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Week 30, 2024 – Friday 26th July 2024

Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **UK –** has published Marine Guidance – MGN 548: 'Life-Saving Appliances – Servicing Requirements for SOLAS Inflatable Life Saving Appliances at Approved Service Stations.'

- **Australia –** has released Marine Notice – 03/2024: 'Transportation of Plastic Pellets in Freight Containers'.

- **Liberia –** has issued Marine Notice – 19/2024: 'Port Hedland, Australia - CCTV camera at the steering gear flat for Capesize vessels'.

- **Cyprus –** has released Circular – 18/2024: 'Measures to improve compliance of ships flying the Cyprus Flag calling in ports of The Commonwealth of Australia and the United States of America (USA)'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'Stena Line 'deeply saddened' by port worker death at Cairnryan Port near Stranraer' *(ITV News)*
- 'More Panama Canal Vessel Transits Fail to Lift Bunker Sales' *(Cyprus Shipping News)*
- *'Suez Canal Revenue Drops' (Freight News)*

'Houthi Drone Boat Destroyed by Armed Guards' *(gCaptain)*

- 'Nigeria Witnessed 78 Attacks on Vessels in H1 Despite Zero Record Claims' *(The Guardian)*
- 'Capacity Across Big Three Shipbuilding Nations Leaps 20% in a Year' *(Splash24/7)*

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Indian Register of Shipping –** has published a technical circular entitled 'Bahamas - Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Bulk Carriers'.

- **Lloyd's Register –** has issued an update entitled 'Revised Additive Manufacturing Guidance Notes'.

- **Class NK –** has released a new Technical Journal issue entitled 'Special Feature-Initiatives for Vehicle Carrier Fires'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club –** has issued a member alert entitled 'Yemen: Suspended Port Services in Hodeidah'.

- **Japan P&I Club –** has published a news alert entitled 'Surge of Heat Damage Claims for Brazilian Soybean at Chinese Ports Since June 2024'.

- **The Shipowners' Club –** has released two news alerts:
  - 'Crew Health: Malaria prevention'
  - 'The Impact of Shipping on the Marine Environment'.

- **West –** has issued an update entitled 'Russian Sanctions - Designation Update'.

- **UK P&I –** has published an article entitled 'Crew Health Advice: Dengue Fever'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **USCG –** has published their '2023 Flag State Control Annual Report'.
- **Port of Dampier –** has published a marine notice entitled 'Port of Dampier – Bridge Wing Shelters for the Protection of Pilots and Crew'.
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- **CCC 10/5/13 – 25/07/2024 –** Amendments to the IMSBC Code and Supplements.
- **CCC 10/5/14 – 25/07/2024 –** Amendments to the IMSBC Code and Supplements.
- **CCC 10/6/7 – 24/07/2024 –** Amendments to the IMSBC Code and Supplements.
- **CCC 10/6/6 – 24/07/2024 –** Amendments to the IMSBC Code and Supplements.
- **CCC 10/3/8 – 24/07/2024 –** Amendments to the IGF Code and Development of

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- **CCC 10/3/9 – 24/07/2024 –** Amendments to the IGF Code and Development of Guidelines for Alternative Fuels and Related Technologies.
- **CCC 10/3/1 – 24/07/2024 –** Amendments to the IGF Code and Development of Guidelines for Alternative Fuels and Related Technologies.
- **CCC 10/3/10 – 24/07/2024 –** Amendments to the IGF Code and Development of Guidelines for Alternative Fuels and Related Technologies.
- **CCC 10/3/11 – 24/07/2024 –** Amendments to the IGF Code and Development of Guidelines for Alternative Fuels and Related Technologies.
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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **Liberia –** has published Marine Advisory – 17/2024: 'Testing and inspection of oil filtering equipment approved to meet Resolution MEPC.107(49)'.

- **Panama –** has issued Merchant Marine Notice – MMN-07/2024: 'Paris MoU – Focused Inspection Campaign (FIC) During Annual Inspections of Fire Doors'.

