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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Isle of Man - SOLAS Chapter III**

The Isle of Man advises that the 'Merchant Shipping (SOLAS Chapter III) (Life-saving appliances and arrangements) Regulations' entered into operation on 1st July 2017. They also advise that MSN 62 and MSN 11 provide additional information on their LSA requirements. [Read more.](#)

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- **Liberia - Advisory**

Liberia has issued a marine advisory on the 'Panama Canal Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (PCSOPEP) Requirements'. [Read](#)

[more.](#)

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- **Panama - Circulars**

Panama has issued two revised merchant marine circulars this week on:

- Approved service providers for lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear. [Read more.](#)
- Recognition of company security officers (CSO). [Read more.](#)

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- **Singapore - Circular**

MPA Singapore has issued a revision of its shipping circular on MLC 2006, in regard to 'compulsory financial security requirements relating to repatriation of abandoned seafarers and work injury compensation'. [Read more](#)

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Class NK - Technical Information**

Class NK has released a technical information circular on 'Guidelines related to the Paris Memorandum of Understanding (Paris MOU) for St. Vincent and the Grenadines flag vessels'. [Read more.](#)

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- **CCS - Guidelines**

CCS has issued revised 'Guidelines for Survey of Marine Products'. [Read more.](#)

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- **DNV GL - Statutory Update**

DNV GL has issued a statutory update article on the 'Updated requirements to bridge alert management (BAM) in the marine equipment directive (MED)'. [Read more.](#)

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- **Indian Register of Shipping - Technical Circular**

The Indian Register of Shipping has released a technical circular on amendments to Annex V of MARPOL. [Read more.](#)

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American P&I Club - Member Alert**

This is in regard to the latest maritime advice issued by the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) concerning the continuing threat of piracy in the Gulf of Aden and nearby waters. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Swedish P&I Club - Member Alert**

This is in regard to the recent political situation between Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain and Egypt cutting diplomatic ties with the State of Qatar. They advise that ports operated by the alliance against Qatar are now blocking Qatar-flagged vessels, along with all other vessels that are heading to and coming from Qatar. [Read more.](#)

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- **UK P&I Club - Legal Briefing**

The UK P&I Club has produced a legal briefing on cargo claims in India. It details the current legislation affecting cargo and trade in India, including the soon to enter into force Indian Admiralty Act 2017. The carriers' rights, liabilities and claims are also discussed. [Read more.](#)

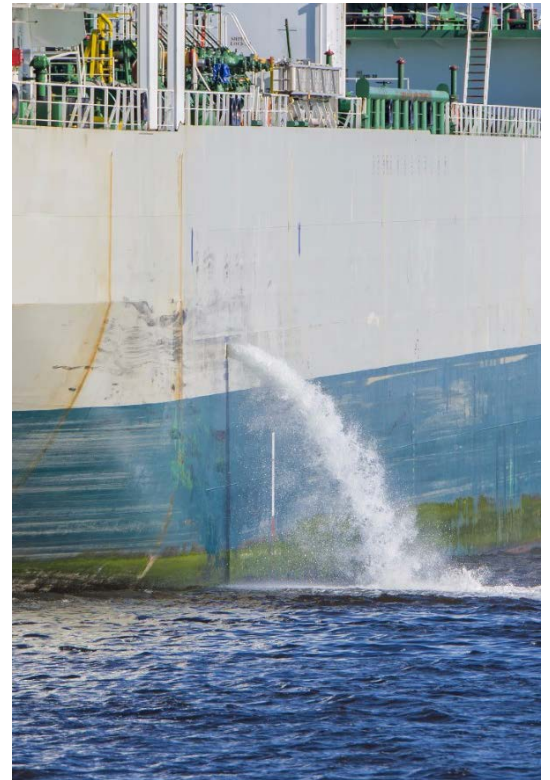
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Ballast Water Management

Most of the global P&I clubs have published their own circulars and guidance on implementation of the Convention this week, including:

- The American P&I Club. [Read more.](#)
- The Britannia P&I Club. [Read more.](#)
- The GARD P&I Club. [Read more.](#)
- The Japan P&I Club. [Read more.](#)
- The London P&I Club. [Read more.](#)
- The North P&I Club. [Read more.](#)
- The SKULD P&I Club. [Read more.](#)
- The Swedish P&I Club. [Read more.](#)
- The UK P&I Club. [Read more.](#)

