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IMO MEPC 71

The 71st session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) will take place in London next week. Subjects on the agenda to be discussed include:

- Proposed draft amendments and dates of implementation of the Ballast Water Management Convention
- Ballast Water Management manual, and the associated revisions of the G6, G7 and G8 Guidelines
- amendments to MARPOL
- reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from ships and prevention of air pollution from

ships, including EEDIs, fuel data collection standards and NOx/SOx ECAs

- measures to reduce risks of use and carriage of heavy fuel oil as fuel by ships in the Arctic.

Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Bahamas - Alert**

The Bahamas has issued a technical alert on the PSC Special Inspection Campaign in China. [Read more.](#)

Issued 22/06/2017.

- **Denmark - Order**

The DMA has issued a legislative 'Order on occupational health training for members of the safety group in merchant ships and on occupational health teacher training'. [Read more.](#)

Issued 22/06/2017.

- **Panama - Merchant Marine Circular**

Panama has released a revised merchant marine circular on instructions for the payment of the Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR) and International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC). [Read more.](#)

Issued June/2017.

- **United Kingdom - M Notices**

The UK has issued three MINs recently. These are:

- [MIN 549](#) on written examination dates 2017/18: Deck and Engineer Officers (Merchant Navy)
- [MIN 550](#) on written examination dates 2017/18: Deck Officers (Fishing Vessels)
- [MIN 551](#) on written examination dates 2017/18: Engineer Officers (Yachts and Sail Training Vessels)

Issued June/2017.

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Bureau Veritas - Guidance**

Bureau Veritas has issued guidance to advise on the correct position of the Marshall Islands and Australian Maritime Authorities in regards to the de-harmonisation of the International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate. [Read more.](#)

Issued June/2017.

- **Class NK - Technical News**

Class NK has released technical guidance concerning the recent China Maritime Safety Administration PSC Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Bulk Carriers. [Read more.](#)

Issued 28/06/2017.

- **DNV GL - Guidance**

DNV GL has issued a guidance article on a fit for purpose approach on making safety management systems even more effective. [Read more.](#)

Issued 27/06/2017.

- **IR Class - Technical Circulars**

IR Class has issued a circular on electronic documents and certificates in regards to a recent Marshall Islands circular. [Read more.](#)

Issued June/2017.

- **Lloyd's Register - Statutory Alert**

Lloyd's Register has issued a statutory alert on guidance to support EU MRV regulation compliance. [Read more.](#)

Issued 27/06/2017.

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Drug Trafficking and Drug Abuse On Board Ship
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Fourth Edition - 2017

These guidelines assist shipping companies and their Masters and officers to combat drug smuggling and to recognise some of the signs of drug dependence among crew members.

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club - OW Bunker Group**

The American Club has issued a member alert in regards to the OW Bunker Group collapse and maritime lien claims. [Read more.](#)

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- **GARD - LOF**

GARD has produced an insight article on the Lloyd's Open Form (LOF) salvage contract and whether a revision is required. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Japan P&I Club - Industry News**

Three updates issued this week, including:

An article with an update and time information of the harbour strikes across Spanish ports. [Read more.](#)

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

The North of England P&I Club has released an article on place of refuge requirements in South Africa. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Shipowners' Club - Blog**

The Shipowners' Club has issued a summary article on P&I Clubs. [Read more.](#)

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- **The UK P&I Club - USCG Type Approval**

Five updates issued this week, including:

- PSC information for New Zealand in regards to the introduction of bio-fouling standards. [Read more.](#)

- An INTERTANKO/OCIMF safety bulletin on anchor windlass safety advice. [Read more.](#)

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IALA - Annual Report**

The International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities has released its annual report, setting out strategic goals and standards until 2026. [Read more.](#)

- **Norton Rose Fulbright - Survey**

The shipping law firm Norton Rose Fulbright has published its 2017 [Transport Survey](#). This includes a predicted increase in cyber attacks due to growing digitalisation in shipping companies, reported from 80% of the participants surveyed. It comes shortly after news reports in which Maersk [acknowledged](#) that their recent global IT failure was as a result of a cyber attack.

- **UK Chamber of Shipping - Mental Health**

The UK Chamber of Shipping has published an article on seafarer mental health. It highlights that suicide is now the biggest reason for deaths of seafarers, accounting for 15.3% of deaths. [Read more.](#)

- **USCG - Blog**

The USCG has published a safety blog article on building a safety culture vs. a compliance culture in the offshore industry. [Read more.](#)

- **UK MCA - Consultation**

The UK MCA has launched a new consultation on creating two new MGNs to replace MGN 430 on emergency drills and MOB prevention. [Read more.](#)

Recent Accident Reports

- **Sweden - Final Report**

The Swedish Accident Investigation Authority has released the final report on the sinking of a Swedish Coast Guard RIB in the Stockholm archipelago. [View Report.](#)

Issued 27/06/2017.

- **United Kingdom - Accident Investigation Report**

The UK MAIB has published an accident investigation report on the grounding and evacuation of the small domestic passenger vessel 'Surprise'. [View Report.](#)

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **PMP.1/Circ.214 - 23/06/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO OPTIONAL ANNEX IV. [View Circular.](#)

- **NWRC.1/Circ.33 - 23/06/17**

NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE REMOVAL OF WRECKS, 2007. [View Circular.](#)

- **FAL.2/Circ.50/Rev.3 - 23/06/17**

INFORMATION ON STOWAWAY INCIDENTS. INFORMATION ON STOWAWAY INCIDENTS REPORTED BY MEMBER STATES OR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS. [View Circular.](#)

- **MEPC.1/Circ.870- 23/06/17**

IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATION 5 OF MARPOL ANNEX IV. Communication received from the Bahamas Maritime Authority. [View Circular.](#)

- **COMSAR.1/Circ.58 - 23/06/17**

LISTS OF NAVAREA AND METAREA COORDINATORS. [View Circular.](#)

- **III.3/Circ.4 - 22/06/17**

CASUALTY ANALYSIS AND STATISTICS. [View Circular.](#)

- **PPR.1/Circ.4 - 22/06/17**

HAZARD EVALUATION OF SUBSTANCES TRANSPORTED BY SHIPS. Report of the 54th session of the GESAMP/EHS Working Group. [View Circular.](#)

- **STCW.2/Circ.78 - 20/06/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED. Communication received from the Government of Sri Lanka. [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

- 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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