS



Recalling advantages of GRS – Manoeuvrability





Crabbing



Recalling advantages of GRS – Manoeuvrability



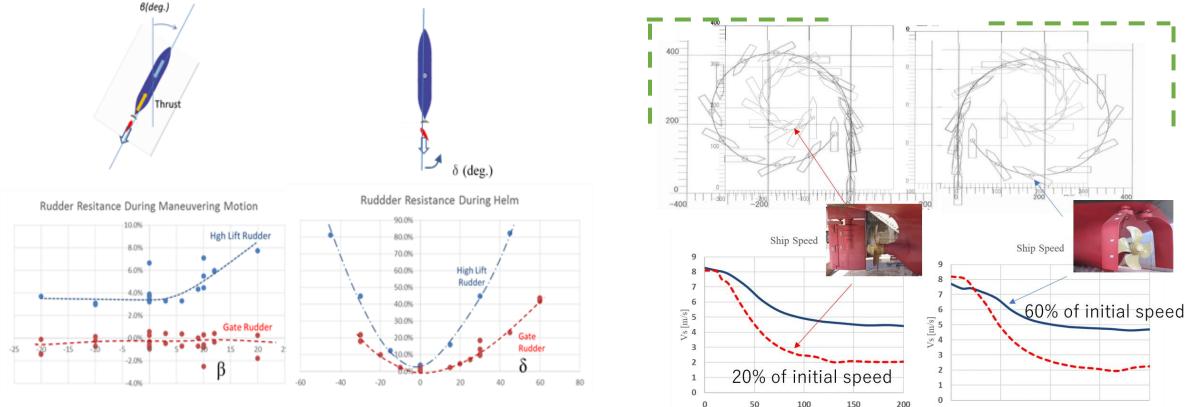
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Time [s]

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Comparison of rudder resistance (% Thrust) due to manoeuvring for conventional rudder and GRS.

Full-Scale 35^o Circle Test for Ship with conventional (flap) rudder and GRS

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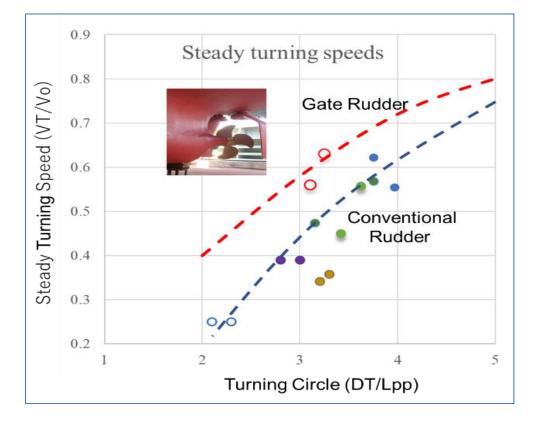
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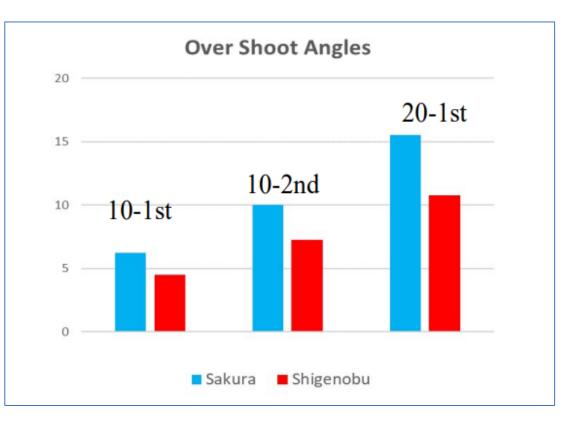


Recalling advantages of GRS – Manoeuvrability





Comparative steady turning speeds

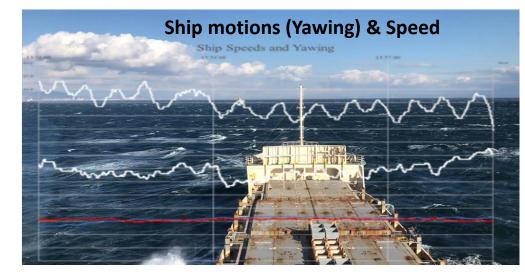


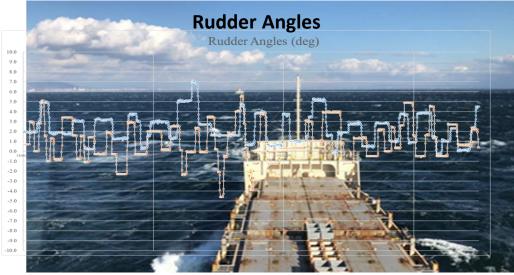
Comparative over shoot angles of Sakura (GRS) and Shigenobu (CRS) Based on trials



