

CALL FOR PAPERS

The **Connecticut Maritime Association (CMA)** and the **CMA Education Foundation** is seeking entries from students attending American maritime colleges, and universities with programs and/or courses that deal with shipping, international trade and marine transportation.

The Connecticut Maritime Association, Inc. is a not- for-profit organization established in 1984 and has an educational mission. It is an association of individuals representing every aspect of shipping and international trade, both ship and cargo interests.

CMA's annual Trade Show and Conference, Shipping 2015 March 23-24-25, 2015, will feature a session **"Student Research Presentations" on Tuesday, March 24, 2015.** To qualify a student must be an individual working towards a Bachelor or Master's degree in a US university.

All papers are to be original manuscripts and the topics should have practical application to industry problems, issues, or policies. Papers will be reviewed by teams from academia and the industry. Three papers will be selected and awarded a certificate, with first place award of \$2500, second place award of \$1500, and third place award of \$1000. The awards are courtesy of d'Amico International Shipping.

The primary focus should be on tankers and bulk carriers and their trades or related topics. Possible topics students may wish to explore might include:

- Financial pressures and survival among owners of ships – tankers, bulk carriers, containerships
- Imbalance between the supply of, and the demand for, ships and its implications
- Global warming and its effect on the output of agricultural goods and demand for bulk carriers
- Global maritime policies such as those covering safety, environmental emissions, invasive species and ballast water issues, market competition, etc.
- Regulation, enforcement and governance in the maritime field
- Energy – oil, gas, coal, wind, solar – what are their effects on the shipping industry?
- Vessel operating issues – for example, crew recruiting, retention and education
- Ship waste disposal; environmental ship scrapping; population growth and impact on demand for resources
- Piracy – risks, results and solutions
- Others, such as: the Maritime Labor Convention and emission issues

Submit your **paper and presentation by January 12, 2015.** Submissions are to be e-mailed only. Feel free to contact Shmuel Yahalom if you have any questions.

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