

TradeWinds journalist wins Efkranti Award for honouring Greek shipping

Three journalists, including our own Gillian Whittaker, have been recognised at this year's Efkranti Awards in Greece.

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Naftika Chronika, Greece's oldest shipping magazine, has organised the awards for eight consecutive years under their slogan "we honour those who honour our shipping industry".

Named after Efkranti (also written as Eucrante), one of the 50 sea nymphs, daughters of Nereus and Doris, the awards take place under the auspices of the Hellenic Association of Maritime Economists (ENOE) and the Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation.

The ceremony was held in the historical library of the foundation in one of its two renovated neoclassical buildings in Piraeus. A total of eight awards were made including to shipping companies, executives, organisations and, this year, journalists.

The multi-member judging committee made up of personalities from the shipping industry and academia awarded three foreign correspondents writing about shipping for their contribution to promoting Greek shipping internationally.

David Glass of Seatrade, Nigel Lowry of Lloyd's List and TradeWinds' Whittaker were the recipients of the award, which was presented by ENOE president Angelos Pantouvakis.

Perhaps the most moving of all the awards was the final one that was named the Marilena Laskaridi Award in honour of the late wife of Panos Laskaridis and dedicated to personalities and institutions that promote excellence in maritime culture and Greek maritime heritage and tradition.

In an emotional handover, her daughter, Suzanna, presented the award to Tassos Ziaskas, a primary school teacher working on the tiny island of Arki, which has an estimated winter population of around 30 people and just two students at the school.

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