

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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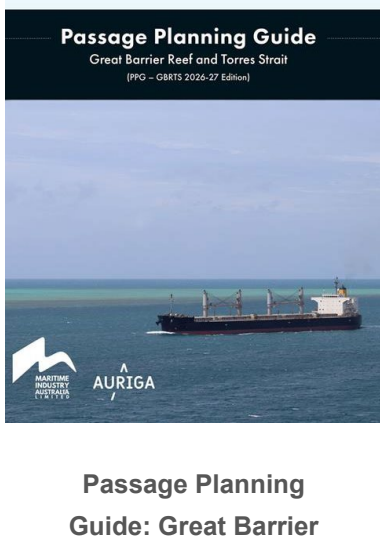
- UK** – has released two updates:
 - '[MGN 428 \(M+F\) Amendment 4 artificial optical radiation regs 2010](#)'
 - '[MSN 1889 \(M+F\) Amendment 5 \(Biological agents\) regulations 2010](#)'.
- Malta** – has released two updates:
 - '[Merchant Shipping Notice 199 Mandatory IMO Reporting Requirements for Lost Containers at Sea](#)'
 - '[Technical Notice SLS.39 Escape Arrangements from the Lower Part of Machinery Spaces](#)'.
- Liberia** – has released five updates:
 - '[Marine Advisory: 26/2025 Requirements for the Registration of Medical Practitioners](#)'
 - '[Marine Advisory: 25/2025 Intra North Sea Ballast Water Contingency and Compliance Area](#)'
 - '[Marine Advisory: 24/2025 Issuance, Closure, and Extension of Statutory Dispensations issued to Liberian Flagged Vessels](#)'
 - '[MSB 10/2025 Vessel Attack in Ukrainian Port](#)'
 - '[MSB 09/2025 Vessel Attack in the Red Sea](#)'.
- Panama** – has released four updates:
 - '[Authorized service providers for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear](#)'
 - '[List of Approved P&I Clubs/Insurers](#)'
 - '[Optional and Voluntary System for Electronic Books or Electronic Record Books on board Panamanian Flagged Vessels](#)'
 - '[Armed Security Personnel on board Panama flagged vessels transiting High Risk Areas](#)'.
- Bahamas** – has published an update entitled '[IN032 - Validation of Discharge Certificates](#)'.
- Hong Kong** – has published an update entitled '[Merchant Shipping Information Note 46/2025 A fatal accident happened on board during cleaning of a fuel oil tank](#)'.

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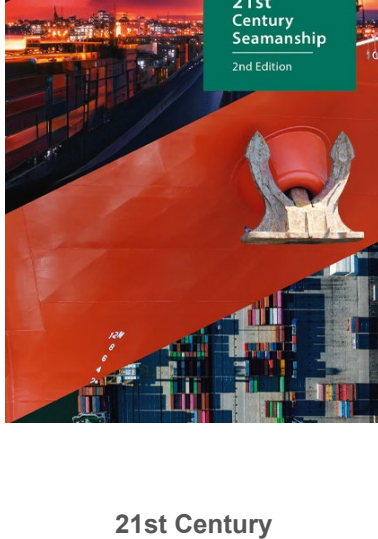
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Navigation and Security News

- '[JMJC Weekly Dashboard for the Middle East](#)' (*UKMTO*)
- '[Spanish ports closed to arms for Israel](#)' (*Splash24/7*)
- '[Freighter runs aground in the Northwest Passage](#)' (*Safety4Sea*)
- '[Five Dead in Collision Between Migrant Boat and Turkish Coast Guard Vessel](#)' (*The Maritime Executive*)
- '[Panama Police Seize Drugs from In-Transit Maersk Container](#)' (*The Maritime Executive*)

