

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **UK** – has issued two updates
 - ['MGN 673 \(M+F\): Radio communications: non-SOLAS vessels'](#)
 - ['MIN 664 \(M\) Amendment 2: Safety climate tool \(SCT\) for the maritime industry'](#)
- **Liberia** – has released an update entitled ['Guidance on Machinery Space Deficiencies'](#).
- **Marshall Islands** – has released an update entitled ['Failed Bursting Discs in Carbon Dioxide Fire-extinguishing Systems'](#).
- **Panama** – has published an update entitled ['Code for Recognized Organizations \(RO Code\)'](#).
- **Isle of Man** – has published an update entitled ['Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships.'](#)

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **China Classification Society** – has published an update entitled ['Guidelines for Polar Fishing Vessels 2023'](#).
- **DNV** – has published an update entitled ['Updated Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1667 amending the MED in force from 10 October 2023'](#).
- **Indian Register of Shipping** – has published an update entitled ['New IMO Requirements Coming Into Force Until 2024'](#).

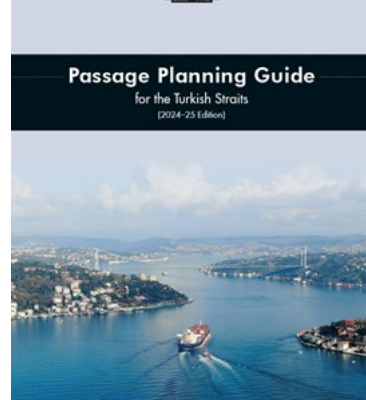
Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **International Group of P&I Clubs** – has published an update entitled ['Electronic bills of lading'](#).
- **GARD** – has published an update entitled ['Shifting winds in offshore energy'](#).
- **SKULD** – has released an update entitled ['The UK Electronic Trading Act comes into force today'](#).
- **Britannia P&I Club** – has released an update entitled ['China: Suggested Measures to Prevent Off-Spec Claims of MEG Cargo'](#).
- **Japan P&I Club** – has published an update entitled ['South Korea Requirements on Ballast water management in reaction to release of treated water from Fukushima'](#).
- **North Standard** – has released two updates:
 - ['Russia - Ukraine War: Impact on shipping'](#)
 - ['Status of Libyan Ports - *Update*'](#)
- **The Swedish Club** – has published an update entitled ['MSS Case September: Loss of anchor in bad weather'](#)

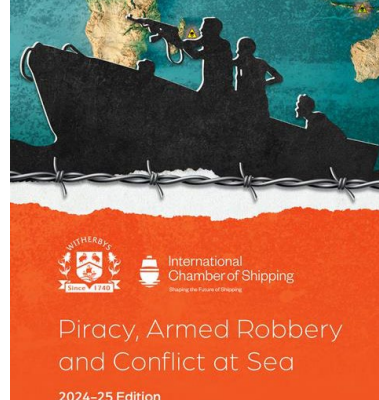
Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IIMS** – has released two updates:
 - ['Safety Warning Issued by MAIB After Serious Injury During a Rigid Inflatable Boat Ride'](#)
 - ['Chubb Launches Lloyd's Consortium to Address Lithium Battery Risk'](#)
- **EMSA** – has published a press release entitled ['New interactive reporting module now available in STCW-IS'](#).

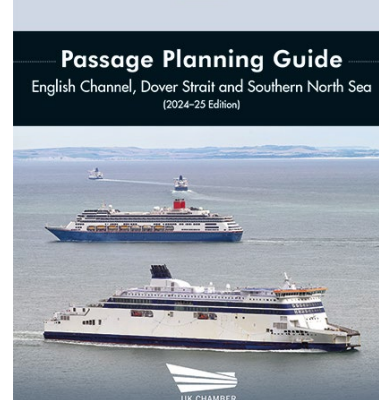
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Recent Accident Reports

- **Germany** – The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation has released an [Investigation Report](#) into the fire on board the fishing vessel *'Freyja'*, while en route to the port of Büsum, Germany. After deciding to suspend fishing for several hours the crew noticed an acrid smell and smoke coming from an open door at the wheelhouse and discovered a fire in the engine compartment.. No persons were severely injured but the fire caused a small oil slick.

Recent IMO Circulars

- **A 33/26 – 20/09/2023** – APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.
- **ESPH 29/6 – 20/09/2023** – REVIEW OF PRODUCTS IN LISTS 2, 3 AND 4 OF THE MEPC.2 CIRCULAR.
- **MSC/ISWG/MASS 2/3/6 – 20/09/2023** – CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE DRAFT MASS CODE
- **MSC 107/20/Add.1 – 20/09/2023** – REPORT OF THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE ON ITS 107TH SESSION.
- **SSE 10/12/1 – 19/09/2023** – UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF PROVISIONS OF IMO SAFETY, SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENT-RELATED CONVENTIONS.
- **A 33/5(a) – 19/09/2023** – ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES OF THE ASSEMBLY.
- **TC 73/6/5 – 19/09/2023** – THE CAPACITY-BUILDING DECADE 2021-2030 STRATEGY.
- **ESPH 29/3/27 – 19/09/2023** – EVALUATION OF PRODUCTS.
- **ESPH 29/3/23 – 19/09/2023** – EVALUATION OF PRODUCTS.
- **ESPH 29/3/24 – 19/09/2023** – EVALUATION OF PRODUCTS.

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

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

- 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
- 07 December – IMO Council
- 22-26 January – Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC)
- 05-09 February – Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW)
- 18-22 February – Legal Committee (LEG)
- 19-23 February – Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR)
- 04-08 March – Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE)
- 08-12 April – Facilitation Committee (FAL)
- 22-26 April – Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC)
- 15-24 May – Maritime Safety Committee (MSC)
- 04-13 June – Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation, Communication and Search and Rescue (NCSR)
- 24-28 June – Technical Cooperation Committee (TC)
- 08-12 July – IMO Council
- 22-26 July – Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III)



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