

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

Week 36, 2025 – Friday 5th September
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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- Australia** – has released three updates:
 - ['National Standard for Commercial Vessels \(NSCV\) Part C1'](#)
 - ['Marine order 16 - Load lines'](#)
 - ['Marine order 19 - Tonnage measurement'](#).
- US** – has released two updates:
 - ['MSIB 05-25 New Public Portal Website for Suspension & Revocation Proceedings'](#)
 - ['MSIB 04-25 New Public Portal Website for Civil Penalty Enforcement Cases'](#).
- Liberia** – has published an update entitled ['Marine Advisory 23/2025 Hazards Associated with Ingestion of Non-consumable Liquids Containing Ethanol and Other Chemicals'](#).
- Cyprus** – has published an update entitled ['International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, STCW 78, as amended Issue of Seafarer's Endorsements Attesting the Recognition of Non-Cyprus Certificates'](#).
- Panama** – has released three updates:
 - ['Control of the Fuel's Quality Guidelines'](#)
 - ['Fishing Vessels and other ships engaged in activities and support of capturing fishing resources operations'](#)
 - ['Fleet Risk Assessment and Performance Monitoring Accelerated Program \(FRA & PMAP\)'](#).
- Singapore** – has released three updates:
 - ['Shipping Circular No. 6 of 2025 Interim Guidance on the Carriage of Blends of Biofuels and MARPOL Annex I Cargoes by Conventional Bunker Ships \(MEPC.1/Circ.917\)'](#)
 - ['Port Marine Notice No. 114 of 2025 Marine Soil Investigation Works in Jurong Island'](#)
 - ['Port Marine Notice No. 115 of 2025 Dredging Works at Benoi Basin \(Jetties 4-6\)'](#).
- Malta** – has published an update entitled ['MS Notice 198 - Automated External Defibrillators Onboard Ships'](#).

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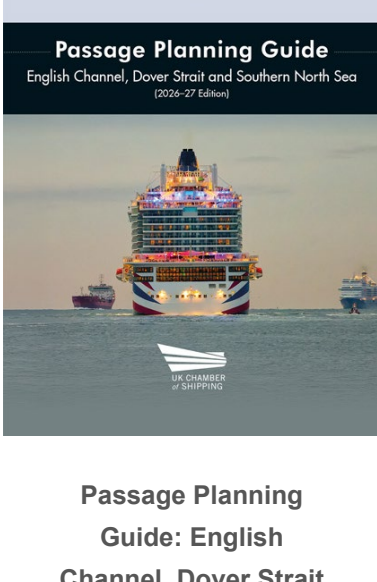
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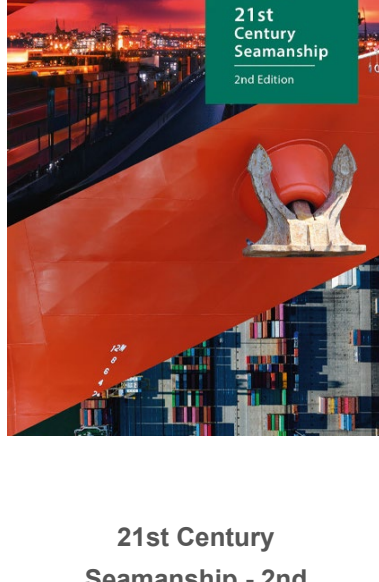
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Navigation and Security News

- ['JMJC Weekly Dashboard for the Middle East' \(UKMTO\)](#)
- ['Australian Dockworkers Arrested as "Trusted Insiders" for Drug Smugglers' \(The Maritime Executive\)](#)
- ['Spill Temporarily Shuts Down a Tanker Mooring at the CPC Terminal' \(The Maritime Executive\)](#)
- ['Bunker Tanker Collides with Bulker Off Singapore' \(The Maritime Executive\)](#)
- ['Supervisor dies after falling during inspection at shipyard' \(Safety4Sea\)](#)
- ['Conflict around Yemen remains as risks extend to Northern Red Sea' \(Safety4Sea\)](#)
- ['Dark fleet doubles down with false flags as regulators left chasing shadows' \(Splash24/7\)](#)

