

LSLC's Prize Essay Competition 2024

TOPICS FOR ESSAYS

- (1) Autonomous shipping - how this will impact the shipping industry, including safety considerations and whether the Collision Regs 1972 will have a continuing role as ships become increasingly more automated.**
- (2) Bulk carrier casualties from the 1980s to the present day and can anything further be done to improve the safety record**
- (3) Greener shipping - is the shipping industry succeeding in achieving its goals and what more can be done?**
- (4) Is STCW Convention still fit for purpose? What could be done to improve it?**
- (5) How to tackle fair pay for seafarers?**

- Three prizes will be awarded:
First prize of £3,000, Second prize - £2,000, Third prize - £1,000
- Open to anybody, up to 35 years old, interested in shipping or trade
- One of the above topics to be chosen - between 4000 and 7000 words in the English Language.
- Marking will be on the basis of originality, clarity, critical analysis and contribution to knowledge.
- The examiners will be an independent panel headed by Sir Nigel Teare.
- Winning entries may be published on the websites of the LSLC and the winners' organisations. Further, such may be published in any journal which may accept entries.
- Closing date for entries **15th April 2025** and prize winners will be announced at the LSLC's 30th Anniversary Dinner to be held on 19th June.
- Application forms and further details can be obtained from the LSLC and LSLC-YMP's websites at www.shippinglbc.com, www.lslcypm.com

The LSLC Prize Essay Competition

Rules and Entry Form

The London Shipping Law Centre (LSLC) invites submissions for the LSLC Prize Essay Competition.

1. **Prizes:** Three prizes will be awarded.
2. **Title:** As per the attached list
3. **Eligibility:** The competition is open to anybody interested in shipping or trade.
4. **Examination Panel:** The ten best entries selected by the screening committee will be judged by an independent panel headed by Sir Nigel Teare.
The decisions of these bodies will be final.
5. **To enter:** Essays
 - must be in the English language.
 - must be unpublished
 - must be between 4000 and 7000 words including footnotes.
 - must be original (without the aid of AI)
 - will be marked on the basis of originality, clarity, critical analysis and contribution to knowledge.
6. must be submitted before the **15th April 2025** as a pdf document attachment to an email addressed to shipping@shippinglbc.co.uk. An acknowledgement will then be sent by email to the candidate allocating to him/her a unique number. Prize winners will be announced at the LSLC's 30th Anniversary Dinner to be held at the Savoy on 19th June 2025.
7. **Queries:** Please address queries to LSLC's Manager at: shipping@shippinglbc.co.uk
8. **Publication:** The best essays may be published on the web sites of both LSLC and LSLC-YMP and on those of the winners with attribution to the writer.

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ENTRY FORM

I have read the Rules for the LSLC Prize Essay Competition. I agree to abide by these rules and declare that the essay is solely my own work.

*Full Name:

Company or Organisation:

Position:

Contact Telephone No.

Email address:

Address:

Signature

Date:

**Your submission to the selection Committee will be anonymous so please do not include your name or initials on your submitted essay.*