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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Bahamas - Information Bulletin**

The Bahamas Maritime Authority has published a revised bulletin on the BWM Convention. [Read more.](#)
Issued August/2017.

- **Hong Kong - Shipping Note**

Hong Kong has issued a merchant shipping information note on mooring, as a result of a recent fatality

during a mooring operation on a bulk carrier. [Read more.](#)

Issued August/2017.

- **Marshall Islands - Notices**

The Marshall Islands has issued three notices this week, including:

- A marine safety [advisory](#) on the China CIC on ageing bulk carriers
- a marine [guideline](#) on the EU MRV reporting scheme
- a marine [notice](#) on their consolidated list of fees and charges for official documents and services.

Issued August/2017.

- **Panama - Circulars**

Panama has released a revised list of approved P&I clubs and insurers. [Read more.](#)

Issued August/2017.

- **United Kingdom - M Notice**

The MCA has released two M Notices on equipment. The first is a revised [MSN 1874](#) (M+F) on 'Marine Equipment - The Marine Equipment Directive, Other Approval and Standards' and the second is [MIN 534](#)(M+F) on the 'Marine Equipment Directive - IMO Approved Fire Test Laboratories - UK process for recognition'.

Issued 10/08/17

- **United States - Marine Safety Alert**

The USCG has issued a marine safety alert entitled 'Know your high seas comms equipment and how to use them - You just might save your own life when in trouble offshore!'. [Read more.](#)

Issued 03/08/17

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Class NK - Technical News**

Class NK has released a circular on the PSC CIC on safety of navigation and life saving appliances by several MoU regions. [Read more.](#)

Issued 07/08/2017.

- **DNV GL - Technical News**

DNV GL has also issued a revised notice on the PSC CIC on safety of navigation and life saving appliances that will start on 1 September 2017. [Read more.](#)

Issued 03/08/2017.

- **Indian Register of Shipping - Technical Circulars**

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

- a [circular](#) on the policy of St. Vincent and The Grenadines in regards to the BWM Convention.
- a [circular](#) on the Mauritius merchant shipping notice on approval of inflatable life rafts subjected to extended service.

Issued August/2017.

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

Lloyd's Register has issued two statutory alerts this week. The first [alert](#) is on guidelines for on board sampling for the verification of the sulphur content of fuel oil and the second [alert](#) is about the joint concentrated inspection campaign on safety of navigation.

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American P&I Club - Circular**

The American Club has issued three updates this week including a circular on the recent sanctions imposed against North Korea. [Read more.](#)

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

• The Britannia P&I Club - News

The Britannia P&I Club has published seven news articles this week, including:

- A news [article](#) advising of the latest editions of the 'Risk Watch' and 'Health Watch' publications
- a news [article](#) in regards to guidance on ECDIS for ships calling at Australian ports
- a news [article](#) on temporary restrictions in the port of Xiamen, China.

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

• GARD - Updates

GARD has issued three updates this week, including:

- An [alert](#) on PSC CICs in 2017
- [guidelines](#) on carrying cargo in non-operating reefer containers.

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

• North P&I Club - Industry News

The North of England P&I Club has published five articles of industry news this week, including:

- A news [update](#) on ballast water requirements in California
- a news [article](#) on ballast water requirements at the Aramco Terminals in Saudi Arabia
- a news [article](#) on the CINS guidelines for the carriage of cargo in non-operating reefers.

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

• The Shipowners' Club - Guidance

The Shipowners' Club has released four web alerts this week, including:

- A guidance [article](#) for reactivation of vessels after a period of lay-up
- a guidance [article](#) on cyber security.

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

• UK P&I Club - Knowledge

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

- An [article](#) on the latest alteration made in the regulation for marine traffic in the Turkish Straits

- an [article](#) on the importance of the BA Control Board during firefighting exercises
- an [article](#) on lessons learnt from an incident where crew were injured on deck in heavy weather.