Recalling advantages of GRS – Seakeeping









Sea conditions:

Wind speed: 12-24 knots Wave height: 1.5 – 2.0m Direction 250-270⁰ Period: 30 sec

Rolling motion recorded on inclinometer:

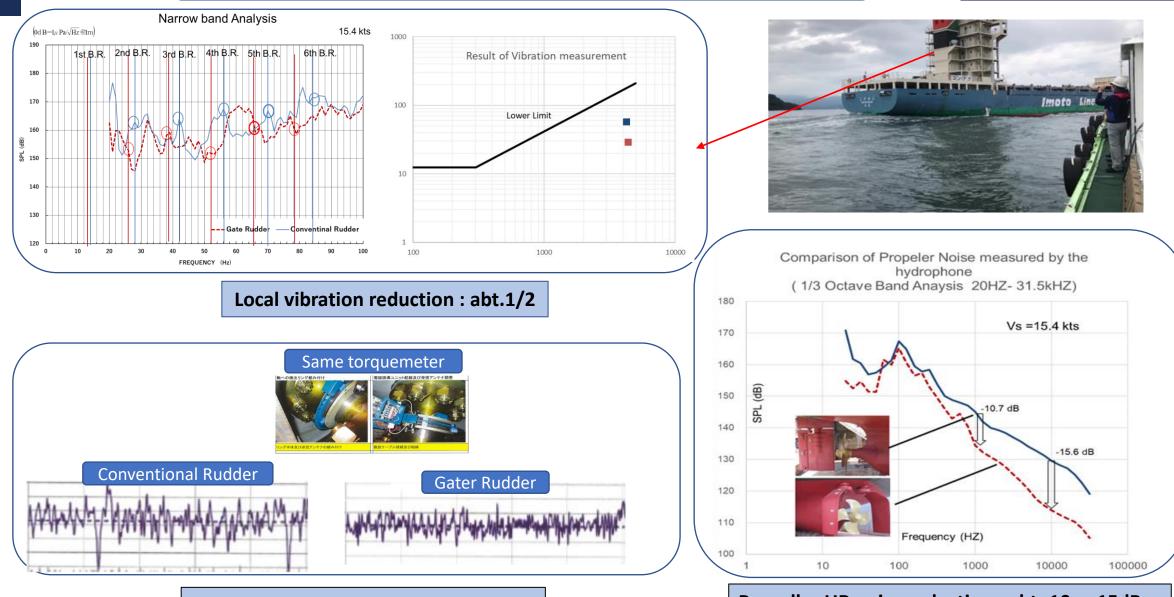
SAKURA \rightarrow 3-5° SHIGENBOU \rightarrow <u>1-3°</u>

Comparison of time history yawing motions in (almost) side-by-side trials with SAKURA (CRS) and SHIGENOBU (GRS)



Recalling advantages of GRS – Noise and Vibration





Torque fluctuation reduction : abt.1/3

Propeller UR noise reduction : abt -10 \sim 15dB







The EC-H2020 Project

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<u>GATE</u> Rudder System as a <u>R</u>etrofit for the Next Generation Propulsion and Steering of <u>S</u>hips







Motivations for GATERS Project

- The proposal responded to the EC's H2020 "Innovation Action" call under the heading "*Retrofit Solutions and Next Generation Propulsion for Waterborne Transport*" (ID: LC-MG-1-8-2019).
- Although there was one new ship application of GRS ("Shigenobu"), there was/is no current application of the Gate Rudder System as a "retrofit" device, and hence it is proposed in GATERS for the first time and this, in fact, was the primary motivation of the GATERS proposal.
- GATERS, therefore, addressed the call text explicitly "to develop and demonstrate to TRL6 and higher innovative, cost-effective retrofit solution for marine shipping which will provide substantial improvements regarding environmental impacts and life cycle cost".

Recent IMO requirement for introducing the attained **Energy Efficiency Existing Ship Index (EEXI)** for ships of 400 GT and above, is the further complementary motivation of the GATERS project.













GATERS – Aims

- To bring together 18 technology experts and prime stakeholders, including the patent holder, to demonstrate and exploit the benefits of this system by two main deliverables:
- ➤To demonstrate the GR system for the European <u>short</u> <u>sea shipping</u> operations by installing and operating on a target coastal vessel.
- ➤To explore the GR system, conceptually, for the oceangoing shipping operations, including fleet level.
- Hence to demonstrate if the Gate Rudder System can be the next generation propulsion and steering system for the waterborne transport.



