

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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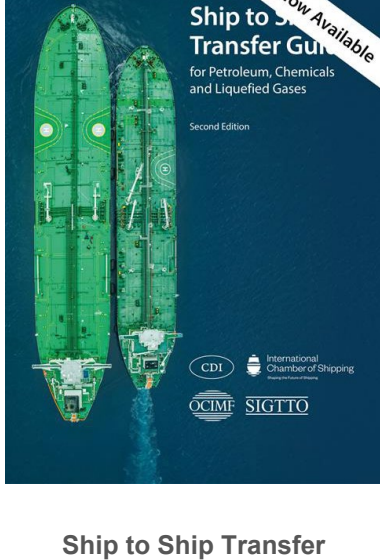
- UK** – has published an update entitled '[MIN 722 \(M+F\): Clarification of the Basic Health and Safety and Safety Awareness Training Requirements for Fishers](#)'.
- US** – has published an update entitled '[SA-101 Land-Based Firefighters: Know the Risks and Challenges Posed by In-Port Vessel Fires](#)'.
- Liberia** – has released three updates:
 - '[Marine Advisory: 28/2025 Increased Penalties for Use Of E-Vaporisers In Singapore from 1 September 2025](#)'
 - '[Marine Advisory: 27/2025 Early Submission of Amended SEEMP Part II and Mandatory Reporting of Revised Ship Fuel Oil Consumption Data](#)'
 - '[SAF-012 Requirements for Safe Mooring](#)'.
- Marshall Islands** – has published an update entitled '[MSA No. 09-25 Survey on Global Navigation Satellite System Interference](#)'.
- Bahamas** – has published an update entitled '[TA005 - China MSA - Updated Safety Advisories for Coastal Waters](#)'.
- Isle of Man** – has published an update entitled '[RAN 03 \(Rev.5\) Tonnage and Measurement of Ships under 24m Overall Length](#)'.
- Singapore** – has released two updates:
 - '[Shipping Circular No. 7 of 2025 Resolutions Adopted by the 110th Session of the Maritime Safety Committee \(MSC 110\) of the International Maritime Organization \(IMO\)](#)'
 - '[Port Marine Circular No. 10 of 2025 - Increased Penalties for Use of E-vaporisers in Singapore from 1 September 2025](#)'.
- Cyprus** – has published an update entitled '[Circular 23/2025 Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/1533 of 23 July 2025 laying down rules for the application of Directive 2014/90/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards design, construction and performance requirements and testing standards for marine equipment and repealing Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2024/1975 \("Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/1533"\)](#)'.

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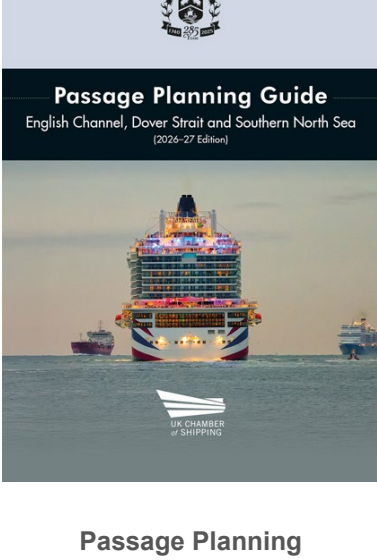
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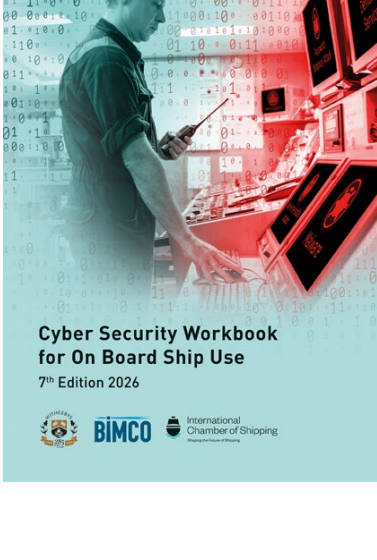
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Navigation and Security News

- '[JMJC Weekly Dashboard for the Middle East](#)' (*UKMTO*)
- '[More than 2400 shipping containers seized in largest EU bust to date](#)' (*Safety4Sea*)
- '[Five Missing in Catastrophic Trawler Collision off Mauritania](#)' (*The Maritime Executive*)
- '[Croatia Marks Opening of New Rijeka Terminal as a Gateway for the Region](#)' (*The Maritime Executive*)
- '[New framework formed to enhance maritime security in Western Indian Ocean](#)' (*Baird Maritime*)
- '[UK to debut an electric shipping route](#)' (*Splash 24/7*)

