

The logo features the word "BIMCO" in a smaller font to the left of the word "TRAINING" in a larger, bold font. A small square icon is positioned to the left of "BIMCO".

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The logo consists of the word "BIMCO" in a bold, white, sans-serif font, with a horizontal line above the letters "I" and "M".

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The title "MASTERCLASS LAYTIME & DEMURRAGE" is displayed in white text on a dark blue background. "MASTERCLASS" is in a smaller font, while "LAYTIME & DEMURRAGE" is in a large, bold font. A stylized lightning bolt icon is positioned to the left of the main title.

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LAYTIME & DEMURRAGE

Antwerp, Belgium
29-30 June 2026

DAY 1

09:00-09:30	Introduction to BIMCO
09:30-10:30	Overview of law and practice
10:30-11:00	<i>Break</i>
11:00-11:45	Types of laytime
11:45-12:30	Case study 1
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30-15:00	Commencement of laytime – legal and contractual principles
15:00-15:45	Termination and stoppage of laytime
15:45-16:15	<i>Break</i>
16:15-17:30	Demurrage and despatch

DAY 2

09:00-10:30	Case study 2
10:30-11:00	<i>Break</i>
11:00-11:45	Termination and stoppage of demurrage
11:45-12:45	Case study 3
12:45-13:45	<i>Lunch</i>
13:45-14:30	Damages for detention
14:30-15:30	Time bar clauses and the commercial usage of laytime and demurrage in non-traditional ways
15:30-15:45	<i>Break</i>
15:45-16:15	Laytime and demurrage – practical issues and suggestions
16:15-16:30	Q&A



Baris Soyer

Professor Soyer is the Director of the Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law at Swansea University (www.swansea.ac.uk/law/istl). He is a member of the British Maritime Law Association and British Insurance Law Association. He is the author of Warranties in Marine Insurance published by Cavendish Publishing (2001), Marine Insurance Fraud published by Informa Publishing and of an extensive list of journal articles published in elite journals such as Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly, Journal of Business Law, Cambridge Law Journal, Edinburgh Law Review, Law Quarterly Review, Torts Law Journal and Journal of Contract Law. He sits on the editorial boards of the Journal of International Maritime Law, Shipping and Trade Law and editorial committee of the Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly (International Maritime and Commercial Law Yearbook). He currently teaches Admiralty Law, Charter parties: Law and Practice and Marine Insurance on the LLM Programme, and is the Director of Shipping and Trade LLM programmes at Swansea.



Jean-Paul Dezutter

Jean-Paul is a former shipbroker, laytime and operations expert who manages laytime and demurrage cases globally. Through Demurrage Desk, he designs tailored contracts and clauses to optimise and mitigate laytime risk. In addition, he provides personalised consultancy services to stakeholders, such as ports, law firms, P&I clubs, technology companies and start-ups, focusing on process analysis and optimization. His work includes designing workflow and process strategies, identifying and mitigating operational risks, facilitating organisational changes, and building resilience in response to the fast-changing maritime industry.

Jean-Paul's expertise mainly focuses on dry shipping, including charter parties (voyage, time, demise), laytime & demurrage and speed & performance claims. He holds certificates in Ship Chartering, Ship Finance, Maritime Disputes & Arbitration and Laytime & Demurrage.

As a CIArb accredited mediator and supporting member of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association, he advises and assists in the commercial resolution of laytime and demurrage disputes. He also lectures laytime & demurrage and ship operations at various organisations, universities, institutes and forums.



Gizem Yavasbay

Gizem Yavasbay has over a decade of experience in the maritime industry with various roles spanning from ship operator to claim handler. In the latter half of her career, she worked as a laytime specialist and represented various cargo interests across the trade chain. Gizem has been with BIMCO's Contractual Advice team since 2024, where she currently advises on contractual issues with a focus on laytime related disputes.

Where will the course be held?

The course venue will be confirmed approximately 8 weeks before the start of the course so we can find a suitable venue for the number of participants.

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