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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **UK MCA - MGN 417 - Companies offering shore-based maintenance of radio equipment**

The UK MCA has issued a revised MGN on radio equipment. This details the 'Self certification process', which operates for the approval of Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) shore-based maintenance providers. [Read more.](#)

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- **UK MCA - MGN 543 - Safety of Navigation: Offshore Renewable Energy Installations (OREIs)**

The UK MCA has issued an MGN on OREIs. This highlights guidance on UK navigational practice, safety and emergency response with regards to OREIs. [Read more.](#)

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- **Australia - Marine Notice 2016/16 - New IMO-adopted Traffic Separation Schemes off the south-west coast of Australia**

The Australian government has issued a new marine notice. This informs mariners that the IMO has adopted two new Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS), off the south-west coast of Australia. These are off Cape Leeuwin and Chatham Island. The schemes come into effect on 1 December 2016. [Read more.](#)

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- **USA - Marine Safety Alert - Hazardous Munitions**

The USCG has issued a marine safety alert addressing the extreme hazards that exist from discarded munitions at sea. They pose a particular risk to dredging vessels and fishing vessels. [Read more.](#)

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- **Liberia - Marine Security Advisory - Gulf of Guinea**

The Liberian flag has issued a security advisory for vessels operating off the coasts of the Gulf of Guinea Region. This applies to coastal/territorial waters off the Ivory Coast, Togo, Benin, Nigeria, Cameroon, Gabon and south to Namibia. [Read more.](#)

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- **Marshall Islands - Marine Notice - Radio Stations**

The Marshall Islands flag has published a new marine notice that details a list of required documents for a ship's radio station, referring to SOLAS Chapter IV requirements. [Read more.](#)

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- **Marshall Islands - Marine Notice - Vessel Response Plans in the USA**

The Marshall Islands flag has published a new marine notice. It covers 'Vessel Response Plans and Salvage and Marine Firefighting Capability Requirements for Tank Vessels Operating in US Waters'. [Read more.](#)

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- **Panama - Merchant Marine Circular 258 - Approved Service Providers**

Panama has issued a marine circular detailing a revised list of approved service providers for lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear. [Read more.](#)

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- **Panama - Merchant Marine Circular 264 - MLC Complaints**

Panama has issued a marine circular revising the guidance for a ships 'On-Board Complaints Procedure', as per the requirements of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC). [Read more.](#)

Issued 24 August 2016.

- **Panama - Merchant Marine Circular 311 - Training Centers**

Panama has issued a marine circular setting out a new list of regulations for Maritime Training Centers. [Read more.](#)

Issued 19 August 2016.

- **Panama - Merchant Marine Notice - Concentrated Inspection Campaigns**

Panama has issued Marine Notice 10 of 2016. This concerns the Concentrated Inspection Campaigns (CIC) that are being carried out by the Paris MOU and Tokyo MOU in 2016. [Read more.](#)

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- **Bahamas - Bulletin 4 - Incident Reporting**

The Bahamas government has issued a revised bulletin on 'Incident Reporting Procedures'. It details the need for accurate and timely reporting of an incident. It sets out the initial and formal reporting procedures, as well as a list of the types of incidents that should be reported. [Read more.](#)

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- **Bahamas - Technical Alert No 16-37 - Concentrated Inspection Campaign**

The Bahamas government has issued a technical alert regarding the Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) by the Riyadh MoU in 2016. [Read](#)

[more.](#)

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- **Bahamas - Technical Alert No 16-38 - Lifeboat Systems**

The Bahamas government has issued a technical alert, regarding the 'TALON II Lifeboat On Load Release Systems'. It highlights a manufacturing defect found during a PSC inspection on a Hyundai lifeboat "TALON II 4.0" on load release hook that resulted in the detention of the ship. [Read more.](#)

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **IACS - Recommendation - Risk Assessment**