Recent Class Society Guidance

- American Bureau of Shipping** – has published an update entitled '[CCC 11 News Brief](#)'.
- DNV** – has published an update entitled '[IMO CCC 11: Interim guidelines for hydrogen as fuel completed](#)'.
- Korean Register** – has released three updates:
 - '[Advance notice on the drafts for revision of the Classification Technical Rules 2026 Edition\(Rules/Guidance Pt 5, Pt 7 Ch 6, Pt 8 etc.\)](#)'
 - '[Briefings of IMO CCC 11 - News flash](#)'
 - '[Guidelines for approval of LSA Service Stations for servicing of Inflatable Life Saving Appliances & Procedure for approval of Competent Persons for servicing of such LSA](#)'.
- Lloyd's Register** – has released three updates:
 - '[21/2025: Revised IMO guidelines for means of embarkation and disembarkation](#)'
 - '[LR-GN-056 Guidance Notes on LR's Container Fire Notation](#)'
 - '[CCC 11 Summary Report](#)'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- The American Club** – has published an update entitled '[Loss Prevention: Sexual Assault / Sexual Harassment \(SASH\) Awareness - Animation Update - Scenario 4 - Reporting Requirements](#)'.
- Japan P&I Club** – has released two updates:
 - '[China Notice on Optimization Adjustments to Partial Sections of South Channel in Yangtze River Estuary and Safe Navigation Recommendations](#)'
 - '[Recent Japanese sanctions measures imposed against Russia](#)'.
- NorthStandard** – has released three updates:
 - '[African wet season and its impacts](#)'
 - '[High grounding risk on Argentina's popular shipping route](#)'
 - '[Transport Strike Notice – Ports Kandla and Mundra](#)'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- ReCAAP** – has issued its [weekly piracy report](#).
- UK Chamber of Shipping** – has released two updates:
 - '[UK Government and Industry Launch Cruise Growth Plan to Boost Maritime Tourism and Coastal Economies](#)'
 - '[UK Shipping Industry Ranked 5th Globally in New Competitiveness Index](#)'.
- International Chamber of Shipping** – has published an update entitled '[Maritime Just Transition Task Force launches first interim seafarer training frameworks for the use of ammonia, methanol and hydrogen as fuel](#)'.
- European Maritime Safety Agency** – has published an update entitled '[19th CTG MPPR meeting at EMSA](#)'.
- World Shipping Council** – has published an update entitled '[World Shipping Council launches industry-first Cargo Safety Program to prevent ship fires](#)'.

Recent Accident Reports

- US** – On 10th September 2024, the ferry '*Ray Stoker, Jr.*' lost propulsion in the Galveston Channel, Texas and hit a floating dock before grounding. There were no casualties or pollution. The investigation concluded that all systems functioned as expected, and the window blind's chain lying on a propulsion control touch panel was the likely cause for the temporary loss of propulsion. Read the full report [here](#).
- Marshall Islands** – On 19th December 2023, in Zhoushan, China, a seafarer fell overboard the container ship '*Synergy Busan*' while rigging a combination pilot ladder. Despite an extensive search, the seafarer could not be located. The investigation concluded that the seafarer had not been wearing appropriate PPE while working over the side of the ship, and generally found failures in the implementation of the company's safety procedures. Read the full report [here](#).

Recent IMO Circulars

- ISWG-GHG 20/4/2 – 17/09/2025** – Finalization of the Draft Terms of Reference for the Fifth IMO GHG Study, Using Document MEPC 83/7/2 as the Basis.
- A 34/1/1 – 17/09/2025** – Adoption of the Agenda.
- ISWG-GHG 20/3/12 – 17/09/2025** – Further Consideration of the Development of the IMO Life Cycle GHG Assessment (LCA) Framework.
- ISWG-GHG 20/INF.5 – 17/09/2025** – Development of New and/or Revision of Existing Guidelines, Provisions, Guidance and Other Documents, as Appropriate, for Supporting the Uniform and Effective Implementation of the IMO Net-zero Framework.
- A 34/26 – 17/09/2025** – Supplementary Agenda Items, if Any.
- HNS.2/Circ.15 – 17/09/2025** – Protocol of 2010 to the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, 1996.
- FAL 50/3 – 17/09/2025** – Consideration and Adoption of Proposed Amendments to the Convention.
- FAL 50/2 – 17/09/2025** – Decisions of Other IMO Bodies.
- TC.1/Circ.78 – 16/09/2025** – Global Strategy for the IMO Women in Maritime Associations 2024-2029.
- TC.1/Circ.71/Rev.1 – 16/09/2025** – Rules of Procedure of the Technical Cooperation 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.

- 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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