

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

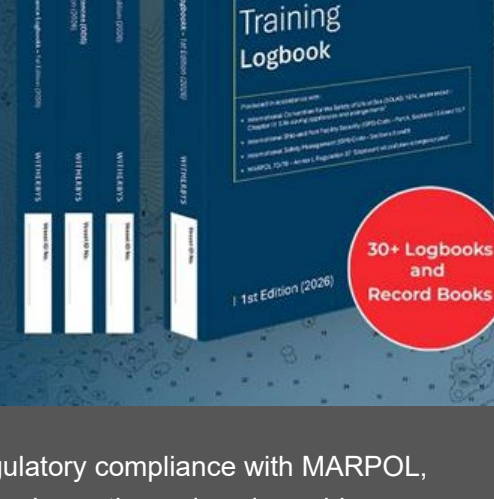
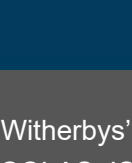
Week 17, 2026 – Friday 24th April
View this email as a PDF [here](#)

Forward this Email

Introducing Witherbys' Logbooks and Record Books

Introducing!

A comprehensive series of Logbooks and Record Books designed to keep ships compliant, inspection-ready and reduce risk.



30+ Logbooks and Record Books

Witherby's logbooks and record books ensure regulatory compliance with MARPOL, SOLAS, ISPS, PSC and MLC. Designed for onboard use, the series gives shipowners an effective solution for record keeping and compliance with regulatory requirements. Providing structured and practical record keeping and ensuring ships are inspection-ready, saves time, reduces risk and helps avoid the cost of non-compliance.

[Watch the Video to Learn More](#)

Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- Cayman Islands** – has released an update entitled '[Heliports on Large Yachts](#)'.
- Isle of Man** – has released an update entitled '[MSN 050 \(Rev 6\) IoM Regulations implementing the STCW Convention](#)'.
- Liberia** – has released two updates:
 - ['Marine Security Bulletin - 08/2026 - Security incidents in the Black Sea'](#)
 - ['Marine Advisory 08/2026 - Guidance for Safe Operation in Cold Weather and Low Temperatures'](#).
- Panama** – has released an update entitled '[MMC-193 Optional and Voluntary System for Electronic Books or Electronic Record Books on board Panamanian Flagged Vessels](#)'.
- Singapore** – has released an update entitled '[Port Marine Circular No. 05 of 2026 - Joint Advisory: Compliance with the Harbour Craft Regulations and the Employment of Foreign Manpower Act](#)'.
- UK** – has released an update entitled '[MGN 717 \(M+F\) Air Quality: amendments to mandatory international instruments](#)'.

New from Witherbys

Out April 2026

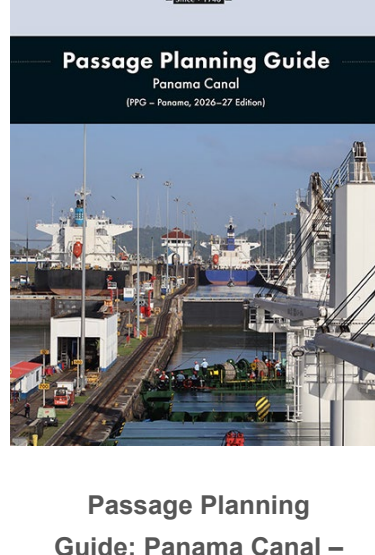
Due May 2026

Due June 2026



Tanker Safety Guide
(Chemicals) – Sixth Edition

[Order Here](#)



Passage Planning
Guide: Panama Canal –
(PPG – Panama, 2026–
27 Edition)

[Pre-order Here](#)



Passage Planning
Guide for the Turkish
Straits - 2026-27 Edition

[Pre-order Here](#)

Navigation and Security News

- ['JMJC Weekly Dashboard for the Middle East'](#) (UKMTO)
- ['Inland Cargo Vessel Sinks Near Port of Antwerp'](#) (Maritime Executive)
- ['Industry on alert over scam messages offering ships "safe passage" on Hormuz'](#) (Safety4Sea)
- ['Strait of Hormuz blockade drives up costs at Panama Canal'](#) (Euractiv)
- ['Malacca Strait vessel traffic at record levels in 2025'](#) (Seatrade Maritime News)
- ['Is collective cyber defence the future of port security? Learnings from a Dutch initiative'](#) (World Economic Forum)

