

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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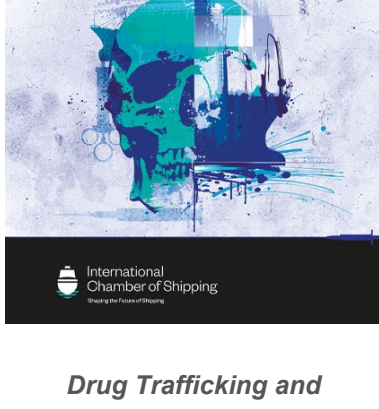
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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- Norway** – has issued a circular RSR 04-2025 – '[Adoption of Zero-Emission Requirements for Cruise Ships, Tourist Boats and Ferries in the World Heritage Fjords](#)'
- USA** – has published a safety alert 10-25 – '[Combustible Insulation Panels Discovered on Fiberglass Small Passenger Vessels](#)'
- Liberia** – has released four updates:
 - Marine Notice POL-016 '[Implementation, Survey and Certification Under the Hong Kong Convention and EU Ship Recycling Regulation \(EU SRR\)](#)'
 - Marine Operations Note 06/2025/Rev.1 '[International Certificate on IHM and EU Ship Recycling Regulations \(SRR\) Statement of Compliance on IHM - Date of Construction for New Ships](#)'
 - Marine Notice MLC-003 '[Terms and Conditions for Employment of Seafarers Under the Maritime Labour Convention \(MLC\), 2006](#)'
 - Marine Advisory 10/2025 '[Guidance on Recording "final total quantity retained" in the Ballast Water Record Book \(BWRB\)](#)'.

New from Witherbys

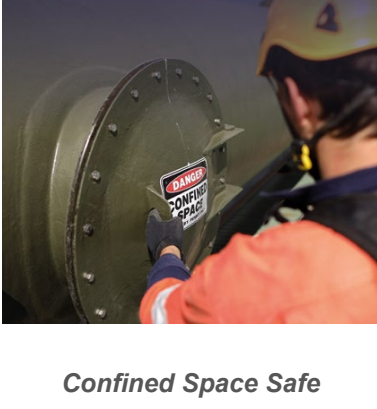
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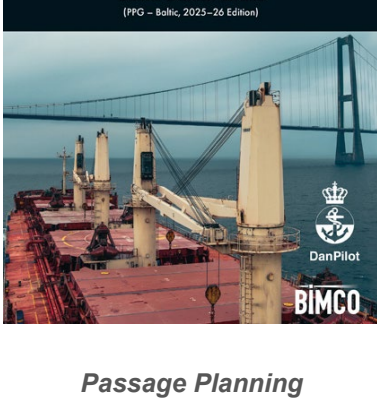
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Navigation and Security News

- '[JMIC Weekly Dashboard for the Middle East](#)' (*UKMTO*)
- '[Pirates Board Tanker and Steal Cash in First Nigerian Attack Since 2021](#)' (*TradeWinds*)
- '[US Navy Warship on First Deployment Makes Two Drug Busts in 72 Hours](#)' (*MilitaryTimes*)
- '[Wan Hai Hit By Cyberattack](#)' (*The Maritime Executive*).

