

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- Australia** – has published an update entitled '[Receiving Maritime Safety Information \(MSI\)](#)'.
- Panama** – has released two updates:
 - '[Code for Recognized Organizations \(RO Code\)](#)'
 - '[Standard Guide of Facts On Board a Panama Flag Ship, in Cases of Theft, Sexual Assault, Natural Death, Suicide and Homicide](#)'.
- Singapore** – has published two updates:
 - '[Soil Investigation Work off AVLCC \(Very Large Crude Tanker Anchorage\) & Tuas View Extension](#)'
 - '[Training Sessions for digitalPORT@SGTM - Just in Time Planning and Coordination Platform](#)'.

Recent Class Society Guidance

- American Bureau of Shipping** – has released eight updates:
 - '[Rules for Conditions of Classification \(Part 1 – Ships\)](#)'
 - '[Rules for Materials and Welding \(Part 2\)](#)'
 - '[Rules for Survey After Construction \(Part 7\)](#)'
 - '[Rules for Conditions of Classification - Offshore Units and Structures \(Part 1 - Offshore\)](#)'
 - '[Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels for Service on Rivers and Intracoastal Waterways](#)'
 - '[Rules for Building and Classing Single Point Moorings](#)'
 - '[Rules for Conditions of Classification - Light and High-Speed Craft \(Part 1 - LHSC\)](#)'
 - '[Rules for Building and Classing Yachts - Part 4, Vessel Systems and Machinery](#)'.
- Bureau Veritas** – has released six updates:
 - '[Rules for the classification of steel ships \(July 2023 edition\)](#)'
 - '[Rules on materials and welding for the classification of marine units \(July 2023 edition\)](#)'
 - '[Approval of the manufacturing process of metallic materials \(July 2023 edition\)](#)'
 - '[Coating performance standard \(July 2023 edition\)](#)'
 - '[Bunkering ships \(July 2023 edition\)](#)'
 - '[Approval of service suppliers \(July 2023 edition\)](#)'.
- DNV** – has published three articles:
 - '[DNV has published the July 2023 edition of the rules for classification of ships](#)'
 - '[DNV rules and standards for offshore units - July 2023 edition](#)'
 - '[Hong Kong Recycling Convention ratified, entering into force in 2025](#)'.
- Indian Register of Shipping** – has released an update entitled '[Immersion Suit Defects](#)'.

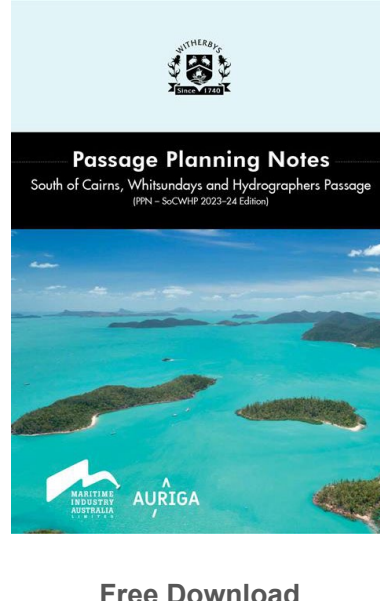
Recent P&I Club Guidance

- The American Club** – has issued an update entitled '[Mooring Precautions for Vessels With Large Sail Areas When Expecting High Winds](#)'.
- SKULD** – has issued an update entitled '[EU Council adopts the 11th package of economic sanctions against Russia](#)'.
- Britannia P&I** – has released an update entitled '[Drug and Alcohol Related Incidents](#)'.
- Japan P&I Club** – has published three updates:
 - '[China \(Yuxingnao Waters of Zhoushan\) Zhoushan MSA issued "Notice of Publishing the Recommended Navigation Methods for Ships in the Yuxingnao Waters of Zhoushan"](#)'
 - '[EU sanctions 11th sanctions package against Russia](#)'
 - '[Taiwan The Amendment to Marine Pollution Control Act](#)'.
- The Swedish Club** – has released a member alert entitled '[MSS Case July: Chief Officer fell to his death during tank inspection](#)'.
- West** – has issued an update entitled '[Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\): Gloves – "One Type Doesn't Fit All"](#)'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

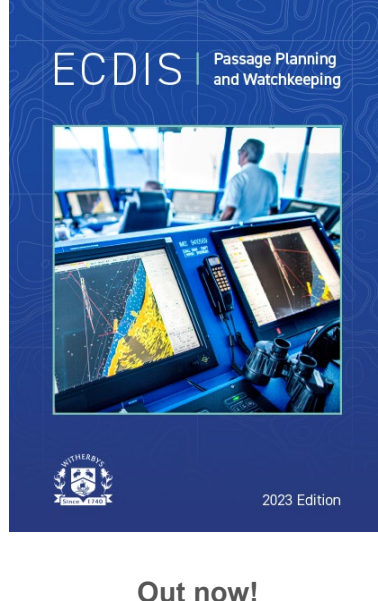
- IIMS** – has published four articles:
 - '[Planning and preparation vital to reduce man overboard fatalities](#)'
 - '[MAIB report published into the death of one person overboard from stern trawler Copious](#)'
 - '[Cracks in a muffler led to fire on towing vessel reveals NTSB report](#)'
 - '[Engine Room Safety Alert: Pipe Compression fittings and Fire Prevention](#)'.

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Recent Accident Reports

- USA** – National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has released an [Investigation Report](#) into a fire on board the towing vessel 'Mary Dupre'. While the ship was pushing one barge of bio-diesel fuel (pyrolysis fuel oil), a fire broke out in its stateroom. The incident occurred on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, near Freeport, Texas. No persons were on board.

Recent IMO Circulars

- MEPC 80/WP.10 – 06/07/2023** – IDENTIFICATION AND PROTECTION OF SPECIAL AREAS, ECAs AND PSSAs.
- MSC.1/Circ.1395/Rev.6 – 06/07/2023** – LISTS OF SOLID BULK CARGOES FOR WHICH A FIXED GAS FIRE-EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM MAY BE EXEMPTED OR FOR WHICH A FIXED GAS FIRE-EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM IS INEFFECTIVE.
- MSC.1/Circ.1460/Rev.4 – 06/07/2023** – GUIDANCE ON THE VALIDITY OF RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT INSTALLED AND USED ON SHIPS.
- MSC.1/Circ.1276/Rev.1 – 05/07/2023** – REVISED UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF SOLAS CHAPTER II-2.
- MSC.1/Circ.1668 – 05/07/2023** – UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF BUNKERING MULTIFOLD ARRANGEMENTS FITTED ON LNG BUNKERING SHIPS IN THE IGC CODE.
- MSC.1/Circ.1664 – 05/07/2023** – REVISED FORM FOR CARGO INFORMATION FOR SOLID BULK CARGOES.
- LC 45/13/1 – 05/07/2023** – RELATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FIELD OF MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.
- LC 45/13 – 05/07/2023** – RELATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FIELD OF MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.
- NV.052 – 05/07/2023** – AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEX TO THE CONVENTION ON FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRAFFIC, 1965 (RESOLUTION FAL.14(46)).
- LC 45/1/1 – 05/07/2023** – ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

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.

- 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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