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The Ballast Water Management Convention

The International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM Convention) entered into force today. MEPC 71 adopted amendments to the Convention to allow an additional time extension for installation of a treatment system compliant with D2 standards to be fitted to existing ships. The amended Convention requires that:

- New ships, with keels laid on or after 8th September 2017, must install a treatment system upon delivery of the ship

- existing ships, which have completed an IOPP renewal survey between 8th September 2014 and 7th September 2017, shall install a system at the first renewal survey following 8th September 2017
- existing ships, other than the above, shall install a system at the second IOPP renewal survey following 8th September 2017, or at the IOPP renewal survey on or after 8th September 2019, whichever comes first
- existing ships that do not require IOPP certificates, i.e. oil tankers less than 150 gt and all other ships less than 400 gt, shall install a system by no later than 8th September 2024.

For vessels operating within US waters, it is very important to note that the US is not party to the IMO BWM Convention. The US has its own ballast water regulations and requirements for vessels ballasting in US waters. Compliance with the BWM Convention does not confer compliance with US ballast water discharge rules and vessels have been penalised for that misunderstanding. The US regulations entered into force in June 2012 and compliance has been effective for all vessels since 1 January 2016.

Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

• Bahamas - Alert

The Bahamas has issued a technical alert entitled 'Port State Control - United States Coast Guard (USCG) Cruise Ship Deficiencies'. [Read more.](#)

Issued 06/09/2017.

• Panama - Advisory

Panama has issued three merchant marine circulars this week:

- [MMC 352](#) 'List of Approved P& I Clubs/Insurers - MLC'
- [MMC 206](#) 'Recognition of Company Security Officers (CSO)'
- [MMC 355](#) 'Use of Electronic Certificates onboard'.

Issued September/2017.

• Singapore - Circulars

The Maritime Port Authority of Singapore has issued two circulars this week. The [first](#) is a shipping circular on amendments to the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea Regulations. The [second](#) is a port marine circular on 'Oil Spill Response & Vessel Rates in Singapore'.

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Bureau Veritas - Rules**

Bureau Veritas has published new 'Rules for the certification of lifting appliances onboard ships and offshore units'. [Read more.](#)

- **DNV GL - Technical News**

DNV GL has issued an article advising of a new recommended practice (RP) on 'Cyber security in the oil and gas industry'. [Read more.](#)

- **IR Class - Technical Circulars**

IR Class has issued four circulars this week, including:

- A [circular](#) on contamination of cargo from leaked bunker fuel oil
- a [circular](#) on 'Verification of compliance with SOLAS Chapter V on board foreign flag vessels arriving into US ports'.

- **Korean Register - Update**

The Korean Register has issued an update article on biofouling management in Californian ports. [Read more.](#)

- **Lloyd's Register - Class News**

Lloyd's Register has issued two Class news articles this week. The [first](#) is safety warning on Cosmo fire doors and the [second](#) is on the entry into force of the BWM Convention.

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

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

The American P&I Club has issued an alert on the low sulphur fuel requirements for vessels visiting ECAs in China. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Britannia P&I Club - Alert**

The Britannia P&I Club has issued a loss prevention alert on crew safety in Venezuela. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Japan P&I Club - Alert**

The Japan P&I Club has issued an alert entitled 'US – Effective Dates of California's Modified Biofouling Management Regulations Announced'. [Read more.](#)

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

The North P&I Club has issued two articles this week. The [first](#) is on Chinese ECAs and the [second](#) is on the US PSC campaign on ECDIS.

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- **The Shipowners' P&I Club - Update**

The Shipowners' P&I Club has released three alerts this week:

- [Guidance and FAQs](#) on the BWM Convention
- loss prevention [guidance](#) for yacht owners
- loss prevention [guidance](#) on safe means of embarkation and disembarkation.

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

The UK P&I Club has issued five articles this week, including:

- [Guidance](#) on Hurricane Harvey and force majeure
- an [alert](#) advising of US sanctions against Venezuela
- a [bulletin](#) advising of amendments to Turkish law in relation to drug smuggling.

