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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **Marshall Islands –** has released Marine Safety Advisory – 06/2024: 'Incidents Involving the Storage and Handling of Steel Plates'.

- **Bahamas –** has published Marine Notice – 37: 'Ships Cook'.

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

- **Cyprus –** has released Marine Circular – 17/2024: 'European Entry-Exit System (EES) and European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS): Obligations for Carriers'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'Boater Fined $34,000 for Going the Wrong Way Up Dover Strait Traffic Lane' *(The Maritime Executive)*
- 'Red Sea Delays the 'New Normal' Headed into Peak Shipping Season' *(SupplyChainBrain)*
- 'Houthis & Iraqi Militia Launch Drone Strikes On 4 Ships At Israel's Haifa Port' *(Marine Insight)*
- 'Houthis fire 'new ballistic missile' at MSC ship in potential game-changing

attack' *(TradeWinds)*

- 'Baltic Arrow ship stuck in the River Nene near Wisbech' *(Eastern Daily Press)*
- 'In A First, U.S. Army Successfully Tests Precision Strike Missile Against Moving Ship In The Pacific' *(Marine Insight)*
- 'IMO Annual Piracy Report: 150 incidents reported during 2023' *(Safety4Sea)*
- 'ITF Says Flag States Must Instruct Ships to Divert from Red Sea for Safety' *(The Maritime Executive)*
- 'IMO: Pilot transfer arrangements and amendments to SOLAS regulation V/23 agreed' *(Safety4Sea)*

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **American Bureau of Shipping –** has published an update entitled 'EU ETS: Inclusion of Maritime Emissions'.

- **Bureau Veritas –** has released four updates:
  - 'Condition Monitoring Systems'
  - 'Rules on Cyber Security for the Classification of Marine Units'
  - 'Gas Fuelled Ships'
  - 'Whipping and Springing Assessment'.

- **Lloyd's Register –** has issued two updates:
  - 'Ballast Water Management: Adoption of new IMO guidance'
  - 'New survey requirements for Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers'.

- **Class NK –** has published an update entitled 'Measures to reduce the number of PSC detentions and to improve the performance of Panamanian vessels'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club –** has issued an update entitled 'South Africa: Bunkering'.

- **SKULD –** has published an update entitled 'Updated threats to shipping in the Red Sea'.

- **Britannia P&I –** has released an update entitled 'Risk Watch - June 2024'.

- **The London P&I Club –** has issued an update entitled 'Carriage of Containers & Flexible Bulk Containers on Bulk Carriers & General Cargo Ships'.

- **The Shipowners' Club –** has published an update entitled 'Hybrid Knock-for-Knock Agreements - A Trojan Horse for the Offshore Vessel Sector?'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **World Shipping Council –** has released an update entitled 'Containers Lost at Sea - 2024 Update'.

- **INTERCARGO –** has published an update entitled 'Bulk Carrier Casualty Report 2014-2023 and Trends'.

- **ICC –** has issued an update entitled 'Growing AI fraud risks'.

- **IIMS –** has released an update entitled 'Enhancing Safety in Pilot Transfer Arrangements: A Comprehensive Look at the New SOLAS Amendments'.

- **IMO –** has published an update entitled '2024 International Day of the Seafarer'.

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.

- **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.

- **Bahamas –** The Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) has released a Marine Safety Investigation Report into a very serious marine casualty on board the vessel *'Algoma Integrity*'. The vessel was running extended mooring lines whilst attempting to come alongside the Morton Salt terminal, The Bahamas, when a mooring line fouled the propellor. Whilst the bridge team and aft mooring party were focused on the recovery of the fouled line, a mooring line that was under extreme tension sprung free, severing the leg of an ordinary seafarer below the knee. Despite immediate medical assistance from the crew and medical staff ashore, the ordinary seafarer died a short while later.

Recent IMO Circulars

- **MSC 1/Circ.797/Rev.40 – 26/06/2024 –** Training and Watchkeeping.
- **MSC.4/Circ.268 – 26/06/2024 –** Reports on Acts of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships.
- **Circular Letter No.4763 – 26/06/2024 –** Junior Professional position.
- **Circular Letter No.4805 – 26/06/2024 –** Position in the IMO Junior Professional Officer programme.
- **Circular Letter No.4869 – 26/06/2024 –** Position in the IMO Junior Professional Officer programme.
- **CCC 10/INF.8 – 26/06/2024 –** Amendments to the IMSBC Code and Supplements.
- **MEPC 82/INF.5 – 25/06/2024 –** Harmful Aquatic Organisms in Ballast Water.
- **CCC 10/8/1 – 25/06/2024 –** Revision of the Revised Recommendations for Entering Enclosed Spaces Aboard Ships (Resolution A.1050(27)).
- **Circular Letter No.4891 – 25/06/2024 –** Call for Expressions of Interest: GreenVoyage2050 Support for the Development of National Action Plans to Reduce GHG.
- **BWM.2/Circ.83 – 25/06/2024 –** International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004.

