



## Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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### Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **UK** – has published three updates:
    - ['MGN 684 \(M\) Safety of powered watercraft'](#)
    - ['MIN 538 Amendment 5 \(M\) Codes of practice – authorisation of certifying authorities'](#)
    - ['MGN 683 \(M+F\) IMO carbon reduction measures'](#).
  - **USA** – has issued a marine safety information bulletin entitled ['Reduced Visibility from the Navigation Bridge'](#).
  - **Singapore** – has released a port marine notice entitled ['Repair Works at Police Coast Guard Lim Chu Kang Base'](#).
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## Recent Class Society Guidance

- **China Classification Society** – has published a document entitled '[Rules for Construction of Ocean-going Steel Fishing Vessels 2023 RCN No.1](#)'.
- **Indian Register of Shipping** – has issued two updates:
  - '[Prohibition on the use and carriage for use as fuel of heavy fuel oil by ships in Arctic waters](#)'
  - '[Measures to Improve Compliance and Minimize Risk of Port State Control Detentions](#)'.

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## Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club** – has released a member alert entitled '[Good Catch Update: The New Guy Animated Images](#)'.
  - **Gard** – has issued three updates:
    - '[A brief introduction to the High Seas Treaty](#)'
    - '[The Asian Gypsy Moth has been given a new name](#)'
    - '[Lithium-ion battery fires – industry guidance and conference address risks](#)'.
  - **Japan P&I Club** – has published three updates:
    - '[IG launches a second safety animation to help prevent injuries and loss of life during mooring operations](#)'.
    - '[Status of Maritime Conventions \(as of 1 April 2023\)](#)'
    - '[Akashi Kaikyo Traffic Route and its vicinity in 2023—Result of navigation safety measures](#)'.
  - **The Shipowners' Club** – has released an update entitled '[Technology, risk and insurance – Getting the right perspective](#)'.
  - **West P&I Club** – has published two updates:
    - '[FuelEU Maritime - Looking at the Potential Implications on Ships](#)'
    - '[China - Guangxi MSA Announces New Shipping Routes for the Beibu Gulf](#)'.
  - **UK P&I Club** – has issued an update entitled '[California - CARB Mandatory At-Berth Regulation](#)'.
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## Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **UK MAIB** – has released volume one of their [safety digest](#) for 2023.
  - **Britannia P&I Club** – has published the April edition of [Crew Watch](#).
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## Recent Accident Reports

- **Malta** – Transport Malta has released a [safety investigation report](#) into the fatal fall of a crew member on board the MV 'Seminole'. The accident occurred while the ship was berthed at Constanța, Romania. The ship was required to shift 10 m astern and while heading to the aft mooring station to oversee the final securing of the mooring lines, the chief officer fell down a flight of stairs and was found unconscious. The injured chief officer was transferred by an ambulance to a local hospital, where he passed away two days later.

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## Recent IMO Circulars

- **MSC 107/2/2 – 05/04/2023** – DECISIONS OF OTHER IMO BODIES.
- **Circular Letter No.4710 – 05/04/2023** – Seventy-third session of the Technical Cooperation Committee (16 to 19 October 2023).
- **TC 73/1 – 05/04/2023** – PROVISIONAL AGENDA.
- **Circular Letter No.4702 – 05/04/2023** – Fifteenth meeting of the Intersessional Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (26 to 30 June 2023).
- **MSC 107/INF.15 – 05/04/2023** – DEVELOPMENT OF A GOAL-BASED INSTRUMENT FOR MARITIME AUTONOMOUS SURFACE SHIPS (MASS).
- **ISWG-GHG 14/INF.1 – 05/04/2023** – LIST OF PARTICIPANTS.
- **MSC 107/INF.16 – 05/04/2023** – DEVELOPMENT OF A GOAL-BASED INSTRUMENT FOR MARITIME AUTONOMOUS SURFACE SHIPS (MASS).
- **MSC 107/INF.12 – 05/04/2023** – DEVELOPMENT OF A GOAL-BASED INSTRUMENT FOR MARITIME AUTONOMOUS SURFACE SHIPS (MASS).
- **MSC 107/INF.10 – 05/04/2023** – GOAL-BASED NEW SHIP CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS.

- **MSC 107/INF.17 – 05/04/2023 – MEASURES TO ENHANCE MARITIME SECURITY.**
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## **Regulations Recently Entered into Force**

IMO and ILO regulations that have entered into force or been amended recently include:

- Amendments to the 2011 ESP Code as amended by resolution MSC.461(101) – Minimum requirements for thickness measurements at renewal surveys of double-hull oil tankers – effective 1 January 2023
  - Amendments to the STCW Convention 1978 - New definition for “high-voltage” – effective 1 January 2023
  - Amendments to Part A of the STCW Code – Inclusion of electro-technical officers in the definition of “operational level” – effective 1 January 2023
  - Amendment to the AFS Convention – Control of AFS containing Cybutryne – effective 1 January 2023
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## **A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO**

The IMO has released a programme of meetings for 2023. Please see the IMO's '[Meeting Summaries](#)' webpage for more information.

- 24-28 April – Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR)
  - 08-17 May – Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR)
  - 31 May - 09 June – Maritime Safety Committee (MSC)
  - 26-30 June – Intersessional Working Group on the Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (ISWG-GHG)
  - 03-07 July – Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC)
  - 17-21 July – IMO Council
  - 31 July - 04 August – Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III)
  - 20-29 September – Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC)
  - 02-06 October – Consultative Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Convention 1972) and Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Protocol 1996)
  - 16-20 October – Technical Cooperation Committee (TC)
  - 23-24 November – IMO Council
  - 27 November - 06 December – IMO Assembly
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