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OFFSHORE, PROJECT & HEAVYLIFT CHARTERING MASTERCLASS

This BIMCO Masterclass provides an integrated understanding of the contractual complexities involved in the multi-model transportation of super-size cargoes and the management of commercial and contractual risks and liabilities.



 **TRAINING**

Rotterdam
27–28 May 2026

DAY 1

Overview

09:00–09:30

Introduction to the documentary work of BIMCO:

- Drafting BIMCO standard contracts and clauses
- Working with subcommittees to draft new contracts and clauses
- BIMCO Explanatory Notes as a tool for guidance in understanding the thinking behind the contracts.

09:30–10:30

Principles of English contract law and their relevance to project and heavylift contracts:

- Dispute resolution clauses
- Principles of interpretation
- Breach of contract
- Repudiation
- Damages
- Force majeure and frustration
- Express termination rights.

10:30–10:45

Break

10:45–11:45

Multi-contract projects:

- Overview: SUPPLYTIME, WINDTIME, ASVTIME, HEAVYCON, HEAVYLIFTVOY, TOWCON, TOWHIRE, PROJECTCON, BARGEHIRE
- The adoption of parts of the BIMCO forms within Charterers in house terms
- The relationship between BIMCO forms and construction/service contracts.
- How does the scope of work fit into the BIMCO suite of offshore forms?
- Project delay and adverse weather – are they appropriate for BIMCO forms?
- Using SUPPLYTIME for specialist services.

11:45–12:45

Knock-for-knock and general issues of insurance:

- Understanding the knock-for-knock principle
- The reasoning behind knock-for-knock
- How knock-for-knock operates
- Liabilities covered by the charterer under the BIMCO forms
- Gross negligence and willful misconduct
- Reasons to agree or not to agree on knock-for-knock
- Consequential loss exclusions
- Vessel tonnage limitation
- Casualties and salvage
- General Average.

12:45–13:30

Lunch

SUPPLYTIME 2017

13:30–15:30

Commercial/practical introduction to SUPPLYTIME 2017:

- What is SUPPLYTIME?
- How does the form work?
- Is it owner-friendly?
- Key clauses in SUPPLYTIME 2017
- Optional Annexes to SUPPLYTIME 2017.

15:30–15:45

Break

15:45–17:00

Case Study Workshop and general Q&A

Discussion between trainers and participants.

DAY 2

Towage contracts

09:00–10:00

TOWCON/TOWHIRE 2008/2021 I:

- Place of departure and delivery
- Seaworthiness and tow-worthiness.

10:00–10:15

Break

10:15–11:15

TOWCON/TOWHIRE 2008/2021 II:

- Early termination
- Deviation and slow steaming
- Vessel maintenance
- Breakage of gear, salvage situations, “no claim for salvage” clauses and other common issues.

11:15–12:30

HEAVYCON 2007:

- Structure of the form: Part I, II and Annex A and their interrelation
- Charterers’ responsibility for cargo; clause 2; certificate of weight and drawings
- Right to substitute before cancelling date; clause 20
- Right to terminate before commencing loading; clause 21

- Condition of the cargo and the approval of transportation; clause 11
- Loading and discharge – equipment, seafastening/lashing; clause 4
- Scope of work – Annex A; working with the “tick-boxes”
- The voyage
- Laytime and cancellation provisions, clauses 8–13
- Common areas for disputes.

12:30–13:15

*Lunch***HEAVYLIFTVOY 2009**

13:15–14:30

HEAVYLIFTVOY I:

- The transition from CONLINEBOOKING Note to a specialist voyage C/P
- Charterers’ responsibility for cargo preloading
- Making the vessel seaworthy
- Loading and discharging – Free-In and Liner-In Hook
- Loading additional cargoes and rotation of loading/discharging ports
- Cargo discrepancies.

14:30–14:45

Break

14:45–15:45

HEAVYLIFTVOY II:

- Swell, port congestion and time waiting for berth
- Freight demurrage and detention
- Bill of lading – HEAVYLIFTVOYBILL
- Merchant’s option to terminate
- Liability issues – Defence of insufficient packing, deck cargo, walk through Cl. 26 and the two law regimes US/English Law.