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- **Liberia –** has released three updates:
  - 'Missile Attack in the Red Sea'
  - 'List of Approved P&I Clubs and Insurance Companies'
  - 'Ingosstrakh Insurance Company'.

- **Marshall Islands –** has issued seven updates:
  - 'Liability Insurance for Seafarer Abandonment, Death, and Long- Term Disability'
  - 'Repatriation'
  - 'Food Handling, Storage and Preparation'
  - 'Shipboard Occupational Health and Safety, including Hazardous Work Issues for Seafarers Under 18 Years Old'
  - 'Guidance on Medical Exams and Certificates for Seafarers'
  - 'Demonstrating Compliance of Seafarer Recruitment and Placement Services'
  - 'Medical Care On Board Ship and Ashore'.

- **Panama –** has published two updates:
  - 'Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships, 2008, as amended'
  - 'International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel (IP Code)'.

- **Isle of Man –** has released an update entitled 'Fire-Fighting Protective Clothing'.

- **Hong Kong –** has issued an update entitled 'Collision between an oil/chemical tanker and a bulk carrier in the Gulf of Kachchh, India'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'New Maritime Cybersecurity Industry Body Launched' *(Safety4Sea)*
- 'Panama Canal Considers New Reservoir to Help Maintain Water Levels' *(gCaptain)*
- 'First LNG carrier heads for Red Sea-Suez route since mid-January' *(TradeWinds)*
- 'Suez Canal tries to gain back traffic by giving discounts' *(Safety4Sea)*
- 'Pirates tie up crew in bulker engine room off Singapore' *(TradeWinds)*
- 'Vital Shipping Artery Partly Blocked by Raging Forest Fires' *(TradeWinds)*
- 'MV Tutor Ship Sinks After Houthi Drone Attack In The Red Sea Damages Its

Stern' *(MarineInsight)*

- 'Philippines accuses China of 'piracy' in South China Sea' *(NIKKEI Asia)*
- 'So Close to Death: Captain Recounts Migrant Sea Rescue' *(MarineLink)*
- 'Piracy incidents on the rise in Bangladesh'. *(Splash247)*

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **American Bureau of Shipping –** has published an update entitled 'NCSR 11 Brief'.

- **DNV –** has released three updates:
  - 'Update of the Manoeuvring Information After Installation of Overridable Power Limitation'
  - 'IMO Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications, Search and Rescue'
  - 'New IMO Guidance for Managing Challenging Ballast Water Quality'.

- **Lloyd's Register –** has published an update entitled 'NCSR 11 Summary Report'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club –** has issued an update entitled 'Sierra Leone: Disembarking Stowaways'.

- **Britannia P&I –** has released two updates:
  - 'Cover for Third Parties'
  - 'Atlantic Hurricane Season 2024 – Warning to Seafarers'.

- **Japan P&I Club –** has published two updates:
  - 'China - Requirements for the Use of Shore Power in Chinese Ports'
  - 'UK Supreme Court Judgment on ‘Force Majeure Clause’'.

- **The Shipowners' Club –** has issued an update entitled 'Global Discrepancies in the Regulation of Scrubber Wash Water Discharge'.

- **WEST –** has released an update entitled 'MARPOL Annex 1 Amendments Entering into Force July 2024'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **UK Chamber of Shipping –** have issued two updates:
  - 'BTA Annual Conference Report 2024'
  - 'Chamber Launches Disruptive Passenger Behaviour Guide'.

- **ICS –** has released an update entitled 'Shipping Industry Calls for Action Following the Attack on the MV '*Tutor*' and Cargo Ship *'Verbena'*.

- **IIMS –** has published an update entitled 'Ensuring Compliance of Oil Filtering Equipment on Ships'.

- **OCIMF –** has issued an update entitled 'OCIMF Annual Report 2024'.

- **EMSA –** has released an update entitled 'First Webinar on FuelEU Maritime Regulation'.

- **IMO –** has published a 'Statement on the attack on merchant vessel TUTOR'.

- **Allianz –** has issued an update entitled 'Safety and Shipping Review 2024'.

- **Paris MoU –** has released an update entitled '2023 Performance Lists Paris MoU'.

