

## Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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### Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

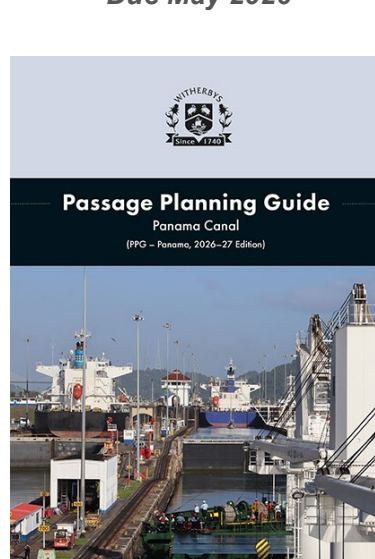
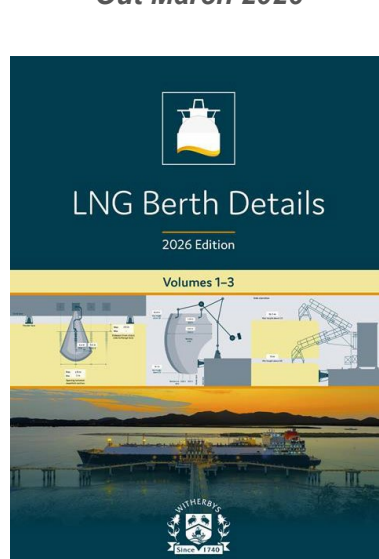
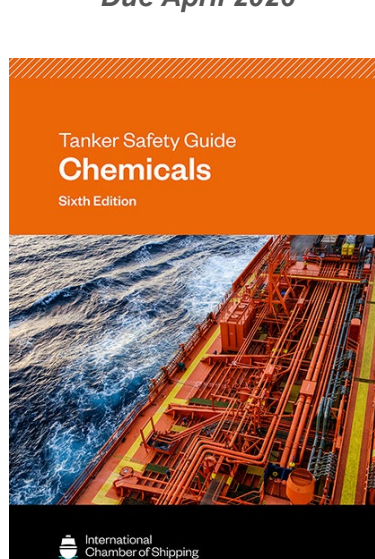
- Bahamas** – has released an update entitled '[IN 01 v 14.0 – Dates for Bahamas Assessments of Officer Candidates](#)'.
- Cyprus** – has released an update entitled '[Circular 13/2026 International Safety Management \(ISM\) Code – Revised Guidelines and Instructions to Owners and Companies](#)'.
- Panama** – has released two updates:
  - '[Measures adopted to enhance the performance of the Panamanian Merchant Fleet – Pre-arrival checklist for ports under the Port State Control \(PSC\) supervision of the United States Coast Guard \(USCG\), Paris MoU, Australian Maritime Safety Authority \(AMSA\) and People's Republic of China Maritime Safety Administration \(MSA\)](#)'
  - '[Panama Policy on Implementation of the International Safety Management \(ISM\) Code](#)'.
- UK** – has released four updates:
  - '[MIN 690: Guidance on the MCA Oral Examination Booking, the Issue of Notices of Eligibility \(NOEs\) and the Online Oral Examination Processes - Amendment 6](#)'
  - '[MIN 688 \(M\) Amendment 4 code of safe working practices: 2026 edition](#)'
  - '[MGN 297 \(M\) amendment 2 the carriage of defibrillators on ships](#)'
  - '[MGN 657 \(M+F\) Amendment 2 requirements for fixed aerosol fire extinguishing systems for use in small vessel machinery spaces](#)'.

