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IMO HTW 4

The IMO Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW 4) took place in London from 30th January to 3rd February. Items on the agenda included:

- The validation of IMO model courses
- Progress being made with the revision of the guidelines on fatigue
- The continuing comprehensive review of STCW-F
- The approval of interim guidance for STCW implementation
- A finalised update to section E of ECDIS “good practice”

The IMO has issued a [press release](#) detailing the work of the sub-committee. Bureau Veritas has also issued its own [summary report](#) of HTW 4's output.

Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Marshall Islands - Notice - Enclosed Spaces**

The Marshall Islands has issued a revised marine notice on entering enclosed spaces and the necessary safety precautions that must be undertaken. [Read more.](#)

Issued February/2017.

- **Marshall Islands - Notice - Safe Manning**

The Marshall Islands has issued a new marine notice on minimum safe manning requirements for vessels. [Read more.](#)

Issued February/2017.

- **Panama - Circular - SSAS**

Panama has issued a revised circular on provisions concerning the use of the Ship Security Alarm System (SSAS). [Read more.](#)

Issued February/2017.

- **United Kingdom - MGN 566 - STCW**

The UK MCA has issued a new marine notice on the STCW Convention with regards to medical certification, hours of work and alcohol limits. It replaces MGN 448(M) and the very recently issued MGN 565 (M) and MGN 565 (M) Corrigendum of the last two weeks. [Read more.](#)

Issued 07/02/2017.

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Class NK - Technical News - Software**

Class NK has released an article advising that new versions are available of the structural calculation software for the IACS Common Structural Rules (CSR BC&OT). [Read more.](#)

Issued 09/02/2017.

- **DNV - Technical Circular - BWM**

DNV GL has issued a technical circular on how to comply with the IMO Ballast Water Management (BWM) Convention. [Read more.](#)

Issued 03/02/2017.

- **IR Class - Technical Circular - LSA**

IR Class has issued a technical circular on life saving appliances and equipment in regard to ships sailing under the Marshall Islands flag. [Read more.](#)

Issued February/2017.

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The image shows the cover of a book titled 'SIGTTO LNG Emergency Release Systems'. The cover is dark blue with white and yellow text. The title 'SIGTTO' is at the top in a large, white, serif font. Below it, 'LNG Emergency Release Systems' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Underneath that, 'Recommendations, Guidelines and Best Practices' and 'First Edition' are listed in a smaller white font. A paragraph of text describes the book as a comprehensive guide for operators and maintainers of LNG Emergency Release Systems (ERS) to ensure safety, protection of the environment, and protection of property during operations. At the bottom, there are two yellow boxes: one with 'OUT NOW' and another with '£125'. The background of the cover is a photograph of an industrial facility, possibly a ship's deck, with various pipes and equipment.

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club**

Two guidance notices have been issued this week, including:

Circular - COLREGS

The American Club has released a circular on the availability of a new E-learning module on compliance with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS). [Read more.](#)

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

- **GARD P&I Club**

Update - Legal

The GARD P&I Club has issued an update on maintaining confidentiality for communications with an attorney in the event of an incident, in which they compare and contrast American and English law. [Read more.](#)

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- **North of England P&I Club**

Four industry news notices have been issued this week, including:

News - Limmasol Delays

The North of England P&I Club has released an industry news article advising that on-going delays are to be expected at the port of Limmasol due to operational issues. [Read more.](#)

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- **Shipowners' Club**

Four news articles have been issued this week, including:

News - Risk assessments

The Shipowners' Club has advised of measures when implementing risk assessments. [Read more.](#)

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

- **SKULD**

Two guidance notices have been issued this week, including:

Loss Prevention - Wire Failure

The SKULD P&I Club has issued a loss prevention article on metal wire rope failures. [Read more.](#)

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

- **Standard Club**

Three guidance notices have been issued this week, including:

Alert - Removal of Wrecks

The Standard Club has issued a web alert to advise that the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks is now applicable to Cayman Island ships. [Read more.](#)