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **CMF - MSTC**

The Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) have announced the establishment of a Maritime Security Transit Corridor (MSTC) in regards to transits through the Gulf of Aden, Bab Al Mandeb (BaM), Southern Red Sea, and associated waters. [Read more.](#)

- **EMSA - Seafarers**

EMSA has issued a compilation infographic on seafarers in the EU. It notes that the UK has the highest number of EU certificated officers. [Read more.](#)

- **ITOPF - Newsletter**

ITOPF has published its annual review. It states that ITOPF responded to 20 incidents in the last financial year, of which approximately one-third involved tankers. [Read more.](#)

- **UK - Maritime Safety Information**

The UK MCA has issued a leaflet on maritime safety information. It includes schedules for routine NAVTEX and radio telephony (RT) broadcast times, as well as medical advice link calls. [Read more.](#)

USCG - Ice Service

The USCG advises that the International Ice Patrol (IIP) completed the 2017 ice season with the transfer of warnings to the Canadian Ice Service as of 31/08/17. They state that during the 2017 season, 1,004 icebergs drifted into the transatlantic shipping lanes, a significant increase from the average of 485 icebergs, making 2017 the 19th most severe season since 1900 and the fourth consecutive extreme iceberg year. [Read more.](#)

Recent Accident Reports

- **Bermuda - Casualty Report**

Bermuda has released a report on the fatal rescue boat accident that took place on the 'Coral Princess'. One crew member died and another was severely injured when the fall wire parted during recovery and the boat fell to the water. [Read Report.](#)

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- **Malta - Marine Safety Investigation Report**

Malta has released a report on the fatal fall of a seafarer in a cargo tank on the 'Sydney Trader'. A safety wire failed to arrest the fall. [Read Report.](#)

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- **United Kingdom - Accident Investigation Report**

The UK MAIB has published a report on the grounding of the semi-submersible rig 'Transocean Winner'. The rig grounded on the Isle of Lewis when its towing line failed in heavy weather. [Read Report.](#)

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **LEG.2/Circ.3 - 01/09/17**

LIST OF CERTIFICATES AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE CARRIED ON BOARD SHIPS, 2017. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.1586 - 01/09/17**

LIST OF CERTIFICATES AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE CARRIED ON BOARD SHIPS, 2017. [View Circular.](#)

- **MEPC.1/Circ.873 - 01/09/17**

LIST OF CERTIFICATES AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE CARRIED ON BOARD SHIPS, 2017. [View Circular.](#)

- **FAL.2/CIRC.131 - 01/09/17**

LIST OF CERTIFICATES AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE CARRIED ON BOARD SHIPS, 2017. [View Circular.](#)

- **LC-LP.1/Circ.83- 31/08/17**

CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972, AND ITS 1996 PROTOCOL. Invitation to report on activities related to disposal at sea of wastes and other matter in 2016. [View Circular.](#)

- **BWM.2/Circ.64 - 29/08/17**

BWM.2/Circ.64 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004. Issuance of International Ballast Water Management Certificates to Greek-flagged ships. [View Circular.](#)

- **IFC.4/Circ.71 - 29/08/17**

PROTOCOL OF 1992 TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR COMPENSATION FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 1971. Accession by Thailand. [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 8 September 2017 -

- The Ballast Water Management Convention 2004.

From 1 September 2017 -

- Amendments to MARPOL Annex IV (Baltic Sea Special Area And Form of ISPP Certificate).
- Amendments to the Nox Technical Code 2008 (Testing of Gas-Fuelled and Dual Fuel Engines)
- Amendments to Regulation 13 Of MARPOL Annex VI (Record Requirements For Operational Compliance With Nox Tier III ECAs)
- Amendments to MARPOL Annex II (Revised GESAMP Hazard Evaluation Procedure)

From 1 July 2017 -

- ECDIS - SOLAS CH V, Reg 19, para 2.10.

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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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