

Ship Owning & Operating Setup Guide

Maritime, Shipping & Ports

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This guide explains what the tool produces, how to use the output, and what to watch for. The actual output (draft/report) is generated on the tool page.

Background

Produces a setup plan for owning and operating a vessel — vessel acquisition, flag and class, crew, management, commercial employment and compliance — to launch a shipping operation. Use it as the playbook to become a shipowner.

Purpose of this tool & output

Set up a ship owning & operating business

How the output is used

Use it to set up a ship owning and operating business — the vessel, registration, management, crew and commercial model needed to trade.

Important cautions

Ship owning is capital-heavy, cyclical and compliance-intensive (flag, class, IMO conventions, crew) and freight rates are volatile. Confirm registration and certification with DG Shipping and class and secure hull and P&I cover and ship-finance advice before committing.

Companion documents

- Vessel Operations SOP
- Vessel Selection & Acquisition Advisor
- Voyage Planning & Passage Guide
- Bunkering & Fuel Management Guide
- Vessel Maintenance & Drydock Guide
- ISM Safety Management System Guide

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