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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

Gas Recirculation Cooler Weld'.

- **UK** – has released two updates:
 - ['MIN 724 \(M\) The sport or pleasure vessel code – standards and guidelines for best practice'](#)
 - ['MIN 714 \(M\) Amendment 1 proposed implementation of MLC 2006 amendments 2022'](#).
 - **Liberia** – has released two updates:
 - ['Marine Advisory: 34/2025 - Amendments to the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk'](#)
 - ['MSB 13/2025 - Possible Resurgence of Piracy Activity in the Somali Basin and the Gulf of Guinea'](#).
 - **Marshall Islands** – has released an update entitled ['MSA-12-25 Stop-work Authority'](#).
 - **Isle of Man** – has released an update entitled ['TAN 003-22 Annual Fee Discounts for Vessels Using Green Technology'](#).
 - **Malta** – has released an update entitled ['MSN 105 Rev.2 - Guidelines for the implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006'](#).
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- New from Witherbys**

 Maritime & Trade Law

Understanding the
of B&M Systems from 2000

The Ship Captain's Medical Guide
24th Edition

Code of Safe Working Practices for Merchant Seafarers



**retrofitting of BWM
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Edition**

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- Turkish LPG carrier ignites as Black Sea security crisis deepens (Splash 24/7)

- ['Overloaded vessel sinks causing multiple fatalities'](#) (*Safety4Sea*)
 - ['Grounded Trailer Bridge Barge Looted Off Bahamas Following Mechanical Failure'](#) (*gCaptain*)
 - ['NTSB: Loose Electrical Wire Led to Dali Hitting Francis Scott Key Bridge'](#) (*The Maritime Executive*)
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• BMJ has released an update entitled [JCL guideline for reporting and verifying actual](#)

- **DNV** – has released an update entitled '[EU guideline for reporting and verifying actual methane slip for FuelEU and EU MRV/ETS](#)'.
 - **Korean Register** – has released an update entitled '[Advance notice on the drafts for establishment of the Classification Technical Rules 2026 Edition \(Guidance for Approval of AM\(3D Printing\)\)](#)'.
 - **Lloyd's Register** – has released two updates:
 - '[25/2025 Submission deadlines for 2025 emissions data approaching](#)'
 - '[24/2025 Upcoming amendments to IAMSAR Manual](#)'.
 - **ClassNK** – has released an update entitled '[TEC-1367 STS Operations Plan for Panamanian-flagged Ships](#)'.
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- ## Recent P&I Club Guidance

- [Britannia](#)

- [Japan P&I Club](#)
 - [The London P&I Club](#)
 - [NorthStandard](#)
 - [The Shipowners' Club](#)
 - [The Swedish Club](#)
 - [West](#)
 - [UK P&I](#)
- **The American Club** – has published an update entitled '[Good Catch Update: a Near Miss Is a Big Hit! Animated Images](#)'.
 - **Gard** – has published an update entitled '[SHIP25 – a new standard form shipbuilding contract for a new era](#)'.
 - **NorthStandard** – has released five updates:
 - [USCIS Implements New Immigration Parole Fee](#)
 - [Precautions for fishing net damage at Boryeong Port](#)
 - [Civil unrest impacts port operations in Madagascar](#)
 - [Potential strikes in Nov-Dec at Portugal ports](#)

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **ReCAAP** – has issued its [weekly piracy report](#).
 - **BIMCO** – has released two updates:
 - ['Emboldened Somali pirates pose a growing threat'](#)
 - ['BIMCO Ship Recycling Alliance one year on: Fighting misconceptions'](#)
 - **International Institute of Marine Surveying** – has released two updates:
 - ['MTF issues guidelines on alternative qualitative fuel risk assessments'](#)
 - ['Surge in EV transportation exposes gaps in maritime safety rules procurement'](#)
 - **International Maritime Organization** – has published an update entitled ['IMO Assembly to elect new Council and set strategic directions'](#).
 - **Guernsey Ports** – has published an update entitled ['LNTM 003/2025 Pilot Transfer Arrangements - Guernsey'](#).
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Trincomali Channel, British Columbia on 2nd September 2023, and the resulting crew

