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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Marshall Islands - Marine Notices**

The Marshall Islands has published three notices this week:

- a [marine notice](#) on procedures for sea trials and demonstrating SOLAS compliance with regulations II-1/28 and II-1/29
- a [safety advisory](#) on an explosion and fire on board a bulk carrier with a coal cargo
- a [safety advisory](#) on BWM certificate requirements.

Issued May/2017.

- **Panama - Merchant Marine Circular**

Panama has issued two revised marine circulars this week:

- the [first](#) is on High Risk Areas (HRA) and precautionary zones
- the [second](#) is on procedures for the transfer of statutory and class certification.

Issued May/2017.

- **UK - MIN 546**

The UK MCA has issued MIN 546 on seafarer fatigue. It is in regards to the recent publication of the results of two research projects investigating aspects of seafarer fatigue. [Read more.](#)

Issued 18/05/2017.

- **US - Marine Safety Information Bulletin**

The USCG has issued two marine safety notices this week including:

- a [safety bulletin](#) on Electro-Technical Officer endorsements
- a [safety alert](#) on the navigation rules and for shared waterways.

Issued May/2017.

For full details of updates from flag States log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#).

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **ABS - Rules & Guides**

ABS has recently updated two of its rules and guides. The [first](#) is its comprehensive steel vessel rules and the [second](#) is their guide for building and classing semi-submersible heavy lift vessels.

Issued May/2017.

- **Bureau Veritas - Class News**

Bureau Veritas has published a warning from Sierra Leone that requests vessels transiting their waters to have their LRIT system activated. In the event of terminals being switched off the maritime administration should be informed first. [Read more.](#)

Issued 15/05/2017.

- **DNV GL - Rules & Standards**

DNV GL has published a revised standard for machinery lists. [Read more.](#)

Issued May/2017.

- **IR Class - Technical Circular**

The Indian Registry has issued two circulars this week. The [first](#) is on a Republic of Mauritius merchant shipping notice on BWM and IOPP certificates and the [second](#) is in regards to a St. Vincent & the Grenadines circular on survey requirements in the Paris MoU area.

Issued May/2017.

- **Korean Register - Information Update**

The Korean Register has issued an update to advise that they are authorised as a verification body for the EU MRV. [Read more.](#)

Issued 12/05/2017.

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The advertisement features the BIMCO logo in large, bold, teal letters on the left. Below it, the title 'CHECK BEFORE FIXING 2017' is written in a smaller, bold, teal font. A short paragraph describes the book as updated with the latest legal developments and current commercial practice, including a new section on cyber security. The price is listed as €195, with a member price of €145. On the right, a smaller version of the book cover is shown, featuring the BIMCO logo at the top, the year '2017' in large white letters on a dark teal background, and the title 'CHECK BEFORE FIXING' below it. The background of the advertisement is a dark teal color with a white and light teal geometric shape on the right side.

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The GARD P&I Club**

Insight - Supreme Court

This is an insight article on the recent decision of the UK Supreme Court in the 'Ocean Victory' case involving safe port warranties. [Read more.](#)

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

- **The Japan P&I Club**

Three updates issued this week, including:

Update - Argentina

This is in regards to a recent update on BWM requirements in Argentinian ports. It is now confirmed that the previous intermediary measure of requesting chlorinating certificates will no longer be requested. [Read more.](#)

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

- **The Shipowners' P&I Club**

Article - Fire Prevention

This is a safety article on fire prevention on board ships, with a particular focus on electrical failures and engine room fires. [Read more.](#)

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

Two updates issued this week, including:

Guide - Brazil

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

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- **The UK P&I Club**

Three updates issued this week, including:

Briefing - Ebola

This a briefing article on the new Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo that has been confirmed by the World Health Organization. [Read more.](#)

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **BIMCO - Bulletin**

The May edition of BIMCO's digital bulletin has been published. [View Here.](#)

- **IMO - Polar Code**

The IMO has released a film explaining the basic requirements of the Polar Code. [View Here.](#)

- **News - Arctic Council**

The Arctic Council met last week in Alaska. Ministers at the Council approved the “Framework Plan for Cooperation on Prevention of Oil Pollution from Petroleum and Maritime Activities in the Marine Areas of the Arctic”, which is designed to improve practices to prevent oil pollution in the region. [Read more.](#)

- **News - Jones Act Amendments**

The UK Chamber of Shipping reports that US authorities have abandoned plans to further restrict and tighten the Jones Act coastal shipping rules. [Read more.](#)

- **UK - Medical Summary**

The UK Government has released the annual summary of seafarer medical examinations carried out by MCA approved doctors. [Read more.](#)

Recent Accident Reports

- **Bahamas - Casualty Report**

The Bahamas has published a casualty report on the large engine room fire that took place on the cruise ship '*Splendour of the Seas*'. The fire occurred when vapour from a fuel leak ignited. [View Report.](#)
Issued May/2017.

- **Denmark - Marine Accident Report**

The Danish Maritime Accident Investigation Board has issued a report on the death of a marine superintendent who fell from a pilot ladder to his death. The superintendent fell off the pilot ladder because he did not get a proper footing on the ladder's steps and lost his grip on the ladder. [View Report.](#)
Issued May/2017.

- **UK - Investigation Report**

The UK MAIB has issued a report on the collision that took place between two large rigid inflatable boats in the Firth of Forth, that resulted in serious injuries to a passenger. [View Report.](#)
Issued 18/05/2017.

- **US - Marine Accident Brief**

The US NTSB has issued an accident brief on the flooding and subsequent sinking of the fishing vessel 'Capt. David'. The original flooding, which was due to an engine cooling leak, increased further upon the arrival of a US Navy boat at the 'Capt. David's' location due to subsequent physical contact between the vessels. [View Report.](#)

Issued May/2017.

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **MSC.1/Circ.1002/Corr.3 - 16/05/17**

GUIDELINES ON ALTERNATIVE DESIGN AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR FIRE SAFETY.

Corrigendum1. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSO.7/Circ.14 - 16/05/17**

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED ON 2 OCTOBER 2008 TO THE CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL MOBILE SATELLITE ORGANIZATION. [View Circular.](#)

- **STCW.2/Circ.74 - 11/05/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED New format of certificates of competency issued by the Government of Malta. [View Circular.](#)

- **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.](#)

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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