- **Cyprus –** has released Circular – 18/2024: 'Measures to improve compliance of ships flying the Cyprus Flag calling in ports of The Commonwealth of Australia and the United States of America (USA)'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'Suez Canal revenue drops as some shippers shun Red Sea' *(Reuters)*
- 'Shifting tides: Global piracy trends and emerging threats in 2024' *(Hellenic Shipping News)*
- 'Oman says crew member of capsized tanker found dead and nine rescued' *(BBC News)*
- 'Oil Tanker Hit By Houthi-launched Drone In Red Sea Assesses Potential Oil Spill' *(Marine Insight)*
- 'Robbers armed with guns and knives target bulker in piracy hotspot' *(TradeWinds)*
- 'Four people drown trying to cross Channel near Boulogne-sur-Mer' *(The Guardian)*

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **American Bureau of Shipping –** has issued a new edition of their 'Rules for Building and Classing Marine Vessels', and has significantly updated their 'Rules for Building and Classing Mobile Offshore Units'.

- **Bureau Veritas –** has released two updates:
  - 'Green passport'
  - 'Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships'.

- **DNV –** has issued two updates:
  - 'ESP Code updated – New survey requirements for bulk carriers and oil tankers'

'Now available: July 2024 edition of the DNV class rules for ships and offshore units'.

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- **NorthStandard –** has issued two news alerts:
  - 'China: Correspondents' advice on maritime-related risks'
  - 'Sudden increase in narcotics incidents and detentions in Mexican West Coast Ports'.

- **West –** has released an update entitled 'Carriage of Iron Ore Fines from Goa and other west coast ports in India'.

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- **MSC.1/Circ.1599/Rev.3 – 17/07/2024 –** REVISED GUIDELINES ON THE APPLICATION OF HIGH MANGANESE AUSTENITIC STEEL FOR CRYOGENIC SERVICE
- **MSC.1/Circ.1679 – 17/07/2024 –** INTERIM GUIDELINES FOR USE OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG) CARGO AS FUEL
- **LC-LP.1/Circ.111 – 17/07/2024 –** CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972 AND ITS 1996 PROTOCOL
- **IMO.7/Circ.18 – 17/07/2024 –** AMENDMENTS ADOPTED IN DECEMBER 2021 TO THE CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION
- **HNS.2/Circ.14 – 17/07/2024 –** PROTOCOL OF 2010 TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CARRIAGE OF HAZARDOUS AND NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES BY SEA, 1996
- **MSC.1/Circ.1588/Rev.3 – 16/07/2024 –** CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME DANGEROUS GOODS (IMDG) CODE REVISED EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES FOR SHIPS CARRYING DANGEROUS GOODS (EMS GUIDE)

- **MSC.1/Circ.1456/Rev.1 – 15/07/2024 –** REVISED UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF SOLAS CHAPTER II-2 AND THE FSS AND FTP CODES

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Week 28, 2024 – Friday 12th July 2024

Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **Marshall Islands –** has published four updates:
  - MG-7-44-2 – 'Accommodations, Recreational Facilities, Food, Catering, and Water'
  - MG-2-11-19 – 'Offshore Wind Farm Installation, Maintenance, and Support Vessels'
  - MN-7-038-2 – 'Minimum Safe Manning Requirements for Vessels'
  - MN-2-011-33 – 'Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 Inspection and Certification Program'.

- **Bahamas –** has issued Information Notice – 01: 'Dates for Bahamas Assessments of officer candidates'.

- **Isle of Man –** has released Technical Advisory Notice – 010-22: 'Recommendations for the Safe Use of Drones at Sea'.

- **Malta –** has published Merchant Shipping Notice – 99 Rev.6: 'Contact Details of the Merchant Shipping Directorate'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'Panama Canal plans new $1.6bn reservoir to address water shortages' *(Seatrade Maritime)*
- 'Threat of Sanctions is Holding Back the Northern Sea Route' *(Lloyd's List)*
- 'Egypt's Suez Canal revenues drop amid Red Sea shipping crisis' *(MENAFN)*
- 'Piracy in Straits of Malacca, Singapore halves in January-June 2024' *(TheEDGE)*
- 'Baltic Countries Demand EU Action Against Russia's Fishing in the Baltic Sea' *(The Fishing Daily)*
- 'Yemen's Houthi rebels target a US-flagged container ship in the Gulf of Aden' *(abc News)*
- *'Houthi Rebels Upping Their Game in Red Sea with more Advanced Drone Boats'* *(Forces.net)*
- 'Crew Abandons Listing Cargo Ship as Storms Hit Shipping Off South Africa' *(The Maritime Executive)*
- 'Tanker Runs Aground in Cayman Islands' *(The Maritime Executive)*

'Industry Leaders Express Concern Over Certain CLI Flaws' *(Safety4Sea)*

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **American Bureau of Shipping –** has published an update entitled 'Prohibition on the Use and Carriage for Use as Fuel of Heavy Fuel Oil by Ships in Arctic Waters'.