The International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) has published a new recommendation, number 146. This sets out the requirements of a risk assessment, as required by the IGF Code with regard to low flash-point fuels. [Read more.](#)

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- **ABS - Rules and Guides - Gangway Certification**

ABS has published a new guide for the certification of 'Offshore Access Gangways'. [Read more.](#)

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- **ABS - Rules and Guides - Ice and Azimuth Units**

ABS has issued guidance notes on ice loads with regards to 'Azimuth Propulsion Units'. [Read more.](#)

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- **ABS - Recent Regulatory News - Caribbean MOU**

ABS has issued an update regarding the Caribbean MOU Concentrated Inspection Campaign on 'Crew Familiarization for Enclosed Space Entry'. [Read more.](#)

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- **China Classification Society - Rules - Gas Carriers**

CCS has issued new rules for the construction and equipment of ships carrying 'Liquefied Gases in Bulk'. [Read more.](#)

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- **DNV GL - Technical and Regulatory News - Blackouts**

DNV GL has released guidance following a casualty incident on a number of rigs. This concerns the unintended activation of a safety system, which led to a blackout on multiple mobile offshore units. [Read more.](#)

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- **Indian Register of Shipping - Technical Circular - MARPOL**

IRS advises of the implementation of amendments to Regulation 12 of MARPOL Annex 1 (Resolution MEPC.266(68)). [Read more.](#)

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- **Lloyd's Register - Statutory Alert - Amendments to MLC**

LR has issued a new alert advising on the amendments to MLC, 2006, with regards financial security, entering into force. [Read more.](#)

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- **Class NK - Recent Technical News - Pilot Transfer Arrangements**

Class NK issues TEC-1082, concerning the Concentrated Inspection Campaign on 'Pilot Transfer Arrangements', by Riyadh MoU. [Read more.](#)

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- **Russian Maritime Register of Shipping - Rules - Survey Ships**

The Russian Register has released new 2016 rules for the 'Classification of Survey Ships in Service'. [Read more.](#)

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **GARD - Alert - Port State Inspections**

GARD has issued a revised alert, with a current update on the Concentrated Inspection Campaigns in 2016. They advise that these will focus on compliance with the Maritime Labour Convention, the ship's Cargo Securing Manual, procedures and arrangements for entry into enclosed spaces and pilot transfers. [Read more.](#)

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- **SKULD - Circular - General Average**

SKULD has issued a circular on the subject of the 'General Average: York Antwerp Rules (YAR) 2016', which have been adopted by the Comité Maritime International (CMI). [Read more.](#)

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- **Britannia - News - Ukraine Warning**

Britannia P&I has issued a warning for vessels operating in Ukraine. It concerns vigilance against the operation of fraudulent ecological inspections. [Read more.](#)

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- **Britannia - News - Zika Virus Fumigation**

Britannia P&I has issued a warning for vessels operating in the People's Republic of China. It concerns the requirements for fumigation for the Zika Virus. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Japan P&I Association - Containers in Spain**

Japan P&I have issued a report regarding container cargoes in Spain. It is with regards to the implementation of container 'Gross Mass Verification' requirements. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Standard Club - News and Circulars - China ECA**

The Standard Club has released an update on follow-up developments, with regards Emission Control Area (ECA) implementation, at the port of Shenzhen, within the Pearl River Delta. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Swedish Club - Alerts & Circulars - Aden**

The Swedish Club has issued an alert regarding claims at the Port of Aden, in

Yemen. They advise that the "Yemen shipping industry is faced with difficult times, due to conflicts, an unstable situation, an absence of a stable judiciary system and financial constraints". [Read more.](#)

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- **UK P & I - News - Best Practice: Bull Dog Grips**

UK P&I has released a best practice document on the application of bulldog grips. Risk assessors from the Club have found several vessels with clips incorrectly fitted. They highlight that bulldog clips are not to be used on lifeboat falls and safety gear. Furthermore, they advise that the predominant factor associated with failed cargo lashings is the incorrect application of bulldog grips. [Read more.](#)

