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The role of a shipbroker and a brief history of the Baltic Exchange

A talk via Zoom at 6:30 pm on Wednesday 25 November 2020

Founded in 1744 at the Virginia and Baltick Coffee House in Threadneedle Street, The Baltic Exchange is the world's only independent source of maritime market information for the trading and settlement of physical and derivative contracts. It has also been the spiritual and physical home of the Aldgate Ward Club since 1907.

Jeffrey Blum has been involved in shipping and trading since 1972. He is the fourth generation of a shipping and freight forwarding family, has been a member of the Baltic Exchange since 1976 and has worked with a Lloyd's underwriter, a Lloyd's broker and as a shipbroker, ship owner, ship operator (including commercial heavy lift project cargoes and later multi-modal logistics for United Nations Peace Keeping Forces for 4 years), gasoil futures broker, charterer and commodities trader in London and abroad.

Jeffrey will tell us about the history of the Exchange, touching on the great damage to its building in 1992 by an IRA bomb, which killed three and injured many, including himself. He will also comment on the modern Exchange and its trading practices, as well as the role of a shipbroker.

There is a small charge for this talk of £5 which will be donated in full to The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Peace Foundation: Jeffrey will explain the significance of this charity as part of his talk.

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Andrew Dyke
Secretary