- **Bureau Veritas –** has released four updates:
  - 'Approval of the Manufacturing Process of Metallic Materials'
  - 'Rules on Materials and Welding for the Classification of Marine Units'
  - 'Rules for Azimuth Thrusters in Ice for Polar Class Ships and Icebreakers'
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- **Lloyd's Register –** has published an update entitled 'How Close is the Shipping Industry to Adopting Nuclear for Propulsion?'.

- **Class NK –** has released an update entitled 'Changes in the Affixation of Class Notation to Ships Using Low-flashpoint Fuels'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club –** has issued an updated entitled 'European Union (EU) Adopts 14th Sanctions Package Against Russia'.

- **SKULD –** has released an update entitled 'EU Emission Trading System - Smooth Sailing a Half Year Into 2024?'.

- **Japan P&I Club –** has published an update entitled 'EU adopts 14th sanctions package against Russia'.

- **Britannia P&I –** has issued an update entitled 'Understanding Surge and Interaction Damage While Alongside Port Infrastructure'.

- **West –** has released an update entitled 'Port State Control - 2024 Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Crew Wages and Seafarer Employment Agreements'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **ICS –** has released a statement entitled 'Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII) – Policy Statement'.

- **IIMS –** has published four updates:
  - 'Certified Boats Have Lower Chance of Accidents'
  - 'New British Marine Decarbonisation Hub provides guidance on Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism'
  - '£100k Fine Handed to Operator for Vessel Modification Resulting in Two Deaths'
  - 'ClassNK releases Port State Control Annual Report'.

Recent Accident Report

- **Ireland –** The Marine Casualty Investigation Board has published an investigation report into a Marine Casualty Involving a Recreational Craft in or around Lacken Pier, Beltra, Co Mayo, Ireland. The boat was launched from a trailer towed by a tractor. The Casualty (the owner of the boat) was driving the tractor, and the Survivor was in the boat that was on the trailer. After launching, the Survivor made an unsuccessful effort to hold the boat alongside the pier while the Casualty parked the launch tractor and trailer. When the tractor and trailer were parked, the Casualty attempted to board the drifting boat and entered the water at the East Pier steps. He got into difficulty and was swept out to sea. The boat with the Survivor on board drifted out to sea, before coming ashore at Lacken Strand.

- **The Netherlands –** The Dutch Safety Board has released an investigation report into a fatal accident with a pilot tender. The Dutch pilot tender *'Lacerta'* wanted to put a pilot on board the seagoing vessel *'Wilson Monsoon'*. When coming alongside, a crew member of the pilot tender became trapped between the pilot boat and the seagoing vessel.

Recent IMO Circulars

- **MSC.1/Circ.1212/Rev.2 – 10/07/2024 –** Revised Guidelines on Alternative Design and Arrangements for SOLAS Chapters II-1 and III.
- **MSC.1/Circ.1511/Rev.1 – 10/07/2024 –** Unified Interpretations of SOLAS Regulations II-2/9 and 13.
- **CCC 10/INF.10 – 10/07/2024 –** Unified Interpretation of Provisions of IMO Safety, Security, and Environment-Related Conventions.
- **CCC 10/INF.12 – 10/07/2024 –** Amendments to the IMSBC Code and Supplements.
- **CCC 10/5/6 – 10/07/2024 –** Amendments to the IMSBC Code and Supplements.
- **SN.1/Circ.343 – 09/07/2024 –** Recognition of Ship Reporting System in the Pentland Firth (PENTREP).
- **CCC 10/3 – 09/07/2024 –** Amendments to the LGF Code and Development of Guidelines for Alternative Fuels and Related Technologies.
- **CCC 10/15/1 – 09/07/2024 –** Any Other Business.
- **Circular Letter No.4894 – 08/07/2024 –** Thirty-first meeting of the ICAO/IMO Joint Working Group on Harmonization of Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (Dublin, Ireland, 4 to 8 November 2024).
- **MSC.1/Circ.1310/Rev.2 – 08/07/2024 –** Joint IMO/IHO/WMO Manual on Maritime Safety Information.

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Week 27, 2024 – Friday 5th July 2024

Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **UK –** has issued Marine Information Note – MIN709: '2024 Amendments to ESP Code'.

