

## Shipping Regulations and Guidance

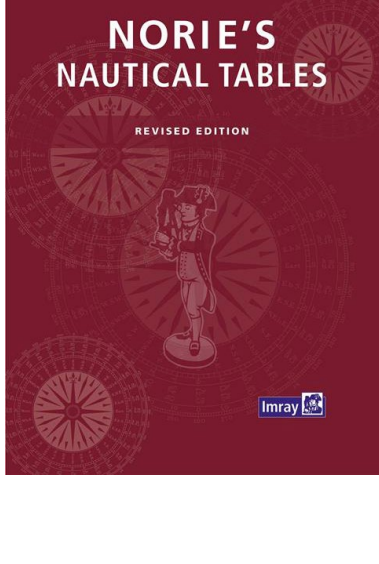
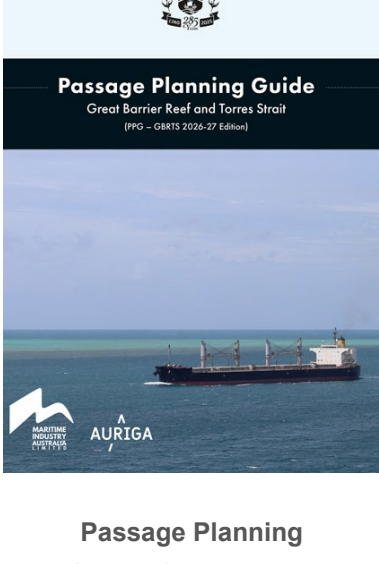
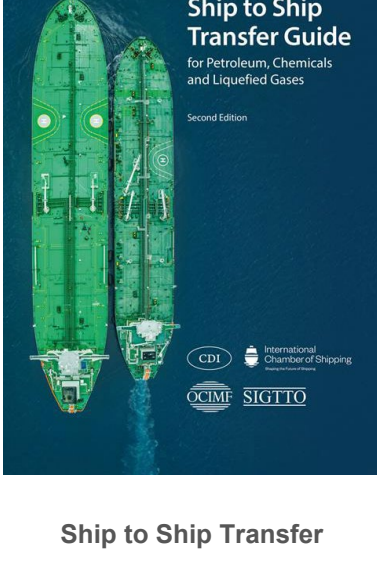
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### Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- UK** – has published an update entitled '[MCA safety spotlight: Bridge navigational safety and risk of collision](#)'.
- US** – has published an update entitled '[Safety Alert 15-25 The Importance of Effective Communication when Completing a Declaration of Inspection](#)'.
- Liberia** – has released three updates:
  - ['AFS-001 - International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships, 2001'](#)
  - ['Marine Advisory: 16/2025 Mandatory Biofouling Management Requirements for Vessels Arriving at Brazilian Ports and Brazilian territorial sea and exclusive economic zone'](#)
  - ['Marine Advisory: 09/2025/Rev.1 Submission of Fuel Oil Consumption and Operational Carbon Intensity Data with Additional Granularity'](#).
- Marshall Islands** – has published an update entitled '[Marine Guideline No. 5-34-6 Yacht Compliance Preparedness](#)'.
- Panama** – has released four updates:
  - ['MMN-03/2024 Yemen, Red Sea, Gulf of Aden and Persian and their Approaches'](#)
  - ['MMC 217 Ship to Ship Transfer \(STS\) Operations Plan'](#)
  - ['MMC 360 Ships that assist North Korea will be captured and processed'](#)
  - ['MMC 374 Companies Representing the Flag State Inspectors'](#).
- Cyprus** – has released two updates:
  - ['SIN 5/2025 New European Union restrictive measures in view of the gravity situation in Ukraine \(18th package of restrictive measures\)'](#)
  - ['SIN 6/2025 New European Union restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine'](#).

### New from Witherbys

Published June 2025	Due August 2025	Due September 2025
		
Norie's Nautical Tables - Revised Edition (2025)	Passage Planning Guide: Great Barrier Reef and Torres Strait (2026-27 Edition)	Ship to Ship Transfer Guide for Petroleum, Chemicals and Liquefied Gases Second Edition
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### Navigation and Security News

- ['JMJC Weekly Dashboard for the Middle East' \(UKMTO\)](#)
- ['New NATO brief highlights evolving cyber threats to ports' \(SAFETY4SEA\)](#)
- ['RMI: Drug trafficking from South America' \(SAFETY4SEA\)](#)
- ['Two thirds of maritime drug seizures involve insider' \(World Cargo News\)](#)
- ['Independent Driller Discovers Poland's Biggest Offshore Oil Reservoir' \(The Maritime Executive\)](#)
- ['Putin orders FSB to vet all foreign ships entering Russian ports' \(Splash 24/7\)](#)

