

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

Week 18, 2023 – Friday 5th May 2023
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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **UK** – has issued an amendment: '[MGN 370 \(M+F\) The Dreadnought Medical Service, St Thomas' Hospital London](#)'.
- **Panama** – has published a marine notice entitled '[MMN-02/2023 Fujairah Requirements for Tankers and Gas Carriers](#)'.
- **Marshall Islands** – has published a new guideline entitled '[Guidelines for Voyage Planning](#)'.
- **Singapore** – has issued two Shipping Circulars:
 - '[MAY - Notices to Mariners No 27 to 31](#)'
 - '[Port Marine Notice No. 35 of 2023 Scheduled Maintenance of ICA Crew System on 03 and 07 May](#)'.
- **Hong Kong** – has issued six information notices:
 - '[A fatal electrocution accident happened on board while cleaning cargo hold](#)'
 - '[Unified Interpretations of SOLAS Chapter II-2](#)'
 - '[Revised Interim Guidelines on Life-saving Appliances and Arrangements for Ships Operating in Polar Waters](#)'
 - '[Revised Guidelines for the Approval of Fixed Dry Chemical Powder Fire-extinguishing Systems for the Protection of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk](#)'
 - '[Adoption of the Performance Standards for Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems \(ECDIS\)](#)'
 - '[Adoption of the Performance Standards and Functional Requirements for the Long-range Identification and Tracking of Ships](#)'.

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)** – has released a new update entitled '[PR10 Brief](#)'.
- **DNV** – Has released a new technical document entitled '[IHM renewal and maintenance - how to manage](#)'.
- **Class NK** – has published two updates:
 - '[Released TEC-1296 - Isle of Man - Annual Fee Discounts for Vessels Using Green Technology](#)'
 - '[ClassNK releases white paper - Towards MASS social implementation](#)'
- **Bureau Veritas** – has published a two new documents:
 - '[PPR 10 – 24 April To 28 April 2023](#)'
 - '[GTT, TotalEnergies, LMG and Bureau Veritas join forces to develop a large-scale LH2 Carrier](#)'.

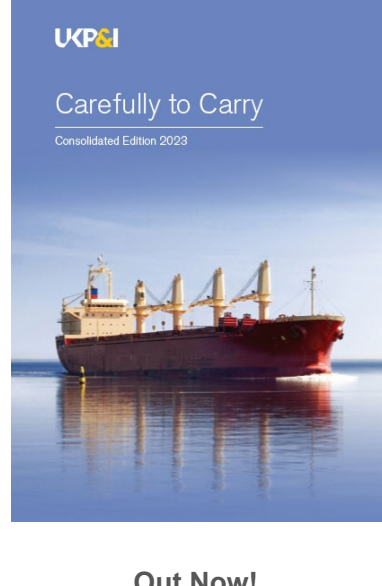
Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club** – has released four member alerts:
 - '[Stowaway Activity in the Dominican Republic-Puerto Rico Trade](#)'
 - '[Good Catch Update: High and Mighty - Anticipating US River High Water Effects](#)'
 - '[Currents - the American Club's In-house Newsletter](#)'
 - '[Brazil: International Seafarer Identification Document \(SID\)](#)'.
- **GARD** – has published an update entitled '[Navigating safely through the seasonal fishing ban in Chinese waters](#)'.
- **The London P&I** – has published a circular entitled '[Circular 7.133: Additional Premium Areas](#)'.
- **SKULD** – has updated an article entitled '[Turkey: Pollution fines and criminal proceedings 2023](#)'.
- **Britannia P&I** – has released three updates:
 - '[Loss Prevention Webinar: Piracy and armed robbery](#)'
 - '[Port Sudan: Situation remains stable](#)'
 - '[Brazil – Seaman's book no longer valid for immigration purposes](#)'.
- **North Standard** – has issued a Industry News Alert entitled '[Russia - Ukraine War: Impact on Shipping](#)'.
- **West** – has issued an bulletin entitled '[Brazil – Changes to the Immigration Requirements for Seafarers](#)'.

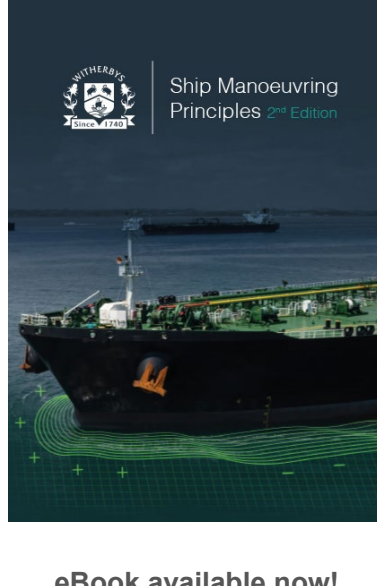
Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **Coast Guard Maritime Commons** – Have released '[Information on delays in the production of merchant mariner credentials](#)'.
- **IIMS** – have published '[How to protect battery systems update by the Norwegian Maritime Authority](#)'.
- **EMSA** – have released their '[April Newsletter](#)'.

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Recent Accident Reports

- **New Zealand** – The Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) has released a [safety investigation report](#) into the serious injury of a crew member on board the '*Moana Chief*' as it was leaving the Port of Auckland. As the telescopic accommodation ladder was being retrieved, a crew member's lower leg became trapped between the fixed upper ladder and the moving lower ladder, resulting in serious injury to their leg.

Recent IMO Circulars

- **MSC 107/14/5 – 03/05/2023** – SHIP SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT.
- **MSC 107/5/9 – 03/05/2023** – DEVELOPMENT OF A GOAL-BASED INSTRUMENT FOR MARITIME AUTONOMOUS SURFACE SHIPS (MASS).
- **MSC 107/14/2 – 03/05/2023** – SHIP SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT.
- **MSC 107/17/31 – 02/05/2023** – WORK PROGRAMME.
- **MSC 107/12/2 – 02/05/2023** – SHIP DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.
- **MSC 107/14/1 – 02/05/2023** – SHIP SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT.
- **MSC 107/5/12 – 02/05/2023** – DEVELOPMENT OF A GOAL-BASED INSTRUMENT FOR MARITIME AUTONOMOUS SURFACE SHIPS (MASS).
- **MSC 107/14/3 – 02/05/2023** – SHIP SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT.
- **MSC 107/5/10 – 02/05/2023** – DEVELOPMENT OF A GOAL-BASED INSTRUMENT FOR MARITIME AUTONOMOUS SURFACE SHIPS (MASS).
- **MSC 107/14/4 – 02/05/2023** – SHIP SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT.

Regulations Recently Entered into Force

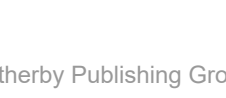
IMO and ILO regulations that have entered into force or been amended recently include:

- 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

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.

- 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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