### New from Witherbys

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### Navigation and Security News

- '[JMIC Weekly Dashboard for the Middle East](#)' (*UKMTO*)
- '[ATALANTA Liberates Iranian-Flagged Vessel Hijacked off the Coast of Somalia](#)' (*EUNAVFOR*)
- '[Four people die trying to board boat in Channel crossing attempt](#)' (*BBC News*)
- '[Iran Strait of Hormuz warning adds to shipping uncertainty](#)' (*BBC News*)

### Recent Class Society Guidance

- Bureau Veritas** – has released an update entitled '[Bureau Veritas and PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP sign cooperation agreement to advance low-carbon cruise innovation including the Swap2Zero project](#)'.
- ClassNK** – has released an update entitled '[New requirements for anchor handling winches due to amendments to SOLAS II-1 \(Retroactive requirements\)](#)'.
- DNV** – has released an update entitled '[Revised IMO recommendations for entering enclosed spaces aboard ships](#)'.
- Lloyd's Register** – has released two updates:
  - '[Bridging the Disciplines – Feasibility Support for Transportable Nuclear Power Plants](#)'
  - '[Training for Leadership Application: Aligning capability development with operational execution](#)'.

### Recent P&I Club Guidance

- The American Club** – has released an update entitled '[Loss Prevention: Animation – Collection of Perishable Evidence](#)'.
- Britannia** – has released an update entitled '[Loss Prevention Guidance – Carriage of Cement](#)'.
- Gard** – has released an update entitled '[Do not let a moth hold up your vessel](#)'.
- Skuld** – has released an update entitled '[Timeline to achieve compliance under FuelEU for the 2025 reporting year](#)'.

### Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- BIMCO** – has released two updates:
  - '[Flighted Spongy Moth Complex Season 2026 – be prepared](#)'
  - '[Geopolitics, supply chains – and the human face of global trade](#)'.
- ICS** – has released an update entitled '[Statement on the conditional ceasefire between the United States and Iran](#)'.
- IMO** – has released an update entitled '"[Fragmented responses are no longer sufficient](#)"; *IMO Secretary-General*'.
- International Institute of Marine Surveying** – has released two updates:
  - '[Study raises alarm on marine fiberglass pollution](#)'
  - '[A comparative study of underwater radiated noise from electric and conventional boats](#)'.
- ReCAAP** – has issued its [weekly piracy report](#).
- UK Chamber of Shipping** – has published two updates:
  - '[IMO FAL 50: Outcomes for Ferry and Cruise Operations](#)'
  - '[UK Chamber of Shipping Statement Regarding Security in the Middle East](#)'.
- UK MAIB** – has published an update entitled '[What would you do if your vessel flooded?](#)'.

### Recent Accident Reports

- UK** – The MAIB has released an [investigation report](#) into the foundering of a fishing vessel 11 NM south-west of Oban, Scotland.

### Recent IMO Circulars

- MSC 111/11/2 – 09/04/2026** – Review of the Financial Architecture of the LRIT System.
- MSC 111/5/15 – 08/04/2026** – Development of a Goal-Based Instrument for Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS).
- MSC 111/12/1 – 08/04/2026** – Ship Design and Construction.
- MSC 111/21/5 – 08/04/2026** – Any Other Business.
- MSC 111/5/17 – 08/04/2026** – Development of a Goal-Based Instrument for Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS).
- MSC 111/11/3 – 08/04/2026** – Review of the Financial Architecture of the LRIT System.
- MSC 111/4/4 – 08/04/2026** – Goal-Based New Ship Construction Standards.
- MSC 111/5/18 – 08/04/2026** – Development of a Goal-Based Instrument for Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS).
- MSC 111/14/11 – 08/04/2026** – Carriage of Cargoes and Containers.
- NCSR 13/7/2 – 08/04/2026** – Development of Global Maritime SAR Services, Including Harmonization of Maritime and Aeronautical Procedures and Amendments to the IAMSAR Manual.

### 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 for 2026. Please see the IMO's '[Meeting Summaries](#)' webpage for more information.

- 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)
- 06-10 July – IMO Council
- 20-24 July – Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III)
- 14-18 September – Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC)
- 05-09 October – Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties (London Convention 1972) and Meeting of Contracting Parties (London Protocol 1996)
- 02-06 November – IMO Council
- 23-27 November – Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC)
- 14-18 December – Maritime Safety Committee (MSC)

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