Recent Class Society Guidance

- American Bureau of Shipping** – has issued one update – '[Advanced Safety Monitoring System from Hanwha Ocean Receives ABS SMART SHM Tier 3 Approval](#)'
- Bureau Veritas** – has issued a press release entitled – '[Bureau Veritas Strengthens Support for Wind Propulsion with Union Maritime's Methanol-Ready Tankers](#)'
- DNV** – has issued one update entitled – '[New ECAS for the Canadian Arctic, Norwegian Sea and North-East Atlantic Ocean](#)'
- Indian Register of Shipping** – has issued one circular – '[IMO Circular, MSC.1/Circ. 1460/ Rev.5 Reg. Guidance on the Validity of Radio Communication Equipment Installed and Used on Ships](#)'
- Class NK** – has issued one update entitled – '[Compliance with the Hong Kong Convention \(Ship Recycling Convention\) / Regulation \(EU\) No. 1257/2013 on Ship Recycling \(EU-SRR\) - for Liberian Flagged Vessels](#)'
- Lloyd's Register** – has issued two summary reports:
 - '[IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee \(MEPC 83\)](#)'
 - '[ILO's 5th Special Tripartite Committee of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006](#)'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- The American Club** – has released three updates:
 - '[Guidance on Fire Response for Vehicle Carriers](#)'
 - '[Circular No. 12/25 – Pre-Employment Medical Examination \(PEME\) Program: New Clinic in New Delhi, India](#)'
 - '[Circular No. 13/25 – New Club Publication – Transport Guidance for the Prevention of Shortages for Dry Bulk Cargoes](#)'.
- GARD** – has published an update entitled – '[What's in the Box? How Packaging Affects Carrier Liability](#)'
- Britannia** – has published an update entitled – '[Loss Prevention Guidance: Understanding Hull Fouling](#)'
- Japan P&I Club** – has published a report – '[IMB Piracy and Armed Robbery Report for January - March 2025](#)'
- London P&I Club** – has released a circular entitled – '[Circular 5/662: Direct Reduced Iron \(D\) – By-Product Fines With a Moisture Content of ≥2%](#)'
- UK P&I Club** – has released an update entitled – '[Consolidated Best Management Practices for Maritime Security \(BMP MS\) and Maritime Industry Security Threat Overview \(MISTO\)](#)'
- The Swedish Club** – has released two updates:
 - '[Essential Advice From the Swedish Club for Masters Handling Liquid Cargo](#)'
 - '[Update: U.S. Port Fees on Chinese-Built Vessels – Fee Structure and Implementation Timeline](#)'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- ReCAAP** – has issued its [weekly piracy report](#)
- Denmark** – has published a report entitled – '[Shipping Occurrences Report 19, July-December 2024](#)'.

Recent Accident Reports

- UK** – On 1st October 2022, during a race off the coast of Cowes, Isle of Wight, there was a fatality involving the Andrew Cassell Foundation Sonar class keelboat *Limbless*. A crew member fell overboard and was unable to be rescued by her crew mates before succumbing to the effects of immersion. Read the full report [here](#).

Recent IMO Circulars

- FAL.8/Circ.1 – 24/04/2025** – Organization and Method of Work of the Facilitation Committee.
- MSC 110/13/3 – 24/04/2025** – Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping.
- MSC 110/INF.14 – 24/04/2025** – Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping.
- TC 75/4/1 – 24/04/2025** – Resource Mobilization and Partnerships.
- MSC 110/6/1 – 24/04/2025** – Development of a Safety Regulatory Framework to Support the Reduction of GHG Emissions From Ships Using New Technologies and Alternative Fuels.
- MSC 110/7/1 – 24/04/2025** – Revision of the Guidelines on Maritime Cyber Risk Management (MSCFAL.1/CIRC.3/REV.2) and Identification of Next Steps to Enhance Maritime Cybersecurity.
- MSC 110/3/10 – 24/04/2025** – Amendments to Mandatory Instruments.
- MSC 110/6/2 – 24/04/2025** – Development of a Safety Regulatory Framework to Support the Reduction of GHG Emissions From Ships Using New Technologies and Alternative Fuels.
- MSC 110/7 – 24/04/2025** – Revision of the Guidelines on Maritime Cyber Risk Management (MSCFAL.1/CIRC.3/REV.2) and Identification of Next Steps to Enhance Maritime Cybersecurity.
- MSC 110/3/9 – 23/04/2025** – Amendments to Mandatory Instruments.

List of Amendments Expected to Enter into Force This Year and in the Coming Years

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A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

The IMO has released the programme of meetings for 2025. Please see the IMO's '[Meeting Summaries](#)' webpage for more information.

- 13-22 May – Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR)
- 02-06 June – Technical Cooperation Committee (TCC)
- 18-27 June – Maritime Safety Committee (MSC)
- 07-11 July – IMO Council
- 21-25 July – Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III)
- 08-12 September – Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC)
- 13-14 October – Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC)
- 27-31 October – Consultative Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Convention 1972) and Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Protocol 1996)
- 20-21 November – IMO Council
- 24 November-03 December – IMO Assembly
- 04 December – IMO Council

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