



## Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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### Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **UK** - has published a marine information note entitled '[Written examination dates 2018/19: Engineer Officers \(Yachts, Sail Training and Small Vessels\)](#)'.
- **Liberia** - has issued a new marine advisory note entitled '[Early Submission of the Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan \(SEEMP\) Part II for Review and Verification](#)'.
- **Marshall Islands** - has updated one marine guideline, entitled '[Notification and Reporting of Marine Casualties Marine Incidents Occurrences and Offenses](#)', and two marine notices:
  - '[Medical Care on Board Ship and Ashore: Medicine Chest Record Keeping and Responsibilities and Training for Medical Care](#)'
  - '[Magnetic Compasses Adjustment](#)'.
- **Marshall Islands** - has also released a new marine safety advisory on [confined space entry incidents](#).
- **Singapore** - has issued a new shipping circular entitled '[Reporting of Incidents Involving Singapore-Registered Ships / Rev.1](#)'.
- **Hong Kong** - has published a new merchant shipping information note entitled '[An explosion on board an oil/chemical tanker during cargo tank cleaning operation](#)'.

### Recent Class Society Guidance

- **American Bureau of Shipping** - has released two new guidance documents entitled '[Guidance Notes on Response Time Analysis for Programmable Electronic Alarm Systems](#)' and '[Guidance Notes on Additive Manufacturing](#)'. The following documents have been updated:
  - '[Guide for Building and Classing Asphalt Carriers with Independent Tanks](#)'
  - '[Guide for Alternative Requirements for Hull Construction of Vessels Intended to Carry Vehicles \(130 Meters or More in Length\)](#)'
  - '[Guide for Classification and Certification of Subsea Production Systems, Equipment and Components](#)'
  - '[Guidance Notes on Conversion of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units to Floating Production Installations](#)'
  - '[Guidance Notes on the Strength Assessment of Cargo Tank Structures Beyond 0.4L Amidships in Oil Carriers 150 Meters or More in Length](#)'
  - '[Guidance Notes on Ergonomic Design of Navigation Bridges](#)'
  - '[Guidance Notes on the Application of Ergonomics to Marine Systems](#)'
  - '[Structural Direct Analysis for High-Speed Craft](#)'
  - '[Guidance Notes on Reliability-Centered Maintenance](#)'
  - '[Guide for Automatic or Remote Control and Monitoring for Machinery and](#)

[Systems \(other than propulsion\) on Offshore Installations'](#)

- ['Guide for Buckling and Ultimate Strength Assessment for Offshore Structures'](#)
  - ['Guide for Building and Classing Liquefied Gas Carriers with Independent Tanks'](#)
  - ['Guide for Use of Lithium Batteries in the Marine and Offshore Industries'](#)
  - ['Guide for Building and Classing Yachts'](#)
  - ['Guide for Building and Classing Marine Vessels'](#)
  - ['Rules for Building and Classing Mobile Offshore Units'](#)
  - ['Guide for Building and Classing International Naval Ships'](#)
  - ['Generic Rules for Classification, Materials and Welding and Survey After Construction'](#)
  - ['Rules for Building and Classing High-Speed Naval Craft'](#)
  - ['Guide for Building and Classing Liftboats'](#)
  - ['Guide for Building and Classing Floating Offshore Liquefied Gas Terminals'](#)
  - ['Rules for Building and Classing Facilities on Offshore Installations'](#)
  - ['Rules for Building and Classing Steel Floating Dry Docks'](#).
- **Indian Register of Shipping** - has released two new technical circulars:
    - ['Belize – Submission of Concentrated Inspection Campaign \(CIC\) Questionnaire Check List on MARPOL Annex VI'](#)
    - ['DG Shipping, India - circular on IMO Data Collection System'](#).
  - **Korean Register of Shipping** - has issued a technical information document entitled ['Technical Information of Ballast Water Management System'](#).



The image is a promotional graphic for the OCIMF publication 'Guidelines for Offshore Tanker Operations'. It features the OCIMF logo on the left, which consists of a stylized globe with horizontal lines above the acronym 'OCIMF'. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'COMING SOON' in a yellow box at the top, followed by 'Guidelines for Offshore Tanker Operations' and 'First Edition 2018'. Below this, a short paragraph describes the book's content: 'This new publication provides guidance on the general principles, procedures and equipment required to safely moor and transfer cargo between offshore terminals and offtake tankers.' The price '£275' is displayed in a large font at the bottom left. The background of the graphic shows an aerial view of two offshore tankers at sea, with a decorative blue and yellow wave graphic at the bottom right.

### Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **GARD** - has issued an alert entitled ['China makes further changes to its ECA timeline'](#).
- **SKULD** - has published two articles:
  - ['"Bad" bunkers in the US Gulf, Caribbean and Far East'](#)
  - ['Hidden engine room hot spots'](#).
- **Britannia P&I** - has posted two news alerts:
  - ['Britannia Superintendents' & Officers' Seminar – Taipei'](#)
  - ['Argentina: Electronic Filing for Import Cargo Manifest'](#).
- **Japan P&I Club** - has released three news alerts:
  - ['China – Emission Control Areas \(ECA\) \(No.12\)'](#)
  - ['Port State Control – Concentrated Inspection Campaign \(Riyadh MOU\)'](#)
  - ['Recent Navigation Warnings of China Waters No.71'](#).
- **The Shipowners' Club** - has issued a circular entitled ['FAQs: Maritime Labour'](#)

[Convention 2006 As Amended Financial Security Requirements](#)', and an article entitled '[Jonathan Turner: Superyacht aviation considerations](#)'.