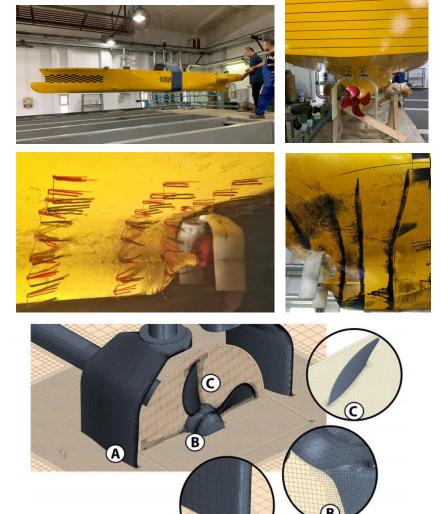






GATERS – Objectives

- 1. To investigate technical challenges of the Gate Rudder System (GRS) and to establish the best practice of application as a retrofit by using a combination of the computational, experimental and full-scale procedures.
- 2. To design a retrofit GRS at a detailed level, to manufacture and install on the coastal target cargo vessel. Hence, to demonstrate the effectiveness of the GRS by sea trials and voyage monitoring as well as its impact on the existing IMO regulations (i.e. EEDI, EEOI, EEXI and Minimum power requirements) and the Life Cycle Cost (LCC).
- **3.** To assess the overall impact of the retrofit GRS applications to major ship types for the European SSS operations and the Oceangoing Shipping (OS) operations on the existing (IMO) regulations and Life Cycle Cost (LCC) for both individual vessels as well as the fleet-level services.





GATERS – Partners



	Participant No.	Participant organisation name	Acronym	Country
University of Strathclyde Glasgow	1 (Coordinator)	UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE	UoS	UK
	2	HAMBURGISCHE SCHIFFBAU- VERSUCHSANSTALT GMBH	HSVA	DE
	3	BUREAU VERITAS MARINE & OFFSHORE REGISTRE INTERNATIONAL DE CLASSIFICATION DE NAVIRES ET DE PLATEFORMES OFFSHORE	BV	FR
VERITAS	4	GLAFCOS MARINE EPE	GME	EL
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AND	6	HIDROTEKNIK YAT GEMI DENIZ YAPILARI TASARIM TEKNOLOJILERI SANAYI VE TICARET LIMITED SIRKETI	HYD	TR
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GATERS – Partners (continued)



TWI	Participant No.	Participant organisation name	Acronym	Country	
TWI	8	TWI LIMITED	TWI	UK	
	9	NAVAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES LIMITED	NAS	MT	-NAS
	10	CAPA DENIZCILIK NAKLIYAT SANAYI VETICARET LIMITED SIRKETI	CAPA	TR	NAVAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES
	11	SINTEF OCEAN AS	SINTEF	NO	
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	13	STONE MARINE PROPULSION LIMITED	SMP	UK	
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	15	UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	UNEW	UK	← Newcastle University
STAR BULK →	16	STAR BULK SHIP MANAGEMENT CO. (CYPRUS) LTD	STARB	CY	×
	17	INFORMA UK LTD (LLOYD'S LIST INTELLIGENCE)	LLI	UK	← Intelligence
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GATERS – Methodology



- **Phase-1 (Feb'21 Feb'22):** "Development of the best procedures for the design, manufacturing and retrofitting of the GRS" *Critical design parts of the works to achieve the retrofitting of the GRS for the target cargo vessel will be completed.*
- Phase-2 (Feb'22 Feb'23): "Detailed design, manufacturing and application of the GRS retrofitting on the target ship as well as its demonstration and further procedure development" – <u>Retrofitting on Sept'22</u>
- Phase-3 (Feb'23 Feb'24): "Impact of the GRS retrofitting on the existing and forthcoming regulations and life cycle cost for the European SSS operations and the Oceangoing Shipping operations" An overall impact assessment of the GRS retrofitting for the major ship types at a fleet level will be conducted in this phase.