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

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **EMSA - Newsletter**

EMSA has published its newsletter for August. It highlights the THETIS-MRV reporting system which is intended to help reduce CO₂ emissions from shipping. [Read more.](#)

- **IMO - Bulletin**

The IMO has released its current awareness bulletin for July 2017. This contains a compilation of maritime news from the Maritime Knowledge Centre of the IMO. [Read more.](#)

- **NOAA - Hurricanes**

NOAA has issued a hurricane news warning advising that early-season storms indicate an active Atlantic hurricane season ahead. [Read more.](#)

- **Oil & Gas UK - Report**

Oil & Gas UK has issued its Health & Safety Report for 2017. It includes a detailed appraisal of the UK offshore oil and gas industry's safety performance. [Read more.](#)

- **UK Chamber of Shipping - First World War**

The UK Chamber of Shipping has issued an article containing an interview with Tim Reardon, the author of the new book 'The Chamber of Shipping and the First World War'. [Read more.](#)

- **USCG - Memorandum**

The USCG has issued a memorandum on exhaust gas cleaning systems (EGCS) in regards to short term limit exceeding and associated alarms. [Read more.](#)

Recent Accident Reports

- **Malta - Marine Safety Investigation Report**

The Maltese MSIU has issued a report on allision in Valletta involving the heavy lift ship '*Maria*'. The ship

failed to stop in adequate time and subsequently struck two vessels that were moored alongside the Magazine Wharf. One of the vessels sunk at the wharf. [View Report.](#)

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- **United Kingdom - Accident Investigation Report**

The UK MAIB has issued a report on the fatal carbon monoxide poisoning that took place on the motor cruiser 'Vasquez' in Cardiff in November 2016. [View Report.](#)

Issued 10/08/2017.

- **US - 'Safer Seas'**

The US NTSB has published its 'Safer Seas' digest with lessons learned from marine accidents in 2016. The digest is organised according to accident type specifically allision, capsizing, collision, fire, flooding and grounding. [View Digest.](#)

Issued August/2017.

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **MSC-MEPC.5/Circ.14 - 09/08/17**

GUIDANCE ON COMPLETING THE CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS UNDER THE IBC, BCH, IGC, GC AND EGC CODES. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.1572 - 07/08/17**

UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF SOLAS CHAPTERS II-1 AND XII (RESOLUTION MSC.188(79)). [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.1574- 07/08/17**

INTERIM GUIDELINES FOR USE OF FIBRE REINFORCED PLASTIC (FRP) ELEMENTS WITHIN SHIP STRUCTURES: FIRE SAFETY ISSUES. [View Circular.](#)

MSC/Circ.586/Rev.1 - 07/08/17

WORLD VTS GUIDE-Revoked see paragraph 11.40 of MSC 98/23. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.1582- 07/08/17**

UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF CHAPTER 15 OF THE FSS CODE. Circulars MSC.1. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.1581 - 07/08/17**

UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF SOLAS CHAPTER II-2. [View Circular.](#)

- **BWM.2/Circ.63 - 07/08/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004. Application of the Convention to ships operating in sea areas where ballast water exchange in accordance with regulations B-4.1 and D-1 is not possible. [View Circular.](#)

- **BWM.2/Circ.34/Rev.6 - 07/08/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004. List of ballast water management systems that make use of Active Substances which received Basic and Final Approval. [View Circular.](#)

- **BWM.2/CIRC.52/Rev.1 - 07/08/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004. Guidance on entry or re-entry of ships into exclusive operation within waters under the jurisdiction of a single Party. [View Circular.](#)

- **BWM.2/Circ.62 - 07/08/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004. Guidance on contingency measures under the BWM Convention. [View Circular.](#)

- **BWM.2/Circ.60/Add.1 - 07/08/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004. Thirty-fifth meeting (regular) of the GESAMP - submission of new data. [View Circular.](#)

- **BWM.2/Circ.61 - 07/08/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004. Guidance on methodologies that may be used for enumerating viable organisms for type approval of ballast water management systems. [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 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

- 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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