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- **UK P & I - News - USCG AMS Program**

UK P&I has released a notification that the USCG has issued an update on its Alternate Management Systems (AMS) program. [Read more.](#)

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IMO Regulations Recently Entered into Force

- **SOLAS Chapter V, Regulation 19 - In Force 01/07/16**

Cargo ships, other than tankers, of 50,000 gross tonnage and upwards constructed before 1 July 2013, not later than the first survey on or after 1st July 2016 must be fitted with an ECDIS if engaged in international voyages. [Read more.](#)

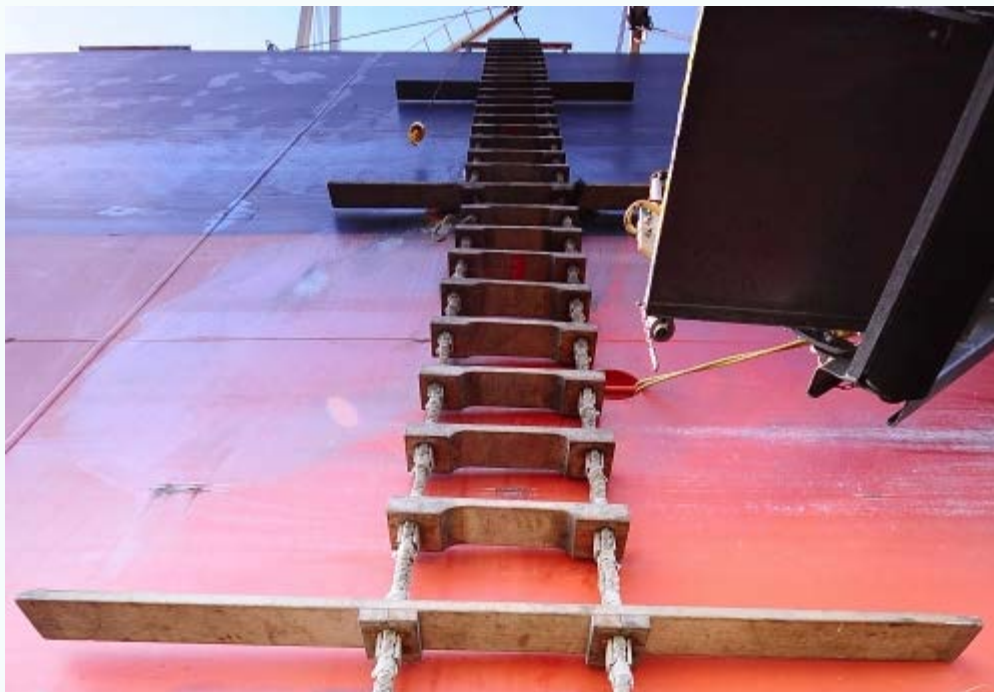
- **SOLAS Chapter VI & Regulation XI-1/9 - In Force 01/01/17**

Updated cargo information requirements (regarding mandatory verification of the gross mass) for cargo carried in containers (Chapter VI, regulation 2); addition of new regulation 7 to Chapter XI-1 – Atmosphere testing instrument for enclosed spaces; updated details of life-saving appliances in Records of Equipment for Cargo Ship Safety Forms C and E (appendix). [Read more.](#)

- **ESP Code Amendments - In Force 01/01/17**

The 2011 ESP Code on the enhanced programme of inspections during surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, is amended with the addition of sections related to rescue and emergency response equipment; addition of paragraphs relating to the Ship Construction File (SCF); updated requirements for cargo tank testing. [Read more](#).

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **UK MCA - Guidance on approved services**

The MCA has issued a new guidance document, setting out a revised list of approved service stations for liferafts, boats and lifejackets. [Read more](#).

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- **UK MCA - Draft MGN 554: Marine Equipment**

The MCA has published a Draft MGN 554 for Consultation. It is on the 'Marine Equipment Directive - UK Applicant Notified Bodies'. The consultation is open until 9 September 2016. [Read more](#).

