

Marine Shipping - The Interweb

Marine shipping is a web of communities as varied as the fleet of 52,500 ships⁽⁴⁾ that transport the world's international trade ⁽⁵⁾. At the sovereign level a country is a community. At more granular levels a community is any group or entity that pursues the operation of a marine shipping service. The group can be private or public, for or non-profit, independent or subsidiary. A community can be a region or port, or it can be a producer or shipper(s) seeking improved access to markets, or it can be a shipyard in pursuit of newbuild opportunities, or it can be a long-established vessel operator looking to expand, or it might be an entrepreneur entering the waters of seaborne transport for the first time. All are reasons marine shipping is perhaps the world's most dynamic industry. Certainly it is the most global as sea trade pre-dates e-trade by at least five millennia.

