

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES
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1. GENERAL GUIDELINES

We are interested in (but not limited to) the following topics:

- Economics of maritime transportation
- Port governance, competition, utilization, and other related issues
- Management, leadership, and strategies in the maritime sector
- Arctic shipping and development
- Maritime policy and governance
- Climate change adaptation and resilience in the maritime sector
- Sustainability and environmental issues in the maritime sector
- Maritime geography and spatial analysis
- Behavioral science, marketing, and human factors
- Risk and business continuity management in the maritime sector
- Intermodal transportation, logistics, and global supply chains
- Safety related issues in the maritime industry
- Finance, asset management, and investments
- Digitalization in shipping
- New technology development in maritime industry
- Cruise and ferry economics and management

All submissions to different sections by scholars, policymakers, practitioners, and other maritime stakeholders will be considered. Authors should keep in mind that ME-MAG is not

only published for scholars but to the larger society of the maritime industry and policymakers. Readers may not have a background on the presented topic and so authors should present the contents in a language and style that is clear to practitioners. Also, authors should consider the perspective of professionals, practitioners, policymakers, and other stakeholders who have general knowledge of the maritime industry but limited knowledge on the intended specific topic. We encourage narrative style, storytelling, metaphorical expressions, and other methods of non-fictional authorship. All the articles should be written in plain language, excluding jargons and using limited number of technical terms with brief and simple descriptions. There are no geographical restrictions to topics.

ME-MAG is divided into *InFocus*, *InPlain*, *Organizational Blocks*, *Commentaries*, and *Conference Reports* sections. Authors should submit their article to the Editor-in-Chief for further consideration by e-mail:

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In the submission e-mail, **authors should state clearly that a) which ME-MAG section their article should be published (if accepted) and b) their article is free from plagiarism.** Please refer to section 2 for more details on section specific guidelines. Authors who are unsure about the proper section may send an e-mail to us for consultation prior to submission.

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2.1. *InFocus*

This section is dedicated to industry professionals for presenting innovative solutions, created knowledge, and R&D results in practice. Authors should refrain from telling success stories and focus on the drivers and requirements for successful results. This section promotes research activities at non-academic institutions and encourages authors to present research achievements as well as core concepts and created knowledge. Authors should present some evidences for supporting arguments.

- **Not more than 2,000 words per article.**

2.2. *InPlain*

This section is dedicated to academic research performed by scholars and/or professionals in maritime research. Scholars can briefly present a research which will be published shortly

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This section is dedicated to draw attention to critical problems in the maritime industry and academic research. It should be in op-ed format that provide comments on particular 'hot' topics in the maritime industry. Authors can submit a short article dealing with the problem and draw attention of readers to that challenging topic.

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This section is dedicated to articles that report a maritime-related conference. For this section, authors are encouraged to first discuss with the editorial team before making a submission.

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3. ARTICLE FORMAT

Your manuscript should be in single-column format, double-spaced, and with line numbers with Times New Roman 12 simple. Please keep the layout of the text as simple as possible. Submitted manuscript should have been 'spell checked', 'grammar checked', and free from plagiarism. Finally, authors should acknowledge the organization(s), individual(s), and/or funding source(s) in supporting their study, if applicable.

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Authors must ensure that all non-original sources are cited and referenced in the manuscript and reference list, respectively. Use APA citation style for references. **A maximum of five (5) references is allowed.**

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The submitted article must include the name, title, affiliation(s), and a 50-100 words biography of **each** author. Please state clearly a) the order of the authors, b) the corresponding author (for multiple authorships) and the contact details of the corresponding author.

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