

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

Week 21, 2023 – Friday 26th May 2023

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **Marshall Islands** – has released a new notice entitled '[Brazil: Enforcement of Seafarer Immigration Requirements](#)'.
- **Panama** – has released two documents:
 - '[Optional and Voluntary System for Electronic Books or Electronic Record Books on board Panamanian Flagged Vessels](#)'
 - '[Correction of Deficiencies found in ASI Inspections](#)'.
- **Singapore** – has published an update entitled '[Use of Automated Lanes to Sea Crew of All Nationalities](#)'.

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **American Bureau of Shipping** – has published two new documents entitled:
 - '[NCSR 10 Brief](#)'
 - '[Amendments to EU MRV Regulation 2015/757](#)'.
- **Bureau Veritas** – has published four new white papers entitled:
 - '[Annual EU ETS Compliance Scheme](#)'
 - '[Transition Process from MRV to MRV/ETS](#)'
 - '[EU ETS Transshipment Ports](#)'
 - '[EU ETS Perimeters Explained](#)'.
- **DNV** – has released a new document entitled '[IMO Sub-Committee on navigation, communications, search and rescue](#)'.
- **Class NK** – has released three new documents:
 - '[Measures to reduce the number of PSC detentions and to improve the performance of Panamanian vessels](#)'
 - '[Carriage of immersion suits onboard Panama flagged ship](#)'
 - '[Adoption of EU-ETS for shipping sector and amendments to EU-MRV](#)'.

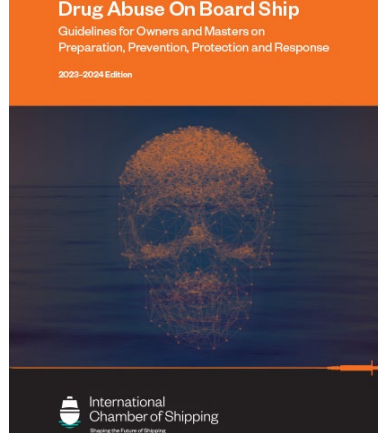
Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club** – has released three new updates:
 - '[People's Republic of China \(PRC\): Coastal Fish Farms](#)'
 - '[Good Catch Update: They Wanted It Stowed Like That \(Stowage Plan\)](#)'
 - '[Updated Notice Regarding Istanbul Strait South Anchorage Area](#)'.
- **Britannia P&I** – has released a new update entitled '[Carriage of Windmill Turbine Blades](#)'.
- **NorthStandard** – has released four new updates:
 - '[Fish Farm Claims in China *Update*](#)'
 - '[COVID-19: Coronavirus Outbreak - Impact on Shipping *Update*](#)'
 - '[VPS Bunker Alerts 2023](#)'
 - '[Russia - Ukraine War: Impact on shipping](#)'.
- **West** – has issued a new document entitled '[On the Horizon - Waypoints Issue 04](#)'.
- **UK P&I** – has released a new circular entitled '[Summary of the Distribution of Major Fishery Farms along the Coast of China](#)'.

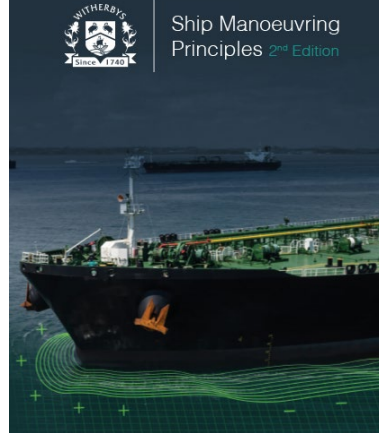
Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **ICS** – has published '[Political instability is a "Risk Multiplier" which is putting a successful green energy transition in maritime in jeopardy ICS report shows](#)'.
- **IIMS** – has released '[Role of Hydrogen and Batteries in Delivering Net Zero in the UK Analysed in New Report](#)'.

New from Witherbys



Out Now!



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Recent Accident Reports

- **USA** – The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has released a [safety investigation report](#) into the fire in the engine room on board the offshore supply vessel (OSV) 'Ocean Guardian'. The incident occurred during sea trials in Shilshole Bay, near Seattle, Washington. The fire was safely extinguished by the crew before it could spread.
- **Germany** – The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation has released an [Investigation Report](#) into a serious marine casualty on board the EBBA MAERSK after a fire in the main engine scavenge air duct. The fire occurred en-route from Felixstowe (UK) to Hamburg (Germany) during the changeover from a conventional heavy fuel oil to low-sulphur light fuel oil.

Recent IMO Circulars

- **MEPC 80/6/13 – 25/05/2023** – ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF SHIPS.
- **MEPC 80/4/18 – 25/05/2023** – HARMFUL AQUATIC ORGANISMS IN BALLAST WATER.
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- **III 9/2 – 25/05/2023** – DECISIONS OF OTHER IMO BODIES.
- **ISWG-GHG 15/2/10 – 24/05/2023** – FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND FINALIZATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DRAFT REVISED IMO STRATEGY ON REDUCTION OF GHG EMISSIONS FROM SHIPS.
- **GHG-EW 3/3 – 24/05/2023** – INSIGHTS FROM THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT.
- **MSC 107/WP.12 – 24/05/2023** – SHIP SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT.
- **ISWG-GHG 15/3/2 – 23/05/2023** – FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND FINALIZATION OF THE ASSESSMENT AND SELECTION OF MEASURE(S) TO FURTHER DEVELOP IN THE CONTEXT OF PHASE II OF THE WORK PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MID- AND LONG-TERM MEASURES.
- **GHG-EW/INF.11 – 23/05/2023** – PRELIMINARY COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC ELEMENTS OF THE PROPOSALS.
- **III 9/15 – 23/05/2023** – DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDANCE TO ASSIST COMPETENT AUTHORITIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAPE TOWN AGREEMENT OF 2012

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.

- 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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