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Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Bahamas** – a technical alert on ['Sprinkler Heads & Bulbs'](#)
- **Bahamas** – an information bulletin entitled ['Guidance on Manning, Training and Certification for Offshore Industry'](#)
- **Hong Kong** – MSIN 26/2017 on [amendments to the STCW Convention and Code](#)
- **Hong Kong** – MSIN 27/2017 entitled ['Guidance on the Requirements of the STCW Convention'](#)
- **Panama** – a merchant marine circular entitled ['Instructions and Procedure for the implementation and certification of the ISPS Code'](#).

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **ABS** – a ['Guide for the Use of Supercapacitors in the Marine and Offshore Industries'](#)
- **BV** – an ['Index on Applicable Risk Analysis for Marine and Offshore'](#)
- **Class NK** – a technical information circular on ['The Ship Security Alert System \(SSAS\) Test for Panamanian Flagged Vessels'](#)
- **IACS** – has issued with BIMCO, ICS, INTERTANKO, OCIMF and others, a press release on the ['Tripartite Shipbuilding Forum'](#).

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- **The American P&I Club** – a member alert entitled ['The People's Republic of China, Hainan - Notice Regarding Ship Pollution Control Plan'](#)
- **The GARD P&I Club** – a loss prevention article on ['Bulk cargoes to/from Argentina'](#)
- **The GARD P&I Club** – an insight article entitled ['US vessel owners cannot contract out of liability under OPA 90 for oil spill clean-up and compensation'](#)
- **The Japan P&I Club** – an article providing clarification on [ECDIS training in regards to STCW requirements](#)
- **The North P&I Club** – an insight article to inform about [fines issued for exceeding the temporary speed restriction for whale protection in the Western Gulf of St. Lawrence](#)
- **The Swedish P&I Club** – a web alert on ['Inspection on Ship Pollution Control in Hainan Province'](#)
- **The UK P&I Club** – a legal update on ['Minimising the transfer of invasive aquatic species'](#).

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IMO** – The 30th session of the IMO Assembly is in progress until the 6th December. The IMO issued a press release of the [speech of the IMO Secretary-General](#) who outlined the challenges facing the Organization. It states that climate change, digital disruption and sustainable development will be among the key areas of focus in the coming years.
- **EMSA** – has made available the [2016 annual report of Equasis](#), containing statistics on the world merchant fleet
- **UK** – the MCA has updated its individual guidance pages on the [application process](#)

[for certificates of competency and endorsements of all kinds](#)

- **USCG** – the USCG has issued two policy letters. The first is on the [issuance and acceptance of electronic certificates](#). The second is on '[Deficiency Recording and Reporting for Vessels using a Towing Safety Management \(TSMS\) Option](#)'
- **USCG** – the USCG has issued four articles as part of its 'Ballast Water Series'. These are Part 1.) [A message from the Assistant Commandant](#), Part 2.) ['The Coast Guard's focus on compliance'](#), Part 3.) ['Coast Guard BWMS type approval program update'](#) and Part 4.) ['The plug and play ballast water management system'](#).

Recent Accident Reports

- **Hong Kong** – published an investigation report on the [fatal man overboard accident that took place on the bulk carrier 'Great Fluency'](#) in Latvia. The report cites intoxication and a failure to follow the company alcohol policy as contributing factors to the accident.
- **Malta** – published an investigation report on the [collision between the general cargo ship 'Sider Capri' and the RoRo ship 'Grande Anversa'](#). The cause of the accident was a failure to follow the Collision Regulations which resulted in a close quarter situation and eventual collision.

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Recent IMO Circulars

- **BMW.2/Circ.50 - 21/11/17** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004. [View Circular.](#)
- **STCW.2/Circ.83 - 21/11/17** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED. [View Circular.](#)
- **BMW.2/Circ.41 - 21/11/17** - CONVENIO INTERNACIONAL PARA EL CONTROL Y LA GESTIÓN DEL AGUA DE LASTRE Y LOS SEDIMENTOS DE LOS BUQUES, 2004 (in Spanish). [View Circular.](#)
- **MSC.4/Circ.254 - 21/11/17** - REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS. [View Circular.](#)
- **NWRC.1/CIRC.36 - 21/11/17** - NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE REMOVAL OF WRECKS, 2007. [View Circular.](#)
- **BWM.1/Circ.44 - 14/11/17** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND

MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004. [View Circular.](#)

- **BWM.1/Circ.46 - 14/11/17** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004. [View Circular.](#)
- **PSLS.6/Circ.76 - 10/11/17** - PROTOCOL OF 1988 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974, AS AMENDED. [View Circular.](#)

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Regulations Recently Entered into Force

IMO and ILO regulations that have entered into force or been amended this year include:

- The Ballast Water Management Convention 2004 (effective 08/09/17)
- Amendments to MARPOL Annex IV – Baltic Sea Special Area and Form of ISPP Certificate (effective 01/09/17)
- Amendments to the Nox Technical Code 2008 – Testing of Gas-Fuelled and Dual Fuel Engines (effective 01/09/17)
- Amendments to Regulation 13 of MARPOL Annex VI – Record Requirements for Operational Compliance with Nox Tier III ECAs (effective 01/09/17)
- Amendments to MARPOL Annex II – Revised GESAMP Hazard Evaluation Procedure (effective 01/09/17)
- ECDIS – SOLAS CH V, Reg 19, para 2.10 (effective 01/07/17).

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A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- Assembly – 27th November to 6th December 2017
- Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC) 5 – 22nd to 26th January 2018
- Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR) 5 – 5th to 9th February 2018
- Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR) 5 – 19th to 23rd February 2018
- Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE) 5 – 12th to 16th March 2018
- Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) 72 – 9th to 13th April 2018
- Legal Committee (LEG) 105 – 23rd to 27th April 2018
- Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) 99 – 16th to 25th May 2018.

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