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IMO MSC 97 - November 2016

The IMO's Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) is in its 97th session this week at the IMO Headquarters in London. Some of the topics for discussion include:

- The need for regulations governing the carriage of more than 12 industrial personnel at sea
- goal based standards (GBS) for ship construction

- amendments to SOLAS on several areas including construction, damage stability and LSA
- amendments to the ESP Code, the IS Code and STCW
- guidelines for Port State Control officers on the ISM Code
- the need to enhance maritime security
- draft Polar Code amendments and also the need to expand regulations as they relate to equipment, design and training in the Polar regions.

Witberby Publishing Group is in attendance at MSC 97 this week and will release a summary report for subscribers in next week's emailer.

Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Bahamas - IMCA Safety Flash**

The Bahamas Maritime Authority has issued a technical alert summarising a recent Safety Flash from the International Maritime Contractors Association (IMCA) which covers potential dangers during diving operations. [Read more.](#)

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- **Denmark - Orders - Seafarers**

The Danish Maritime Authority has published two orders this week relating to the rights of seafarers. The first ([Order 1339](#)) advises on the posting of a declaration on the protection of seafarers and the Master under the Act on industrial injury insurance. The second ([Order 1344](#)) updates the 2013 order on exemptions from the Act on seafarers' conditions of employment.

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- **Marshall Islands - Marine Safety Advisory - Chemical Tankers**

The Republic of the Marshall Islands Maritime Administrator has released a Marine Safety Advisory (MSA 38-16) on chemical tanker safety. The notice is in response to the findings of a recent marine safety investigation of a fire and explosion on board an RMI registered chemical tanker. [Read more.](#)

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- **Marshall Islands - Marine Notice - Fees and Charges**

The Republic of the Marshall Islands Maritime Administrator has released an update to their Consolidated List of Fees and Charges for Official Documents and Services. [Read more.](#)

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- **Marshall Islands - Marine Notice - Radio Messages**

The Republic of the Marshall Islands Maritime Administrator has released an update to Marine Notice MN-4-033-4 which advises on radio message accounting procedures and accounting authorities. This notice supersedes Rev. Apr/2016 and reflects the addition of US11 to the list of accounting authorities in Annex 1. [Read more.](#)

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- **Panama - Marine Circular - CSS Code**

The Maritime Authority of Panama has released Marine Circular 340 to offer guidance on the practical application of Annex 14 of the CSS Code for new and existing ships designed and fitted for the carriage of containers on deck. [Read more.](#)

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- **United Kingdom - Marine Notice - Life-Saving Appliances**

The UK MCA has issued an update to Marine Guidance Notice (MGN) 558 on the servicing and deployment of Marine Evacuation Systems (MES). This notice replaces MGN 463. [Read more.](#)

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Bureau Veritas - Guidance Note - Bulk Cargo Liquefaction**

Bureau Veritas has released guidelines for the design of ships subject to bulk cargo liquefaction, as well as general guidance on cargo moisture testing based on the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code). [Read more.](#)

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- **Bureau Veritas - Guidance Note - Marine Renewable Energy Technologies**

Bureau Veritas has issued a guidance note providing an overview of the certification scheme applicable to Marine Renewable Energy (MRE) technologies. This note covers different types of technology for energy conversion from wind, wave, tidal or temperature gradients at sea. [Read more.](#)

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- **DNV GL - Statutory News - BWM Convention**

The ratification of the International Ballast Water Convention means that mobile offshore units must carry an International Ballast Water Management Certificate by 8th September 2017. DNV GL has released this

document to provide clarification of the Convention's implications for these offshore units. [Read more.](#)

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- **IRClass - Technical Circular - Electronic Oil Record Book**

The Indian Register has released a technical circular which covers the recent amendments to the Liberian Maritime Authority's updated policy on electronic oil record books on board ships. [Read more.](#)

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- **IRClass - Technical Circular - Maritime Labour Convention, 2006**

The Indian Register has released three technical circulars this week relating to the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), 2006. The [first](#) covers the Indian Government's recent enforcement of the MLC, which it ratified in 2015. The [second](#) details the procedures released by the International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize for verification of compliance with the 2014 amendments to the MLC. The [third](#) covers the Bahamas Maritime Authority's recent revised guidelines on the implementation of the MLC.

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- **Korean Register of Shipping - Technical Information - Fuel Oil Consumption DCS**

The Korean Register of Shipping has released a technical information document relating to the IMO's recent adoption at MEPC 70 of a mandatory fuel consumption data collection system for international shipping. [Read more.](#)

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- **Korean Register of Shipping - Technical Information - IMO FAQs**

The Korean Register of Shipping has released a list of frequently asked questions from their members about IMO conventions. [Read more.](#)

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- **Lloyd's Register - Statutory Alert - Chemical Tankers**

Lloyd's Register has released a statutory alert highlighting a new example Certificate of Protection recently approved by the IMO for use on board chemical tankers that carry products requiring oxygen-dependent inhibitors. [Read more.](#)

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The Shipowner's Club - News - EU Sanctions**

The Shipowner's Club has issued two documents this week reminding members of the current EU position with regards to country-specific sanctions. The [first](#) outlines the sanctions imposed upon Russia, in response to their failure to comply with EU demands regarding the annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol (in place since 2014). The [second](#) summarises sanctions against Libya following the outbreak of civil war in 2011 and subsequent human rights violations.

