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IMO MSC 98 Preview

The 98th session of the Maritime Safety Committee of the IMO is currently taking place (from the 7th to the 16th June). Representatives from the Witherby Publishing Group are in attendance.

Among the subjects being discussed are:

- Various amendments to SOLAS on watertight doors, vehicle carriers, fire integrity and damage control drills on passenger ships
- amendments and updates to the IMSBC Code
- amendments to the LSA Code and the revised recommendation on testing of life-saving appliances, including approval of two circulars on lifeboat safety
- the establishment of a new Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) in the Sulu Sea
- amendments to MSC.1/Circ.1503 on ECDIS - guidance for good practice

- revisions to the Guidelines for Verification of Conformity with GBS Construction Standards
- approval of a joint MSC-FAL circular on the guidelines on maritime cyber risk management
- approval of the draft guidelines for vessels and units with dynamic positioning (DP) systems
- updates to, and the effectiveness of, the Polar Code since entry into force
- approval of the draft guidelines for Port State Control officers on certification of seafarers.

View the International Chamber of Shipping's pre-briefing [HERE](#)

View Lloyd's Register's pre-briefing [HERE](#)

View the IMO press briefing [HERE](#)

Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Australia - Marine Notice**

AMSA has issued a marine notice outlining the Australian Government's position on the de-harmonising of the IOPP Certificate in relation to the Ballast Water Management Convention. [Read more.](#)

Issued June/2017.

- **Bahamas - Information Bulletin**

The BMA has published a revision of their bulletin on illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing and transshipment operations. This notice offers guidance to ship owners, managers and Masters on the official government definition of, and position on, IUU fishing, and replaces an earlier revision in February 2017. [Read more.](#)

Issued June/2017.

- **USA - Safety Alert**

The USCG has released a marine safety alert on fuel spray fire. The alert covers the dangers of fuel leakages in the engine room and offers safety recommendations for vessels. [Read more.](#)

Issued June/2017.

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

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **ABS - Guidelines**

ABS has issued two guidance notices this week. The [first](#) covers the conversion of self-elevating units to offshore installations. The [second](#) is designed to provide a single source of information on ergonomic criteria related to container lashing and unlashings operations.

Issued June/2017.

- **DNV - Statutory News**

DNV has provided an update of critical issues related to the Ballast Water Management (BWM) Convention, noting the upcoming deadline for compliance and key documents that must be carried on board vessels. [Read more.](#)

Issued 01/06/2017.

- **Class NK - Technical News**

Class NK has released a technical circular on the "Launching at 5 knots" test for lifeboats and rescue boats under the flag of The Netherlands. [Read more.](#)

Issued 07/06/2017.

- **IR Class - Technical Circulars**

IR Class has distributed four technical circulars this week, including:

- Details of new measures covering crew competency standards on Kiribati flagged vessels. [Read more.](#)
- a summary of the upcoming concentrated inspection campaign by the Paris MoU on navigation safety, including ECDIS. [Read more.](#)

Issued June/2017.

- **Lloyd's Register**

Lloyd's Register has issued a statutory alert on the ECDIS updates required under the new IHO standards. The alert gives details of the necessary software updates, as well as a link to the corresponding IMO circular. [Read more.](#)

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club - International Group of P&I Clubs Annual Review**

The American Club has issued a circular this week covering the International Group of P&I Club's release of their 2016/2017 annual review. The circular includes a brief summary and a link to the full review (which can also be found [here](#)) [Read more.](#)

To view all notices issued by The American Club log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance.](#)

- **Japan P&I Club - Loss Prevention**

The Japan P&I Club has released four notices this week, including coverage of the [harbour strike in Spain](#), with key dates and port information, and a reminder of the safety and security inspections in place at [Xiamen Port](#), China.

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- **The North of England P&I Club - Qatar**

The North of England P&I Club has issued two notices this week on the news that Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain, Egypt, Yemen and Libya have cut diplomatic ties with Qatar. The [first](#) notice explains the impact this has had on shipping and ports in the region and the [second](#) outlines the current trade sanctions in place against Qatar. The [UK P&I Club](#), the [Swedish Club](#) and the [Shipowners' Club](#) have also issued notices covering this developing situation.

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

- **The North of England P&I Club - Industry News**

The North of England P&I Club has also released two further pieces of industry news this week. The [first](#) is a reminder of the fines imposed in Argentinian ports as a result of inaccuracies in declarations of fuel quantities. The [second](#) is an update on the Korean Government's rehabilitation proceedings for Hanjin Shipping.

