

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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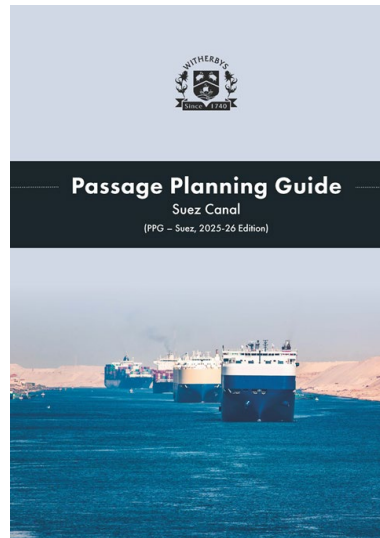
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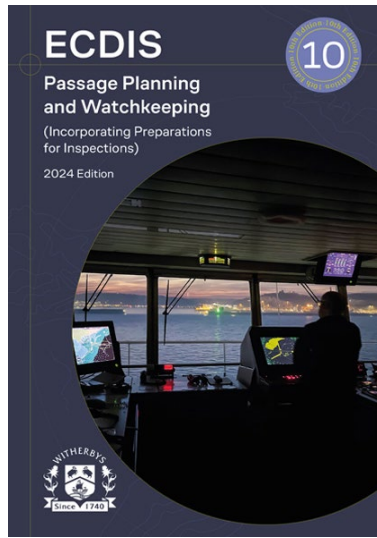
Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **UK** – has issued four updates:
 - ['Navigation Safety: Navigation Practices relevant to Restricted Visibility'](#)
 - This is a significant update to the original version of this document. Key new or updated elements are:
 - Chapter 6 – Application of Part C – Rule 20 (newly added)
 - Chapter 7 – Application of Part D – Rule 35 (newly added)
 - Chapter 9 – MAIB Reported Incidents (updated and expanded with additional case studies/incidents)
 - Chapter 10 – Vessel Management (newly added)
 - Chapter 11 – Special Considerations (newly added)
 - Chapter 12 – Pleasure Vessels (newly added).
 - ['Navigation Safety: Dynamically Positioned Vessels Undertaking Diving or other Subsea Operations'](#)
 - ['Guidance on the Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels \(Port Waste Reception Facilities\) Regulations 2003 and Amendments'](#)
 - ['Construction Standards for Fishing Vessels of Less Than 15m LOA - Outfitting of Fishing Vessels of Less Than 7m LOA'](#).
- **Liberia** – has published two updates:
 - ['International Safety Management Code \(ISM Code\) and SOLAS 74 Chapter IX, Management for the Safe Operation of Ships'](#)
 - ['Piracy Attack Off the Coast of Somalia'](#).
- **Bahamas** – has released two updates entitled:
 - ['Passenger Ships-Training and Certification'](#)
 - ['Port State Control Inspections'](#).

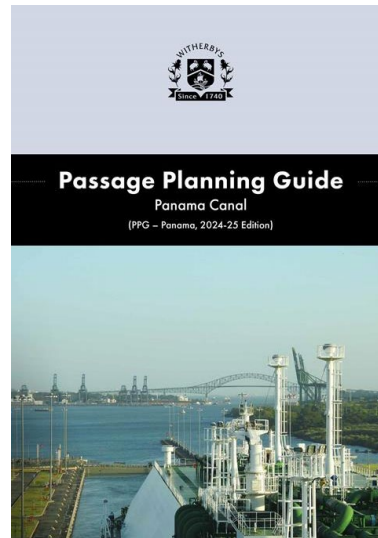
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Navigation and Security News

- ['UN Security Council Condemns Attacks on Shipping'](#) (*FreightNews*)
- ['Battling Pirates: Indian Navy's Indigenous UAVs Transform Maritime Security'](#) (*FinancialExpress*)
- ['Eight seafarers killed and two missing after tanker capsizes off Japan'](#) (*TradeWinds*)

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Indian Register of Shipping** – has released an update entitled ['Compliance with D-2 Standard \(installation of Ballast Water Management System\) as per International Ballast Water Management \(IBWM\) Convention.'](#)
- **DNV** – has published two updates:
 - ['How to Proceed When Making Modifications to Installed Ballast Water Treatment Systems'](#)
 - ['IMO Sub-Committee on ship systems and equipment \(SSE10\)'](#).
- **Class NK** – has issued an update entitled ['LRIT conformance test for Liberia flagged ships'](#).

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **SKULD** – has issued an update entitled ['Updated threats to shipping in the Red Sea'](#).
- **Britannia P&I** – has released an update entitled ['Nickel Ore Loading in the Philippines – Typhoon Season Precautions'](#).
- **The Shipowners' Club** – has released an update entitled ['Vehicle Carrier Safety Forum Publishes Guidance on the Presentation and Loading of Vehicles'](#).

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **ICS** – has published an update entitled ['Vehicle Carrier Safety Forum Publishes Guidance on the Presentation and Loading of Vehicles'](#).
- **IIMS** – has issued an update entitled ['IMPA Safety Campaign: Securing pilot ladders at intermediate length is vital'](#).

Recent Accident Reports

- **Norway** – The Norwegian Safety Investigation Authority has released an [investigation report](#) into the loss of propulsion and near grounding of 'Viking Sky'. The cruise vessel experienced a blackout, causing loss of propulsion and steering, during a storm in the Hustadvika area of the Norwegian coast. The vessel is estimated to have come within a ship's length of running aground with 1,374 persons on board.

Recent IMO Circulars

- **MSC 108/19/4 – 20/03/2024** – Any Other Business.
- **MSC 108/16/2 – 20/03/2024** – Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping.
- **FAL 48/6/5/Rev.1 – 20/03/2024** – Review and Revision of the IMO Compendium on Facilitation and Electronic Business, Including Additional E-business Solutions.
- **NCSR 11/4/1 – 20/03/2024** – Updates to the LRIT System.
- **Circular Letter No.4843 – 20/03/2024** – Positions in the IMO Junior Professional Officer programme.
- **NCSR 11/11/1 – 19/03/2024** – Revision of the Criteria for the Provision of Mobile Satellite Communication Services in the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) (Resolution a.1001(25)).
- **NCSR 11/8 – 19/03/2024** – Development of Performance Standards for a Digital Navigational Data System (NAVDAT).
- **EGDH 10/13/1 – 19/03/2023** – Any Other Business.
- **EGDH 10/13 – 19/03/2023** – Any Other Business.
- **Circular Letter No.4854 – 18/03/2023** – Communication from the Government of the Republic of Yemen.

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 the programme of meetings for 2024. Please see the IMO's ['Meeting Summaries'](#) webpage for more information.

- 18-22 March – Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC)
- 08-12 April – Facilitation Committee (FAL)
- 22-26 April – Legal Committee (LEG)
- 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)
- 16-20 September – Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC)
- 30 September-04 October – Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC)
- 28 October-01 November – Consultative Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Convention 1972) and Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Protocol 1996)
- 18-22 November – IMO Council
- 02-06 December – Maritime Safety Committee (MSC)



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