Recent Accident Report

- **UK –** The UK MAIB has published an investigation report into the collision between

the fishing vessel 'Kirkella' and a tug at King George Dock, Hull, England. The crew of the '*Kirkella'* lost control of the propulsion system and collided with the unmanned tug, which was moored ahead of '*Kirkella'*. During the collision the tug's hull and starboard fuel tank were breached by the *'Kirkella"*s bulbous bow. The tug partially sank, releasing 7,000 litres of marine diesel into the dock. The *'Kirkella'* was not significantly damaged and there were no injuries.

- **Germany –** The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (FBMCI) has released an Investigation Report into a bridge allision in the Kiel Canal, Germany. The heavy-lift vessel 'MERI' was carrying a mobile harbour crane and, while passing beneath the high bridges at Holtenau, the crane's tower head struck the hollow box girders of both bridges' carriageways. The impact broke the lashings securing the crane, causing it to crash onto the deck. The crane was destroyed and both the ship and the bridges sustained significant damage. As a result, the canal and the bridges were temporarily closed to traffic.

Recent IMO Circulars

- **Circular Letter No.4886 – 19/06/2024 –** Communication from the Government of the Republic of the Philippines.
- **MEPC 82/6 – 19/06/2024 –** Energy Efficiency of Ships.
- **MEPC 82/14 – 19/06/2024 –** Work Programme of the Committee and Subsidiary Bodies.
- **LP-CG 16/1 – 18/06/2024 –** Provisional Agenda.
- **Circular Letter No.4882 – 18/06/2024 –** Sixteenth session of the Compliance Group established under the 1996 Protocol to the London Convention 1972 (24 and 25 October 2024).
- **STCW.2/Circ.127 – 18/06/2024 –** International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978.
- **Circular Letter No.4884 – 18/06/2024 –** Informal Workshop and Exhibition on Accessing IMO's Technical Cooperation Assistance and Enhancing Technical Cooperation Delivery.
- **III 10/1/2 – 17/06/2024 –** Adoption of the Agenda.
- **MEPC 82/3 – 14/06/2024 –** Consideration and Adoption of Amendments to Mandatory Instruments.
- **III 10/INF.7 – 14/06/2024 –** Analysis of Consolidated Audit Summary Reports.

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **USA –** has issued an update entitled 'Clarification of STCW Endorsements Required for Able Seaman'.

- **Australia –** has issued an update entitled 'Testing and Inspection of Oil Filtering Equipment Approved to Meet Resolution MEPC.107(49)'.

- **Liberia –** has released an update entitled 'Piracy Incident in the Gulf of Guinea'.

- **Singapore –** has published an update entitled 'Issuance of Dispensation by Recognised Organisations (ROs)'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'Panama Canal to allow 34 transits by the end of July' *(Safety4Sea)*
- 'DFS warning as Red Sea disruption hits deliveries' *(BBC News)*
- 'Hapag-Lloyd sees prolonged Red Sea re-routings regardless of ceasefire' *(India Shipping News)*
- 'ReCAAP ISC: Three incidents of armed robbery 4 – 10 June' *(Safety4Sea)*
- 'Master Faces Jail Time and Fines After Crew Reports MARPOL Violation' *(The Maritime Executive)*
- 'Containers Lost at Sea Drop to Lowest Level on Record' *(Splash 24/7)*
- 'IMO Institute Receives Million-pound Boost Towards Maritime Safety' *(Safety4Sea)*

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Lloyd's Register –** has published an update entitled 'Maritime Fuel Supply Dialogues'

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **Britannia P&I –** has released two updates:
  - 'Updates to Marine Fuel Standards'
  - 'Britannia P&I Academy for Members Taking Place in London'.

- **Japan P&I Club –** has issued an update entitled 'Updates on Japan P&I PEME Package and addition of a clinic for Filipino Crew'.

- **UK P&I –** has published two updates:
  - 'Risk Focus: Inventory of Hazardous Materials'
  - 'ISO 8217-2024 - The Marine Fuel Standard has been updated'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **Witherbys –** We have issued an article entitled 'World Oceans Day 2024'.

- **IIMS –** has published two updates:
  - 'IMCA Annual Report Highlights Inadequate Control on Confined Spaces'
  - 'Ship Fire Safety Systems are Crucial and Must be Treated as Such'.

- **UK Chamber of Shipping –** has released an update entitled 'Chamber Launches Disruptive Passenger Behaviour Guide'.

- **Paris MoU –** has issued an update entitled 'Report of the 2023 Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Fire Safety'.

