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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **United Kingdom - Marine Guidance Note - Lifeboats**

The UK MCA has issued MGN 560 (M) on 'Lifeboats, Rescue Boats, Launching Appliances, Winches and On-load Release Gear - Operational and Test Procedures'. [Read more.](#)

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- **United Kingdom - Marine Guidance Note - MLC Corrigendum**

The UK MCA has issued MGN 472 (M); a corrigendum on a previous MGN on the 'Maritime Labour Convention, 2006: Guidance on the procedure for applying for a Substantial Equivalence'. [Read more.](#)

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- **United Kingdom - Marine Guidance Note - Life-Saving Appliances**

The UK MCA has issued MGN 553 (M+F) on 'Inflatable Non-SOLAS Liferrafts, Lifejackets, Marine Evacuation Systems, Danbuoys and Lifebuoys'. [Read more.](#)

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- **United States - Safety Alert - Towing**

The USCG has issued a marine safety alert on towing called 'Don't lose your tow in heavy weather - Plan ahead to ensure a safe endeavor!' [Read more.](#)

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- **Liberia - Marine Operation Note - Manila Amendments**

Liberia has issued a new marine operations note on the Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention and Code. [Read more.](#)

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- **Panama - Marine Circular 191 - Applications**

Panama has issued a revised marine circular containing procedures for their on-line application system, which contains electronic application forms for certification requests. [Read more.](#)

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- **Bahamas - Technical Alert No - Safety Flash and Alerts**

The Bahamas has issued two technical alerts this week. The first advises of the Marine Safety Forum Alerts 16/20 (broken strop) and 16/21 (anchor handling operations). [Read more](#). The second advises of the latest IMCA Safety Flash for 2016. [Read more](#).

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- **Denmark - Order - Seafarers Belongings**

The Danish Maritime Authority has issued an order amending the order on compensation for seafarers for loss of belongings lost in connection with a ship's loss or its foundering. [Read more](#).

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Guidance Article for Subscribers

Lifeboat Release & Retrieval Systems (LRRS)

The Witherby Publishing Group has produced a [guidance article](#) for subscribers to Shipping Regulations and Guidance. It includes a detailed summary of the regulations and guidance on LRRS including on-load release mechanisms. Marine accidents involving lifeboats from the past 20 years are examined. Guidance is given on how lifeboat operations can be carried out safely. An extract is given below.

"Accidents involving survival and rescue craft are a continuing source of concern within the maritime industry. Various regulatory amendments have been made in recent years, many of which have addressed on-load release mechanisms in an attempt to prevent further occurrences. However, recent lifeboat accidents on board the '*Harmony of the Seas*' in September 2016 (one dead, four injured) and on board the '*Norwegian Breakaway*' in July 2016 (one dead, three injured) show that fatal accidents are continuing to occur, commonly during training and drills. Accidents have involved not just

the hooks themselves, but also the entire lifeboat release and retrieval system (LRRS), including the wires, as well as unsound procedures followed by those involved."

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- IACS - Procedures - Asbestos
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The International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) has published new procedures for verifying that materials are asbestos free. [Read more.](#)

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- **ABS - Guide - Marine Management Systems**

ABS has produced a revised guide for Marine Management Systems (MMS). This covers marine health, safety, quality, environmental and energy management. [Read more.](#)

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- **BV - Rules - EU RO Recognition**

Bureau Veritas has issued technical requirements, terms and conditions and the procedure for type approval in regards to 'EU RO (Recognised Organisations) Mutual Recognition'. [Read more.](#)

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- **China - Guidelines - Exhaust Gas**

The China Classification Society (CCS) has issued new 2016 guidelines for exhaust gas cleaning systems. [Read more.](#)

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- **Indian Register of Shipping - Technical Circular - CC3**

The Indian Register of Shipping has issued a technical circular with a summary of the 3rd session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC). [Read more.](#)

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **Britannia - Regulations - Canada**

Britannia P&I has advised that Canada has begun on board testing of ships fuel for 0.1% sulphur content. The inspectors will use portable fuel analysers to measure the sulphur content of the fuel and to make sure that it complies with the North American Emission Control Area (NA-ECA) standards. [Read more.](#)

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- **Japan P&I - Advisory - Ukraine**