### Recent Class Society Guidance

- Bureau Veritas** – has released two updates:
  - ['Bureau Veritas joins "Wind for Shipping" EU Project to Drive Innovation in Wind Propulsion for Maritime Transport'](#)
  - ['Bureau Veritas Grants Approval in Principle for SECO MARINE's Underdeck Hydrogen Storage System'](#).
- DNV** – has published an update entitled '[Amendments to the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk](#)'.
- Korean Register of Shipping** – has released three updates:
  - ['Implementation of Biofouling Management Requirements for Ships Calling at or Operating in Brazilian Waters](#)
  - ['Notice for Amendments to KR Classification Technical Rules \(Guidance for Freight Containers\)'](#)
  - ['Advance notice on the draft for establishment of the Classification Technical Rules \(Guidance for Photovoltaic Systems Onboard Ships\)'](#).
- Lloyd's Register** – has released two updates:
  - ['13/2025: New IMO CII Guidelines require SEEMP Part III revisions'](#)
  - ['14/2025: Revised Additive Manufacturing Guidance Notes available'](#).
- ClassNK** – has published an update entitled '[ClassNK releases "ClassNK Technical Journal No.11"](#)'.

### Recent P&I Club Guidance

- Gard** – has released three updates:
  - ['Navigating the Parana River – guide for masters and shipowners'](#)
  - ['Bulk cargo in jumbo bags – understanding the risks'](#)
  - ['GPS interference in geopolitical conflict zones'](#).
- Japan P&I Club** – has released two updates:
  - ['China Update on Fishery Farms around the Chinese Coast'](#)
  - ['The 75th Ordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Association'](#).
- The London P&I Club** – has published an update entitled '[Ship Pollution Response Organisation \(SPRO\) Agreements in China – New International Group of P&I Clubs \(IG\) and China Diving & Salvage \(CDSA\) SPRO Agreement](#)'.
- NorthStandard** – has released three updates:
  - ['China: Correspondents' advice on maritime-related risks'](#)
  - ['Prolonged vessel arrests in Mexican ports'](#)
  - ['Entry of foreign vessels into Russian sea ports will require approval'](#).

### Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- ReCAAP** – has issued its [weekly piracy report](#).
- The International Chamber of Shipping** – has published an update entitled '[ICS gives backing to IMO Net-Zero Framework to provide clarity, simplicity, and detail on rewards](#)'.
- International Institute of Marine Surveyors** – has published an update entitled '[UKP&I guide to safe LNG bunkering practices](#)'.

### Recent Accident Reports

- Canada** – On 22nd July 2022, there was an engine room fire aboard the ferry '*Holiday Island*' near Wood Islands, Canada. There were no casualties, but the vessel was declared a total loss. The investigation found that temporary repairs made using unsuitable materials contributed to the start of the fire. Read the full report [here](#).
- New Zealand** – On 24th July 2023, the bulk carrier '*Achilles Bulker*' lost her rudder and nearly grounded outside the port of Tauranga, New Zealand. There were no casualties or environmental pollution. The investigation pointed to a poorly reinstalled rudder pintle as the trigger for the incident. Read the full report [here](#).
- Marshall Islands** – On 21st April 2023, there were two fatalities on board the drill ship '*Valaris DS-17*' while in Las Palmas, Spain. Two crew members fell through the access hatch and into the ballast water tank. The investigation found that the company procedures were not followed, leading to the crew members being exposed to high concentrations of hydrogen sulfide. Read the full report [here](#).

### Recent IMO Circulars

- LC 47/1/1 – 23/07/2025** – Adoption of the agenda.
- MEPC/ES.2/2/4 – 23/07/2025** – Consideration and Adoption of Amendments to Mandatory Instruments.
- IMO.7/Circ.21 – 23/07/2025** – Amendments Adopted in December 2021 to the Convention on the the International Maritime Organization.
- Circular Letter No.5025 – 22/07/2025** – Twelfth session of the Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (23 to 27 February 2026).
- HTW 12/1 – 22/07/2025** – Provisional Agenda.
- HTW 12/6 – 22/07/2025** – Comprehensive Review of the 1978 STCW Convention and Code.
- Circular Letter No.5054 – 21/07/2025** – Twelfth session of the Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (19 to 23 January 2026).
- Circular Letter No.5053 – 21/07/2025** – Twelfth session of the Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Equipment (9 to 13 March 2026).
- Circular Letter No.5026 – 21/06/2025** – Second meeting of the Intersessional Working Group on the Comprehensive Review of the STCW Convention and Code (ISWG-STCW 2) (2 to 6 March 2026).
- Circular Letter No.5047 – 21/06/2025** – Second Meeting of the Intersessional Working Group on Development of Technical Provisions for Safety of Ships using Alternative Fuels (1 to 5 September 2025).


### 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.

- 21-25 July – Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III)
- 08-12 September – Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC)
- 13-17 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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