

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

Week 24, 2026 – Friday 12th June
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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- Canada** – has released an update entitled '[Bulletin 10/2026 Now in force: Discharge requirements for cruise ships](#)'.
- Marshall Islands** – has released two updates:
 - ['Marine Safety Advisory 08-26 Inmarsat Terminal Activations, Deactivations, and Alterations'](#)
 - ['Marine Safety Advisory 09-26 Resuscitators for Medical Oxygen Cylinders'](#)
- Panama** – has released four updates:
 - ['MMN-12/2026 Reinforcement of Anti-Corruption Reporting Mechanisms in Ports'](#)
 - ['MMN-13/2026 Key Detainable Deficiencies for Panama-Flagged Vessels under Italy Port State Control \(PSC\) Inspections - 2025'](#)
 - ['Circular 183 Continuous Synopsis Record \(CSR\)'](#)
 - ['Circular 374 Companies Representing the Flag State Inspectors'](#)
- UK** – has released four updates:
 - ['MGN 564 \(M+F\) Amendment 2'](#)
 - ['MGN 670 Amendment 2 \(M\) Guidance on the application of SOLAS II-1'](#)
 - ['MSN 1890 \(M+F\) Amd 5 Health and safety at work new and expectant mothers'](#)
 - ['MIN 698 Amendment 2 \(M\) Workboat Code Edition 3 – standards and guidelines for best practice'](#)
- US** – has released two updates:
 - ['Safety Alert 08-26 Marine Boiler Burner Inspection and Operational Safety Recommendations'](#)
 - ['Safety Alert 09-26 Use of Prototype Shaft Seal Material on Board Deep Draft Vessel Leads to Engine Room Flooding'](#)

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Navigation and Security News

- ['JMIC Weekly Dashboard for the Middle East' \(UKMTO\)](#)
- ['Boxship goes down off Batam' \(Splash 24/7\)](#)
- ['Cargo Ship Goes Aground and Spills Petroleum off Luzon' \(The Maritime Executive\)](#)
- ['Iran declares the Strait of Hormuz completely closed' \(Safety4Sea\)](#)
- ['Panama Canal reduces maximum draught as El Niño concerns mount' \(Seatrade Maritime News\)](#)

Recent Class Society Guidance

- ABS** – has released an update entitled '[Gas and Other Low-Flashpoint Fuel Ready Vessels](#)'.
- DNV** – has released an update entitled '[The UK ETS expands to maritime from 1 July 2026](#)'.
- CCS** – has released five updates:
 - ['Guidelines for Survey of Intelligent Integration Platform 2026'](#)
 - ['Guidelines for Surveys of Intelligent energy efficiency management of ships 2026'](#)
 - ['Guidelines for Surveys of Intelligent Machinery of Ships 2026'](#)
 - ['Rules for Intelligent Ships 2026'](#)
 - ['Guidelines for Application of Ship Digital Survey 2026'](#)
- Korean Register** – has released an update entitled '[Advance notice on the drafts for revision of the Classification Technical Rules \(Machinery Part\)](#)'.
- Indian Register of Shipping** – has released an update entitled '[Technical Circular No.012/2026: Guidance on Risks Associated with GNSS Spoofing and GNSS Jamming](#)'.
- Lloyd's Register** – has released three updates:
 - ['Frameworks in place but industry faces execution gap, finds shipping's first ESG benchmarking report'](#)
 - ['Leading the way in unmanned marine systems'](#)
 - ['Update to Grey Boat Code aligns with latest commercial and naval standards'](#)