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- **The Shipowner's Club - News - Crew Health**

The Shipowner's Club has issued a document advising seafarers on how best to maintain dental hygiene while at sea. The topics covered include a summary of the most frequent dental problems at sea as well as guidelines for dental care on board merchant ships. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Standard Club - Circular - MLC Certificates**

The Standard Club has released a circular to its members advising on the application process for obtaining MLC certificates to comply with the second stage of MLC which comes into effect on 18th January 2017. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Swedish Club - Member Alert - Yemen**

The Swedish Club has released a member alert outlining the current status of Yemeni ports and warning of an increase in congestion and ship arrest. [Read more.](#)

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- **The UK P&I Club - News - MLC**

The UK P&I Club has released an outline of China's recent enforcement of the Maritime Labour Convention, a year after its ratification of the Convention on 12th November 2016. This notice also reminds members of the January 2017 entry into force date of the amended MLC financial security arrangements for all MLC State parties. [Read more.](#)

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IMO - MSC 97**

The IMO has released a document outlining the projected adoption of amendments at this week's 97th session of the Maritime Safety Committee. The bulletin also covers the main topics to be discussed (including the carriage of industrial personnel and interim recommendations for the carriage of liquefied hydrogen in bulk) and general information about the week's events. [Read more.](#)

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- **BBC News - 'Saga Sky' Collision**

Eleven crew members of the cargo ship 'Saga Sky' were evacuated after the vessel collided with a barge of rocks in the English Channel during storm conditions. The UK MCA described the event as a "major incident". [Read more.](#)

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- **Drewry - VLGC Oversupply**

This article outlines the findings of the latest edition of Drewry's *LPG Forecaster*. High scheduled deliveries and low demolition prospects will drive unwanted fleet growth of very large gas carriers (VLGC) in 2017, placing additional pressure on freight rates. [Read more.](#)

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- **Maritime Herald - Piracy in the Gulf of Guinea**

The Maritime Herald has published two reports this week of pirate attacks in the Gulf of Guinea. The [first](#) details the attack on the container ship Maersk 'Cotonou' 25 nautical miles south of Bonny, Nigeria. The [second](#) describes the raid on the product tanker 'Eliana' 60 nautical miles west of Brass, Nigeria.

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Recent Accident Reports

- **Australia - Transport Safety Bureau - Marine Safety Investigations and Reports**

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau has published an accident report on the fatality on board the offshore support vessel (OSV) 'Skandi Pacific'. The vessel was loading cargo containers from an oil rig off the Pilbara Coast, Western Australia, when a crew member became trapped between the moving containers and suffered fatal crush injuries. The report highlights the risks associated with the use of vessels with open sterns. [Read more.](#)

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- **Germany - Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation - Interim Investigation Report**

The German Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation has recently published an interim investigation report on the collision on the Lower Elbe between the general cargo vessels MV 'Eendracht' and MV 'Transcapricorn'. The incident resulted in a serious marine casualty. [Read more.](#)

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- **UK - Accident Investigation Reports**

The UK MAIB recently published accident reports on two separate incidents of capsizes: the berthed scallop dredger '[Fredwood](#)' and the berthed trawler '[Saint Christophe](#)'. Both incidents resulted in the loss of the vessel. The reports highlight the importance of maintaining good communication between Port Authorities and the ship's crew.

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- **UK - Accident Investigation Reports**

The UK MAIB recently published three accident investigation reports on separate incidents on board the fishing ships '[Apollo](#)', '[Harvester](#)' and '[Annie T](#)'. Each accident entailed loss of life. The reports highlight the paramount importance of wearing lifejackets while working on the decks of small ships.

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **SN.1/Circ.244/Rev.1 - 15/11/16**

GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF THE UN/LOCODE IN THE DESTINATION FIELD IN AIS MESSAGES. [View Circular.](#)

- **PMP.1/Circ.212 - 09/11/16**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO. [View Circular.](#)

- **HKSRC.1/Circ.6 - 09/11/16**

HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND RECYCLING OF SHIPS, 2009. [View Circular.](#)

- **SAR.1/Circ.96 - 03/11/16**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE, 1979. [View Circular.](#)

- **SLS.12/Circ.150 - 03/11/16**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974. [View Circular.](#)

- **NWRC.1/Circ.28 - 03/11/16**

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

- **STCW.1/Circ.151 - 03/11/16**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS, 1978. [View Circular.](#)

- **PMP.1/Circ.211 - 03/11/16**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO. [View Circular.](#)

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A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) - 21st to 25th November 2016 - 97th session
- Council - 5th to 9th December 2016 - 117th session
- Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR) - 16th to 20th January 2017
- Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW) - 30th January to 3rd February 2017
- Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC) - 13th to 17th February 2017
- Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation, Communication and SAR (NCSR) - 6th to 10th March 2017
- Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE) - 20th to 24th March 2017

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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 01/07/16**

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 01/07/16**

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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