



E-Invoicing In Maritime Procurement: Getting It Right, Where It's Hardest

Best practices for invoice automation—and how ShipServ simplifies the complexities unique to maritime.



E-Invoicing Is the Norm. So Why Is It Still Hard in Maritime?

Across most industries, e-invoicing is business as usual. Structured data, automated validations, and seamless integration with finance systems have transformed how invoices are processed, and payments are made.

But in maritime procurement, it's not so simple.

Despite widespread procurement digitalisation, most maritime buyers and suppliers are still dealing with PDF invoices over email, manual data entry into ERPs, and inconsistent processes across ports, partners, and systems. It's not due to resistance—it's due to complexity.



Voyage-specific POs and item-level invoice data



Global suppliers with varying digital maturity



Frequent currency mismatches and manual validations

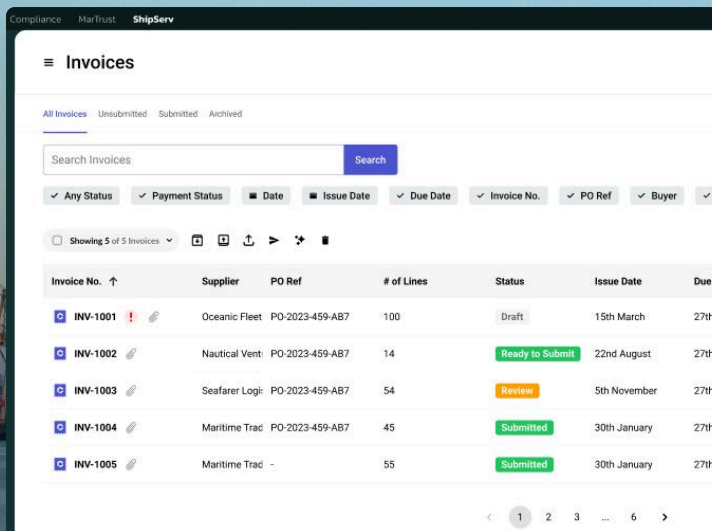


High volumes of low-value, time-sensitive invoices

The problem isn't awareness. It's complexity—caused by fragmented systems, global suppliers, voyage-based billing, and a lack of maritime-specific invoice tools.

Generic e-invoicing solutions weren't designed for this environment. They leave teams stitching together spreadsheets, approvals, and supplier follow-ups—and expose the business to risk, delay, and lost time.





Invoice No.	Supplier	PO Ref	# of Lines	Status	Issue Date	Due Date
INV-1001	Oceanic Fleet	PO-2023-459-AB7	100	Draft	15th March	27th
INV-1002	Nautical Vent	PO-2023-459-AB7	14	Ready to Submit	22nd August	27th
INV-1003	Seafarer Logi	PO-2023-459-AB7	54	Review	5th November	27th
INV-1004	Maritime Trad	PO-2023-459-AB7	45	Submitted	30th January	27th
INV-1005	Maritime Trad	-	55	Submitted	30th January	27th



What Best Practice Looks Like in E-Invoicing

Automate Validation Checks Upfront

Avoids errors, disputes, and payment delays

Ensure Real-Time Visibility Of Invoice And Payment Status

Cuts down on supplier follow-ups and relationship strain

Make It Easy For Suppliers To Comply

Buyer views summarized report on supplier document submission status, downloadable for offline use

Capture Structured Invoice Data At Line-Item Level

Enables accurate 3-way matching with POs and delivery notes

Integrate Seamlessly With Procurement Platforms And ERP/PMS

Reduces manual touchpoints and improves data integrity

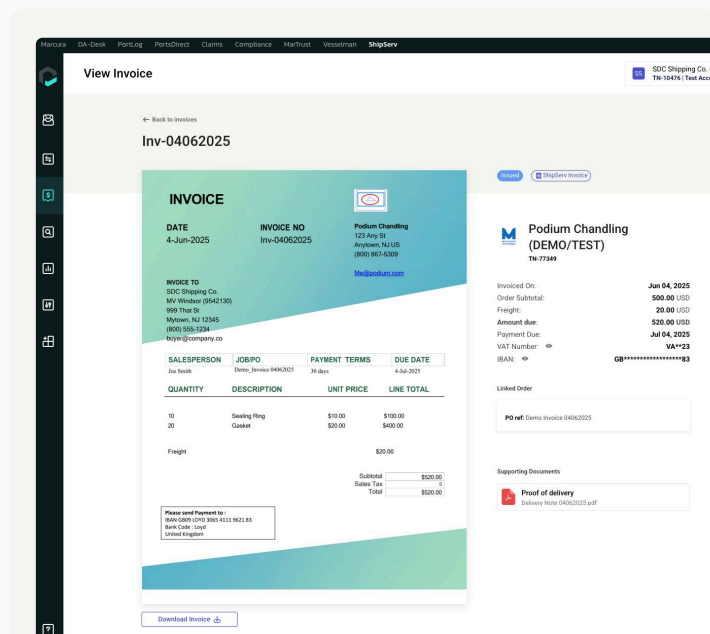
Prevent Fraud With Verified Suppliers And Bank Details

