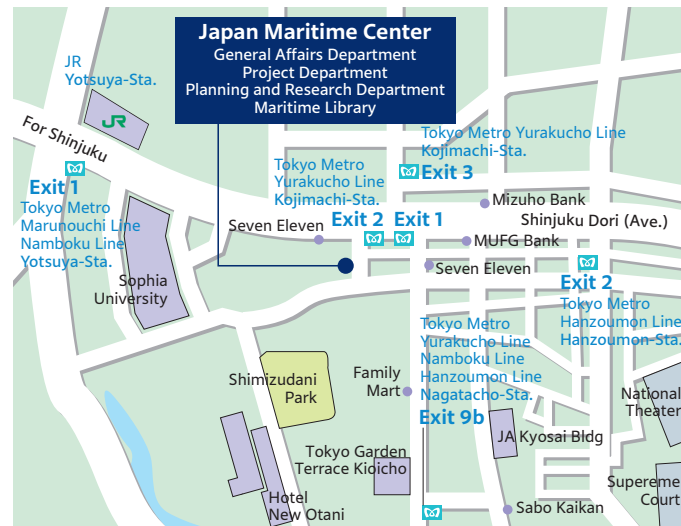


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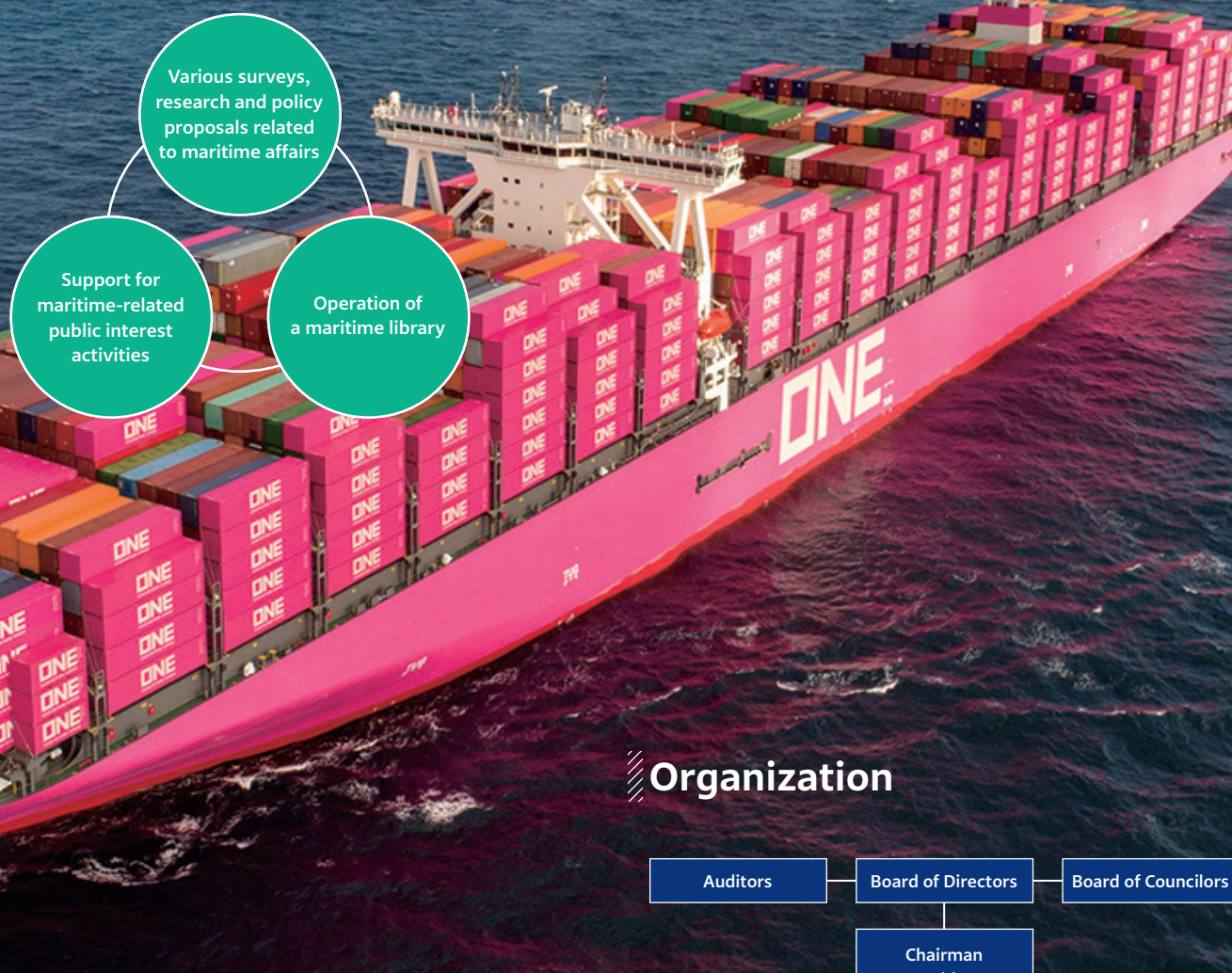
Introduction

