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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Marshall Islands - Advisories**

The Marshall Islands has issued two marine safety advisories this week. The [first](#) advisory is on new biofouling regulations in California. The [second](#) advisory is on ECDIS software and requirements.

Issued August/2017.

- **Panama - Circular**

Panama has released a merchant marine circular on maritime cyber risk management. [Read more.](#)

Issued August/2017.

- **UK - Circular**

The UK MCA recently issued MIN 552 (M) containing changes to the Y4 and Y3 auxiliary equipment module requirements and the subsequent oral examinations. The notice should be read with MSN 1859 and MIN 524 and it expires 1st July 2021. [Read more.](#)

Issued August/2017.

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Class NK - Technical News**

Class NK has released two circulars this week. The [first](#) is regarding interim regulations within the Xiamen port area in China. The [second](#) is on recognition and updated information for CSOs for Panama flagged ships.

Issued August/2017.

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

The Indian Register of Shipping has issued four technical circulars this week, including:

- a [circular](#) on seafarer information and reports required to be sent to the government of India.
- a [circular](#) on the CIC by Riyadh MOU on crew familiarisation for enclosed space entry.

Issued August/2017.

- **Korean Register of Shipping - Update**

The Korean Register of Shipping has issued an information update to highlight recent instructions for ECDIS software updates as issued by the Marshall Islands. [Read more.](#)

Issued August/2017.

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

Lloyd's Register has issued a statutory alert on the CICs on safety of navigation to run simultaneously with those issued by Paris and Tokyo MOUs. [Read more.](#)

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

• The Britannia P&I Club - Alert

The Britannia P&I Club has issued four updates this week, including:

- United States: BWM approvals. [Read more.](#)
- California: acceptance of BWM systems. [Read more.](#)

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• The SKULD P&I Club - Advisory

The SKULD P&I Club has issued a member advisory on the Philippines. It advises of restrictions for crews from certain countries. [Read more.](#)

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• The Standard P&I Club - Alert

The Standard P&I Club has issued a web [alert](#) to advise that the Paris MoU has published results of the CIC on enclosed space entry. The Club also published a Master's [guide](#) to enclosed space entry earlier this month.

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- **The Swedish P&I Club - Guidance**

The Swedish P&I Club has released two alerts this week. The first is an [update](#) on the situation in Yemen and the second is an [alert](#) on the crew restrictions in the Philippines.

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- **The UK P&I Club - Knowledge**

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

- An [article](#) on the new Witherby published training guide 'Survival Craft Release and Retrieval Systems'.
- [guidance](#) on crew health due to the dangers of heat stroke.
- an [article](#) with lessons learnt from a collision with another vessel in anchorage.

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- **The West of England P&I Club - Knowledge**

The West of England P&I Club has published three updates this week, including:

- A guidance [article](#) on stowaways and problematic ports.
- a new claims [guide](#) with regard to US longshoremen working on ships.

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **Advisory - ECDIS**

The new IHO ECDIS standards are due to take effect in a few days time. Mariners are advised that their ECDIS must meet the requirements of IEC 61174, incorporating edition 4.0 of the IHO presentation library. From 01/09/17 the old edition will be retired and vessels still using edition 3.4 may be subject to PSC observations. [Read more.](#)

- **Guidance - Managing Collisions**

The risk management company Marsh has produced a guidance article on managing collisions at sea. It includes legal guidance on steps to take following a ship collision. [Read more.](#)

- **News - Singapore Collision**

MPA Singapore have issued an update on the ongoing multi-agency SAR operation to locate the

remaining missing crew of the 'USS John S McCain' which was involved in a collision with the tanker 'ALNIC MC' in Singapore waters. Ten sailors are believed to have died, with a further five sailors injured. [Read more.](#)

- **News - Ballast Fine**

The USCG has fined a bulk carrier for discharging untreated ballast water in Portland, Oregon. The vessel failed to comply with US ballast water regulations. [Read more.](#)

- **New Zealand - Lookout!**

The Maritime Authority of New Zealand has released the August edition of its maritime safety publication 'Lookout!'. [Read more.](#)

- **ReCAAP - Weekly Report**

The latest ReCAAP report advises of two recent armed robberies on ships. They urge ships to be vigilant in the Sulu-Celebes sea area. [Read more.](#)

- **UK - Consultation**

The UK MCA has opened a consultation on the need to create two new MGNs regarding emergency drills and the prevention of man overboard events. [Read more.](#)

Recent Accident Reports

- **Bahamas - Marine Safety Investigation Report**

The Bahamas has released a report on the grounding of the cruise ship 'Star-Pride'. While on voyage from Costa Rica to Panama the vessel suspected it had made contact with an underwater object, although a subsequent diving operation revealed no damage. Nevertheless the ship did not alter its passage plan and on the return voyage it proceeded on the reciprocal of the same course line. The second passage resulted in grounding on rocks, with significant damage and flooding of the ship. [View Report.](#)

Issued August/2017.

- **Canada - Marine Investigation Report**

The Canadian Transportation Safety Board has published a report on the collision of two tugs in British Columbia. One of the vessels sank. [View Report.](#)

Issued August/2017.

- **United Kingdom - Interim Investigation Report**

The UK MAIB has issued an interim report on the investigation of the grounding of the ultra large

container vessel 'CMA CGM Vasco de Gama' that occurred in the Thorn Channel, Southampton. [View Report.](#)

Issued 23/08/2017.

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **MSC.1/Circ.1460/Rev.2 - 17/08/17**

GUIDANCE ON THE VALIDITY OF RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT INSTALLED AND USED ON SHIPS. [View Circular.](#)

- **PAL.4/Circ.30 - 16/08/17**

PROTOCOL OF 2002 TO THE ATHENS CONVENTION RELATING TO THE CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS AND THEIR LUGGAGE BY SEA, 1974. Acceptance by Finland. [View Circular.](#)

- **SAR.1/Circ.99 - 11/08/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE, 1979. Accession by Madagascar. [View Circular.](#)

- **BWM.1/Circ.42 - 11/08/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004. Ratification by Australia and accession by the United Arab Emirates, the Bahamas and Singapore. [View Circular.](#)

- **COLREG.1/Circ.158 - 11/08/17**

CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA, 1972. Accession by Madagascar. [View Circular.](#)

- **LC.4/Circ.34 - 11/08/17**

1996 PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972. Accession by Madagascar. [View Circular.](#)

- **TM.2/Circ.151- 11/08/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON TONNAGE MEASUREMENT OF SHIPS, 1969. Acceptance by Madagascar. [View Circular.](#)

- **STCW.2/Circ.80 - 11/08/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED. Communication received from the Government of Viet Nam. [View Circular.](#)

- **BWM.2/Circ.13/Rev.4 - 11/08/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004. Methodology for information gathering and conduct of work of the GESAMP-BWWG. [View Circular.](#)

- **BWM.1/Circ.45 - 10/08/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004. Accession by Greece. [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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