Recent Class Society Guidance

- American Bureau of Shipping** – has released four updates:
 - '[Emerging Battery Technologies in the Maritime Industry Volume 2](#)'
 - '[Letter to Industry: Guidance on Ladders and Stairways Providing Means of Escape from Engine Rooms](#)'
 - '[UK Monitoring, Reporting, Verification \(MRV\)](#)'
 - '[EU Monitoring, Reporting, Verification \(MRV\)](#)'
 - and updates to four [rules and guides](#).
- Korean Register** – has released two updates:
 - '[MSC 110 - News Final](#)'
 - '[Advance notice on the drafts for establishment of the Classification Technical Rules \(Electric Part\)](#)'.
- Lloyd's Register** – has released two updates:
 - '[LR launches risk-based fire safety notation for container ships](#)'
 - '[LR introduces new wind propulsion and ergonomics rules to support decarbonisation and crew safety](#)'.
- ClassNK** – has published an update entitled '[TEC-1362 Requirements for prohibition of fire-extinguishing media containing Perfluorooctane Sulfonic Acid \(PFOS\)](#)'.
- DNV** – has published an update entitled '[CO2 Shipping - Design, safety, and regulatory considerations for an emerging fleet](#)'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- SKULD** – has published an update entitled '[Updated threats to shipping in the Red Sea](#)'.
- The American Club** – has published an update entitled '[Good Catch Update: Make a Good Impression - Port State Control Inspection](#)'.
- Gard** – has published an update entitled '[Widespread increase of catfines in marine fuel](#)'.
- Britannia** – has published an update entitled '[Guidance on Efficient Fire Drills on Board](#)'.
- Japan P&I Club** – has published an update entitled '[Taiwan New Requirements for Certain Vessels with China/Hong Kong/Macau Connections](#)'.
- The London P&I Club** – has published an update entitled '[Circular 5.667: The European Union \(EU\) adopts 18th sanctions package against Russia](#)'.
- NorthStandard** – has released three updates:
 - '[Transport Strike Notice – Ports Kandla and Mundra](#)'
 - '[China: Correspondents' advice on maritime-related risks](#)'
 - '[VPS Bunker Alerts 2025](#)'.
- West P&I Club** – has published an update entitled '[Notice No.9 2025/26 - Recent EU and UK sanctions imposed against Russia](#)'.
- UK P&I Club** – has released two updates:
 - '[Biosecurity Measures for Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs \(BMSB\) in Australia and New Zealand – 2025-26 Season](#)'
 - '[Enhancing the Safety of Pilot Transfer Arrangements](#)'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- ReCAAP** – has issued its [weekly piracy report](#).
- International Institute of Marine Surveying** – has released two updates:
 - '[Fires dominate 2025 major claims, says Cefor](#)'
 - '[IUMI analysis shows marine insurance sector as stable](#)'.
- World Shipping Council** – has published an update entitled '[World Shipping Council Reinstates Cargo Inspection Deficiency Data, Urges Stronger Safety Measures](#)'.
- International Union of Marine Insurance** – has published an update entitled '[Best practice paper update: Risk mitigation for the safe ocean and short-sea carriage of electric vehicles](#)'.

Recent Accident Reports

- US** – On 25th August 2023, there was a collision between the bulk carriers '*BBC Africa*' and '*Common Faith*' in the Houston Ship Channel in Houston, Texas. The '*BBC Africa*' lost steering capability, causing it to collide with the moored '*Common Faith*'. There were no casualties or pollution. The investigation concluded that invisible damage to the steering tiller led to the equipment failure. Read the full report [here](#).
- Canada** – On 22nd August 2024, the general cargo vessel '*Heemskerkgracht*' grounded in the St. Lawrence Seaway near Kahnawake, Quebec after the oil mist detector (OMD) alarm triggered the main engine shutdown. There were no casualties or pollution. The investigation concluded that a false OMD alarm had been triggered by water vapour in the OMD. Read the full report [here](#).
- Australia** – On 4th March 2025, the livestock carrier '*Al Messilah*' suffered a loss of main engine propulsion in the port of Fremantle, Western Australia. There were no casualties or pollution. The investigation found that the engine failure resulted from a malfunction of the main air distributor's servo piston within the engine's pneumatic control system. It also identified a number of failures in the ship's planned maintenance schedule. Read the full report [here](#).

Recent IMO Circulars

- MSC.1/Circ.1331/Rev.1 – 10/09/2025** – Revised Guidelines for Construction, Installation, Maintenance and Inspection/Survey of Means of Embarkation and Disembarkation.
- STWC-F.1/Circ.31 – 10/09/2025** – International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 1995.
- MSC.1/Circ.1502/Rev.1 – 10/09/2025** – Revised Guidance on Pressure Testing of Boundaries of Cargo Oil Tanks Under Direction of the Master.
- MSC.1/Circ.1255/Rev.1 – 09/09/2025** – Revised Guidelines for Owner/Operators on Preparing Emergency Towing Procedures.
- MSC.1/Circ.1175/Rev.2 – 09/09/2025** – Revised Guidance on Shipboard Towing and Mooring Equipment.
- MSC.1/Circ.1691 – 08/09/2025** – Interim Guidelines for Emergency Towing Arrangements on Ships Other than Tankers.
- LC 47/10/2 – 08/09/2025** – Interpretation of the London Convention and Protocol.
- MEPC/ES.2/2/16 – 08/09/2025** – Consideration and Adoption of Amendments to Mandatory Instruments.
- Circular Letter No.5062 – 08/09/2025** – Call for Expressions of Interest: GreenVoyage2050 support for the development of National Action Plans to address GHG emissions from ships.
- A 34/16 – 05/09/2025** – Consideration of the Reports and Recommendations of the Facilitation 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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