The Japan Maritime Center (JMC) was established in April 2007 through the merger of the Nippon Kaiji Foundation and the Nippon Kaiun Shinkokai, both of which were established in 1964. In April 2011, we transitioned from a civil law foundation to a public interest incorporated foundation based on the “Act on Authorization of Public Interest Incorporated Association and Public Interest Incorporated Foundation.”

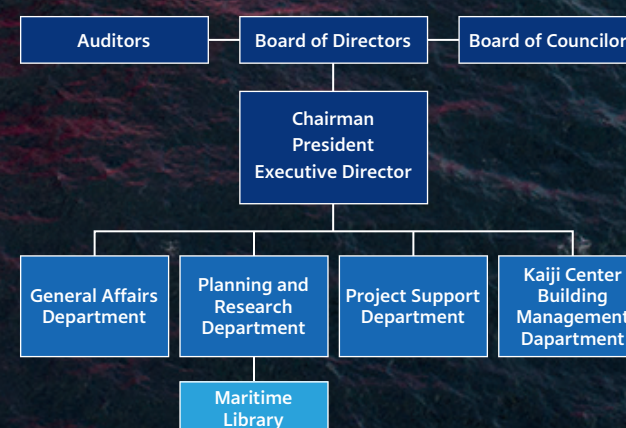
In order to accurately respond to the rapid changes in the global economy and the increasingly complex issues related to maritime affairs, the Center conducts activities based on three pillars: various maritime related research and policy proposals, operation of a maritime library, and support for maritime related public interest activities.

Basic Philosophy

- ⊗ As a central think tank for the maritime community, we will contribute to cooperation and collaboration among the maritime industry, government agencies, and research institutions.
- ⊗ To contribute to the development of the maritime industry, which is indispensable to Japan’s economy and society.
- ⊗ To contribute to the promotion of public interest projects as a central institution in the maritime field
- ⊗ Contribute to the realization of a safe and secure maritime society
- ⊗ Contributing to the realization of a maritime society in harmony with the environment
- ⊗ Contributing to the international activities of the maritime community



Organization



The activities of the Center are supported by the Japan Shipowners’ Association and the Japan Federation of Pilots’ Associations.

Message from the Chairman

Japan, as an island country surrounded by sea, relies more than 99% of its imports and exports by volume on maritime transport. The maritime industry, which is essential for seaborne trade, therefore plays a key role to sustain our economic activities and livelihood.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic had caused disruptions to the global supply chain, port congestions around major ports have been eased since around mid-2022, partly due to economic slowdown in Europe following the Ukrainian crisis and reduced levels of consumption in the US due to inflation. The situation had also helped improve the supply-demand imbalance in the container shipping sector. However, we still face economic and security challenges exacerbated by high energy prices, and the unstable as well as rapidly changing international environment is continuing to impose significant impacts and challenges on our maritime community. For example, international shipping is facing an urgent need to address climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions aiming for decarbonization. Also, various initiatives are undertaken to promote innovation in the maritime sector, such as application of automation systems on vessels which can be controlled remotely, to adapt itself to changing needs.

Against this backdrop, the Japan Maritime Center (JMC) will continue to dedicate itself to (1) research activities on maritime-related issues to make policy proposals, (2) provision of support to activities serving public interests in the maritime sector, and (3) operation of the Maritime Library, to contribute to the development of Japan as a maritime nation.