- **The Swedish Club** - has published a member alert entitled '[Latest information from IMB can be found in SCOL](#)'.
- **West of England P&I** - has released an article entitled '[A Case for 20/20 Vision? IMO's Low Sulphur Fuel Limit Under Marpol Annex VI which comes into force on 1st January 2020](#)'.
- **UK P&I Club** - has issued an alert entitled '[California Marine Invasive Species Program for Ballast Water Management](#)'.

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### Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **USCG** - has, in partnership with the American Waterways Operators, released the National Quality Steering Committee's [annual safety report](#).
- **OCIMF** - has published the August 2018 edition of their [newsletter](#).
- **ICS** - has released an article entitled '[Start of Major UN Negotiation on Future Ocean Governance](#)'.
- **ITOPF** - has published their [Annual Review 2018](#).

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### Recent Accident Reports

- **Bahamas** - has published a [report](#) on the investigation into the fire in the galley of the general cargo vessel '*Sherice M*' while berthed in Bimini Government dock. It was concluded that the most probable cause of the fire was that the stove had been left on, and over time the wooden cabinets in the immediate vicinity had ignited due to heat conduction.
- **Sweden** - has published a [report](#) on the investigation into the grounding of the general cargo vessel '*Atlantic*' just south of Oskarshamn. The grounding was found to have occurred because the Master, who was alone on the bridge during his watch, had turned off the BNWAS and then fallen asleep.
- **Japan** - has published a [report](#) on the investigation into the collision of cargo vessel '*Asian Beauty*' and liquefied gas bulk carrier '*Zeus*' outside of Takuma Port, Mitoyo City. It was found that adverse weather due to an incoming typhoon resulted in '*Asian Beauty*' dragging anchor and subsequently drifting into '*Zeus*'.

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### Recent IMO Circulars

- **MSC-MEPC.1/CIRC.5/Rev.1/Corr.1 - 03/09/18** - ORGANIZATION AND METHOD OF WORK OF THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE AND THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE AND THEIR SUBSIDIARY BODIES [View Circular](#).
- **MSC.4/Circ.230 - 22/08/18** - REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS [View Circular](#).
- **BWM.1/Circ.57 - 22/08/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004 [View Circular](#).
- **BWM.1/CIRC.56 - 22/08/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004 [View Circular](#).

- **AFS.1/CIRC.72 - 22/08/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF HARMFUL ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS ON SHIPS, 2001 [View Circular](#).
- **PMP.1/CIRC.217 - 22/08/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO [View Circular](#).
- **BUNKERS.1/Circ.81 - 22/08/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR BUNKER OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 2001 [View Circular](#).
- **GMDSS.1/CIRC.22 - 15/08/18** - MASTER PLAN OF SHORE-BASED FACILITIES FOR THE GLOBAL MARITIME DISTRESS AND SAFETY SYSTEM (GMDSS MASTER PLAN) [View Circular](#).
- **MSC.1/CIRC.1592 - 03/08/18** - GUIDELINES FOR WING-IN-GROUND CRAFT [View Circular](#).
- **LEG.1/Circ.9 - 02/08/18** - ORGANIZATION AND METHOD OF WORK OF THE LEGAL COMMITTEE [View Circular](#).
- **MSC.1/Circ.1593 - 27/07/18** - INTERIM GUIDELINES FOR THE HARMONIZED DISPLAY OF NAVIGATION INFORMATION RECEIVED VIA COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT [View Circular](#).
- **MSC.1/Circ.1595 - 27/07/18** - E-NAVIGATION STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – UPDATE 1 [View Circular](#).
- **MSC.1/CIRC.1376/Rev.3 - 27/07/18** - CONTINUITY OF SERVICE PLAN FOR THE LRIT SYSTEM [View Circular](#).
- **MSC.1/Circ.1588 - 25/07/18** - CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS [View Circular](#).
- **MSC.1/CIRC.1065/Rev.1 - 23/07/18** - IALA STANDARDS FOR TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE (VTS) PERSONNEL [View Circular](#).
- **SUA.3/Circ.43 - 23/07/18** - 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 the 'International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers' (STCW) and STCW Code (MSC.416(97) and MSC.417(97)) – effective 01/07/18
- SOLAS CH V, Reg 19, para 2.10 – ECDIS – effective 01/07/18
- Amendments to the ESP Code on minimum thickness (MSC.412(97)) – effective 01/07/18
- 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

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- Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC) 10-14 September – 5th session
- Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III) 24-28 September – 5th session
- Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) 22-26 October – 73rd session
- 40th Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties (London Convention 1972) and 13th Meeting of Contracting Parties (London Protocol 1996) 5-9 November
- IMO Council 19-23 November – 121st session
- Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) 3-7 December – 100th session

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