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **EMSA - Study**

EMSA has issued documents in regards to an ongoing study investigating cost efficient measures for reducing the risk from fires on Ro-Ro passenger ships. [Read more.](#)

- **HK MARDEP - PSC Report**

The Hong Kong Marine Department has issued its Port State Control mid year review for 2017. It notes that 25 Hong Kong flagged ships have been detained so far this year. [Read more.](#)

- **News - ECDIS**

The UKHO has issued a [press release](#) on ECDIS compliance. It states that 72% of cargo ships over 20,000 gt are ECDIS ready, following the recent deadline entry into force on 1st July 2017. The release states that over 9,680 cargo ships over 20,000 gt are now using an ENC service. *'Tanker Operator'* [reports](#) that the recent approaches by AMSA and other PSC MoU regimes on ECDIS indicate an increasing focus on safety of navigation deficiencies.

- **News - Australia**

The on-going investigation of the Senate of the Government of Australia has warned that Flags of Convenience (FOC) pose a threat to the national security of Australia and its coast. [Read more.](#)

- **USCG - Updates**

The USCG advises of three updates this week. The [first](#) is in regard to a notice in the Federal Register of an update to Navigation and Inspection Circular 01-16 on the 'Use of Electronic Charts and Publications In Lieu of Paper Charts and Publications'. The [second](#) is on amendments to the Marine Safety Manual, Volume III on marine industry personnel. Lastly the USCG has also announced an [update](#) to Policy Letter 01-12 on the design criteria for natural gas fuel systems.

Recent Accident Reports

- **Germany - Investigation Report**

The BSU has published an investigation report into the collision that occurred between the two general cargo ships '*Eendracht*' and '*Transcapricorn*' in the Elbe River. The collision was due to an abrupt course alteration of the '*Eendracht*' across the middle of the fairway, rendering contact unavoidable. [View Report.](#)

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- **United Kingdom - Investigation Report**

The UK MAIB has published an accident investigation report on the girting and subsequent capsizing of the tug '*Domingue*' that was assisting the container ship '*CMA CGM Simba*'. Two fatalities occurred as a result of the failure of the pilot to warn the tug of the Master's manoeuvring orders. Several other factors on-board the tug were also relevant to the accident. [View Report.](#)

Issued 19/07/2017.

- **US - Marine Accident Brief**

The US NTSB has issued a marine accident brief into the grounding of the cargo ship '*Roger Blough*'. The report determined that the 2/O did not use all navigational resources to determine the ship's position, as it approached shallow water near the Gros Cap Reefs. The report also stated that the VTS did not monitor the vessel adequately. [View Report.](#)

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **SN.1/Circ.335 - 13/07/17**

ROUTING MEASURES OTHER THAN TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES. [View Circular.](#)

- **STCW.6/Circ.13 - 11/07/17**

AMENDMENTS TO PART B OF THE SEAFARERS' TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING (STCW) CODE. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.738/Rev.2 - 11/07/17**

GUIDELINES FOR DYNAMIC POSITIONING SYSTEM (DP) OPERATOR TRAINING. [View Circular.](#)

- **STCW.7/Circ.24/Rev.1- 10/07/17**

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

- **MSC.1/Circ.1503/Rev.1 - 10/07/17**

ECDIS – GUIDANCE FOR GOOD PRACTICE. [View Circular.](#)

- **LLMC.3/Circ.46- 27/06/17**

PROTOCOL OF 1996 TO AMEND THE CONVENTION ON LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR MARITIME CLAIMS, 1976. Notification by Finland. [View Circular.](#)

- **HKSRC.1/Circ.7 - 27/06/17**

HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND RECYCLING OF SHIPS, 2009. Accession by Denmark. [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 July 2017 -

- ECDIS - SOLAS CH V, Reg 19, para 2.10. Cargo ships, other than tankers, of 20,000 gt but less than 50,000 gt, not later than the first survey on or after 1st July 2017 must be fitted with ECDIS if engaged on international voyages.

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

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A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- 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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