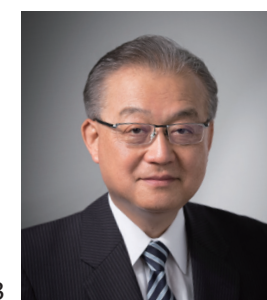
Since March 2022, we have been holding a series of online “JMC Maritime Promotion Seminar”. We have also renewed our logo, issued the JMC Report 2021 summarizing the results of our annual activities, and renewed our English pamphlet. We will continuously strive to improve our activities based on the PDCA cycle.

As a core think-tank of the maritime community in Japan, we will aim to contribute to further facilitate cooperation and collaboration among stakeholders in the maritime industry, government agencies and research institutes, to address the increasingly complex challenges relating to the maritime sector, taking into account the rapidly changing environment in the international community and global economy.

We look forward to your understanding and cooperation in our efforts and activities.



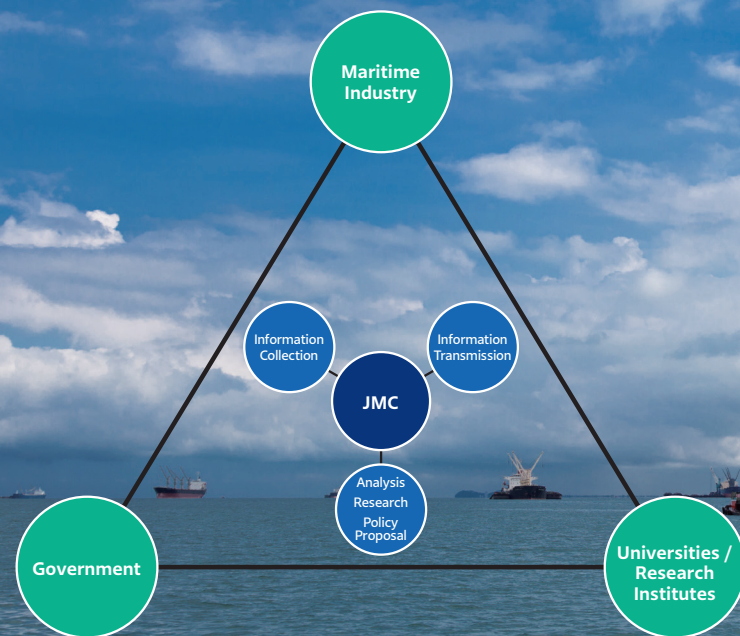
April 2023



Masafumi Shukuri
Chairman, Japan Maritime Center

Activities of Planning and Research Department

JMC is a Central Think Tank in the Maritime Community



Research Activities through Research Committees

JMC conducts research and study, and makes policy proposals, organizing “Research Group on Shipping Issues,” with the participation of industry, governmental bodies, and academia. “Research Group on Shipping Issues” has “Board of Research Committees,” which is forum for discussing a basic policy and comprehensive strategy of research and study projects or policy proposals. “Research Group on Shipping Issues” has 5 Standing Committees, in which individual issues are studied and discussed in line with the policy and strategy adopted by the “Board of Research Committees.”

Research Group on Shipping Issues

Board of Research Committees (Chairperson: Tomonobu Yamashita, Professor Emeritus, The University of Tokyo)

Research Committees on

- IMO Legal Committee
- International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds
- Issues on Maritime Economy
- Issues on Seafarers
- Issues on Marine Environment



JMC will analyze recent trends in international situation and grasp the needs of the maritime community. JMC is engaged in the following activities in cooperation and collaboration with industry, governmental bodies, and academia, so that Japan may chart a right course and continue to thrive as a maritime country and a marine nation.

- Contribute to the sustainable development of the maritime industry centered around the ocean shipping industry, addressing following issues.
 - Decarbonization of international shipping as a countermeasure against climate change
 - Securing and developing maritime human resources
 - Strengthening the international competitiveness of ocean-going shipping
 - Promotion of maritime innovation
 - Development of new markets
 - Growth of maritime clusters
 - Development of global supply chains centered on East Asia and ASEAN countries
 - Japan's engagement in the formulation of international rules and regulations at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and other organizations
- Contribution to stable international maritime transport and Japan's economic security
- Grasping and analyzing trends of domestic and international maritime transport
- Contribution to securing fairness and equitableness of international compensation scheme for damages caused by maritime accidents



Seminar

Research Paper



Attending International Meetings

Cooperation with international organizations and participation in international conferences

We have held high-level cooperation with the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund (IOPCF), the International Labor Organization (ILO), etc., and participated in meetings of these organizations as members of the Japanese delegation.



