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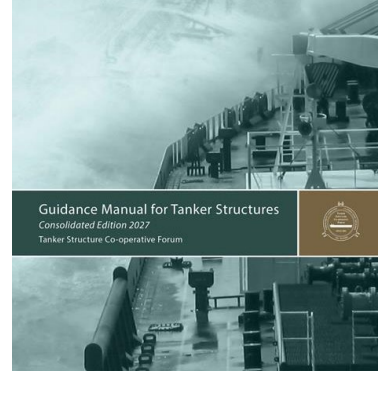
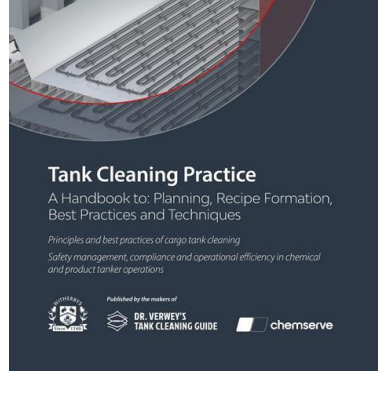
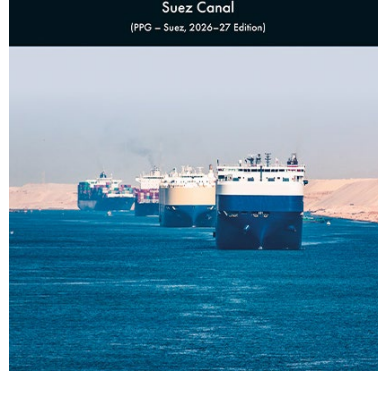
- Cyprus** – has released an update entitled '[Sanctions Information Notice 3/2026 - New European Union restrictive measures in view of the gravity of the situation in Ukraine \(21st package of restrictive measures\)](#)'.
- Liberia** – has released three updates:
 - '[Marine Security Bulletin: 23/2026 - Report of Piracy Activity in the Gulf of Aden](#)'
 - '[Marine Security Bulletin: 22/2026 - Security Situation in the Southern Red Sea and Bab el Mandeb](#)'
 - '[Maritime Security Bulletin – 21/2026 - Security incident in the Gulf of Mexico](#)'.
- Malta** – has released two updates:
 - '[Information Notice 62 - Pilot Transfer Arrangements](#)'
 - '[MS Notice 207 - 21st package of EU Sanctions against Russia](#)'.
- UK** – has released an update entitled '[MGN165 Amendment 2 \(F\) fishing vessels: risk of flooding](#)'.

New from Witherbys

Out May 2026

Due September 2026

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Passage Planning
Guide: Suez Canal -
(2026-27 Edition)

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- A Handbook to:
Planning, Recipe
Formation, Best
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Techniques

Guidance Manual for
Tanker Structures -
Consolidated Edition
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Navigation and Security News

- '[Casualty at Port of Tyne Caused Large Release of Plastic Nurdles](#)' (*The Maritime Executive*)
- '[U.S. Coast Guard Seizes \\$2.8 Million Marijuana Shipment In Caribbean Operation Near Bahamas](#)' (*Marine Insight*)
- '[Drone strike hits FSRU and LNG carrier at Egyptian terminal](#)' (*Splash 24/7*)
- '[Iran and Oman swap proposals to manage Strait of Hormuz: What we know](#)' (*Al Jazeera*)

Recent Class Society Guidance

- ABS** – has released two updates:
 - '[Regulatory News 11/2026 - Escape from Machinery Spaces of Category A](#)'
 - '[Regulatory News 12/2026 - Letter to Industry: Plimsoll Mark Figure on Load Line Certificates](#)'.
- DNV** – has released an update entitled '[The 2026 PSC CIC on cargo securing – be prepared](#)'.
- Lloyd's Register** – has released an update entitled '[13/2026: Revised IMO requirements for pilot transfer arrangements](#)'.
- Polish Register of Shipping** – has released an update entitled '[Rule 130/P Offshore Wind Farms](#)'.
- Korean Register** – has released two updates:
 - '[Amendments to Pilot Transfer Arrangement Requirements Entering into Force on 1 January 2028\(Rev.1\)](#)'
 - '[Guidance to Support the Early Implementation of Requirements for Pilot Transfer Arrangements](#)'.
- IMO Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments, 12th Session (III 12)**
 - [ABS](#)
 - [Bureau Veritas](#)
 - [DNV](#)
 - [Korean Register](#)
 - [Lloyd's Register](#).