Japan P&I has released a new advisory warning of ecological inspections for ballast water on ships in Ukrainian ports. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Standard - Alert - Philippines**

The Standard Club has issued an alert in regards to concerns for the safety of Nickel ore loading operations in the Philippines. This is due to heavy rainfall resulting in high moisture content, with implications for ship stability. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Swedish Club - Safety Alert - Grounding**

The Swedish Club has issued an alert for its monthly safety scenario. It focuses on the occurrence of a black-out which led to a subsequent grounding of a vessel. [Read more.](#)

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- **West of England - Notice - Argentina**

The West of England P&I Club has advised that new underwater clearance (UKC) requirements exist in Argentina. The rules apply to the Paraná River and the Río de la Plata. [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 1st 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 01/01/16**

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 01/01/16**

The 2011 ESP Code on the enhanced programme of inspections during surveys of bulk carriers and oil tankers is amended by the addition of sections related to rescue and emergency response equipment, the addition of sections relating to the Ship Construction File (SCF) and updated requirements for cargo tank testing. [Read more.](#)

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the news

- **USCG Blog - Cyber risk management**

The USCG has published an article on cyber risk management in the marine transportation system as part of

their [cyber security awareness month](#). It aims to promote awareness and information sharing of cyber vulnerabilities and risks. [Read more.](#)

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- **Norway - Autonomous ships**

The Norwegian Maritime Authority has issued a news statement advising that the world's first test area for autonomous ships has opened in the Trondheim fjord. [Read more.](#)

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- **UK - Oil Spill Contingency Planning**

The UK MCA has issued new guidance on contingency planning for marine pollution preparedness and response. The guidelines apply to ports to ensure that a co-ordinated local and national response will occur in response to an oil spill. [Read more.](#)

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- **Singapore MPA - LNG Bunkering Standards**

The Maritime Port Authority of Singapore has advised of the creation of a network of ports and maritime administrations formed to develop the first global harmonised LNG bunkering standards. [Read more.](#)

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- **IMO News - Counter Piracy**

The IMO has advised of the continued need to take anti-piracy measures at sea, by following IMO guidance and Best Management Practices (BMPs) to prevent successful piracy attacks in the Gulf of Aden and the western Indian Ocean. [Read more.](#)

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **NWRC.1/Circ.27 - 28/09/16**

NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE REMOVAL OF WRECKS, 2007. [View Circular.](#)

- **LLMC.2/Circ.15 - 28/09/16**

CONVENTION ON LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR MARITIME CLAIMS, 1976. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.1503/Corr.1 - 28/09/16**

ECDIS – GUIDANCE FOR GOOD PRACTICE- Corrigendum. [View Circular.](#)

- **LC 38/J/8 - 22/09/16**

DRAFT TEXT PROVIDED BY GERMANY. [View Circular.](#)

- **LC 38/J/6 - 21/09/16**

PRELIMINARY MEETING OF WORK GROUP ON STATEMENT TO COMBAT MARINE LITTER. [View Circular.](#)

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Recent Accident Reports

- **UK - Safety Digest 2/2016**

The UK MAIB has published Safety Digest number 2 for 2016 which contains analyses of accidents involving vessels from the merchant, fishing and recreational shipping sectors. Safety lessons learned are summarised. [Read more.](#)

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- **UK - Accident Report - 'Aquarius'**

The UK MAIB has published an accident report into the fatal man overboard incident that occurred on the twin rig trawler 'Aquarius'. [Read more.](#)

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- **UK - Accident Report - 'CV21'**

The UK MAIB has published an accident report into the fatal sailing accident that took place on the Clipper yacht 'CV21'. [Read more.](#)

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- **Germany - Interim Investigation Report - 'Desdemona'**

The German Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) has issued an interim investigation report for a fatal accident which occurred on a chartered yacht in 2015. [Read more.](#)

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- **Malta - Safety Investigation Report - 'Sovereign'**

The Maltese Safety Investigation Unit (MSIU) has published an accident report on a serious injury to a crew member that occurred during mooring operation on the passenger ship 'Sovereign'. [Read more.](#)

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A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- Technical Cooperation Committee - 10th to 12th Oct - 66th meeting
- IOPC Funds - 17th to 21st Oct
- Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) - 24th to 28th Oct - 70th session
- Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) - 21st to 25th Nov - 97th session
- Council - 5th to 9th Dec - 117th session

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