Meeting with Mr. Kitack Lim, Secretary-General of the IMO (September 2022)



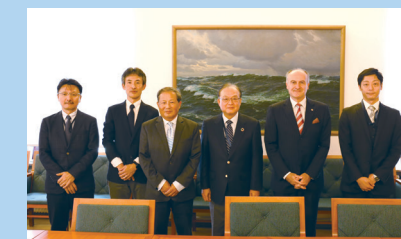
Meeting with Mr. Gaute Sivertsen, Secretary-General of the IOPCF (September 2022)



Attending IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (December 2022)

Partnerships with WMU etc.

JMC has concluded an agreement with the World Maritime University (WMU) in Malmö, Sweden, to conduct joint research and academic exchange to keep ourselves updated with the latest agenda and methodologies as well as to improve our research activities. In fiscal year 2023, we are planning to hold collaborative projects with the WMU and the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund (IOPCF) to jointly present our activities and the development on relevant agenda.



Visiting the World Maritime University (September 2022)



Visiting the WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute (September 2022)

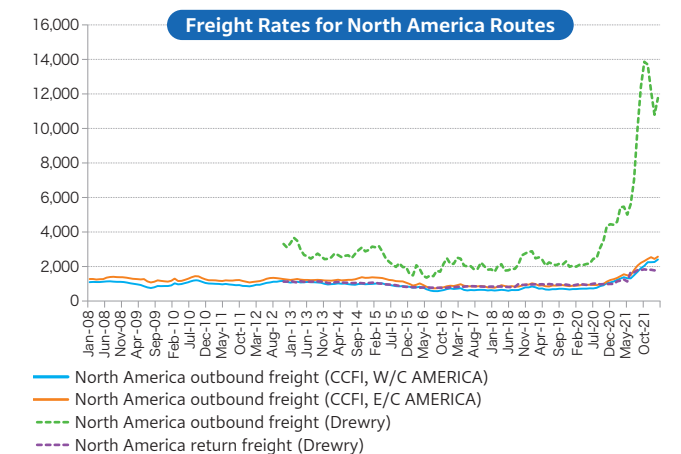
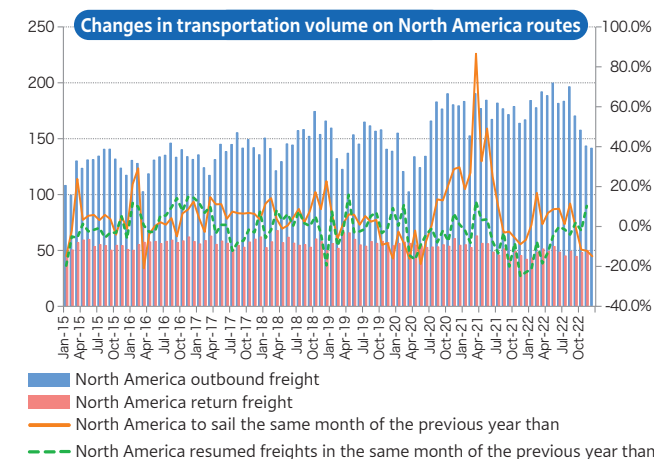
- JMC makes research about maritime transport and logistics abroad and exchange of information and views about them, actively collaborating with universities, think tanks, and research institutes etc. in Japan.
- JMC promotes understanding of younger generation, forging future of Japan, about maritime and shipping policies.

Publication of the latest data

Container import and export statistics released

Publication of monthly report on container trade statistics
We collect data and information related to international maritime container trade in major trading routes, including Asia to North America and Asia to Europe routes, and publish monthly reports on key statistics.

- Trends in Containerized Cargo Movement between Japan, Asia and the U.S.
- Trends in Containerized Cargo Movement between Japan, Asia and Europe
- Trends in Japan-China Container Routes and Intra-Asia Container Routes



Information Transmission

Maritime Nation Forum

The Maritime Forum is held once or twice a year to attract public interest and gain wider understanding on the activities of the maritime community by inviting speakers and panelists to discuss outstanding issues.

