

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

Week 35, 2025 – Friday 29th August

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- UK** – has released two updates:
 - ['MGN 436 \(M+F\) Amendment 5 whole body vibration'](#)
 - ['MGN 568 \(M\) Amendment 1 Surveys: alternative compliance safety system'](#).
- Australia** – has published an update entitled ['Marine Notice 2025/04 - Using exhaust gas cleaning systems \(EGCS\) in Australian waters'](#).
- Liberia** – has released two updates:
 - ['Marine Security Advisory – 04/2025 Turkish Maritime Authorities' Implementation Principles regarding Maritime Transportation Between Israeli-Flagged and Affiliated Vessels and Türkiye'](#)
 - ['Marine Advisory: 22/2025 Compliance with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea \(COLREGs\) Rule 10\(d\)\(i\)'](#).
- Marshall Islands** – has published an update entitled ['MN 1-000-3 Requirements on Carriage of Publications on Board'](#).
- Malta** – has published an update entitled ['Technical Notice MARPOL 9 Rev.1 Reporting Obligations Related to Exhaust Gas Cleaning System \(EGCS\) Malfunctions'](#).
- Panama** – has released five updates:
 - ['MMN-08/2025 Panama Flag Vessel's: Mandatory Notification to Flag and Next Port Authorities, and Onboard Record Keeping of Resolving Port State Control \(PSC\) Inspections Findings'](#)
 - ['Private Maritime Security Companies \(PMSC\)'](#)
 - ['Armed Security Personnel on board Panama flagged vessels transiting High Risk Areas'](#)
 - ['Ship Security Alert System \(SSAS\)'](#)
 - ['Medicine Chest and Medical Equipment'](#)
 - and six other updated Circulars [here](#).
- Bahamas** – has released two updates:
 - ['MN065 - Ballast Water Management Convention'](#)
 - ['TA004 - Port State Control Concentrated Inspection Campaign 2025 on Ballast Water Management'](#).
- Isle of Man** – has released four updates:
 - ['MSN 033 Pleasure vessel manning'](#)
 - ['MSN 051 Isle of Man Endorsement Application Process'](#)
 - ['MSN 054 Red Ensign Group Yacht Code & Isle of Man LY3 National Annex'](#)
 - ['MSN 075 Yacht Survey Regimes'](#).

New from Witherbys

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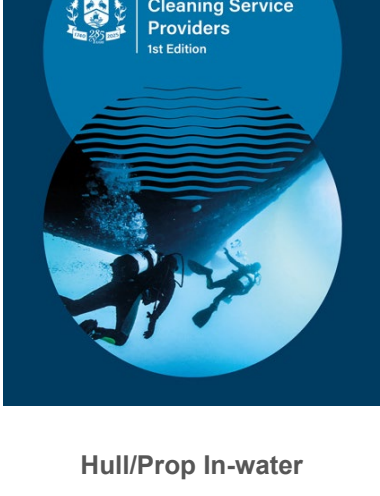
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Navigation and Security News

- ['JMIC Weekly Dashboard for the Middle East' \(UKMTO\)](#)
- ['U.S. Coast Guard Sets Record With 34-Tonne Cocaine Offload' \(The Maritime Executive\)](#)
- ['Vessel grounds in Vietnam due to severe weather' \(Safety4Sea\)](#)
- ['Muar port anchorage in Malaysia gets designated for STS transfers' \(Safety4Sea\)](#)
- ['South Africa tightens offshore ship-to-ship rules' \(Splash24/7\)](#)
- ['More explosions reported at Port of Hamburg as firefighting efforts continue' \(Baird Maritime\)](#)

