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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Australia - Marine Notices**

Australia has issued two marine notices this week. The [first](#) provides information on the revised 2015 guidelines for anti-fouling and in-water cleaning in Australian and New Zealand waters (including best practice for minimising environmental risk and the disposal of anti-fouling coatings). The [second](#) covers VHF marine radios and advises against automatic channel switching, which may interfere with the safe operation of vessel communications.

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- **Marshall Islands - Marine Safety Advisory**

The Marshall Islands has released a [marine safety advisory](#) summarising the recently issued USCG safety alert on carbon dioxide system safety and inspection information. The advisory reminds owners and operators to remain aware of the risks present and the knowledge required for successful and safe CO₂ system inspections, testing and maintenance.

The Marshall Islands has also updated two previously issued sets of guidelines. The [first](#) details minimum safe manning requirements for vessels. The [second](#) updates the US contact information for organisations acting on behalf of the Republic of the Marshall Islands Maritime Administrator.

Issued 21/07/2017.

- **Panama - Circulars**

Panama has published a circular on a new stamp to be used in the Seaman's Book for seafarers. The stamp denotes that a document has been issued in accordance with the STCW Convention, the ILO Convention and the laws and regulations of Panama. [Read more](#)

Along with this, Panama has also issued a revised circular this week on the issuance of documentation for seafarers. [Read more.](#)

Issued July/2017.

- **Singapore - Port Marine Circular**

MPA Singapore has released a port marine circular detailing the revised ship sanitation certificate inspection schedule in place in Singapore ports. [Read more.](#)

Issued 20/07/2017.

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **ABS - Regulatory News**

ABS has released a summary of the USCG's recent bulletin on ballast water management (BWM) requirements. The summary notes that, as the US is not a signatory to the BWM Convention, vessels discharging ballast in US waters must comply with the standards set out by the CFR. [Read more.](#)

Issued 26/07/2017.

- **Korean Register of Shipping - Rules**

The Korean Register of Shipping has issued a new set of guidelines for cyber security. These take into account both the recent updates to OCIMF's TMSA and RIGHTSHIP's Inspection Checklist, and the introduction of two IMO resolutions on cyber security. [Read more.](#)

Issued 17/07/2017.

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

Lloyd's Register has published a statutory alert this week on the amendments to the 2014 IMO *Guidelines on the method of calculation of the attained EEDI for new ships*. The alert outlines the two revisions made to the original document and provides a link to the new Resolution. [Read more.](#)

Issued 17/07/2017.

- **RINA - Marine Information Notice**

RINA has released a marine information notice on the revisions made to the implementation of the BWM Convention following MEPC 71. [Read more.](#)

Issued Jul/2017.

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The advertisement features a dark background with a repeating diamond pattern. On the left, the International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI) logo is at the top. Below it, the title 'Drug Trafficking and Drug Abuse On Board Ship' is displayed in white, followed by the subtitle 'Guidelines for Owners and Masters on Preparation, Prevention, Protection and Response' and 'Fourth Edition - 2017'. A paragraph of text describes the book's purpose: '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.' At the bottom left, a yellow banner contains the text 'OUT NOW | £135'. On the right, a 3D rendering of the book cover is shown, featuring a yellow skull and crossbones symbol on a dark background.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

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

The American Club has released a member alert this week on eye safety. The alert includes a link to a printable safety poster, which emphasises the importance of wearing correct PPE at all times and gives advice on what to do in the event of an accident. [Read more.](#)

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

- **Britannia - News**

Britannia has published three news articles this week, including an update on the ongoing situation in the Ukrainian port of Yuzhny. The port remains an unauthorised zone for P&I surveyors, and independent surveyors appointed on behalf of shipowners are finding it increasingly difficult to obtain entry passes for the port. This news notice emphasises the bias in place in favour of survey companies working for cargo interests. [Read more.](#)

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

- **International Group of P&I Clubs - News**

The International Group of P&I Clubs has updated their frequently asked questions on the financial security requirements outlined in the Maritime Labour Convention. [Read more.](#)

To view all notices issued by the International Group of P&I Clubs log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#)

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

The Japan P&I Club has issued a loss prevention notice on the expansion of local fishery farms near the port of Lashan, China and the impact that this could have on the safe navigation of vessels in the region. [Read more.](#)

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

- **North P&I Club - Industry News**

The North of England P&I Club has released a summary of the new sniffer technology that will be in place in Danish waters after July 2017. The technology can be fitted to a helicopter or drone and is designed to analyse the exhaust gases emitted from ships' funnels in an attempt to monitor sulphur emissions. [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:

- a summary of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority's guidance on ECDIS for ships calling in Australian ports. [Read more.](#)

- a summary of ReCAAP's half yearly report on piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia. [Read more.](#)