Recent Class Society Guidance

- American Bureau of Shipping** – has released an update entitled '['Escape from Machinery Spaces of Category A'](#)'.
- Bureau Veritas** – has released an update entitled '['Bureau Veritas Launches Offshore Center of Excellence to Support Global Rise in New Energy Activity'](#)'.
- DNV** – has released an update entitled '['New requirement for Selective Catalytic Reduction \(SCR\) Systems enters into force on 1 May 2026'](#)'.
- Indian Register of Shipping** – has released an update entitled '['Technical Circular No:009/2026: Key Detainable Deficiencies identified during China MSA and Black Sea MoU Port State Control Inspection for Panama Flagged Vessels-2025'](#)'.
- Lloyd's Register** – has released three updates:
 - ['08/2026: Revised speed trial requirements for new construction ships'](#)
 - ['Working together to combat cargo fires'](#)
 - ['UK ETS to launch on 1 July'](#)
 - and more [here](#).
- IMO Legal Committee 113th (LEG 113)**
 - [Bureau Veritas](#)
 - [BIMCO](#).

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- Gard** – has released an update entitled '['High claims risk persists for soya beans'](#)'.
- Japan P&I Club** – has released two updates:
 - ['Importance of Cargo Securing in Transporting Lithium-ion Batteries'](#)
 - ['Measures to assure safe navigation during the peak season of drift-net fishing in the Seto Inland Sea'](#).
- NorthStandard** – has released an update entitled '['South Africa: The Marine Oil Pollution \(Preparedness, Response and Cooperation\) Act 8 of 2025'](#)'.
- The American Club** – has released an update entitled '['Good Catch Update: So, We're Bunkering Again Animated Images'](#)'.
- UK P&I** – has released an update entitled '['Risk Focus: Gas Carriers'](#)'.
- West** – has released an update entitled '['Ecuador: Entry into force of the Hamburg Rules on 1 August 2026'](#)'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- ReCAAP** – has issued its [weekly piracy report](#).
- IACS** – has released an update entitled '['IACS publishes Recommendation on Onboard Lifting Appliances'](#)'.
- EMSA** – has released an update entitled '['RuleCheck 19.0 is now live'](#)'.
- IMO** – has released an update entitled '['IMO approves new guidelines on ship registration'](#)'.

Recent Accident Reports

- Malta** – The MSIU has released an [investigation report](#) into the fatal accident on board the oil tanker '[Anwaar Benghazi](#)' near Suez, Egypt on 18th April 2025. While disembarking the vessel following completion of the Suez Canal transit, the pilot fell in the water and later passed away ashore. The investigation could not ascertain the precise cause of the accident, although it seems to have been linked to the pilot's personal equipment getting caught on a pilot ladder stanchion.
- USA** – The NTSB has released an [investigation report](#) into the accident on board the offshore construction vessel '[Island Venture](#)' in Bayou Lafourche, Louisiana on 3rd April 2025. The ship was lifting a wire reel from the deck of the offshore supply vessel '[C-Enforcer](#)' when the crane's wire parted and the reel fell back onto the OSV's deck. There were no injuries or pollution, but both vessels were damaged. The investigation concluded that the hoisting wire parted due to internal corrosion.

Recent IMO Circulars

- TC 75/16/Add.1 – 22/04/2026** – Report of the Technical Cooperation Committee on its Seventy-fifth Session.
- TC 75/16/Add.1 – 22/04/2026** – Capacity Development: Empowering All Women and the Promotion of Diversity, Equality, Equity and Inclusion (DEEI) in the Maritime Sector.
- PPR 13/18/Add.1 – 22/04/2026** – Report to the Maritime Environment Protection Committee and the Maritime Safety Committee.
- NCSR 13/5/5 – 22/04/2026** – Developments in GMDSS Services, Including Guidelines on Maritime Safety Information (MSI).
- MEPC 84/7/50 – 22/04/2026** – Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships.
- Circular Letter No.5171 – 21/04/2026** – Additional Account Users to Access the IMO ePublications Platform for Member States.
- Circular Letter No.5170 – 21/04/2026** – Vacancy Announcement: V.N. 26-06.
- FAL 50/INF.1 – 17/04/2026** – List of Participants.
- NCSR 13/INF.11 – 17/04/2026** – Routing Measures and Ship Reporting Systems.
- NCSR 13/INF.14 – 17/04/2026** – Any Other Business.

List of Amendments Expected to Enter into Force This Year and in the Coming Years

[PDF Download](#)

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.

- 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)

WITHERBY CONNECT

New eLearning Module
Common PSC Deficiencies & Detentions

Learn what you need to know to be PSC inspection ready in 30 minutes.

Access now



WITHERBYS

Witherby Publishing Group
Navigation House
3 Almondvale Business Park
Almondvale Way
Livingston
EH54 6GA
United Kingdom

You are receiving this email because you signed up to receive our weekly SR&G update.

[Preferences](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)