



## SHIPPING REGULATIONS & GUIDANCE

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### Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **UK** – a new marine guidance note entitled '[Fishing Vessels: Registration Surveys for Fishing Vessels of less 15m built before 16 July 2007](#)'.
- **Liberia** – a new marine safety advisory called '[Industry Releasable Threat Assessment \(IRTA\)](#)' and a new marine operation note titled '[Advance Notice Of Arrival Requirements For Vessels Calling On Ports In Australia, China, Europe And The USA](#)'.
- **Panama** – one new marine circular, '[List of accepted Companies with type approval Certificate of Ballast Water Management System](#)' and three updated circulars: '[Emergency Escape Breathing Devices \(EEBD\)](#)', '[Authorized Private Maritime Security Companies \(PMSC\) transiting High Risk Areas \(online application\)](#)', and '[Restricted Vessels](#)'.
- **Singapore** – a new shipping circular entitled '[Safety Measures on the Use of AC Electric Arc Welding Equipment to Prevent Electric Shock Incidents](#)'.

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### Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Bureau Veritas** – has issued [corrigenda](#) to their 'Rules for Steel Ships' originally published in January 2018.
- **Indian Register of Shipping** – has released one new technical circular entitled '[DGS circular on transitional provisions for certification of masters and deck officers on ships operating in Polar Waters](#)'.
- **Korean Register of Shipping** – has published details of the '[0.50% Sulphur Fuel Requirement for all foreign vessels entering Taiwanese ports](#)'.
- **RINA** – has issued guidance regarding '[Res. MEPC 277\(70\) Amendments to MARPOL ANNEX V – HME substances and Garbage Record Book](#)'.

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### Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club** – have issued two new circulars: '[Implementation of Economic Sanctions Against North Korea by The People's Republic of China \(PRC\)](#)' and '[Management News: Retirement of Charles B \(Chuck\) Gornell](#)'.
- **GARD** – has released a new member circular called '[Iran trading – fixed premium P&I cover update](#)'.
- **SKULD** – has published an [article](#) on the ongoing importance of the role of the lookout, despite technological advances.
- **Japan P&I** – has issued the third in their series of Club circulars on '[Cyber Risks and Cyber Security](#)'.
- **The Shipowners' Club** – has released four [infographics](#) on the topic of 'Psychological Wellbeing at Sea', continuing their ongoing campaign to support the mental wellbeing of seafarers.
- **The Standard Club** – has issued four web alerts: '[Case studies to improve safety at sea](#)', '[Indian Ocean MoU preliminary results of PSC CIC on the Safety of Navigation](#)', '[US amends and reissues sanctions against North Korea](#)', and '[Listeriosis outbreak Rep. S.A.](#)'. They have also announced the release of their March 2018 [Standard Bulletin](#), and an [article](#) on how P&I clubs 'calculate the correct level of free reserves'.
- **West of England P&I** – has published three announcements: '[Indian Admiralty Bill - Important Update](#)', '[West of England Member succeeds in its STS demurrage claim in arbitration](#)', and '[North Korea – Enforcement of Sanctions](#)'.

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### Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **UK** – a new [booklet](#) of stability guidance for fishing vessels has been published by the MCA.
- **International Chamber of Shipping** – has published its annual [Flag State Performance Table](#).

- **USCG** – has issued a [blog post](#) containing advice on the activation of Vessel Response Plans.
- **IAPH** – has released the March/April 2018 edition of [Ports and Harbors](#). This issue focuses on 'Asia and Middle East region, Vessel Traffic Management, Port design and planning (including hydrography) and more'.
- **DNV GL** - has announced a [joint partnership](#) to study the safe use of lithium-ion batteries in shipping.
- **GARD** - has published an [article](#) on China's implementation of stricter controls on the import of waste.
- **World Shipping Council** - is, along with the ECSA, [calling](#) on the EU Institutions for the upcoming revision of the Reporting Formalities Directive to improve the efficiency of maritime transport.

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## Recent Accident Reports

- **UK** – has published a [report](#) on the collision between the general cargo ship 'Saga Sky' and the rock carrying barge 'Stema Barge II' while caught in adverse weather during Storm Angus in 2016. Both vessels had been dragging their anchors, and this resulted in two subsea power cables being severed. It was concluded that multiple factors had been in play, including the captain of the 'Saga Sky's refusal to deploy the anchors until it was too late, the anchor location of the 'Stema Barge II' being in the wrong place, and an insufficient provision of emergency towage in the area.
- **Norway** – has published a [report](#) on the death of an able seaman following a fall from a pier, where he had been engaged in washing down the passenger ferry 'Ytterøy'. It was found that he had stumbled over the guardrail in the course of carrying out his task.

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## Recent IMO Circulars

- **MEPC.1/Circ.874/Corr.1 - 08/03/18** - SUMMARY REPORTS AND ANALYSIS OF MANDATORY REPORTS UNDER MARPOL FOR THE PERIOD 2011 TO 2016 [View Circular](#).
- **SUA.3/Circ.40 - 08/03/18** - PROTOCOL OF 2005 TO THE CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF MARITIME NAVIGATION [View Circular](#).
- **SUA.4/Circ.34 - 08/03/18** - PROTOCOL OF 2005 TO THE PROTOCOL FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF FIXED PLATFORMS LOCATED ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF [View Circular](#).
- **PMP.1/Circ.216 - 08/03/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO [View Circular](#).
- **SLS.12/Circ.152 - 08/03/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974 [View Circular](#).

- **LLMC.3/Circ.49 - 06/03/18** - PROTOCOL OF 1996 TO AMEND THE CONVENTION ON LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR MARITIME CLAIMS, 1976 [View Circular](#).
- **BUNKERS.1/Circ.80 - 06/03/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR BUNKER OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 2001 [View Circular](#).
- **PMP.1/Circ.215 - 06/03/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO [View Circular](#).
- **SUA.4/Circ.33 - 23/02/18** - PROTOCOL OF 2005 TO THE PROTOCOL FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF FIXED PLATFORMS LOCATED ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF [View Circular](#).
- **SUA.3/Circ.37 - 23/02/18** - PROTOCOL OF 2005 TO THE CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF MARITIME NAVIGATION [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:

- Amendments to MARPOL Annex I, Appendix II (MEPC.276(70)) – effective 01/03/18
- Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI (Mandatory data collection system for fuel consumption) – effective 01/03/18
- Amendments to MARPOL Annex V (Garbage Record Book and HME substances) – effective 01/03/18
- The EU MRV First Reporting Period (EU Regulation 2015/757) – effective 01/01/18
- SOLAS Chapter V, regulation 19 BNWAS – effective 01/01/18
- Amendments to the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965 (FAL) – effective 01/01/18
- Amendments to the IMDG Code (MSC.406(96)) – effective 01/01/18
- Amendments to the ESP Code (MSC/405(96)) – effective 01/01/18
- The Ballast Water Management Convention 2004 – effective 08/09/17.

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## A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- 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.
- Facilitation Committee (FAL) 42 – 4th to 8th June 2018
- Technical Cooperation Committee (TC) 68 – 18th to 22nd June 2018
- IMO Council 120 – 2nd to 6th July 2018
- Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW) 5 – 16th to 20th July 2018

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