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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Hong Kong - Merchant Shipping Information Note**

Hong Kong has issued an information note about the need for all persons using lifting appliances to be suitably trained and also for the requirement that maintenance on lifting appliances is carried out correctly.

This is in response to a recent fatality when a fitter was struck by a falling block hook. [Read more.](#)

Issued May/2017.

- **Marshall Islands - Marine Notices**

The Marshall Islands has published two notices this week. The [first](#) is a marine safety advisory on STCW requirements and the [second](#) is an update to their BWM guidelines.

Issued May/2017.

- **Panama - Merchant Marine Circular**

Panama has issued a revised marine circular on long-range identification and tracking of ships (LRIT).[Read more.](#)

Issued May/2017.

- **US - Marine Safety Information Bulletin**

The USCG has released a safety bulletin on the International Health Regulations in regards to the Ship Sanitation Control Certificate and the Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificate. [Read more.](#)

Issued May/2017.

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Shipping Regulations & Guidance Article

Witherby Publishing Group has published a guidance article for subscribers, written by David Smith, Master Mariner. It discusses the use of eductors with ballast water management systems making use of Active Substances.

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Class NK - Technical Circular**

Class NK has published a technical circular containing guidance on the application of Annex 14 of the CSS Code, specifically for Panamanian ships. [Read more.](#)

Issued 11/05/2017.

- **DNV GL - Annual Report**

DNV GL has published its annual report for 2016, with a focus on sustainability. [Read more.](#)

Issued May/2017.

- **Korean Register - Information Update**

The Korean Register has issued an information update on the approval of BWM plans and issuance of BWM management certificates for all Liberian flagged ships. [Read more.](#)

Issued 11/05/2017.

- **LR - Statutory Alert**

LR has issued a statutory alert on MARPOL Annex IV in regards to passenger ship sewage discharge and treatment requirements for the Baltic Sea Special Area and the delay to implementation dates. [Read more.](#)

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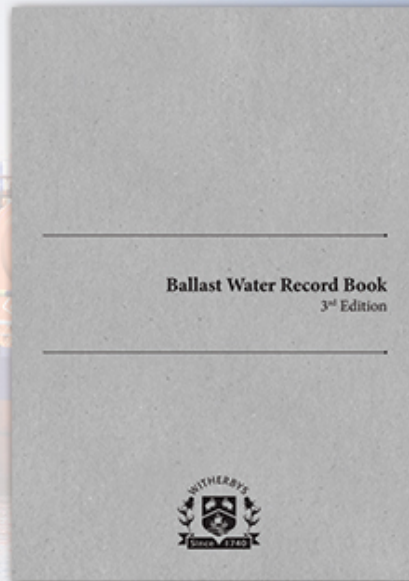
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Ballast Water Record Book 3rd Edition

In line with the Ballast Water Management Convention (2004), all ships of 400 GT and above are required to keep a record of each ballast water operation performed on board. This handy record book is an essential tool for achieving compliance with these regulations, providing step-by-step instructions and blank record tables for both routine and non-routine ballast water operations.

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American P&I Club**

Piracy - Member Alert

This is a member alert containing a piracy update for the first quarter of 2017. [Read more.](#)

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- **Britannia P&I Club**

Three updates issued this week, including:

Fraud - Computer Hacking

This is in regards to several confirmed computer hacking attacks against maritime brokers. [Read more.](#)

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- **North P&I Club**

Three updates issued this week, including:

Legal News - Safe Port Warranty

This is in regards to the recent UK Supreme Court confirmation that a breach did not occur of the safe port warranty of the 'Ocean Victory' charter. [Read more.](#)

To view all notices issued by the North P&I Club log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#).

- **The Standard P&I Club**

Five updates issued this week, including:

California - Ballast Water

This is in regards to the California State Regulations on Ballast Water Management (effective as of 1 July 2017). A BWM report must be submitted at least 24 hours before arrival. [Read more.](#)

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

Two updates issued this week, including:

Guide - Notice of Readiness

This is a guidance article concerning the issuing of a valid Notice of Readiness. [Read more.](#)

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- **The UK P&I Club**

Three updates issued this week, including:

Guide - Brazil Cargoes

This a guidance article on cargo clearance and cargo delivery in Brazilian ports. [Read more.](#)

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **EMSA - Marine Casualties**

EMSA has issued a summary overview of marine casualties and incidents from 2011 to 2015. They state that in 2015 there was a total of 3,296 accidents, with 115 fatalities and 36 ships lost. [Read more.](#)

- **News - Bloomberg**

A Bloomberg news report asserts that high sulphur fuel demand will still exist in some parts of the world, despite the scheduled introduction of the 2020 sulphur emission reductions. [Read more.](#)

- **Poster - IT Security**

BIMCO, MPA Singapore and ICS have released a cyber security poster for display on ships. [View Here.](#)

- **USCG - Ballast Update**

The USCG has issued an [announcement](#) that it is currently processing its sixth application for BWMS type approval. Three systems have been approved and three are currently under assessment. [View Here.](#)

Recent Accident Reports

- **Australia - Marine Accident Report**

The ATSB has issued a final accident report on the mooring line failure and subsequent breakaway of the 'Spirit of Tasmania II' at Station Pier, Port Melbourne, Victoria. [View Report.](#)

Issued 11/05/2017.

- **Canada - Marine Investigation Report**

The Canadian TSB has issued a report on the grounding of two barges that were being towed off Victoria, British Columbia. [View Report.](#)

Issued May/2017.

- **Germany - Safety Investigation Reports**

The German BSU has issued two investigation reports. The [first report](#) is on the collision between the cargo ship 'Emsmoon' and the Friesenbrücke railway bridge (missing an oncoming train by 3 minutes) that occurred due to poor communications. The [second report](#) is on the fatal man overboard that occurred on the fishing vessel 'Pesorsa Cuatro' west of Ireland.

Issued May/2017.

- **Malta - Safety Investigation Report**

The Maltese MSIU has issued a report on the collision between the bulk carrier '*Catalina*' and the fishing vessel '*Lu Rong Yu*' that occurred east of China. The report states that the bridge of the bulk carrier was not properly manned for navigation in restricted visibility and their observation of traffic by radar was inadequate. [View Report.](#)

Issued May/2017.

- **UK - Investigation Report**

The UK MAIB has issued a final investigation report on the tragic carbon monoxide poisoning of a couple and their dog that took place on the motor cruise '*Love for Lydia*' in the Norfolk Broads. The dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning in non-ventilated spaces is highlighted, as is the importance of a detector and alarm. [View Report.](#)

Issued 11/05/2017.

- **US - Marine Accident Brief**

The US NTSB has issued a brief on the lifting wire rope failure that took place during a hoisting operation from a cargo hold on the bulk carrier '*Asia Zircon II*'. The cause was determined to be inadequate lubrication, due to ineffective maintenance. [View Report.](#)

Issued May/2017.

For all recent accident reports, log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance.](#)



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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.](#)

- **SN.1/Circ.227/Corr.2 - 27/04/17**

GUIDELINES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SHIPBORNE AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (AIS) Circulars SN.1. [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)

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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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