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

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **EMSA - Newsletter**

The European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) has published its February newsletter. Topics covered include: priorities of the Transport Committee; the EMSA study on the use of fuel cells in shipping; visits and inspections activities; the final report of the Firesafe study; and safe navigation via the Copernicus maritime surveillance service. [Read more.](#)

- **Intermanager - Report on Fatigue**

Intermanager has released the final report of 'Project Martha', an in-depth study on fatigue, conducted with Warsash Maritime Academy. The findings were presented to the IMO. [Read more.](#)

- **IUMI - Ro-Ro Fires**

The International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI) has released a position paper on fires on Ro-Ro passenger vehicle decks. The paper states that fires occur more frequently on Ro-Ro vessels than any other ship type. They give recommendations for mitigation and prevention of fires on such vessels. [Read more.](#)

- **UK MCA - Oil Pollution Guidance**

The UK MCA has released a series of training materials and documents on oil pollution, contingency planning and response. [Read more.](#)

- **UK MCA - Port Guidance**

The UK MCA has released a good practice guide on port and other marine facility operations. It contains information and guidance intended to supplement the Port Marine Safety Code. [Read more.](#)

- **USCG - Gas Newsletter**

The USCG has published its latest issue of 'The Gas Gauge Newsletter'. The newsletter aims to share Coast Guard involvement and regulatory updates about the liquefied gas industry. [Read more.](#)



Recent Accident Reports

- **Germany - Investigation Report**

The German Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) has published an investigation report on the fatal accident that occurred on the 'CMV Maersk Kure'. A crew member died as a result of being hit by a mooring spring line that had parted. [View Report.](#)

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- **Malta - Safety Investigation Report**

The Maltese Marine Safety Investigation Unit (MSIU) has published a safety investigation report on the serious injury that occurred to a crew member at mooring stations on the 'MV Vola 1'. [View Report.](#)

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- **UK - Accident Investigation Report**

The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) has published an accident investigation report on the collision between the car carrier 'City of Rotterdam' and the Ro-Ro freight ferry 'Primula Seaways'(pictured, courtesy of the MAIB). [View Report.](#)

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- **US - Accident Reports**

The US National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has published two reports this week:

- A new marine accident report on the capsizing and sinking of towing vessel 'Ricky J Leboeuf'.

[View Report.](#)

- The preliminary report summary of the structures and stability of the 'SS *El Faro*' that sunk in 2015 with 33 deaths. [View Report.](#)

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **AFS.3/Circ.5 - 06/02/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF HARMFUL ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS ON SHIPS, 2001 - Information regarding recognized organizations and approved, restricted, or prohibited anti-fouling systems. [View Circular.](#)

- **STCW-F.1/Circ.16 - 06/02/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR FISHING VESSEL PERSONNEL, 1995. [View Circular.](#)

- **PAL.4/Circ.29 - 06/02/17**

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

- **PAL.4/Circ.28 - 03/02/17**

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

- **STCW.2/Circ.71 - 01/02/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.1259/Rev.7 - 01/02/17**

LONG-RANGE IDENTIFICATION AND TRACKING SYSTEM - TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION (PART I). [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.1294/Rev.5 - 01/02/17**

LONG-RANGE IDENTIFICATION AND TRACKING SYSTEM - TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION (PART II). [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 which have entered into force this year include:

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
- International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code) Amendment 03-15

From 18 January 2017 -

- Amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (on financial security)

arrangements for the protection of seafarers)

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

- Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC) - 13th to 17th February 2017
- Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation, Communication and SAR (NCSR) - 6th to 10th March 2017
- Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE) - 20th to 24th March 2017
- Facilitation Committee (FAL) - 4th to 7th April 2017
- Legal Committee (LEG) - 26th to 28th April 2017
- Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) - 7th to 16th June 2017
- Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) - 3rd to 7th July 2017
- Technical Co-operation Committee (TC) - 17th to 19th July 2017
- 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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