WP6 – Life cycle cost analysis of retrofitting GRS

NP5 – Impact assessment of GRS on the existing equivalence of the existing regulations

WP4 – Manufacture of GRS components and installation on Target Ship

WP3 – Detailed design of GRS for Target Ship

WP1 – Development of the best design and analysis procedures for GRS

WP8 – Project administration and management

WP2 – Full-scale trials and

voyage monitoring of Target

Ship

WP9 – Ethics requirements

WP – 7 Communication , dissemination and exploitation



Target vessel – MV ERGE To be retrofitted with GRS

- M/V ERGE (IMO No: 9508603) 5650 DWT (2993GT) General Cargo ship, built in Weihai PRC and delivered in 2011.
- She operates in European Coastal waters, Black Sea, Red Sea and North African waters
- M/V ERGE is owned by CAPA Denizcilik and she has sister vessel M/V ERLE with conventional flap rudder

Parameter	MV Erge								
	Symbol	Units	Ballast Load	Design Load	Full Load				
Length overall	L _{OA}	(m)		89.95					
Length between perpendiculars	L _{BP}	(m)		84.95					
Breadth	В	(m)		15.4					
Draught (midship)	Т	(m)	3.3	5.6	6.45				
Draught (AP)	T _A	(m)	3.8	5.6	6.45				
Draught (FP)	Τ _F	(m)	2.8	5.6	6.45				
Displacement	Δ	(ton)	3607	6339	7241				
Block coefficient	C _B		0.818	0.827	0.84				
Prismatic coefficient	Cp		0.823	0.829	0.843				
Midship area coefficient	C _M		0.994	0.997	0.997				
Waterplane area coefficient	C _{WP}		0.854	0.916	0.944				
Longitudinal centre of buoyancy	LCB	(m) (+ fwd)	46.866	45.85	43.025				
Longitudinal centre of floatation	LCF	(m) (+ fwd)	46.246	39.748	39.863				
Longitudinal centre of gravity	LCG	(m) (+ fwd)	46.903	45.91	43.036				
Verticle centre of gravity	VCG	(m)	3.23	5.4	6.095				
Speed	Vs	knots		12					



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GATERS – Duration, Funding & CDE [Communication, Dissemination & Exploitation] Activities



GATERS Duration and Effort

36 694	Project elapsed duration [months]	Project person efforts [months]
	36	694

GATERS Funding

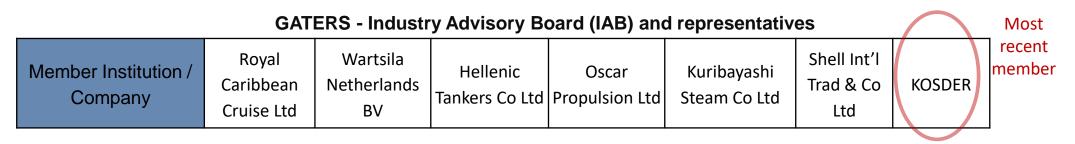
Total Project Fund [EUR]	EU Contribution [EUR]	Industry Contribution [EUR]
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GATERS - Innovation and IP Management Board (IPMB)

Project Members	GME	HYD	SMP	TWI	UoS
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GATERS - Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation Board (CDEB)

Project Members	CAPA	GME	HYD	SMP	TWI	UNEW	UoS
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Progress on GATERS Project so far



- Project was officially started in February 2021 with a kick-off meeting held on 24th of February
- Project website was launched as well as other CDE activities have been underway including social media interfaces

https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/860337

https://twitter.com/gatersproject

www.gatersproject.com

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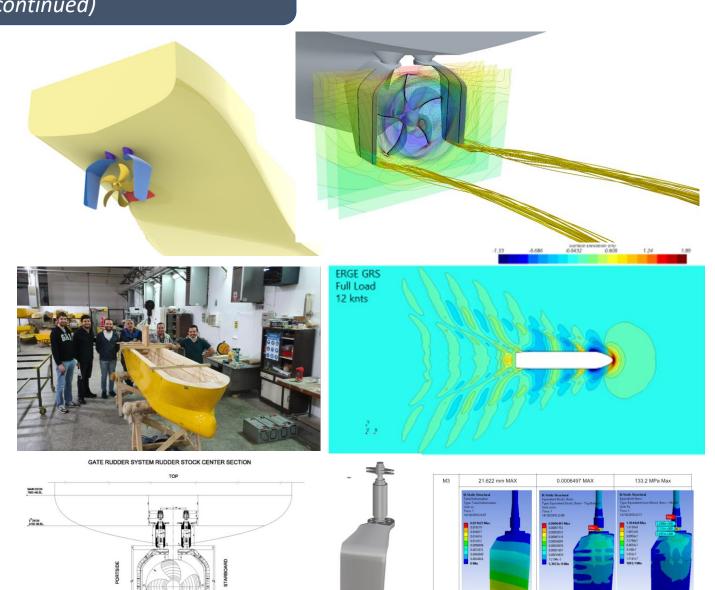






