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ICNAME Founding Members News

CSSC Tianjin Shipbuilding Tenders 2,000-Ton Gantry Crane for Expanded No.2 Dry Doc

On June 18, CSSC (Tianjin) Shipbuilding issued a tender announcement for the procurement of a 2,000-ton gantry crane. According to the announcement, the crane has a maximum lifting capacity of 2,000 tons and a maximum tilting capacity of 1,000 tons. The procurement is part of the shipyard's expanded No.2 dry dock project, which will significantly enhance its large-vessel construction capabilities. The crane will be a critical piece of infrastructure for handling large blocks and heavy components in the shipbuilding process.

Source: China State Shipbuilding Corporation (CSSC)

Link:<https://www.worldports.org/cssc-tianjin-shipbuilding-tenders-2000-ton-gantry-crane-for-expanded-no-2-dry-dock/>

HEU President Appears on CCTV's "2026 President's Message" Program

On June 20, Harbin Engineering University President Yin Jingwei appeared on China Central Television's CCTV-10 special program "2026 President's Message" for the university admissions season. President Yin extended an invitation to prospective students to "pursue dreams in the deep blue and journey together across mountains and seas," highlighting HEU's distinctive strengths in naval architecture, ocean engineering and related maritime disciplines.

Source: Harbin Engineering University (HEU)

Link:https://news.qq.com/2026/06/20/HEU_President_Message.html

Strathclyde Research Ties May Advance Shipbuilding on the Clyde

Scottish and Australian researchers have struck a new agreement to strengthen collaboration on modern manufacturing methods that could be adapted to shipbuilding and marine operations underway in both hemispheres. The collaboration will include exploring digital tools in shipbuilding, spanning automation, simulation and materials, as well as welding and joining technologies. The University of Strathclyde is a key partner in this international research effort.

Source: University of Strathclyde

Link: <https://mtimagazine.com/research-ties-may-advance-shipbuilding-on-the-clyde/>

Bureau Veritas Advisory Council Examines Shipping's Future Amid Geopolitical Uncertainty

Bureau Veritas Marine & Offshore convened its Advisory Council Meeting in Paris on June 9. Discussions examined the implications for maritime trade, shipbuilding, supply chains, investment decisions and the energy transition, highlighting the increasingly interconnected nature of geopolitical, economic and environmental challenges facing the shipping industry.

Source: Bureau Veritas (BV)

[Link:https://marine-offshore.bureauveritas.com/newsroom/bureau-veritas-advisory-council-examines-shippings-future-amid-geopolitical-uncertainty-and-energy-transition](https://marine-offshore.bureauveritas.com/newsroom/bureau-veritas-advisory-council-examines-shippings-future-amid-geopolitical-uncertainty-and-energy-transition)

Other Maritime and Ocean Engineering News

GRSE Granted Navratna Status, Gains Greater Operational Autonomy

Kolkata-based defence shipbuilder Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) has been accorded Navratna status by the Government of India. The government approved the elevation through an office memorandum issued on June 19. The Navratna status grants GRSE greater operational autonomy and financial powers, enabling the shipbuilder to undertake larger investment decisions and expand its capabilities in defence and commercial shipbuilding.

Source: India Strategic

[Link:https://www.indiastrategic.in/grse-granted-navratna-status-gains-greater-operational-autonomy/](https://www.indiastrategic.in/grse-granted-navratna-status-gains-greater-operational-autonomy/)

Türkiye Exports Warship to NATO and EU Member for First Time

Türkiye has exported a warship to a NATO and EU member country for the first time in its history through a sales agreement signed with Romania. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan confirmed the milestone, stating that the warship was built by the main contractor ASFAT at the Istanbul Naval Shipyard Command. The vessel was handed over to the Romanian Navy on June 19.

Source: Anadolu Agency / Defence Turkey

[Link: https://f.aa.com.tr/turkiye-exports-warship-to-romania/](https://f.aa.com.tr/turkiye-exports-warship-to-romania/)

Saudi Navy Floats First Sarawat Phase II Warship at Navantia Shipyard

The Royal Saudi Naval Forces floated HMS AlMadinah, the first of three multi-mission Avante 2200-class corvettes being acquired under the Sarawat Phase II program, at Spanish shipbuilder Navantia's shipyard in San Fernando. The other two vessels, HMS Neom and HMS AlUla, are also under construction. The program represents a significant expansion of Saudi Arabia's naval capabilities.

Source: Arab News

[Link:https://www.arabnews.com/saudi-navy-floats-first-sarawat-phase-ii-warship/](https://www.arabnews.com/saudi-navy-floats-first-sarawat-phase-ii-warship/)

Indian Navy Commissions Three Indigenous Warships in Kolkata

Prime Minister Narendra Modi commissioned three indigenously built frontline naval platforms—INS Dunagiri (a Project 17A guided-missile frigate), INS Sanshodhak (a survey vessel) and INS Agray (an anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft)—at a ceremony in Kolkata on June 21. The commissioning marks a significant boost to

India's indigenous naval shipbuilding capabilities.

Source: India Strategic

[Link:https://www.indiastrategic.in/pm-to-commission-three-indigenous-naval-platforms-in-kolkata-on-june-21/](https://www.indiastrategic.in/pm-to-commission-three-indigenous-naval-platforms-in-kolkata-on-june-21/)

First Container Ship Arrives at Iranian Port After US Lifts Blockade

The first container ship to arrive since the US lifted its blockade has docked at Iran's Shahid Rajaei Port in Bandar Abbas, the Iranian state broadcaster reported. The main cargo consists of auto parts, marking the resumption of containerised trade through Iranian ports following the US-Iran agreement.

Source: TASS

[Link: https://tass.com/world/first-container-ship-arrives-at-iranian-port/](https://tass.com/world/first-container-ship-arrives-at-iranian-port/)

Three Indian-Flagged Oil Tankers Transit Strait of Hormuz

India's Ports, Shipping and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal announced that three Indian-flagged oil tankers safely transited the Strait of Hormuz on June 20, carrying a combined total of over 860,000 tonnes of crude oil with 94 Indian crew members onboard. The tankers are now sailing toward Indian ports.

Source: Sputnik

[Link:https://sputniknews.cn/india-oil-tankers-hormuz/](https://sputniknews.cn/india-oil-tankers-hormuz/)

Iran Announces Closure of Strait of Hormuz as US-Iran Deal Falter

Iran's armed forces announced on June 20 that the Strait of Hormuz would be closed to all vessel traffic "until further notice," according to Iran's Fars news agency, which cited sources indicating that the naval forces of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps are not issuing permits for ships to pass. The announcement came as the fragile US-Iran agreement faltered over Israeli attacks in Lebanon, just as negotiators were heading to Switzerland to try to salvage efforts to end the Middle East war. However, the US military rejected the Iranian claims, stating that the Strait remained open with increasing commercial ship traffic—55 merchant ships transited on June 20, moving large amounts of cargo and more than 17 million barrels of oil to global markets.

Source: TASS / Xinhua / CCTV

[Link: https://tass.com/world/hormuz-remains-closed-iran/](https://tass.com/world/hormuz-remains-closed-iran/)