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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Liberia - Marine Operations Note**

Liberia has issued a marine operations note on the issuance of BWM convention certificates. [Read more.](#)

Issued May/2017.

- **Marshall Islands - Marine Notice**

The Marshall Islands has published a marine notice on the ISPS Code and compliance requirements for

Marshall Island flagged ships. [Read more.](#)

Issued May/2017.

- **UK - MGN 417 (M+F)**

The UK MCA has issued a revision to MGN 417. This contains an update to the MCA requirements for companies offering GMDSS shore based maintenance of radio equipment. [Read more.](#)

Issued 03/05/2017.

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **ABS - Rules and Guidance**

ABS has issued several updates to its rules and guidance this week. These include updates to their [Guide for Lifting Appliances](#) and also an update on the revised [California ballast water regulations.](#)

Issued May/2017.

- **Bureau Veritas - Guidance Notice**

Veristar has released a guidance notice on recent Marshall Islands PSC observations in regards to inspections of tank vent heads. It is recommended that inspections are done every 3 months. [Read more.](#)

Issued April/2017.

- **Class NK - Technical Circular**

Class NK has published two technical circulars on the treatment of ballast water this week. This in regards to requirements for ships sailing under the [Panama](#) flag and also for ships sailing under the [Liberian](#) flag.

Issued 02/05/2017.

- **DNV GL - Technical Guidance**

DNV GL has issued a watertight doors awareness campaign as a result of re-occurring deficiencies during surveys, and continuing accidents that result in maiming and fatalities. [Read more.](#)

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **Britannia P&I Club**

Three updates issued this week, including:

Piracy - Further attacks

This is in regards to several reported cases of piracy off the coast of Somalia in recent weeks. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Japan P&I Club**

Three updates issued this week, including:

News - Groundings in Argentina

This in regards to groundings at the main channel "Paso Cortada Isla Nueva" in Parana River, Argentina. Charted depths are not clear in the new channel and it is advised that ships should sail 'cautiously' while on transit. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Swedish Club**

The Swedish Club has issued six notices this week, including:

- **Monthly Web News.** [Read more.](#)
- **Seasonal threat to ships off the Texas Coast and Gulf of Mexico.** [Read more.](#)

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- **West of England P&I Club**

News - Panama Canal

This article is in regards to the modification on fuel requirements for ships in canal waters. [Read more.](#)

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- **The UK P&I Club**

Three updates issued this week, including:

Loss Prevention - Car Matters

This contains case studies on recent ro-ro and car carrier casualties with lessons learned and a Loss Prevention quick reference matrix. [Read more.](#)

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IMO - Legal Committee**

The 104th session of the IMO Legal Committee met in London from the 26 to 28 April. Subjects discussed included: the HNS 2010 Convention, with draft resolutions agreed; the joint IMO/ILO Seafarers Abandonment Database; seafarer contracts; carriage of certification; and guidance on liability and compensation from oil pollution. [Read more.](#)

- **ICS - Annual Review**

The ICS has published its annual review. The document explores challenges from CO² emissions in accordance with those set by the Paris Agreement on climate change, the entry into force of the BWM convention, and the implementation in 2020 of the global 0.5% sulphur in fuel cap. [Read more.](#)

- **News - Piracy**

The ICC International Maritime Bureau has published a [piracy report](#).

The Oceans Beyond Piracy organisation has published a 2016 [executive summary](#) on piracy.

- **OCIMF - Information Paper**

OCIMF has published a public information paper on linked ship/shore emergency shutdown systems for oil and chemical transfers. [View Paper.](#)

- **Singapore - LNG**

MPA Singapore has issued the first Singapore standard for LNG bunkering operations. [Read more.](#)

- **Tokyo MOU - Report**

The Tokyo MOU has issued its annual report for 2016. Overall there was a decrease in overall detentions from the previous year. The report notes that 11.7% of inspections resulted in deficiencies being issued for Cargo Securing Arrangements. [View Report.](#)

Passage Planning Update - new shipping routes along the Belgian and Dutch North sea coast will enter into force from 1 June 2017

Ships intending to navigate in the northern European coastal area should obtain the new editions of the relevant charts that incorporate the new routing measures. The existing paper charts should be prefixed with an X to distinguish them from the new editions and the old editions should not be discarded until the new routing measures take effect, when the new charts may be used. Further information:

Dutch Government [North Sea Routes Information Page](#)
Belgium and the Netherlands joint [Routeing Guidance](#)
UKHO - Admiralty Notice to Mariners - [Week 15](#) (see New Editions)

Recent Accident Reports

- **Australia - Marine Accident Report**

The ATSB has issued a preliminary accident report on the propulsion failure of the cruise ship 'Norwegian Star'. [View Report.](#)

Issued May/2017.

- **Malta - Safety Investigation Report**

The Maltese MSIU recently published two safety investigation reports. The [first](#) investigates the fire on board the passenger cruise liner MV 'Azamara Quest', which took place off the coast of Mumbai, India and was caused by a pressurised fuel oil leak. The [second](#) report looks at the fatal fall overboard from the bulk carrier MV 'Seagull' and emphasises in its findings the importance of proper risk assessment.

Issued April/2017.

- **UK - Investigation Report**

The UK MAIB has issued an investigation report on the man overboard and subsequent loss of life from

the fishing vessel 'Pauline Mary'. [View Report.](#)

Issued May/2017.

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **SAR.7/Circ.13 - 03/05/17**

LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS WHICH SHOULD BE HELD BY A MARITIME OR JOINT RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.1002/Corr.2 - 26/04/17**

GUIDELINES ON ALTERNATIVE DESIGN AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR FIRE SAFETY. [View Circular.](#)

- **MEPC.1/Circ.778/Rev.2 - 25/04/17**

LIST OF SPECIAL AREAS, EMISSION CONTROL AREAS AND PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE SEA AREAS. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.1275/Corr.1 - 21/04/17**

UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF SOLAS CHAPTER II-2 ON THE NUMBER AND ARRANGEMENT OF PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ON BOARD SHIPS. [View Circular.](#)

- **FAL 41/INF.1 - 10/04/17**

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS. [View Circular.](#)

For all recent IMO public circulars, log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance.](#)

Regulations Recently Entered into Force

IMO and ILO regulations and amendments that have entered into force this year include:

From 1 January 2017 -

- Amendments to the 2010 Guidelines for Monitoring the Worldwide Average Sulphur Content of Fuel Oil Supplies for Use On-board Ships (MEPC.192(61))
- The Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention and Code
- SOLAS Chapter V, Regulation 19 - BNWAS
- International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or Other Low Flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code) - SOLAS
- The Polar Code and SOLAS XIV
- Amendments to the Annex of MARPOL Annexes I, II, IV and V (making the use of the environment-related provisions of the Polar Code mandatory)
- Amendments to Regulation 12 of MARPOL Annex I
- IMSBC Code Amendment 03-15

From 18 January 2017 -

- Amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (on financial security arrangements for the protection of seafarers)

For a summary of the regulations and a full list of recent IMO regulations log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance.](#)

A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) - 7th to 16th June 2017
- Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) - 3rd to 7th July 2017
- Technical Co-operation Committee (TC) - 17th to 19th July 2017
- Council - 24th to 28th July 2017
- Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC) - 11th to 15th September 2017

- Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III) - 25th to 29th September 2017
- London Convention and Protocol Meetings - 9th to 13th October 2017
- Council (extraordinary session) - 20th to 24th November 2017
- Assembly - 27th November to 6th December 2017

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