

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

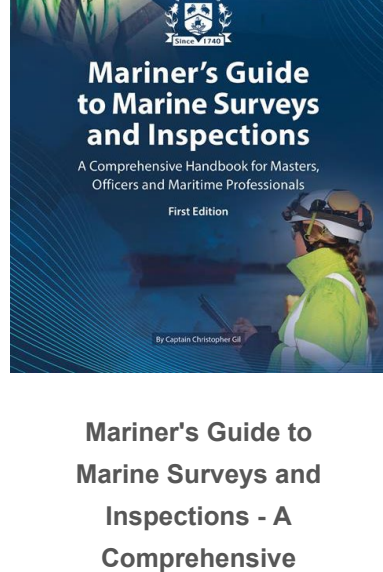
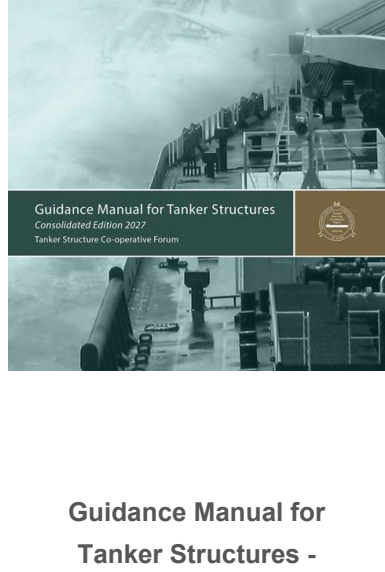
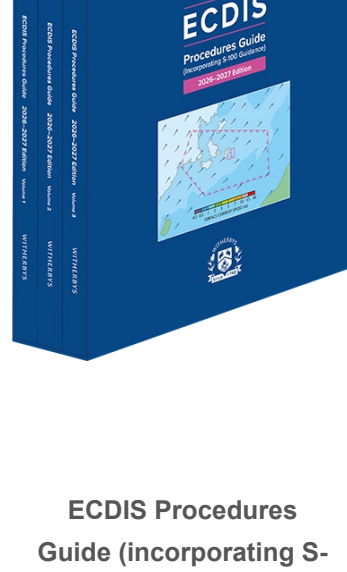
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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **Bermuda** – has released two updates:
 - ['Bermuda Guidance Notice 2026-07- Electronic Record Keeping Systems'](#)
 - ['Bermuda Guidance Notice 2026-06 - Carriage of Publications on Board Registered Ships'](#).
- **Liberia** – has released four updates:
 - ['Marine Security Bulletin: 25/2026 - Vessel attacks in the Strait of Hormuz'](#)
 - ['Marine Security Bulletin: 24/2026 - Vessel Attacks in the Port of Damietta, Egypt'](#)
 - ['Marine Notice SAF-010_Rev.07/26 - Approval of Ship Structural Access Manuals \(SSAM\)'](#)
 - ['POL-014 Rev. 08/26 - Implementation, Survey and Certification under the BWM Convention'](#).
- **Cayman Islands** – has released an update entitled ['Guidance Note 08/2026 \(Rev 1.1\) ISM Safety Management System Reviews'](#).
- **Panama** – has released two updates:
 - ['Merchant Marine Circular MMC-245 - Armed Security Personnel on board Panama flagged vessels transiting High Risk Areas'](#)
 - ['Merchant Marine Circular MMC-379 - Procedure for Port State Control \(PSC\). 2025 amendments'](#).

New from Witherbys

<i>Due August 2026</i>	<i>Due September 2026</i>	<i>Due September 2026</i>
		
Mariner's Guide to Marine Surveys and Inspections - A Comprehensive Handbook for Masters, Officers and Maritime Professionals Pre-order Here	Guidance Manual for Tanker Structures - Consolidated Edition 2027 Pre-order Here	ECDIS Procedures Guide (incorporating S-100 Guidance) - 2026-2027 Edition Pre-order Here

Navigation and Security News

- ['MSC Sends a Message on Container Fire Safety By Suing a Customer'](#) (*The Maritime Executive*)
- ['Understanding reached on coordinates for shipping route through Hormuz, Iran says'](#) (*The Guardian*)
- ['Houthi attacks proliferate'](#) (*Splash 24/7*)
- ['Panama Canal reduces draught for neo-Panamax locks'](#) (*Seatrade Maritime News*)

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **ABS** – has released six updates:
 - ['Tokyo and Paris MoU Joint CIC for 2026 on Cargo Securing'](#)
 - ['Regulatory News 13/2026 BBNJ Agreement: What it Means for Shipping'](#)
 - ['Environmental Protection Notations for Vessels'](#)
 - ['Hybrid and All-Electric Power Systems for Marine and Offshore Applications'](#)
 - ['Extended Drydocking'](#)
 - ['Ship Lifting and Transfer Systems'](#).
- **DNV** – has released an update entitled ['Port State Control – CIC 2026 official questionnaire now published'](#).