15:45–17:00

**Case study workshop – Multi contract issues –
Navigating issues and tensions between BIMCO forms and specialist contracts in
offshore energy asset projects:**

Participants will engage in a scenario-based exercise grounded in real-world examples. This exercise will highlight the common issues and tensions between BIMCO forms and specialist contracts during the construction and maintenance of offshore energy assets.

This delegate-led activity will serve as a catalyst for broader discussions on contractual challenges within the offshore energy sector.

SPEAKERS



Tony Concagh

Tony is a partner at Adams&Moore Solicitors LLP, London. For more than 20 years, Tony has been a premier legal advisor to the offshore energy industry and has represented many of its best-known companies. He has been described by his clients in legal directories as “tough and commercial”, “thorough and capable” and “a true offshore specialist”.

He regularly advises on problems and disputes relating to specialist vessels including OSVs, SSVs, DSVs CTVs, HLVs, and drilling units. As a result, he has unmatched experience with the BIMCO suite of offshore forms.

He represented the successful owners in the first reported case on SUPPLYTIME 2017, Atlantic Marine and Aviation LLP vs Boskalis Offshore. This established the basis on which an owner has the immediate right to payment of an undisputed invoice without set off. The decision has implications for payment terms in all forms of contracts on English law.

In recent years he has been instrumental in the development of handling disputes in the offshore renewables industry. He and his team advised on schedule delays and cost increases on a £2.3 billion wind farm project. In 2017 he launched a successful judicial review in the English High Court on behalf of an EPIC contractor against the UK government’s work permitting policy for non-EEA specialist crew constructing wind farms in UK waters. Since then he has been closely involved in advising his clients on the work permit requirements for UK territorial waters.

He has been invited to speak by BIMCO at workshops and presentations worldwide since 2008.



Alex Hookway

Alex is a partner at Adams&Moore Solicitors LLP, London. Alex has more than a decade of experience of advising on legal issues in the shipping and offshore industry, working in London and Singapore. Having trained in dry shipping and cargo claims, Alex has spent the past 8 years working primarily in shipbuilding and offshore energy projects and disputes (oil, gas and renewables).

On the shipbuilding side, Alex has advised on newbuilding procurement, speed and performance issues post-delivery, quality disputes under

MOAs and serial defect claims in a series of super-eco newbuildings.

On the non-contentious offshore side, Alex has advised on EPC negotiations for an offshore regasification plant, FPSO conversion contracts and drilling and flotel tenders for fields in the North Sea and in South-East Asia.

On the contentious side, Alex has advised on some of the most high-value FPSO disputes in recent years, and done contractual advisory work on knock-for-knock clauses in several high-profile incidents in North and South America. Alex also has significant experience advising on issues under the BIMCO SUPPLYTIME form, including extension and option disputes, and regularly delivers training on Standard BIMCO offshore contracts.

Alex also has developed casualty experience (including salvage and GA advisory work) acting for P&I Clubs on high profile casualties involving the MAERSK SEOUL, CHARLOTTE MAERSK and TRANSOCEAN WINNER amongst others.

VENUE

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.

ORGANISER



Christian Hoppe

Christian is BIMCO's Head of Training. He is a lawyer and graduated from the University of Copenhagen with a Master's degree in 2001 and an LL.M. with Distinction from the University of Southampton in 2004. He worked at the Danish Maritime Authority from 2001 until joining the European Commission's Directorate-General for Maritime Transport and Energy in 2005. Christian has been with BIMCO since 2009, being the General Counsel from 2016 to 2025, representing the association at various international meetings and managing a number of contracts and clauses related projects. Christian was seconded to Danish law firm Gorrissen Federspiel from 2017 to 2018 and was admitted to the Danish Bar in February 2019 (practice certificate deposited). From 2022 to 2023, he worked out of BIMCO's Singapore office whilst being part-time seconded to BW Group.

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