- injury. Two crewmembers were conducting checks on the lifeboat when its securing cables parted and the lifeboat fell in the water with one crewmember inside, causing him serious injuries. The investigation found various operational deficiencies relating to the company SMS, but identified the cables used for securing the lifeboat as the main cause for the incident. These were inadequate for load-bearing, and therefore failed when the lifeboat was accidentally released.
- **Australia** – The ATSB has released an [investigation report](#) into the loss of propulsion experienced by the LPG tanker '*Gaschem Homer*' in the Port of Brisbane, Queensland on 15th March 2025. The investigation found that the crew had forgotten to switch two of the ship's three generators to automatic mode, causing them to trip and trigger an electrical blackout on board, leading to a total loss of propulsion and steering. There was no pollution or injuries.
 - **Hong Kong** – The HKMAIB has released an [investigation report](#) into the fatality that occurred on board the container ship '*Paris Express*' while at sea on 14th October 2024. The ship was on its way to New York, USA, when a crewmember fell from the lashing bridge during a routine inspection and died from the resulting injuries. The investigation found various operational failings relating to the application of COSWP and the adequacy of the shipboard SMS.

Recent IMO Circulars

- **A 34/15/1 – 19/11/2025** – Consideration of the Reports and Recommendations of the Technical Cooperation Committee.
 - **Circular Letter No.5091 – 19/11/2025** – Communication from the Government of the Gambia.
 - **A 34/25 – 19/11/2025** – Date and Place of the Thirsty-fifth Regular Session of the Assembly.
 - **A 34/2/4 – 19/11/2025** – Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.
 - **A 34/9/2 – 19/11/2025** – IMO Member State Audit Scheme.
 - **STCW-F.1/Circ.33 – 19/11/2025** – International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 1995.
 - **MEPC 84/6/2 – 19/11/2025** – Energy Efficiency of Ships.
 - **PPR 13/5 – 18/11/2025** – Development of a Legally Binding Framework for the Control and Management of Ships' Biofouling to Minimize the Transfer of Invasive Aquatic Species.
 - **SDC 12/8 – 17/11/2025** – Experience-Building Phase for the Reduction of Underwater Radiated Noise from Shipping.
 - **SSE 12/INF.3 – 17/11/2025** – Evaluation of Adequacy of Fire Protection, Detection and Extinction Arrangements in Vehicle, Special Category and Ro-ro Spaces in Order to Reduce the Fire Risk of Ships Carrying New Energy Vehicles.
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- List of Amendments Expected to Enter into Force This
Year and in the Coming Years**

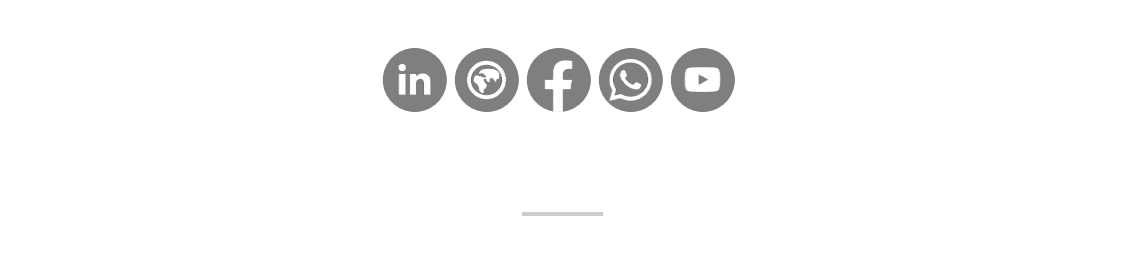
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- 19-21 November – IMO Council

- 24 November-03 December – IMO Assembly
- 04 December – IMO Council
- 19-23 January – Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC)

- 09-13 February – Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR)
 - 23-26 February – Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW)
 - 09-13 March – Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE)
 - 23-27 March – Facilitation Committee (FAL)
 - 13-17 April – Legal Committee (LEG)
 - 27 April-01 May – Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC)
 - 13-22 May – Maritime Safety Committee (MSC)
 - 08-12 June – Technical Cooperation Committee (TC)
 - 22-26 June – Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation, Communication and Search and Rescue (NCSR)
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- NEW for 2026: MV SEA RANGER**
Witherby's own expedition and research vessel



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