- **Norway –** has released Marine Regulations – No.1391: 'Cargo Ships Intended to Carry Industrial Personnel'.

- **Liberia –** has published Marine Advisory – 15/2024: 'INMARSAT Terminal Activations and Changes to Activations'.

- **Panama –** has issued Marine Notice – 06/2024: 'Amendments 2022 MLC, 2006 Titles 1, 2, 3 and 4'.

- **Singapore –** has released Port Marine Circular – 06/2024: 'Penalties for Improper Disposal of Shipboard Garbage in Singapore Waters'.

- **Malta –** has published Merchant Shipping Notice – 188: 'Fuel EU Regulation - The Use of Renewable and Low-carbon Fuels in Maritime Transport'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'More Ships to Pass Through Panama Canal Daily as Water Levels Rise' *(Trans.Info)*
- 'How do New Panama Canal Locks Function?' *(MarineInsight)*
- 'MSI Affirms 'Very Positive Outlook' for Tanker Sector' *(SeaTrade Maritime)*
- 'Houthi Explosive Drone Boat Attacks Escalate Red Sea Danger' *(Marine Link)*
- 'Houthi Rebels are Undermining the Rules-based World Order - Maritime Security Expert' *(SBS News)*
- 'Houthi Threat Triggers Surge in Pirate Attacks Off Somalia Coast' *(Bloomberg)*
- 'ReCAAP ISC: Three incidents of armed robbery 25 June – 1 July' *(Safety4Sea)*
- 'Marlink Group Boosts Cyber Security Offering with Acquisition of Diverto' *(The Maritime Executive)*

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club –** has issued two updates:
  - 'Brazil: Free Pratique Delays'
  - Fraudulent Pre-employment Medical Examination (PEME) Certificates'.

- **GARD –** has published an update entitled 'Regional Sulphur Emission Limits at a Glance'.

- **SKULD –** has released an update entitled 'Crime Doesn't Pay – Arresting Developments in Financial Foul Play'.

- **Britannia P&I –** has issued an update entitled 'Maritime Autonomous Surface Ship

Trials'.

- **Japan P&I Club –** has published an update entitled 'China - Administrative Penalties Frequently Imposed by the Maritime Authorities'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **NTSB –** has released an update entitled 'Safer Seas Digest'.

- **IIMS –** has published four updates:
  - 'Paris MoU Annual Report 2023'
  - 'Managing the Risk of Ship Blackouts'
  - 'MAIB Issue Safety Warning Following Fatal Injury to Recreational Diver After Contact Diving Support Boat *Karin*'
  - 'Digitalised Ship Inspection SIRE 2.0 to "Go-Live" September 2024'

Recent Accident Report

- **UK –** The UK MAIB has published an investigation report into the foundering of the fishing vessel *'Piedras'* which experienced an uncontrolled flood while fishing 78 nautical miles south-west of Ireland. The vessel subsequently foundered and has not been recovered. The crew abandoned ship to their one working liferaft and were rescued, uninjured, by a nearby fishing vessel.

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Recent IMO Circulars

- **MSC.1/Circ.1652/Corr.1 – 03/07/2024 –** Explanatory Notes to the Interim Guidelines on the Second Generation Intact Stability Criteria.
- **SAR.7/Circ.16 – 02/07/2024 –** List of Documents and Publications Which Should Be

Held by a Maritime or Joint Rescue Coordination Centre.

- **LEG 111/17/Add.1 – 02/07/2024 –** Report of the Legal Committee on the Work of Its 111th Session.
- **LEG 111/17 – 02/07/2024 –** Report of the Legal Committee on the Work of Its 111th Session.
- **TC 74/4(a) – 02/07/2024 –** Resource Mobilization and Partnerships.
- **Circular Letter No.4890 – 02/07/2024 –** MV RUBYMAR – Call for contributions of oil pollution response equipment to support operations related to the sinking of MV RUBYMAR in the Republic of Yemen.
- **LC 46/1/1 – 01/07/2024 –** Provisional Agenda.
- **C 132/6 – 01/07/2024 –** Consolidated Text of the IMO Convention.
- **MEPC 82/16/1 – 28/06/2024 –** Any Other Business.
- **MSC.1/Circ.1680 – 28/06/2024 –** Unified Interpretations of SOLAS Regulation XV/5.1 and Paragraph 3.5 of Part 1 of the International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel (IP Code) on the Harmonization of the Industrial Personnel Safety Certificate With SOLAS Safety Certificates.

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