Active WP's

- WP1 (Best retrofitting procedure development & Preliminary Gate Rudder Design including CFD and model testing tasks);
- WP2 (Target Vessel Sea Trials & Performance Monitoring System installation and data collection task);
- WP3 / WP4 (Detailed design / Manufacturing preparation tasks, resp.)
- WP7 (Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation activities tasks);
- WP8 (Day-to-day management tasks)

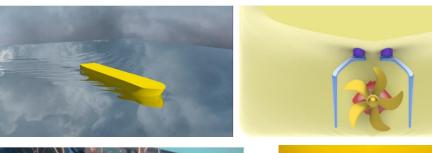






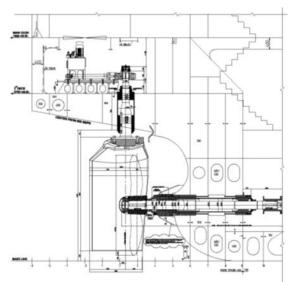
WP 1 - Activities

- Preliminary design of GRS for MV ERGE has been completed using low (empirical) and hi-fidelity (CFD) tools as well as the full-scale performance data
- Initial model tests with 3.6m model at ITU Towing Tank has been completed to support the GRS system Design
- Detail design of the GRS (rudder blades, steering gear machinery, Autopilot selection, shaft and propeller) for manufacturing purposes are underway
- Class-approval talks with Bureau Veritas has been initiated
- Futuristic GRS blade design using "composite" materials is also being investigated for large ship applications to save weight increase
- Scale effects in powering, manoeuvring and seakeeping predictions are being rigorously investigated using different scale model tests (e.g. 3.6m; 6.0m and 10m models) in three different institutions (ITU-Istanbul; CNR-Rome; and HSVA-Hamburg) and alternative CFD tools.















M/V EI	RGE			Loaded	Ballast
Scale	λ			23	3.7
Length overall	L _{OA}	(m)	89.95	3.7	'95
Length between perpendiculars	L_{BP}	(m)	84.95	3.5	584
Breadth	В	(m)	15.40	0.6	50
Design Draught (midship)	т	(m)	6.46	0.273	0.139
Displacement	Δ	(ton)	7280	0.547	0.263
Service Speed	Vs	Knots - m/s	12.0	1.	27
Rudder Type			GRS-CRS	GRS	-CRS



Loaded Condition (ITU, Ata Nutku Towing Tank)