The 30th Maritime Forum in Kobe 2022
Fostering Maritime Human Resources and Future Prospects for the Maritime Society
(August 2022)
*The event was held at the venue and streamed online)



The 31st Maritime and Tourism Forum in Okinawa 2023
The History and Unlimited Potential of Okinawa's Churaumi Sea—Toward the Future of Maritime Affairs and Tourism
(February 2023)
*This event was held at the venue and streamed online)



About the Logo

As a core think tank in the maritime community, the Japan Maritime Center is constantly reviewing to improve its activities to contribute to the development of the maritime industry, which is indispensable to Japan's economy and society. Based on this idea, we asked an artist, Ms. Aki Fueda, to visualize our ideas and hopes into a logo. Ms. Fueda explains that "image of waves and sky is expressed in the letters M and C, which comes after the first letter J. The upward slope imprinted in the letter C represents our hope that good fortune will prevail for the betterment of the industry."

Home page <https://www.jpmac.or.jp>

In October 2021, the website was renewed, including the top page. The new website provides a variety of maritime-related information in a timely manner. JMC also operates a portal site for maritime human resource development and maritime education.



JMC Maritime Seminar

In March 2022, the JMC started to hold a series of JMC Maritime Promotion Seminars on various issues, including research topics covered by the JMC, to share the status quo and explore ideas to address challenges faced by the maritime community.

Part 2. Prospects for East Asian Logistics under RCEP and Post-COVID 19 (June 2022)



Part 3. Current Status and Prospects of Japan's Trade Digitization in International Logistics (July 2022)



Part 4. The Shipping Industry's Role in Offshore Wind Power and Future Prospects (October 2022)



Part 5. Legal Development and Promotion of the Use of Electronic Bills of Lading (December 2022)



E-mail Magazine

This monthly newsletter provides information on the research and study activities of the Japan Maritime Center, announcements from the Maritime Library, recommended new books, and lectures on how to look up maritime materials.

Sign up for our e-mail magazine
<http://www.jpmac.or.jp/etc/mail-magazine.html>



JMC Support for maritime-related public interest activities



JMC supports maritime-related public interest activities that promote cooperation with related organizations based on the needs of society, such as SDGs, global environment, and work style reform.

Subsidized organizations in FY2023

Maritime Law

Japanese Maritime Law Association

Seafarers

Seamen's Employment Center of Japan
Maritime Academy Foundation
The Maritime Human Resource Institute, Japan
The Association for promoting safety and sanitation for Seafarers

Maritime Safety

The Japan Association of Marine Safety
Tokyo wan Association for Marine Safety
The Kobe Marine Casualty Prevention Institute
The Seibu Association for Preventing Marine Casualty
The Isewan Marine Safety Association
The Japan Sea Marine Accidents Prevention Association
Setonaikai Maritime Safety Association
Japan Marine Rescue Association
Marine Accident Inquiry and Safety Investigation Association
Japan Coast Guard Association

Maritime Public Relation

Japan Maritime Public Relation Center
Japan Sea Cadet Federation

Pilot

The Maritime Human Resource Institute, Japan



Seafarers' Accident Prevention Project and Survival Training



Marine Youth League Activities

Examples of projects using subsidies



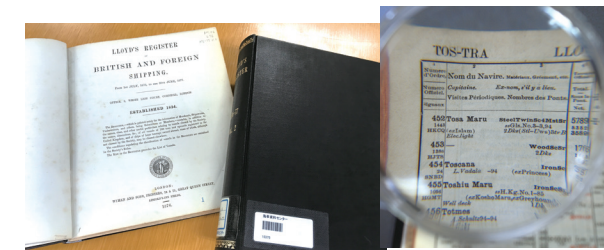
Maritime Library

Maritime Library, established in June 1974, is one of the major maritime libraries in Asia open to the public. JMC administrates the library, upgrading its functions, and enhancing user's convenience.

Main Items in the Collection

JMC collects reference books and key publications on maritime affairs ranging from the mid-19th century to the present.

- Containerisation International (1977-)
- Containerisation International Yearbook (1972-2012)
- Fairplay (1984-)
- Lloyd's List (1961-)
- Lloyd's Register of Shipping, Register of Ships (1876-)
- Shipping Statistics Yearbook (Bremen 1966-)
- Nihon Senmeiroku (Japan Register of Ships) (1890-1998)



Lloyd's Register

From October 2022
We have started sending out messages via Twitter.

@kaijitoshokan



Reading room

The Library provides an enquiry service by e-mail in English.
Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) is also available via JMC's Website.
<https://www.jpmac.or.jp/library/>

