

# Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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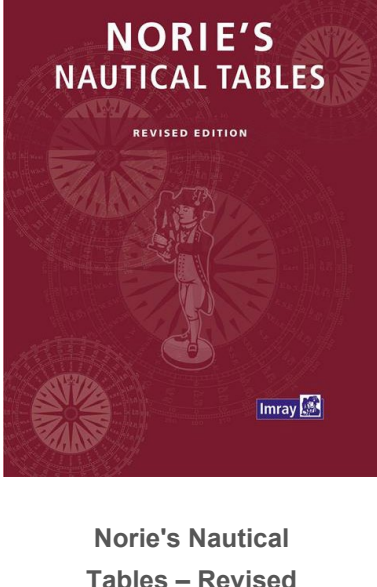
- UK** – has released two updates:
  - ['MGN 672\(M\) Extended Dry-Docking'](#)
  - ['MGN 591 \(M+F\) Amendment 3 provision of safe means of access'](#)
- Liberia** – has released four updates:
  - ['Marine Advisory: 20/2025 U.S. Coast Guard Guidelines for Bunkering of Vessels Using Liquefied Natural Gas \(LNG\) and other Alternative Marine Fuels'](#)
  - ['Marine Advisory: 21/2025 Paris and Tokyo MoUs 2025 Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Ballast Water Management'](#)
  - ['Marine Security Advisory: 02/2020 Rev.1 Maritime Cyber Risk Management in Safety Management Systems'](#)
  - ['IMO III 11 Meeting summary'](#)
- Panama** – has published an update entitled ['MMN-07/2025 List of Approved Insurers Enhanced Due Diligence'](#).
- Bahamas** – has published an update entitled ['IN001 – Dates for Bahamas Assessments of Officer Candidates'](#).
- Malta** – has published an update entitled ['MS Notice 197 – Port State Control concentrated inspection campaign on Ballast Water Management'](#).

## New from Witherbys

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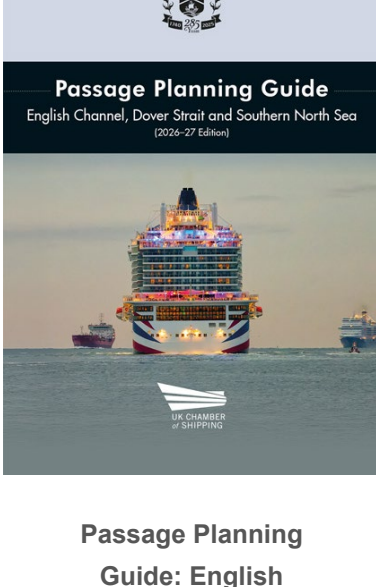
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## Navigation and Security News

- ['JMIC Weekly Dashboard for the Middle East' \(UKMTO\)](#)
- ['Cargo ship runs aground in the Philippines due to rough seas' \(SAFETY4SEA\)](#)
- ['Tropical Storm Erin to Pass North of Puerto Rico as Major Hurricane' \(The Maritime Executive\)](#)
- ['Fire hits Maersk ship off Liberia' \(Splash 24/7\)](#)

## Recent Class Society Guidance

- Bureau Veritas** – has published an update entitled ['Nuclear's role in shipping's decarbonization'](#).
- DNV** – has published an update entitled ['Port State Control – A summary of Q2 detentions'](#).
- Indian Register of Shipping** – has released two updates:
  - ['Technical Circular No: 023/2025 Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Ballast Water Management beginning from 1st September 2025 and ending on 30th November 2025 by Tokyo and Paris MoU'](#)
  - ['Technical Circular No: 024/2025 U.S Coast Guard Safety Alert addressing potential failures in high-pressure water mist nozzles due to corrosion'](#)
- ClassNK** – has released two updates:
  - ['TEC-1359 New requirements for anchor handling winches due to the amendments to SOLAS II-1'](#)
  - ['TEC-1360 Tokyo and Paris MoU Joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign \(CIC\) on Ballast Water Management'](#)

## Recent P&I Club Guidance

- The American Club** – has published an update entitled ['United States Coast Guard \(USCG\) Final Rule on Cybersecurity in the Marine Transportation System \(MTS\)'](#).
- Gard** – has released two updates:
  - ['Ballast water management on the PSC agenda'](#)
  - ['Safety risks of manual sweeping in vegetable and animal oil trades'](#)
- SKULD** – has released two updates:
  - ['Updates on Chinese Coastal Fishery Farms'](#)
  - ['LNG Stratification & Rollover'](#)
- North Standard** – has released five updates:
  - ['PSC CIC 2025 on Ballast Water Management'](#)
  - ['Mandatory Notification Requirements for Entering Russian Territorial Waters \(Sakhalin / Kuril Islands Region\)'](#)
  - ['Navigating Pollution Incidents in South African Waters: Key Obligations for Maritime Operators'](#)
  - ['VPS Bunker Alerts 2025'](#)
  - ['No Scrubs: Countries and Ports where Restrictions on EGCS Discharges apply'](#)
  - and more [here](#).
- UK P&I Club** – has published an update entitled ['LNG Heavies: Addressing operational challenges onboard ships'](#).

## Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- ReCAAP** – has issued its [weekly piracy report](#).
- International Institute of Marine Surveying** – has released three updates:
  - ['UK's First ROUV certified ahead of trials'](#)
  - ['Enhance inspection protocols for air shutoff valves'](#)
  - ['Electrification continues to bear risks for the shipping industry'](#)
- International Maritime Organization** – has published an update entitled ['IMO launches new Regional Presence Office to boost maritime cooperation in the Pacific'](#).

## Recent Accident Reports

- Malta** – On 7th August 2024, there was a serious marine casualty on board the passenger ship *'MSC World Europa'* when a mooring rope failed and struck a crew member while the ship was in the port of Valetta, Malta. The investigation found that progressive degradation of the rope due to friction and environmental exposure was the cause of the failure. Read the full report [here](#).
- Australia** – On 25th May 2025, there was a serious marine casualty on board a pilot transfer vessel off Devonport, Tasmania. During pilot transfer operations, a deckhand was pulled off the pilot ladder by the lanyard tethering them to the launch safety rail and thrown onto the foredeck. The investigation found several contributing factors for the incident. Read the full report [here](#).

## Recent IMO Circulars

- EGDH 13/3/1 – 14/08/2025** – FAL Convention.
- LC 47/13/1 – 12/08/2025** – Revision of the LC/LP Rules of Procedure.
- MEPC/ES.2/2/5 – 12/08/2025** – Consideration and Adoption of Amendments to Mandatory Instruments.
- MEPC/ES.2/3/1 – 12/08/2025** – Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships.
- C 134/D – 12/08/2025** – Summary of Decisions.
- LC 47/3/1 – 12/08/2025** – Progress on the Implementation of the LP/LC Strategic Plan.
- A 34/8(a) – 11/08/2025** – Strategy, Planning and Reform.
- COUNCIL.1/Circ.1/Rev.1 – 11/08/2025** – Rules of Procedures of the Council.
- TC 75/16/Add.1 – 11/08/2025** – Report of the Technical Cooperation Committee on its Seventy-Fifth Session.
- NC SR 12/20/Add.1 – 08/08/2025** – Report to the Maritime Safety Committee.

## 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.

- 08-12 September – Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC)
- 14-17 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)
- 19-21 November – IMO Council
- 24 November-03 December – IMO Assembly
- 04 December – IMO Council

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