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**Guidance Article for Subscribers - Drug
Trafficking and Drug Abuse**



Witherby Publishing Group has produced a guidance article for Shipping Regulations and Guidance subscribers. It includes an overview of trafficking and the use of illegal drugs in the maritime world, and offers practical solutions and guidance for mariners to ensure safety and security on board.

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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Bahamas - Technical Alerts**

The Bahamas has released two technical alerts this week. The [first](#) outlines revisions to the minimum standards for photographs used in BMA-issued seafarer documents. The [second](#) summarises the USCG's E-Zero initiative, which focuses on compliance with international environmental conventions and US ballast water regulations.

Issued 30/06/2017.

- **Hong Kong - Merchant Shipping Information Notice**

Hong Kong has published two merchant shipping information notices. The [first](#) outlines the UN sanctions currently in place against the Central African Republic. The [second](#) gives guidance on the safe and effective use of ECDIS on board ships.

Issued July/2017.

- **Isle of Man - Manx Shipping Notice**

The Isle of Man has issued a Manx shipping notice on the life-saving appliances and arrangements outlined in Chapter III of SOLAS. [Read more.](#)

Issued 01/07/2017.

- **United States - Marine Safety Information Bulletin**

The US has published a marine safety information bulletin comparing acceptable US ballast water management (BWM) methods against conventional BWM methods, issuing a reminder that the US is not a signatory of the BWM Convention and that, therefore, ships discharging their ballast into US waters must comply with regulations set out by the USCG. [Read more.](#)

Issued June/2017.

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IMO MEPC 71

The 71st session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) is currently taking place in London and representatives from Witherby Publishing Group are in attendance. 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 Class Society Guidance

- **ABS - Rules and Guides**

ABS has issued two guidance notes this week. The [first](#) provides the latest recommended practices for driller riser analysis. The [second](#) revises and updates the 2011 guide for nondestructive inspection of hull welds.

Issued Jul/2017.

- **BV - Rules and Guidance**

BV has released a new edition of the rules for the classification of steel ships. The entry into force date of these rules is 1st July 2017. [Read more.](#)

Issued July/2017.

• China Classification Society - Rules and Guidelines

China Classification Society has published two updates this week. The [first](#) provides interim guidelines for surveys of polar transport landing crafts. The [second](#) amends the rules for the construction and classification of sea-going high speed craft.

Issued July/2017.

• DNV GL - Technical and Regulatory News

DNV GL has issued the [Offshore](#) and [Ships](#) versions of its DNV GL Rules for Classification, due to enter into force in January 2018. They have also released a summary of the updates to the IACS Common Structural Rules for bulk carriers. [Read more.](#)

Issued 05/07/2017.

• Indian Register of Shipping - Technical Circulars

The Indian Register of Shipping has released five technical circulars this week:

- a summary of the Belize merchant marine notice on the 2010 Manila amendments to the STCW Convention. [Read more.](#)

- details of the new PSC inspection requirements in Brazilian ports for ships aged 18 years or older. [Read more.](#)

- guidance from the Barbados Maritime Authority on the management of Port State Control inspections. [Read more.](#)

- summaries of the Commonwealth of Dominica's marine safety circulars on the [decoupling of IOPP certificate](#) and the issuing of International BWM [Statements of Compliance.](#)

Issued Jul/2017.

• Korean Register - Information and Updates

The Korean Register has published a list of national operational contact points for SOPEP/SMPEP. [Read more.](#)

Issued 04/07/2017.

• RINA - Marine Information Notice

RINA has issued a marine information notice on the International BWM Certificate, which summarises the BWM Convention and outlines the main requirements for compliance. [Read more.](#)

Issued June/2017.

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club - Circular**

The American Club has issued a circular outlining the implementation of President Trump's Executive Order on immigration. The circular offers advice to shipowners who employ crew from the EO's six designated nations. [Read more.](#) The [Swedish Club](#), [Britannia](#) and the [West of England](#) have also all released updates advising on this issue.

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

- **Britannia - News**

Britannia has published five updates this week including:

- a loss prevention notice advising that the planned strikes in Spanish ports have now been cancelled. [Read more.](#)
- a warning highlighting the recent increase in the number of stowaways attempting to board ships in West African ports. [Read more.](#)

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

The Japan P&I Club has released information on the new spate of fines in Algerian ports. [Read more.](#)

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

The North of England P&I Club has issued a summary of the IMB's latest piracy report, 'Piracy & Armed Robbery against ships'. The summary includes links to the full report, and notes that there appears to be an encouraging downward trend in instances of attacks on vessels. [Read more.](#)

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

- **The Standard Club - Web Alerts**

The Standard Club has published four web alerts this week, including:

- details of the new US policy on sanctions against Cuba. [Read more.](#)
- an update on the maximum draft for transiting the Martin Garcia Channel. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Swedish Club - Alerts and Circulars**

The Swedish Club has released an alert advising of the increased naval presence in the Gulf of Aden due to piracy. [Read more.](#)

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- **The West of England - Notices and News**

West of England have issued five notices this week, including details of new inspection requirements in Brazilian ports for ships of 18 years or older. [Read more.](#)

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- **UK P&I Club - News**

The UK P&I Club has published three updates this week, including:

- details of the reduction of the maximum draft for the entrance to the Port of Santos. [Read more.](#)
- a warning of the expanding of fish farms around Lanshan Port, China. [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

- **News - Cyber Security**

A joint industry working group, including representatives from BIMCO, OCIMF and ICS, has released the second edition of *The Guidelines of Cyber Security Onboard Ships*, which offers practical advice on identifying security threats and establishing contingency plans. [Read more.](#)

- **News - Maersk Cyber Attack**

gCaptain has published an editorial summarising the recent Maersk cyber attack and detailing the crucial lessons that the shipping industry can learn from it. [Read more.](#)

- **Transport & Environment - EEDI**

Transport & Environment have released a study this week exploring the design efficiency of ships since 2009. The findings of the study suggest that, despite a general year-on-year improvement, the efficiency improvements seem to have stalled in 2016. [Read more.](#)

- **UK Chamber of Shipping - Brexit**

The UK Chamber of Shipping has published an article warning that the EU is ignoring the risks that Brexit poses to European ports. [Read more.](#)

Recent Accident Reports

- **Bahamas - Marine Safety Investigation Report**

The Bahamas Maritime Authority has issued a marine safety investigation report into the death of the Master on board the bulk carrier *Marine Stars*. The death was found to be the result of natural causes and no recommendations are given in the report, save for the implementation of an annual evaluation of the onboard medicine chest. [View report.](#)

Issued July/2017.

- **Sweden - Final Report**

The Swedish Accident Investigation Authority has released the final report on the near collision between the container ship *Phoenix II* and the chemical tanker *Ternvag*, which took place during a pilot transfer in Gothenburg's Archipelago. [View report.](#)

Issued 05/07/2017.

- **United Kingdom - Accident Investigation Report**

The UK MAIB has published an investigation report into the serious injury of a crew member on board the twin rig prawn trawler, *Sea Harvester*. The injury was caused by an accident involving a guide-pole and was found to be the result of a lack of compliance with a number of regulatory requirements. [View report.](#)
Issued 06/07/2017.

- **US - Marine Accident Brief**

The US NTSB has issued a marine accident brief into the engine room fire on board the cruise ship *Carnival Liberty*. The fire is believed to have been caused by loosed bolts due to improper tightening during maintenance and resulted in over \$1 million damage to the ship, although no environmental damage or injuries were reported. [View report.](#)
Issued 21/06/2017.

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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.](#)

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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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