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

- **The Shipowners' Club - Iran**

The Shipowners' Club has published a news article this week detailing Iran's compliance with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) on nuclear obligations, and the subsequent lifting of nuclear-related sanctions in place in the EU and US. The report looks at the potential ramifications that Trump's presidency and the upcoming elections in Iran could have on the deal. [Read more.](#)

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

- **The Standard Club - South Africa**

The Standard Club has released a web alert this week warning of upcoming storms in the Western Cape, which are due to particularly affect the Port of Cape Town. [Read more.](#)

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

- **The UK P&I Club**

Four updates issued this week, including:

Bulletin - Benefits of Ventilation

This bulletin, issued by the Club's Loss Prevention Department, offers advice to crew on the benefits of ventilation to avoid cargo sweat. [Read more.](#)

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

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **GARD - Ocean Cleanup**

GARD has published an interview this week with the founder and CEO of the NGO The Ocean Cleanup to discuss the proposed next phase in their mission to rid the oceans of plastics. [Read more.](#)

- **ICS - CO₂**

Following on from the United States' decision to withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement (and the release of their own ambitious [CO₂ reduction objectives](#)), the ICS has encouraged the European Union and the People's Republic of China to intensify cooperation to achieve a global climate deal for shipping. [Read more.](#)

- **IMO - Piracy**

Kenya has this week become the 13th signatory to the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct, designed to help combat piracy and robbery against ships in the Western Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden. [Read more.](#)

- **UK Chamber of Shipping - NorShipping**

The UK Chamber of Shipping has released a summary of, and reflection on, the recent NorShipping event in Oslo. The summary looks at the potential technological and environmental advancements in shipping that were discussed at the event. [Read more.](#)

- **News - Lloyd's Register - Arctic Forum**

Lloyd's Register has released an article covering the inaugural meeting of the Arctic Shipping Best Practices Information Forum. The Forum has been established by the eight Arctic States to help raise awareness and promote the effective implementation of the Polar Code. [Read more.](#)

Passage Planning Update

New shipping routes along the Belgian and Dutch North Sea coast entered into force on 1st June 2017. Only new editions of the relevant charts that incorporate the new routeing measures should be used by navigators. For further information see:

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

- **Ireland - Marine Report**

The Irish Marine Casualty Investigation Board has published two reports this week relating to accidents on board fishing vessels. The [first](#) is on the grounding of the 'FV Sean Anthony' at Kinsale Harbour.

The [second](#) is a report on the fatal man overboard incident that took place on board an unnamed fishing vessel on Lough Corrib, Co. Galway. Both reports emphasise the need for revisions to current safe manning standards for both recreational and commercial vessels.

Issued June/2017.

- **Malta - Marine Report**

Transport Malta has issued a safety investigation into a crew member fatality on board the bulk carrier 'Perth I' off the coast of Ras Al Khaimah, UAE. The accident occurred during the cleaning of cargo residue in the hold and was found to be the result of a lack of information on this process in the vessel's

SMS. [Read more.](#)

Issued May/2017.

- **New Zealand - Marine Report**

The New Zealand Transport Accident Investigation Commission has issued a report on the loss of the fishing vessel 'Jubilee'. The vessel sank with three deaths. [View Report.](#)

Issued May/2017.

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **MEPC.2/Circ.22/Corr.2 - 07/06/17**

PROVISIONAL CATEGORIZATION OF LIQUID SUBSTANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH MARPOL ANNEX II AND THE IBC CODE. [View circular.](#)

- **FAL.3/Circ.212 - 07/06/17**

ORGANIZATION AND METHOD OF WORK OF THE FACILITATION COMMITTEE. [View circular.](#)

- **FAL.7/Circ.1 - 07/06/17**

UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF APPENDIX 3 TO THE FAL CONVENTION. [View circular.](#)

- **STCW.2/Circ.60 - 07/06/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED. [View circular.](#)

- **BC.1/Circ.74 - 01/06/17**

CONTACT NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE OFFICES OF DESIGNATED NATIONAL COMPETENT AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFE CARRIAGE OF GRAIN AND SOLID BULK CARGOES. [View circular.](#)

- **BWM.2/Circ.60 - 30/05/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004 [View Circular](#).

- **SAR.6/Circ.54 - 30/05/17**

AREA SEARCH AND RESCUE PLANS. Notification. [View Circular](#).

- **SAR.6/Circ.57 - 30/05/17**

AREA SEARCH AND RESCUE PLANS. Notification. [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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