



HAT TRICK: (From left) Averton Bulk chartering manager Andrey Sviripa, **Diana Solberg** of **Lion Shipbrokers'** dry cargo chartering department, Shipnext manager Elena Kryvberets and Newport Shipping dry cargo chartering manager John Tzivaras at **the Lion Shipbrokers** event Photo: Lion Shipbrokers



CHEERS: Chengxi Shipyard president Lu Ziyou (left) and Eleftherios Mylonopoulos, managing director of Athenian Ship Management Photo: Harry Papachristou

Athens shipping summer party season gets into full swing

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It's the party season in Athens, with shipyards and brokers busy inviting guests, friends and clients to lighten up the balmy nights.

Owners, executives, bankers and other industry players from Greece and beyond have been turning out en masse.

Oino Shipbrokers hosted a party with hundreds of guests, stretch-

ing into the early hours at a seaside club in the Athens suburb of Vouliagmeni.

Lion Shipbrokers, which recently moved to new offices in nearby Voula, held a fun afternoon with guests donning panama hats and drinking mojitos.

Shipbuilders were not far behind. China's state-run Chengxi Shipyards and local partner Marine Plus invited select clients and acquaintances at the prestigious Yacht Club of Greece to woo

local owners for shipbuilding and repair business.

"Greece is a very important place for us," Chengxi president Lu Ziyou told the crowd.

The Chinese yard, which has worked with Marine Plus for more than 25 years, has long-standing relations with Greek owners in shiprepair, including Atlantic Bulk Carriers. Marine Plus was established in 1988 as a provider of technical services to the Greek shipping industry.



BROTHERS IN ARMS: (From left) Lars Jorgensen of DTA Group Dubai, Casos Shipping UK director Soren Werner Nielsen and **Lion Shipbrokers** founder **Panos Pantos** Photo: Lion Shipbrokers



GUESTS: (From left) Chris Coccolatos of Chios Navigation's dry cargo chartering department, Windforce Maritime executive Dimitris Griniatsos and Vasilis Kakoulidis, managing director of Oino Shipbrokers Photo: Oino Shipbrokers



IN ATTENDANCE: (From left) Jan-Hinrich Lukas, chartering manager at Oldendorff Carriers, with Oino chartering executives Sotiris Boutsis and Alexandros Grintzos Photo: Oino Shipbrokers