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- NorthStandard** – has released an update entitled '[NorthStandard works to reduce survey burden on ships through RightShip collaboration](#)'.
- West** – has released an update entitled '[New hatch cover video series](#)'.
- UK P&I Club** – has released two updates:
 - '[Ammonia - Alternative Fuel Spill Response Considerations](#)'
 - '[Methanol - Alternative Fuel Spill Response Considerations](#)'.
- EU Sanctions: 21st Sanctions Package Against Russia**
 - [Britannia](#)
 - [Gard](#)
 - [Japan P&I](#)
 - [NorthStandard](#)
 - [Shipowners' Club](#)
 - [Skuld](#)
 - [Swedish Club](#)
 - [West](#).

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- ReCAAP** – has issued its [weekly piracy report](#).
- ICS** – has released an update entitled '[ICS Secretary General statement on unacceptable dangers facing seafarers](#)'.
- BIMCO** – has released an update entitled '[BIMCO welcomes proposal to include Indian ship recycling yards on EU list](#)'.
- UK Chamber of Shipping** – has released an update entitled '[Navigating the English Channel, Dover Strait and Southern North Sea: A Practical Guide for Safer Passage Planning](#)'.
- IIMS** – has released an update entitled '[Fatalities more than doubled despite injury rates improving says IMCA Safety Statistics Report](#)'.
- World Shipping Council** – has released an update entitled '[EC Proposal Reinforces Performance-Based Approach to Responsible Ship Recycling](#)'.
- Marine Traffic** – has released an update entitled '[Port State Control Monthly Update - June 2026](#)'.

Recent Accident Reports

- United Kingdom** – The MAIB has released an [investigation report](#) into the fatal accident which occurred on board the bulk carrier '*World Prize*' near Rönnskär, Sweden on 14th October 2025. The crew was adjusting the pilot ladder for the disembarkation of two pilots when the bosun went overboard at the embarkation station, where the safety chains had been removed. His body was recovered from the seabed the following day. The investigation found several operational failings, including unsafe rigging operations and inappropriate PPE that did not follow the SMS, and a general complacent attitude of the crew towards safety measures.

Recent IMO Circulars

- IFC.7/Circ.25 – 30/07/2026** – Protocol of 2003 to the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1992.
- LL.10/Circ.93 – 30/07/2026** – Protocol of 1988 Relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 - Accession by Colombia.
- PSLS.6/Circ.97 – 30/07/2026** – Protocol of 1988 Relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 - Accession by Colombia.
- LCPL.2/Circ.40 – 30/07/2026** – 1996 Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972.
- LC 48/13/1 – 30/07/2026** – Revision of the LC/LP Rules of Procedures.
- FAL 51/2 – 30/07/2026** – Decisions of Other IMO Bodies.
- ISWG-GHG 22/2/6– 30/07/2026** – Consideration of Proposals on How to Address Concerns with the Draft Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI on the Net-zero Framework, in Line with the 2023 IMO GHG Strategy.
- TC.1/Circ.77/Rev.1 – 29/07/2026** – Organization and Method of Work of the Technical Cooperation Committee.
- LC 48/15/1 – 29/07/2026** – Administrative arrangements and Future Work.
- C 137/INF.1 – 29/07/2026** – List of Participants.

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.

- 01-04 September – Intersessional Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (ISWG-GHG)
- 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-GHG)
- 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)
- 07-11 June – Technical Cooperation Committee (TC)
- 16-25 June – Maritime Safety Committee (MSC)
- 05-09 July – IMO Council
- 19-23 July – Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III)



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