Adds a layer of protection against common fraud patterns

Across industries, e-invoicing has become a proven way to streamline procurement, reduce errors, and accelerate payments. While every sector has its own nuances, these are the set of universal best practices that ensure e-invoicing delivers maximum value.

While these best practices are widely recognised, maritime procurement brings unique complexities that generic solutions often fail to fully address. To truly overcome these challenges, maritime organisations need more than simple invoice digitisation—they require purpose-built e-invoicing designed around the realities of how the industry operates.

But generic e-invoicing tools can't deliver all of them in a maritime setting. That's where ShipServ E-invoicing comes in.



View Invoice

Inv-04062025

INVOICE

DATE: 4-Jun-2025
INVOICE NO: Inv-04062025
Podium Chanding
123 Any St
Anytown, NJ US
(800) 887-5309
info@podium.com

INVOICE TO:
SSC Shipping Co
123 Any St
Anytown, NJ US
(800) 887-5309
info@ssc.com

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	LINE TOTAL
10	Sealing Ring	\$10.00	\$100.00
20	Gasket	\$20.00	\$400.00
Freight		\$20.00	
Subtotal			\$500.00
Sales Tax			0
Total			\$500.00

SALESPERSON: Joe Smith
JOB/PO: Podium-Inv-04062025
PAYMENT TERMS: 30 days
DUE DATE: 4-Jul-2025

Invoice On: Jun 04, 2025
Order Subtotal: \$500.00 USD
Freight: \$20.00 USD
Amount Due: \$520.00 USD
Payment Due: Jul 04, 2025
VAT Number: VA**23
BAN: GB*****23

PO ref: Demo Invoice 04062025

Supporting Documents
Proof of delivery
Delivery Note 04062025.pdf

Please send Payment to:
Bank: 0800 0705 2003 4221 9621 83
Bank Code: 0800
United Kingdom

Download Invoice

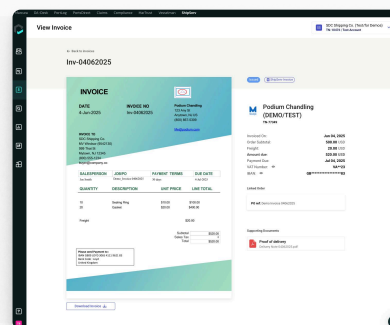
How ShipServ Makes E-Invoicing In Maritime Work



ShipServ E-invoicing is built into the ShipServ platform, combining proven best practices with capabilities tailored specifically to the complexities of maritime trade.

It delivers all the benefits of modern e-invoicing—adapted for the documentation flows, compliance needs, and global supplier relationships unique to shipping.

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Smart Data Capture With Dedicated Validation Controls

Gain advanced filtering and validation options that reduce bottlenecks, and catch errors early.



Automate Invoice Submission

Automate through API to enable zero-touch workflows and seamless submissions.



Real-time Email Notifications

Receive real-time alerts on new or processed invoices, improving visibility and speeding up approvals.

How It Works End-to-End Simplicity



Supplier Submits Invoice Directly Via API



Smart Data Capture With Dedicated Validation Controls



Invoice Delivered To Buyer's Trade Workspace



Real-Time Email Notifications To Keep You Informed



Real Results from Purpose-Built Design



When e-invoicing works properly, it changes everything:

-  Less manual work
-  Faster processing
-  More confidence in data accuracy
-  Fewer payment disputes
-  Stronger supplier relationships

Proven Outcomes with ShipServ

Faster invoice processing
when used alongside ShipServ

Fewer errors and rework through
automated, structured data validation

Reduced fraud risk with bank verification
and supplier whitelist controls

Better supplier experience through
visibility and simplicity

Ready to Simplify E-Invoicing in Maritime?

[Learn more or request a walkthrough](#) today.

You've done the hard work of digitalising procurement. Now it's time to do the same for invoicing—in a way that reflects the real-world needs of maritime trade.

ShipServ E-Invoicing makes it simple.