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- **UK Government - Register for Marine Noise**

The UK government has created a Marine Noise Registry. This has been introduced by Defra and JNCC to collect and display data on noisy activities in the marine area. [Read more.](#)

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- **Nautical Institute - MARS Report 44/16 - Pilot Ladders**

The Nautical Institute has published a MARS report entitled 'Pilot ladder magnets dangerously adrift'. It advises that officers should closely supervise the rigging of pilot ladders, in accordance with SOLAS requirements. Ladders should be rigged with a high attention to detail, and furthermore, that any safety incidents should be reported through the company's individual ISM procedure. [Read more.](#)

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- **US Government - El Faro Investigation**

The US government's National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has convened a voyage data recorder (VDR) group to assess the information recorded on the recovered El Faro's bridge VDR. The El Faro sank in 2015 during Hurricane Joaquin. [Read more.](#)

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- **US Government - 2015 Safety Digest Published**

The NTSB has released its annual 'Safer Seas Digest'. It contains an overview of important lessons learned from marine accident investigations. [Read more.](#)

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- **IMarEST - European Union MRV Consultation**

The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology, has advised that the EU has published a series of draft legislative acts in relation to Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV). The delegated acts are open for feedback. [Read more.](#)

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- **OCIMF - Information Paper - Dynamic Positioning**

The Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF) has published an information paper entitled 'Dynamic Positioning Assurance Framework: Risk-based Guidance'. [Read more.](#)

IMO Recent Circulars

- **LC-LP.1/Circ.77 - 25/08/16**

CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972, AND ITS 1996 PROTOCOL. [View Circular.](#)

- **LEG.1/Circ.8 - 11/08/16**

ORGANIZATION AND METHOD OF WORK OF THE LEGAL COMMITTEE. [View Circular.](#)

- **IMSO.7/Circ.13 - 11/08/16**

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED ON 2 OCTOBER 2008 TO THE CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL MOBILE SATELLITE ORGANIZATION. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.5/Circ.13/Rev.3 - 10/08/16**

RESOLUTION A.950(23) – MARITIME ASSISTANCE SERVICES (MAS). [View Circular.](#)

- **GMDSS.1/Circ.19 - 08/08/16**

MASTER PLAN OF SHORE-BASED FACILITIES FOR THE GLOBAL MARITIME DISTRESS AND SAFETY SYSTEM (GMDSS MASTER PLAN). [View Circular.](#)

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Recent Accident Reports

(note: no new significant reports released in week 34.)

- **United Kingdom - MAIB Current Investigations Updated**

The list of marine accidents and incidents under investigation by MAIB, with the name of vessel, date, description and status of investigation, has been updated. [Read more.](#)

Updated 16/08/2016.

- **United Kingdom - MAIB Safety Bulletin 2**

Vessel: *Lydia* - Warning issued about the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning on boats after 2 deaths on the Norfolk Broads. [Read more.](#)

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- **USA - NTSB Marine Accident Report 1609**

The NTSB published the report on the 'Collision between US Coast Guard Cutter Key Largo and Fishing Vessel Sea Shepherd', which led to the subsequent sinking of the Sea Shepherd. [Read more.](#)

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- **Norway - AIBN Marine Accident Report 10/16**

The report into the capsizing of *Viking 7*, LG8351, which occurred north west of Mehamn on 6 July 2014 has been published. [Read more.](#)

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- **Malta - MSIU Report 16/2016**

The report on the engine room fire that occurred on the bulk carrier *Maribella* has been published. [Read more.](#)

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A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- Sub-committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC) - 5th to 9th Sept - 3rd session
- Contracting Parties (London Convention 1972) (LC) - 19th to 23rd Sept - 38th meeting
- Contracting Parties (London Protocol 1996 (LP) - 19th to 23rd Sept - 11th meeting

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