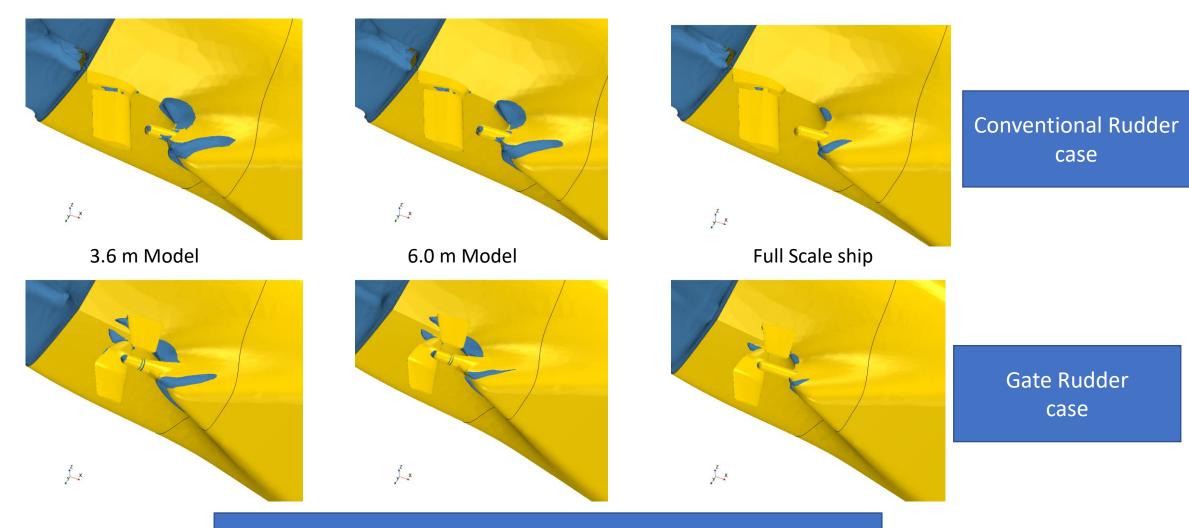


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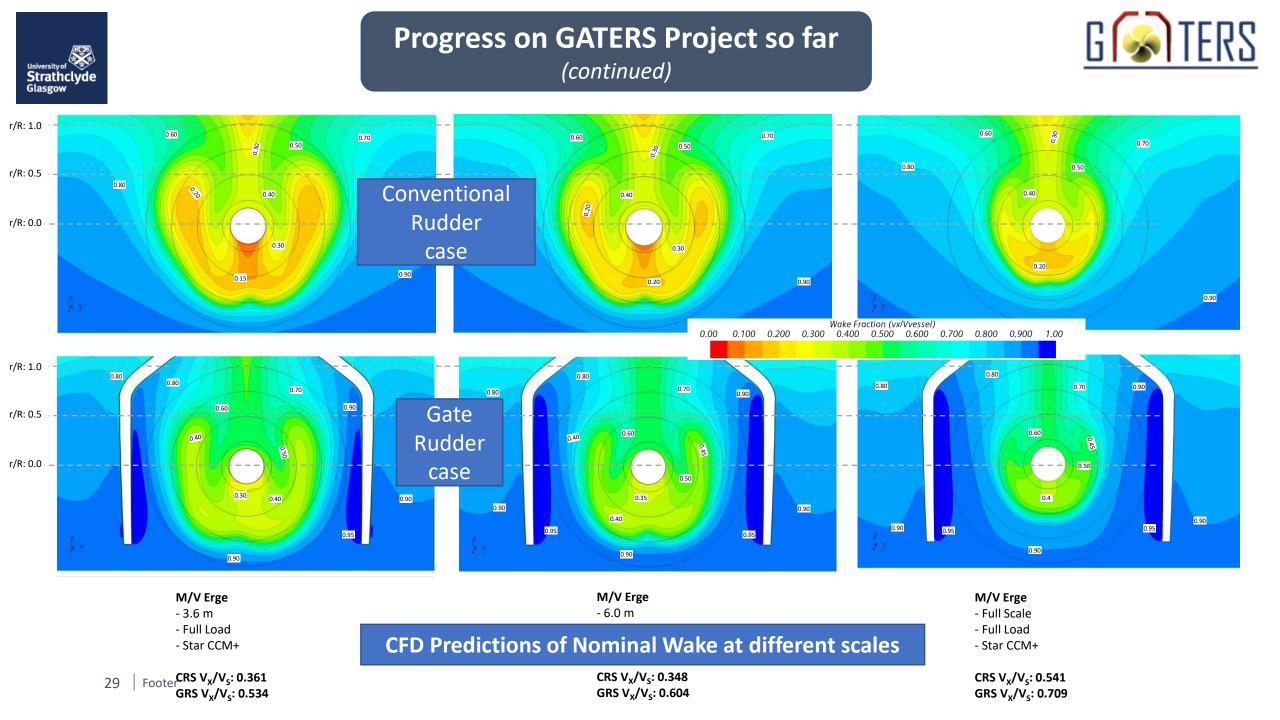
CFD Predictions for MV ERGE in ITU model test scale (Lpp = 3.6m)







CFD Predictions of separation in towing condition (loaded draft)





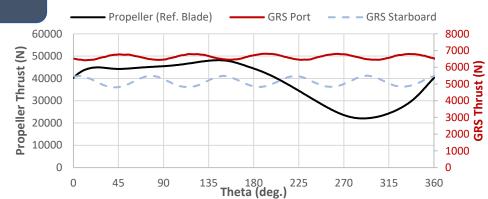
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A reference blade load according to its position is given on the table.

Also, the dynamic load change can observed the video below. As can be seen on the dynamic table, the same propeller load profile repeats itself during each turn. It shows that the solution has been converged.



Propeller Thurst Ref Monitor Plot Propeller Thurst Ref Monito 45000 40000 € 35000 30000 25000 20000 15000 10000 5000 118.66 118.71 118.76 118.81 118.86 118.91 118.96 119.01 119.06 119.11 Velocity: Magnitude (m/s) Physical Time (s) 0 0.802 1.6 2.41 3.21 4.01 4.81 6.42 7.22 8.02 5.61 Y Footer

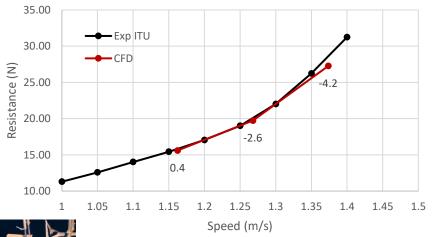
CFD prediction for time dependent Thrust Loading on propeller and rudder blades



