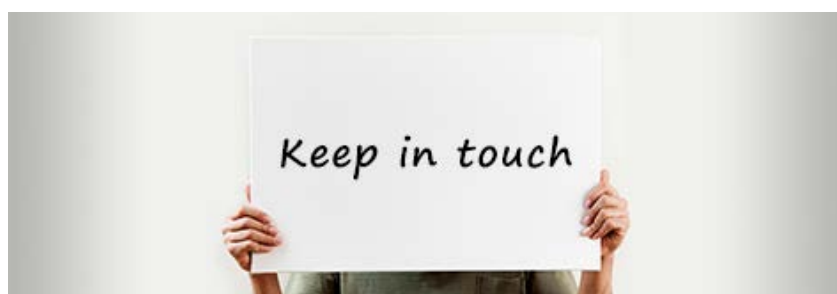




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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **USA** – a new safety alert entitled '[Seeking What You Don't Know May Reduce Your Risks! Consider implementing an internal reporting system](#)'.
- **Panama** – a new marine circular titled '[Adoption of Amendments to MARPOL 73/78, Annex VI Panama Policy on IMO-DCS scheme](#)', and an updated circular called '[Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 \(MLC, 2006\), Certification Process, MLC,2006](#)'.
- **Bahamas** – three updated bulletins: '[Port State Control Inspection Management](#)', '[Action to be taken concerning Port State or Flag State Detention](#)', and '[Electronic Statutory Certificates](#)'.
- **Singapore** – a new shipping circular entitled '[Precautions when Navigating Through Fishing Vessel Areas in the Coastal Waters of Ningbo-Zhoushan Port, China](#)'.
- **Hong Kong** – two new merchant shipping information notes: '[Coming into Force of the Amended Hong Kong Legislation Implementing the Latest Requirements of the International Convention on](#)

[Load Lines, 1966, as modified by the Protocol of 1988 relating thereto](#) and ['Halon Banking and Reception Facilities'](#).

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **American Bureau of Shipping** - has published one new guide, entitled '[Guide for Position Mooring Systems \(2018\)](#)', and eight updated guides: '[Bridge Design and Navigational Equipment and Systems](#)'; '[Certification of Container Securing Systems \(2017\)](#)'; '[SafeHull-Dynamic Loading Approach for Vessels](#)'; '[Environmental Protection Notation for Vessels](#)'; '[Lifting Appliances \(2018\)](#)'; '[LNG Regasification Vessels](#)'; '[Ballast Water Exchange](#)'; and '[Ballast Water Treatment](#)'.
- **DNV GL** – has posted an article entitled '[Canada Arctic Pollution Prevention Certificate Replaced by the Polar Code Certificate](#)'.
- **Indian Register of Shipping** – has issued a technical circular on the subject of '[Merchant Ships Anchorage Regulations in UAE](#)'.
- **Class NK** – has released an alert regarding '[Security Information of Ships for which come from foreign ports and intended to enter ports in Japanese water](#)'.

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The banner features the OCIMF logo on the left, a 'COMING SOON' tag in a yellow box on the right, and a background image of a port with several ships. The text on the banner reads: 'Mooring Equipment Guidelines (MEG4) Fourth Edition 2018'. Below this, a paragraph states: 'Mooring a ship to a berth is a common function for the maritime industry, however incidents that harm ship and terminal personnel still occur. This publication establishes recommended minimum requirements that will help ship designers, terminal designers, ship operators and mooring line manufacturers improve the design, performance and safety of mooring systems.' At the bottom left, there is a link: 'Click here for more information'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club** – has published a new circular entitled '[U.S. Withdraws from JCPOA and Reimposes Secondary Sanctions Against Iran](#)', and two new member alerts: '[U.S. Withdraws from JCPOA and Reimposes Secondary Sanctions Against Iran](#)' and '[Guidance Updates: Welcome to the USA!](#)'.
- **GARD** – has issued three alerts for members: '[Reimposition of US secondary Iran sanctions](#)'; '[Ebola outbreak reported in the DRC](#)'; and '[Restrictions on the import of dangerous goods into Russia during the FIFA World Cup](#)'.