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **Britannia** – has released four updates:
 - ['PSC Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Cargo Securing'](#)
 - ['Guidance on Cargo Securing Manual \(CSM\) Compliance'](#)
 - ['English High Court Clarifies Options for Carrier Faced with Conflicting Cargo Delivery Claims'](#)
 - ['Joint War Committee \(JWC\) Updates the Hull War, Piracy, Terrorism and Related Perils Listed Areas \(JWLA 034\)'](#).
- **Japan P&I Club** – has released two updates:
 - ['IMB piracy and armed robbery report for January – June 2026'](#)
 - ['Rescue Boat Fall Accidents on board Tankers - Preventive Measure'](#).
- **NorthStandard** – has released three updates:
 - ['Disruptions to Dutch waterways'](#)
 - ['Cargo Securing in Focus: Preparing for the 2026 PSC CIC'](#)
 - ['War Risks Class – Additional Premium Areas'](#).
- **Shipowners' Club** – has released an update entitled ['Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking at Sea'](#).
- **Skuld** – has released an update entitled ['FuelEU Maritime: early lessons from the first year of compliance'](#).
- **The Swedish Club** – has released two updates:
 - ['Yemen's Houthi movement expands maritime targeting to include Saudi Arabia'](#)
 - ['War Risk Insurance 2026 – Notice of Cancellation 31 July 2026'](#).
- **UK P&I Club** – has released three updates:
 - ['India – Restrictions on Satellite Phones and Satellite Communication Equipment'](#)
 - ['Circular 13/26: EU Sanctions: 21st Sanctions Package Against Russia'](#)
 - ['Inside Ship: Blackouts'](#).

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **ReCAAP** – has issued its [weekly piracy report](#).
- **ICS** – has released two updates:
 - ['ICS in Action – July 2026'](#)
 - ['Joint open letter in relation to no compulsory tolls or charges being introduced in the Strait of Hormuz'](#).
- **BIMCO** – has released three updates:
 - ['BIMCO launches surveys to support practical biofouling management'](#)
 - ['Revised PRC Maritime Code: Key considerations for managing contractual risk'](#)
 - ['AI-generated contracts and clauses: why the human element still matters'](#).
- **UK Chamber of Shipping** – has released two updates:
 - ['UK Chamber of Shipping Publishes Industry-first Safety Evidence Base for Alternative Marine Fuels'](#)
 - ['Safety Matters | August 2026'](#).
- **IIMS** – has released three updates:
 - ['Australian government launches guidance to help prevent pest contamination in containers'](#)
 - ['Best practice guide how to comply with CIC 2026 on Cargo Securing'](#)
 - ['IMO concludes first mandatory audit cycle covering 168 Member States'](#).
- **Tokyo MoU** – has released an update entitled ['Joint Press Release on the Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Cargo Securing'](#).
- **Paris MoU** – has released an update entitled ['Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Cargo Securing 2026'](#).

Recent Accident Reports

- **Marshall Islands** – The RMIMA has released an [investigation report](#) into the fatal accident which occurred on board the tanker *'No.2 Ocean Pioneer'* in the Strait of Hormuz on 25th August 2025. The chief officer was inspecting the ship's tanks after they had been washed, when he fell to the bottom of the tank and could not be revived after being lifted out. The investigation concluded that the gas freeing operation had not been effective, and the atmosphere had not been properly tested prior to entry. It also found several operational failings, including not wearing personal gas detectors or breathing apparatus.

Recent IMO Circulars

- **CCC 12/4/5 – 06/08/2026** – Development of a Safety Regulatory Framework to Support the Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships Using New Technologies and Alternative Fuels.
- **CCC 12/3/7 – 05/08/2026** – Amendments to the IGF Code and Development of Guidelines for Alternative Fuels and Related Technologies.
- **CCC 12/6/3 – 05/08/2026** – Amendments to the IMDG Code and Supplements.
- **CCC 12/12/3 – 05/08/2026** – Any Other Business.
- **CCC 12/5/15 – 05/08/2026** – Amendments to the IMSBC Code and Supplements.
- **CCC 12/7/1 – 05/08/2026** – Revision of the Revised Guidelines for the Preparation of the Cargo Securing Manual (MSC.1/Circ.1353/Rev.2) to Include a Harmonized Performance Standard for Lashing Software to Permit Lashing Software as a Supplement to the Cargo Securing Manual..
- **Council.1/Circ.2/Rev.2 – 05/08/2026** – Organization and Method of Work of the Council.
- **LC 48/5/9 – 05/08/2026** – Marine Geoengineering Including Ocean Fertilization.
- **LC 48/2 – 05/08/2026** – Status of the London Convention and Protocol.
- **MEPC 85/7/2 – 05/08/2026** – Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships.

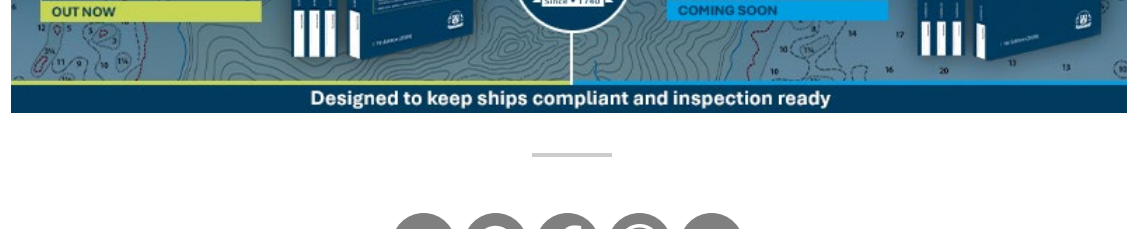
List of Amendments Expected to Enter into Force This Year and in the Coming Years

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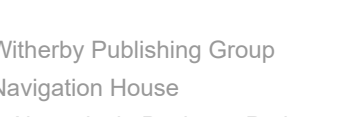
A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

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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