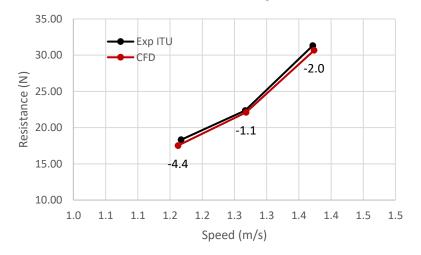


		Loaded				Loaded		Loaded			Loaded			
V	и 11 kn	EFD	CFD	Diff %	V _M	12 kn	EFD	CFD	Diff %	V _M	13 kn	EFD	CFD	Diff %
Nak	ed Towing	15.90	15.71	-1.2	Naked	R _{Towing}	20.36	19.60	-3.7	Naked	R _{Towing}	29.09	0.00	
CF	R _{Towing}	16.47	15.79	-4.1	CRS	R _{Towing}	20.90	19.89	-4.9	CRS	R _{Towing}	27.20	27.45	0.9
Cr	R _{SP}	21.44	19.09	-11.0	CRS	R _{SP}	26.19	24.00	-8.4	Cho	R _{SP}	36.15	33.80	-6.5
GF	R _{Towing}	15.54	15.60	0.4	GRS	R _{Towing}	20.26	19.72	-2.6	GRS	R _{Towing}	28.46	27.26	-4.2
G	R _{SP}	18.31	17.51	-4.4	GRS	R _{sp}	22.35	22.10	-1.1	GRS	R _{SP}	31.30	30.66	-2.0

GRS - Loaded Towing



GRS - Loaded Self-Propulsion

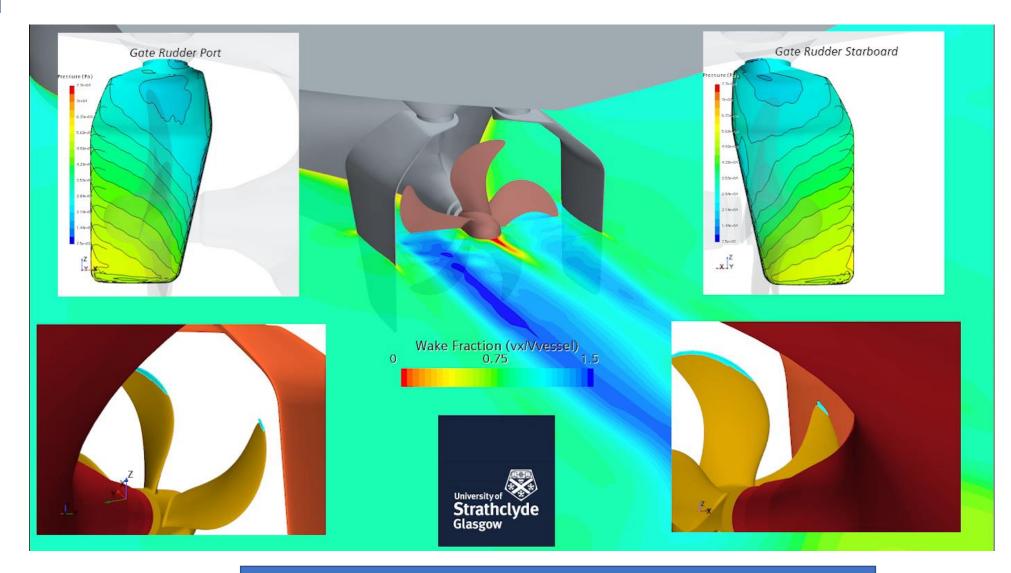




CFD Predictions vs ITU Model test results





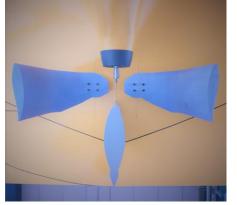


CFD predictions including cavitation Modelling









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Design Draught (midship)	Т	(m)	5.24
Displacement	Δ	(ton)	4794
Service Speed	Vs	knots	15.5
Rudder			GRS





Large size container model tests (λ = 10.94; Lpp = 9.72m; Dp = 0.3m) conducted at HSVA on October 2021



Data Collector

J CETENA

Engine Roor CETENA Cabine

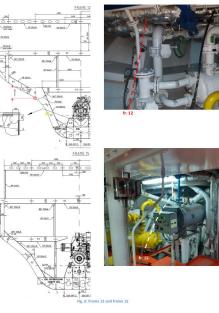
Ship Network (LAN)

