

## PRESS RELEASE

### YES to Sea Tourism Forum 2019 - Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 2019

**YES Forum** says **YES to Sea Tourism** on **Wednesday, 29 May 2019**, during the International Conference & Exhibition of the **Posidonia Sea Tourism Forum 2019**, at **Domotel Kastri Conference Center – Kifissia**, from **14.00 to 19.00**.

**YES Forum** is the leading platform for an open dialogue within **the Greek Shipping and Sea Tourism Industries** among principals, executives, university students, recent graduates and young executives. The main aim of **YES Forum** is the creation of a comprehensive connection and understanding between young people and our Greek shipping and tourism history. **YES FORUM is taking place under the auspices of the Ministries of Shipping, Education, Tourism, GNTO, Hellenic Chamber of Shipping and the majority of Greek Universities.**

This year's goal is to inform young people about **the distinctive features of sea tourism and cruising** along with **the employment prospects and professional trajectories**. Once again, **all participants will have the opportunity to ask questions** before and during the Forum and dialogue directly with the distinguished executives.

The welcoming addresses will be made by: **Danae Bezantakou**, CEO – NAVIGATOR SHIPPING CONSULTANTS & Concept Founder - YES Forum, **Dr. Panagiota Dionysopoulou**, Head of the General Directorate of Tourism Policy–Ministry of Tourism, **Dorra Giannaki**, Special Advisor in the General Secretariat for Youth, **Theodore Kontes**, President - President Union of Cruise Ship Owners & Associated Members.

This year's research has been carried out to enable young people to express their opinion on sea tourism and employment prospects. The results will be compared with those of the respective survey answered by companies active in the sea tourism sector in order to compare the supply and demand. **Xenia Kourtoglou**, Founder & Managing Partner, FOCUS BARI will introduce the data.

**Our Keynote Speaker will be Capt. Paris Dragnis**, *Founder & President – GOLDENPORT GROUP OF COMPANIES.*

**Panel Moderator will be Mr. Minas Tsamopoulos, Journalist – Proto Thema Newspaper. Speakers of the panel are Maria Deligianni**, Government and Public Affairs Representative Eastern Mediterranean - Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) , - **Capt. Vassilis Gkazikas**, Marine Operations Director - Celestyal Cruises, **Thanos Pallis**, Professor of Port Economics & Policy , University of the Aegean, Greece & President of the International Association of Maritime Economists (IAME), **Alexandros Seremelis**, Lecturer – Metropolitan College - Metropolitan College.

**The YES to Sea Tourism Forum** will also enable executives from the **shipping industry** to create networking corners on following topics: 1. **Operations, Crew, Chartering & HSQE Departments of a Shipping Company**, 2. **Startups, Innovation & Technology, Service Providers** and 3. **Masters in Shipping.**

### **i. Crew, HSQE, Operations, Chartering Departments of a Shipping Company**

**Artemis Kazantzidi**, HSQEE Officer – LATSCO MARINE MANAGEMENT

**Katerina Xenou**, Crew Manager – ALASSIA NEWSHIPS MANAGEMENT

(more speakers will be announced soon)

### **ii. Innovation, Startups, Technology & Service Providers**

**Maria Paliothodorou**, Happiness Officer – MARINE TRAFFIC

**Eleni Polychronopoulou**, Vice President- Environmental Protection Engineering (EPE) SA & President - HEMEXPO

**Dimitris Sousoudis**, Senior Sales Executive - Greece - Cyprus - Middle East – MARINE TRAFFIC

**Dr. Panagiotis Nomikos**, Business Development Director, DANAOS MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS S.A.

### **iii. Masters in Shipping**

**Vicky Apostolopoulou**, Business Development Executive, School of Maritime Studies - METROPOLITAN COLLEGE

**Prof. Serafeim Kapros**, Head of Dept. of Shipping, Trade and Transport - UNIVERSITY OF THE AEGEAN

**Pavlou Elias**, MSc Shipping Programme Manager – BCA COLLEGE

**Marianna Bliablia, Administrative Manager** - MSc in International Shipping, Finance and Management at Athens University of Economics and Business

**Registration at YES to Sea Tourism Forum will be free of charge. Submit your questions and [register now!](#)**

At the end of the event there will be a lottery for a cruise offered by Celestyal Cruises and 100 bilingual albums " Greek Coastal Ships" offered by Greek Shipping Miracle.

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### **PART OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE ALLOCATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SYN-ENOSIS**

YES Forum will be conducted in the Greek Language.

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