Recent Class Society Guidance

- DNV** – has published an update entitled ['Updated Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/1533 amending the MED in force from 23 September 2025'](#).
- Indian Register of Shipping** – has published an update entitled ['Technical Circular No. 031/2025 Panama Merchant Marine Notice MMN-08/2025 Reg. Mandatory notification to flag and next port authorities, and onboard record keeping of resolving port state control \(PSC\) inspections findings'](#).
- Korean Register** – has released three updates:
 - ['Advance notice on the drafts for revision of the Classification Technical Rules \(Machinery Part\)'](#)
 - ['Notice for amendment of KR Technical Rules \(Guidance on Strength Assessment of Container ships Considering the Whipping Effect\)'](#)
 - ['Advance notice on the drafts for revision of the Classification Technical Rules 2026 Edition \(Material/Welding part\)'](#).
- ClassNK** – has published an update entitled ['TEC-1361 Compliance with new requirements for Lifting appliances in accordance with the Amendments to SOLAS II-1'](#).

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- The American Club** – has released two updates:
 - ['Increased Trend in Catalytic \(CAT\) Fine Content of Very Low Sulfur Fuel Oil \(VLSFO\) from Singapore'](#)
 - ['International Union of Marine Insurance \(IUMI\) Guidance on Best Practice and Recommendations for the Safe Carriage of Electric Vehicles \(EVS\)'](#).
- SKULD** – has released four updates:
 - ['Fatigue onboard vessels'](#)
 - ['Navigating the new Türkiye-Israel restrictions: what members need to know'](#)
 - ['Recovery of vessel-related time losses under sale contracts v. charter parties'](#)
 - ['Updated threats to shipping in the Red Sea'](#).
- Britannia** – has released two updates:
 - ['Perfluorooctane Sulfonic Acid \(PFOS\) Update'](#)
 - ['Onboard Security Guidance - Keeping the Crew Safe Through Security Measures and Training'](#).
- Japan P&I Club** – has published an update entitled ['Japan \(Hokkaido\) Outbreak of Flighted Spongy Moth Complex'](#).
- NorthStandard** – has released four updates:
 - ['Newly implemented requirements for vessels between China and Taiwan'](#)
 - ['PSC CIC 2025 on Ballast Water Management'](#)
 - ['Yemen: Port Situation'](#)
 - ['Türkiye: New Restrictions on Israeli Linked Vessels'](#).
- UK P&I Club** – has published an update entitled ['Circular 14/25: Recent EU and UK sanctions imposed against Russia'](#).

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- ReCAAP** – has issued its [weekly piracy report](#).
- International Institute of Marine Surveying** – has released four updates:
 - ['ClassNK releases technical journal on latest trends for marine environment protection'](#)
 - ['Global Shipping Business Network report argues that dangerous goods reshape the fires at sea landscape'](#)
 - ['ITOPF 2025/26 edition of its Handbook has been published'](#)
 - ['China MSA releases report into explosion onboard the YM Mobility'](#).

Recent Accident Reports

- Marshall Islands** – On 17th April 2024, there was a fatality on board the bulk carrier 'Asteris' while underway in the South China Sea. A seafarer fell from a vertical ladder during a tank cleaning operation and sustained a fatal head injury. The investigation found that the seafarer's lifeline had not been connected to a strong point, and pointed to inadequate SMS and safety equipment as contributing factors to the accident. Read the full report [here](#).

Recent IMO Circulars

- Circular Letter No.5068 – 04/09/2025** – Invitation to the twenty-first meeting of the Contact Committee on Advance Passenger Information (API) and Booking & Reservation Information (BRI)/Passenger (9 and 10 October 2025) Name Record (PNR) Data.
- LC 47/5/6 – 03/09/2025** – Marine Geoengineering Including Ocean Fertilization.
- MSC.1/Circ.1697 – 03/09/2025** – IAPH Cyber Resilience Guidelines for Emerging Technologies in the Maritime Supply Chain.
- MSC 110/21 – 03/09/2025** – Report of the Maritime Safety Committee on its 110th Session.
- Circular Letter No.5070 – 03/09/2025** – Senior Professional Position.
- MSC/ISWG/MASS 4/2/5 – 02/09/2025** – Further Development of Chapter 10 of the Draft MASS Code.
- MEPC/ES.2/3/6 – 02/09/2025** – Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships.
- MEPC/ES.2/2/12 – 02/09/2025** – Consideration and Adoption of Amendments to Mandatory Instruments.
- MSC/ISWG/MASS 4/3 – 01/09/2025** – Consideration of Human Element Aspects in Other Chapters of the Draft MASS Code.
- MEPC/ES.2/1/1 – 01/09/2025** – Adoption of the Agenda.

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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