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- Britannia** – has released three updates:
 - ['The Less Visible Drivers of Seafarer Mental Wellbeing'](#)
 - ['IMO Maritime Safety Committee Update 111'](#)
 - ['Commercial Shipping Regulations and Standards'](#)
- Gard** – has released two updates:
 - ['World's largest ECA adopted by the IMO'](#)
 - ['Updated CINS guidelines: carriage of cocoa butter in containers'](#)
- Japan P&I Club** – has released an update entitled '[Taiwan's Cancellation of Pre-Arrival Notice for Changhua Wind Farm Channel](#)'.
- NorthStandard** – has released four updates:
 - ['New biofouling regulations in Brazil'](#)
 - ['Ebola outbreak in Africa'](#)
 - ['Taiwan criminalises the act of damaging submarine cables by negligence'](#)
 - ['Ballast Management in Mexican Ports'](#)
- Skuld** – has released an update entitled '[Maritime security update: Gulf Region / Strait of Hormuz and Red Sea](#)'.
- The American Club** – has released an update entitled '[USCG TAC PLUS - Health Spotlight Q1](#)'.
- West** – has released an update entitled '[New Scientist No.3: How much exercise do we need?](#)'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- ReCAAP** – has issued its [weekly piracy report](#).
- BIMCO** – has released three updates:
 - ['Small piracy structures are strengthening'](#)
 - ['SALEFORM 2025: An updated framework for ship sale and purchase'](#)
 - ['BIMCO's Energy Saving Device Retrofitting Addendum: Work well underway'](#)
- IACS** – has released an update entitled '[IACS publishes results of Concentrated Inspection Campaign on onboard Emergency Power Supply](#)'.
- ICS** – has released an update entitled '[ICS publish Onboard Carbon Capture and Storage Review Report](#)'.
- IMO** – has released two updates:
 - ['Statement on the attack on tanker MT Settebello'](#)
 - ['No safe passage: Strait of Hormuz remains highly volatile'](#)
- International Institute of Marine Surveying** – has released three updates:
 - ['Royal College of Art to develop low-cost marine aids to navigation'](#)
 - ['Do you know why a Ship Structural Access Manual is required onboard?'](#)
 - ['Responding to an engine high temperature alarm'](#)

Recent Accident Reports

- Marshall Islands** – The RMIMA has released an [investigation report](#) into the fatal injury on board the bulk carrier *Fairfield Eagle* in Buenaventura, Colombia on 2nd October 2024. Following repairs to an electric cable, the ship's grab was being hoisted for testing when it swung and trapped a nearby crew member against the guardrail. He died from his injuries a few days later. The investigation found that the risk assessment and toolbox talk for the task had been inadequate, and the task had not been suitably supervised.
- Belgium** – The FEBIMA has released an [investigation report](#) into the serious marine casualty on board the dredger *MV Amazone* near Malta on 5th October 2025. Two crewmembers were draining the thermal oil system after several months of thermal oil contamination when the hot oil splashed on their faces and upper bodies, resulting in severe burns. The investigation found that while the crew followed company procedures, these lacked clear instructions for the safe drainage of thermal oil. Additionally, the position of the drainage point increased the risk of severe burns.

Recent IMO Circulars

- III 12/2/1 – 10/06/2026** – Decisions of Other IMO Bodies.
- C 137/7/1 – 10/06/2026** – Enhancement of GISIS.
- BWM.2/Circ.34/Rev.15 – 10/06/2026** – International Convention for the Control and Management of Ship's Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004.
- C 137/17 – 10/06/2026** – Report on the Status of Conventions.
- III 12/12/3 – 10/06/2026** – Comprehensive Revision of the Guidelines on the Implementation of the ISM Code by Administrations and Companies.
- III 12/2/1 – 09/06/2026** – Measures to Harmonize Port State Control (PSC) Activities and Procedures Worldwide.
- MEPC.1/Circ.905/Rev.1 – 09/06/2026** – Revised Interim Guidance on the Use of Biofuels under Regulations 26, 27 and 28 of MARPOL Annex VI (DCS and CII).
- HNS.2/Circ.18 – 09/06/2026** – 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.
- ISWG-NGO 5/1/1 – 09/06/2026** – Adoption of the Agenda.
- III 12/10/3 – 08/06/2026** – Updated Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC).

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 2026-2027. Please see the IMO's [Meeting Summaries](#) webpage for more information.

- 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)
- 01-04 September – Intersessional Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (ISWG-GH)
- 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 – Intersessional Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (ISWG-GH)
- 30 November-03 December – Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC)
- 14-18 December – Maritime Safety Committee (MSC)
- 25-29 January – Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR)
- 08-12 February – Legal Committee (LG)
- 22-26 February – Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW)
- 15-19 March – Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE)
- 12-16 April – Facilitation Committee (FAL)
- 26-30 April – Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR)
- 24-28 May – Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC)

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