SHIP NAME

Long term monitoring system cockpit that will be installed on board



RETENA











CETENA









The possible sea trial areas

WP 2 - Activities

- Ship performance data collection and monitoring system onboard MV ERGE installed to record Speed-Power; Fuel Consumption & Environment data on late September 2021
- Performance monitoring "in-service" started in October 2021 and will continue until the end of the project
- **Dedicated "sea-trials"** in calm water Speed-Power; Vibrations for Cavitation / Underwater Radiated Noise and Manoeuvring are scheduled before and after the Gate Rudder retrofitting to be conducted in Marmara Sea for August/September 2022



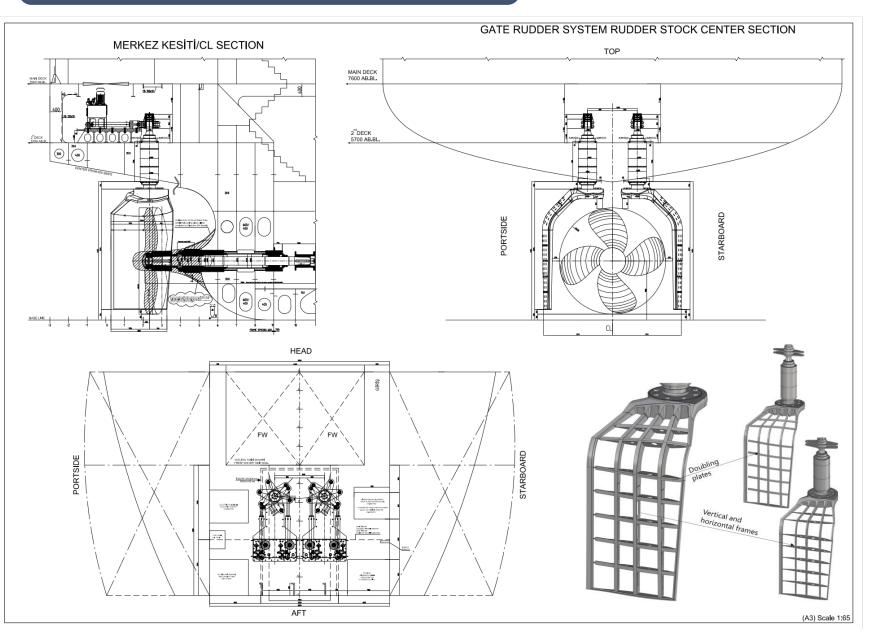
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WP 3 / WP4 - Activities

- Detailed design activity tasks involving GRS components (i.e. GR Blades, Shafting, Propeller, modifications to aft end, Steering Gear Machinery; Autopilot selection etc) have been underway
- Negotiations with Class Society (Bureau Veritas) for the approval of modifications have been started
- Manufacturing GRS components, removal of CRS and installation GRS - related preparation activities are being arranged

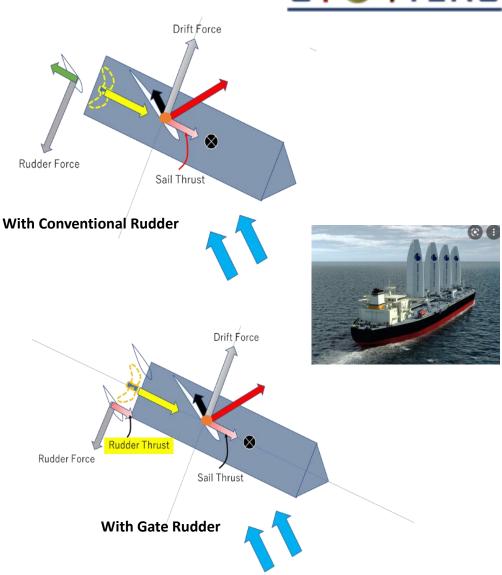




GATERS - Summary



- GRS provides such a significant amount of power-saving and associated GHG reduction that cannot be achieved by any other solitary (single) energy-saving device (ESD) for propulsion currently available in the market.
- GRS is a generic and complementary ESD that can be easily combined with other energy-saving technologies without any conflict.
- For example, new engine and fuel technologies, fuel cells, hybrid systems, waste heat recovery and renewable energy based technologies (in particular Wind Assisted propulsion) can take the great advantage of GRS.
- Slow-steaming may be well recognised cost-effective way of reducing GHG with the risk of poor seakeeping/manoeuvring in waves. This risk can be removed by the use of GRS with the reduced power requirement.
- GATERS focuses on "Retrofit" type GHG reduction measure which complements IMO's most recent requirement, "Short term technical measure of EEXI" for existing ships, due to come in force on January 2023.









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