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Maritime Industry is considered an essential driver for the sustainability of the world economy due to its significant contribution to the global supply chain. In light of the recent rapid and foreseeable developments in the Maritime Industry technology and applications, which became a multidisciplinary field, a lot of concerns regarding the current need for more studies and research are raised in the Maritime Community.

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