- **SKULD** – has published a new article entitled '[Effects of mental well-being on personal injury and recovery](#)'. Two articles about the re-imposition of Iran sanctions have also been updated ([1,2](#)).
 - **Britannia P&I** – has released two news alerts: '[GPS Interference: Eastern Mediterranean Sea](#)' and '[Turkey: Beware of Fines if Carrying out Works in Ports Without Permission](#)'.
 - **Japan P&I Club** – has posted an alert for their members titled '[USA – Withdrawal from the JCPOA Agreement with Iran](#)'.
 - **North of England P&I** – has issued an announcement entitled '[New PSC Concentrated Inspection Campaign Targets Air Pollution](#)'.
 - **The Shipowners' Club** – has published a piece titled '[U.S. withdraws from JCPOA agreement](#)'.
 - **The Swedish Club** – has a new web alert called '[Paris MoU to focus on air pollution from ships](#)'.
 - **Steamship Mutual** – has released a new circular titled '[Financial Update and 2018 Renewal](#)'.
 - **West of England P&I Club** – has issued an [update](#) on the current situation regarding the Iran Sanctions.
 - **UK P&I Club** – has published two news pieces: '[UK P&I Club Supports IMRF Maritime Mass Rescue Projects](#)' and '[UK Club sponsor Sailors Society seafarers' bus](#)'.
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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IMO** – has [gained a new member](#): Nauru, which joined on May 14, 'becoming IMO's 174th Member State'.
 - **EMSA** – has published the May edition of their [newsletter](#).
 - **Arctic Shipping Best Practice Information Forum** – has [announced](#) the launch of a new [web portal](#), which is designed to 'assist in the effective implementation of the International Maritime Organization's International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code)'.
 - **Sustainable Shipping Initiative** – a report, authored by Lloyd's Register and UMAS and entitled '[Zero Emission Vessels. what needs to be done?](#)', has been launched. This report seeks to explore the viable technological options, and form an understanding of the economic implications, of ZEVs.
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Recent Accident Reports

- **Malta** – has published three accident reports:
 - An [investigation](#) has been carried out on the outbreak of fire in the engine-room of the chemical tanker '*Usichem*'. The immediate cause of the fire was a spray of fuel, from a crack in the low pressure fuel line, onto the hot and exposed casing of the turbocharger. Multiple other factors contributed to the speed and spread of the fire, including that the shielding guards had been removed from the fuel lines for maintenance and the exposed system was then left unattended.
 - An [investigation](#) into the grounding of bulk carrier '*Universal Durban*' has been carried out. It was revealed that 'the scale of digital chart in use on ECDIS was unsuitable for the area' and 'the quality of data encoded within the composite data quality attribute of that chart was not within the thresholds defined by the category of zone of confidence'.

- An [investigation](#) has been carried out into the collision between Maltese-registered bulk carrier 'Gortynia' and Liberian-registered bulk carrier 'DZ Qingdao'. It was found that the bridge team of 'Gortynia' failed to notice when 'DZ Qingdao' temporarily lost power, resulting in a loss of propulsion and steering, and a collision became imminent. The bridge team also failed to notice the distinct change in 'DZ Qingdao's trail on the radar screen, and the visual change in the aspect of the vessel.

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Recent IMO Circulars

- **BWM.1/Circ.53 - 14/05/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004 [View Circular](#).
- **AFS.1/Circ.69 - 14/05/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF HARMFUL ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS ON SHIPS, 2001 [View Circular](#).
- **CT/AGR2012.1/Circ.10 - 14/05/18** - CAPE TOWN AGREEMENT OF 2012 ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE TORREMOLINOS PROTOCOL OF 1993 RELATING TO THE TORREMOLINOS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF FISHING VESSELS, 1977 [View Circular](#).
- **STCW-F.1/Circ.18 - 14/05/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR FISHING VESSEL PERSONNEL, 1995 [View Circular](#).
- **BWM.2/Circ.33/Rev.1 - 14/05/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004 [View Circular](#).
- **SUA.4/Circ.35 - 11/05/18** - 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](#).
- **BWM.2/Circ.67 - 09/05/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004 [View Circular](#).
- **MEPC.1/Circ.875 - 08/05/18** - GUIDANCE ON BEST PRACTICE FOR FUEL OIL PURCHASERS/USERS FOR ASSURING THE QUALITY OF FUEL OIL USED ON BOARD SHIPS [View Circular](#).
- **MSC.4/Circ.258 - 02/05/18** - REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS [View Circular](#).
- **MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.12/Rev.2 - 02/05/18** - REVISED GUIDELINES FOR FORMAL SAFETY ASSESSMENT (FSA) FOR USE IN THE IMO RULE-MAKING PROCESS [View Circular](#).

For all recent IMO public circulars, log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#).

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

For a full and detailed list of recent IMO regulations, log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#).

A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- 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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