Recent Class Society Guidance

- DNV** – has published an update entitled ['New safety requirements for onboard lifting appliances from 1 January 2026'](#).
- Indian Register of Shipping** – has released five updates
 - ['Technical Circular No: 030/2025 The Australian Maritime Safety Authority Marine Notice No. 2025/04 Reg. Guidance on using exhaust gas cleaning system \(EGCS\) in Australian waters'](#)
 - ['Technical Circular No: 029/2025 The Marshall Island Marine Notice No. 5-034-5 Reg. United States, Australia, and China Pre-Arrival Requirements'](#)
 - ['Technical Circular No: 028/2025 Liberian Maritime Authority Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Liberian legislation implementation'](#)
 - ['Technical Circular No: 027/2025 Belize Flag on Concentrated inspection campaign \(CIC\) on Ballast Water Management beginning from 1st September 2025 and ending on 30th November 2025 by Tokyo and Paris MoU'](#)
 - ['Technical Circular No: 026/2025 Lifting Appliances and Anchor Handling Winches'](#).

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- American Club** – has published an update entitled ['Good Catch Update: The Right Image - Fire Safety'](#).
- Gard** – has published an update entitled ['Preparing for the stink bug season'](#).
- SKULD** – has released three updates
 - ['Expansion of the Emissions Trading Scheme \("UK ETS"\) to the maritime sector'](#)
 - ['Updated threats to shipping in the Red Sea'](#)
 - ['The shipshape struggle in shipboard maintenance'](#).
- Japan P&I Club** – has released two updates
 - ['Australia Using Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems \(EGCS\)'](#)
 - ['Amendment to the International Grain Code \(Effective 1 January 2026\)'](#).

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- ReCAAP** – has issued its [weekly piracy report](#).
- International Institute of Marine Surveying** – has released two updates:
 - ['Tokyo MOU on maintenance and rigging of pilot transfer arrangements'](#)
 - ['IMCA releases annual eCMID Inspection Findings and Quality Assurance Report to highlight key safety trends'](#).

Recent Accident Reports

- UK** – On 7th June 2023, there was a serious injury on board the rigid inflatable boat *'Lundy Explorer'* when the boat slammed into a wave, causing a passenger to be dislodged from their seat and suffer a spinal fracture. The incident took place in Ilfracombe, England. The investigation pointed to inadequate safety measures as well as unsuitable seating as the cause of the accident. Read the full report [here](#).
- Canada** – On 23rd May 2023, there was an engine room fire aboard the bulk carrier *'Cuyahoga'* while on Lake Erie near Kingsville, Ontario. There were no casualties or pollution. Various contributing factors were identified, and a fuel injection line leak due to engine vibration likely sparked the fire. Read the full report [here](#).
- Hong Kong** – On 19th August 2024, there was a serious marine casualty on board the bulk carrier *'Seren'* while at Suez Southern Anchorage, Egypt. A foreman from the shore cleaning team lost his life during fuel oil tank cleaning operations. The investigation found that the shore and ship crew failed to follow the safety procedures and requirements for enclosed space entry. Read the full report [here](#).
- Cyprus** – On 5th May 2024, there was a very serious marine casualty on board the cargo ship *'Fiona B'* while mooring in the Port of Rotterdam, Netherlands. During the mooring operations, a line dropped into the sea, got caught by the ship's propeller, and subsequently parted, fatally injuring a crew member with its recoil. The investigation found several failures, the most notable of which being that the crew had failed to follow basic mooring line handling procedures. Read the full report [here](#).

Recent IMO Circulars

- LC 47/5/3 – 28/08/2025** – Marine Geoengineering Including Ocean Fertilization.
- LC 47/8/2 – 28/08/2025** – Technical Cooperation and Assistance.
- CCC 11/6/3 – 27/08/2025** – Amendments to the IMDG Code and Supplements.
- MEPC/ES.2/2/7 – 26/08/2025** – Consideration and Adoption of Amendments to Mandatory Instruments.
- LC 47/14 – 26/08/2025** – Relations with Other Organizations in the Field of Marine Environmental Protection .
- LC 47/9 – 26/08/2025** – Marine Litter and Microplastics.
- LC 47/6 – 26/08/2025** – CO2 Sequestration in Sub-seabed Geological Formations.
- LC 47/INF.4 – 22/08/2025** – Any Other Business.

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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