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

• The Swedish Club - Member Alert

The Swedish Club has issued a member alert warning of an oil spill in Kingston Harbour, Jamaica. [Read more.](#)

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• UK P&I Club

The UK P&I Club has released seven updates this week, including:

- a guidance article on dealing with a death at sea. [Read more.](#)

- an update on the ongoing refugee crisis in the Mediterranean. [Read more.](#)

- a 'lessons learnt' article on moorings and the dangers of adverse weather conditions. [Read more.](#)

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

Ballast Water Management

Further circulars from global P&I clubs on the implementation of the Convention have been issued this week, including guidance from:

- Steamship Mutual. [Read more.](#)

- The Shipowner's Club. [Read more.](#)

- The West of England P&I Club. [Read more.](#)

These follow on from updates issued last week from:

- 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

- **News - Autonomous Ships**

The International Institute of Marine Surveying has published a summary article on the major issues involved in regulating the potential future development of autonomous ships. [Read more.](#)

- **News - Biofouling**

Recent research carried out at Tel Aviv University has emphasised the ecological threat posed by biofouling, noting that 50% of ships passing the Mediterranean coast of Israel are potentially carrying invasive organisms. The findings support the importance of regular mechanical hull cleaning to help combat this environmental threat. [Read more.](#)

- **Royal Academy of Engineering - Biofuels**

A recent report commissioned by the UK Department for Transport, and published by the Royal Academy of Engineering, explores the sustainability of biofuels and provides advice on the UK's potential future strategy for the development of biofuels. The report notes that recent fuel emission targets have caused an increase in the use of biofuels by suppliers, and maintains the view that these fuels can be sustainable and could make a dramatic impact on the reduction of carbon emissions, if production is safely and thoroughly regulated. [Read more.](#)

- **UK MCA - Recycling Regulations**

The UK MCA has opened a consultation on the draft UK regulation *Ship Recycling (Requirements in relation to Hazardous Materials on Ships) Regulations, 2017*, designed to implement EU legislation on ship recycling on board UK-flagged ships. [Read more.](#)

- **USCG - Ballast Water Management**

The USCG has updated their online guidance portal for BWM. Updates include a revised FAQ section (covering topics such as compliance with USCG regulations, working with independent laboratories and the type approval process), a basic guide to BWM and a summary of all the recent updates to international and US regulations. [Read more.](#)

Recent Accident Reports

- **The Netherlands - Summary Report**

The Dutch Safety Board has released a summary report into a fatal accident on board the historic sailing ship 'Amicitia'. Caused by a falling broken mast, the accident resulted in three deaths and was found to be as a result of underlying structural safety deficiencies. [View Report.](#)

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- **Ireland - Accident Investigation Report**

The Irish MAIB has issued an accident investigation report into the finding of an empty vessel off Tawin Island, Galway Bay. The vessel was discovered unmanned, with the engine running, and the body of the Skipper was recovered from the water nearby. The report indicated that the casualty was engaged in retrieving a string of lobster pots at the time of the incident, and that he may have suffered some sort of collapse, which likely caused him to fall overboard. [View Report.](#)

Issued 24/07/2017.

- **United Kingdom - Investigation Report**

The UK MAIB has published an accident investigation report into the foundering of the fishing vessel 'Louisa', off the coast of Mingulay Bay in the Outer Hebrides, which resulted in the loss of three lives. Water is believed to have entered the hold from the deck wash hose, and this (and the lack of effective lifejackets) is believed to be the probable cause of the accident and the subsequent fatalities. [View Report.](#)

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IMO Recent Circulars

- LC-LP.1/Circ.82 - 26/07/17

CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER

MATTER, 1972 AND ITS 1996 PROTOCOL. [View Circular.](#)

- **BWM.1/Circ.43 - 26/07/17**

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

- **MSC.4/Circ.250 - 25/07/17**

REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS. [View Circular.](#)

- **OPRC.3/Circ.33 -25/07/17**

PROTOCOL ON PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND CO-OPERATION TO POLLUTION INCIDENTS BY HAZARDOUS AND NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES, 2000. [View Circular.](#)

- **CLC.6/Circ.79 - 25/07/17**

PROTOCOL OF 1992 TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 1969. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC 98/23 - 24/07/17**

REPORT OF THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE ON ITS NINETY-EIGHTH SESSION. [View Circular.](#)

- **COLREG.2/Circ.69 - 24/07/17**

AMENDED TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.797/Rev.30 - 24/07/17**

TRAINING AND WATCHKEEPING. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.1575 - 24/07/17**

GUIDELINES FOR SHIPBORNE POSITION, NAVIGATION AND TIMING (PNT) DATA PROCESSING. [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

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

- 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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