



The 10<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL  
**FUJAIRAH BUNKERING &  
FUEL OIL FORUM**

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In Conjunction with the Fujairah Bunkering Week  
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FUJCON 2017 and the Fujairah Bunkering Week Events, held from 25-29 March 2017, were a resounding success and continued to exceed expectations attracting more than 400 attendees from nearly 40 countries. Held biennially and hosted by the Government of Fujairah & Port of Fujairah, the Forum is an iconic feature in the international bunkering community's calendar of events, given its diverse geographic attendance and wide cross-section of industries represented, including leading oil and bunker producers/traders, oil majors, national oil companies, shipowners and operators, ship managers, ship brokers, refiners, classification societies, maritime lawyers, bankers, consultants, supply and service companies.

**FUJCON 2017 Highlights:**

**Roundtable Sessions**

The roundtable agenda format once again saw lively debate and discussions on the opportunities & challenges of the bunker industry especially the impact of new sulphur regulations, Fujairah as a trading hub, LNG as a bunker fuel, marine fuel quality challenges & environmental regulations.

**Session on Legal Challenges**

A new panel on Legal Challenges of the Bunker Industry led by Ms Jasamin Fichte, Managing Partner of Fichte & Co, looked at the impact of the OW Bunker collapse, revised bunker contract terms to alleviate risks on paying for the same fuel twice and options for suppliers' rights to arrest ships in various jurisdictions.

**Session on LNG Bunkering**

Keeping the best for the last, FUJCON closed with a panel on LNG Bunkering on 29 March. This panel saw the discussion of the global prospects of LNG as a bunker fuel and the challenges likely to be faced in terms infrastructure requirements. Discussions indicated Fujairah is considering construction of LNG bunkering facilities at the Port of Fujairah, but started offering LNG ship-to-ship (STS) transfers by the end of April 2017.

**Attendance Profile**

The changing business landscape in Fujairah was reflected in the composition of delegates with strong participation from Gulf Cooperation Council countries (GCC) including Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Fujairah, Sharjah, Bahrain, Iran, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia & Egypt in addition to Europe, North and Latin Americas and the Asia Pacific, with largest delegations from the Singapore, UK, Sri Lanka, Japan & USA.

### **Fujairah Bunkering Week Events**

4 courses were held alongside FUJCON from 25-27 March, with 10 countries represented: Ship Safety, Pollution & Low Sulphur Usage (covered challenges for the switchover between high & low sulphur bunker fuels), Bunker Operations (provided fundamentals of bunkering & a full spectrum of bunkering operations), Bunker Fuel Supply & Economics (examined bunker fuel economics from a blendstock manufacturing standpoint & likely price impacts of IMO low sulphur regulations), Bunker Fuel Blending (provided practical knowledge and hands on solutions for marine fuel bunker blending).

### **Around Fujairah for FUJCON**

A Special Laboratory Visit, was also organized for delegates of Ship Safety, Bunker Operations & Bunker Fuel Blending, hosted by VPS, which provided the delegates with an insight into testing methodologies for bunker fuels and bunker quality surveys. The Offshore Site Visit to the Port of Fujairah and its offshore installations, including the Fujairah Oil Tank Terminal and the newly launched VLCC Berth on 29 March, hosted by the Port of Fujairah and The launch of the Fujairah Port Medical Centre, which provides primary healthcare services to seafarers and residents inside the port.

### **Media Coverage**

FUJCON enjoyed wide media coverage from news dailies, industry publications & broadcast media, starting with a Press Conference for local media on 25 March 2017. Among the others, MABUX was media partner of the event.