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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Bahamas - Technical Alert - Safety Flash and Alerts**

The Bahamas has issued two technical alerts this week. The first highlights Marine Safety Forum Alert 22/16. [Read more](#). The second advises the latest IMCA Safety Flash. [Read more](#).

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- **Marshall Islands - Marine Notice - LRIT**

The Marshall Islands has published a new marine notice on long-range identification and tracking (LRIT) of ships. [Read more.](#)

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- **Panama - Marine Circular 336 - MLC**

Panama has issued a revised marine circular on the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 with regards to amendments of the regulations for repatriation (2.5) and Shipowner's liability (4.2). [Read more.](#)

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- **Panama - Marine Circular 338 - Private Security**

Panama has issued a new marine circular on multiple accreditation for private security companies. [Read more.](#)

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- **Panama - Marine Circular 339 - Medical**

Panama has issued a new marine circular on ships' medicine chests and on board medical equipment. [Read more.](#)

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- **United Kingdom - MGN 434 - VTS**

The UK MCA has issued MGN 434 on amendment 1 of the Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) with regards to training and certification of VTS personnel. [Read more.](#)

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **IACS - Procedures - ISM and Thickness Measurement**

The International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) has published two new procedures. The first is on guidance for IACS auditors to the ISM Code [[Read more](#)] and the second is guidelines for the surveyor on how to control the thickness measurement process [[Read more](#)].

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- **China - Rules - Cruise Ships**

The China Classification Society (CCS) has issued new 2016 rules for cruise ships. [Read more.](#)

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

The Indian Register of Shipping has issued a technical circular with regards to the 2014 amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006. [Read more.](#)

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- **Registro Italiano Navale - MIN - GMDSS**

The Registro Italiano Navale has issued a new marine information notice regarding GMDSS channeling arrangements for high frequency narrow-band direct printing equipment. [Read more.](#)

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **International Group of P&I Clubs - MLC**

The International Group of P&I Clubs has released a new circular on the financial security requirements of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006. It includes a list of frequently asked questions. [Read more.](#)

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- **GARD - Alert - Red Sea**

GARD has issued an updated security warning for the Red Sea area. This is due to the conflict in Yemen and the escalating situation in the Gulf of Aden. [Read more.](#)

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- **Ship Owners' Club - Crew Health**

The Ship Owners' Club has published a new advisory on seafarers protecting their skin whilst on board. A group of informative posters are available to assist the mariner. [Read more.](#)

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- **Ship Owners' Club - MLC**

The Ship Owners' Club has published a series of guidance and information annexes on the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Standard Club - Bulletin - Asia**

The Standard Club has issued a review of some of the region's current shipping issues and challenges. [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

- **Intermanager - Ships' Masters**

Intermanager has published an information article on the 21st century role of the ship's Master. They highlight the problems associated with the increasing responsibilities of the ship's Master, coinciding with the Master's diminishing authority on board. [Read more.](#)

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- **USCG - Cyber Security**

The USCG has published an updated online article with regards to cyber security. It includes a conceptual framework, with a practical methodology, which an organization can use to define and implement its cyber security strategy. [Read more.](#)

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- **USCG - ITU Changes**

The USCG Navigation Center has advised that the International Telecommunications Union has amended the VHF maritime radio channel numbering scheme which will affect 18 channels used in the US. New VHF radios will eventually begin using this scheme. [Read more.](#)

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- **ReCAAP ISC**

The Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) has published a new two page information document on the statistics for piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia from January to September 2016. [Read more.](#)

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **MSC/Circ.834 - 13/10/16**

GUIDELINES FOR ENGINE-ROOM LAYOUT, DESIGN AND ARRANGEMENT. [View Circular.](#)

- **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.](#)

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Recent Accident Reports

- **UK - Accident Investigation Report - 'Karen'**

The UK MAIB has published an accident investigation report on the collision between the stern trawler 'Karen' and a dived Royal Navy submarine that occurred in April 2015. The safety recommendations of the report highlighted the need for the Royal Navy to review the procedures and training for the safe conduct of submarine operations in the vicinity of fishing vessels. [Read more.](#)

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- **Germany - Interim Investigation Report - 'FRISIA V'**

The German Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) has issued an interim investigation report on the collision of the ferry 'FRISIA V' with the quay in Norddeich on 16 June 2015. [Read more.](#)

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- **New Zealand - 'Madinah'**

The New Zealand Transport Accident Investigation Commission has published a new report on the containership 'Madinah' with regards to the loss of a person overboard in Lyttelton Harbour entrance. [Read more.](#)

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- **US - Marine Accident Brief - 'Gayle Force'**

The US National Transportation Safety Board has published a new accident brief on an allision of the barge 'Gayle Force', that was under tow by the tugboat 'Simone', with the Norfolk Southern Bridge number 7 [Read more.](#)

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A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- 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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