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Recent IMO Circulars

- **IMO.7/Circ.17 – 12/06/2024 –** Amendments Adopted in December 2021 to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization.
- **Circular Letter No.4885 – 12/06/2024 –** Illumination of the IMO building and other emblematic landmarks to mark World Maritime Day on 26 September 2024.
- **SSE 10/20 – 11/06/2024 –** Report to the Maritime Safety Committee.
- **CCC 10/1/1 – 10/06/2024 –** Adoption of the Agenda.
- **III 10/4/2 – 07/06/2024 –** Lessons Learned and Safety Issues Identified From the Analysis of Marine Safety Investigation Reports.
- **Circular Letter No.4872 – 07/06/2024 –** Seventeenth meeting of the Intersessional Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (23 to 27 September 2024).
- **Circular Letter No.4873 – 07/06/2024 –** PPR Technical Group on the Evaluation of Safety and Pollution Hazards of Chemicals (14 to 18 October 2024).
- **TC 74/6/1 – 07/06/2024 –** The Capacity-Building Decade 2021-2030 Strategy.
- **ESPH 30/1 – 06/06/2024 –** Provisional Agenda for the thirtieth session of the PPR Technical Group on the Evaluation of Safety and Pollution Hazards of Chemicals to be held at IMO Headquarters, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR, from Monday, 14 to Friday, 18 October 2024.
- **E&T 41/1 – 06/06/2024 –** Provisional Agenda.

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- **UK –** has issued an update entitled 'Workboat Code Edition 3 – Annex 3 The Safety of Police Boats'.

- **Australia –** has issued an update entitled 'AMSA update—2024 editions'.

- **Isle of Man –** has released an update entitled 'Fire-Fighting Protective Clothing'.

- **Singapore –** has published two updates:
  - 'Oil and Chemical Spill Response Equipment and Vessel Rates in Singapore'
  - 'Voyage Data Recorder (VDR/S-VDR) and Casualty Investigations'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'Panama Canal passage price hits $1m for gas carriers as auction transits hit year-high' *(TradeWinds)*
- 'Panama Canal Eyes Adding New Reservoir to Boost Ship Transits' *(MarineLink)*
- 'Cypriot Bulk Carrier *'Peace'* Banned From Australian Ports for Three Months' *(Neos Kosmos)*
- 'Houthi Red Sea Attacks Decline in Last Week as Navies Act, Greece Says' *(gCaptain)*
- 'Maersk Faces Acute Port Congestion In The Mediterranean & Asia Causing Vessel Delays' *(Marine Insight)*
- 'Ukraine Hits Russian Patrol Boats & Petroleum Tanks in Black Sea' *(The Maritime Executive)*
- 'Report: North Korean Vessel Sank, Killing 90' *(The Maritime Executive)*
- 'IMCA Safety Statistics: Upholding positive offshore safety trends' *(Safety4Sea)*

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **China Classification Society –** has issued an update entitled 'Rules for Construction of Sea-Going Ships Engaged on Domestic Voyages 2024 Amendments'.

- **Lloyd's Register –** has published an update entitled 'The Benefits and Opportunities of Data-Driven Condition Based Maintenance'.

- **ClassNK –** has released an update entitled 'Summary of the outcomes of MEPC 81'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club –** has issued an update entitled 'Good Catch Update: They Didn't Discuss Squat? Master Pilot Exchange'.

- **Britannia P&I –** has released two updates:
  - 'Cargo Fumigation in Containers'
  - 'International Maritime Organization- Maritime Safety Committee Update'.

- **Japan P&I Club –** has issued an update entitled 'Akashi Kaikyo Traffic Route and Its Vicinity in 2024 - Navigation Safety Measures during the Fishing Season'.

- **The Swedish Club –** has published its latest edition of 'Triton Magazine'.

- **UK P&I –** has released two updates:
  - 'Risk Focus: Inventory of Hazardous Materials'
  - 'ISO 8217-2024 - The Marine Fuel Standard has been updated'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IIMS –** has issued three updates:
  - 'ABS Port State Control Q1 Report 2024 published'
  - 'Key Steps in Preventing Engine Room Fires'
  - 'New Zealand Ship Noise Specification delayed but a Noise Label Score is required'.

- **IMO –** has published an update entitled 'IMO condemns “illegal, unjustifiable” attacks on ships in Red Sea'.

- **European Commission –** has published an update entitled 'EU Blue Economy report 2024: innovation and sustainability drive growth'.

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- **CCC 10/1/Rev.1 – 05/06/2024 –** Provisional Agenda.
- **III 10/INF.6 – 05/06/2024 –** Analysis of Consolidated Audit Summary Reports.
- **MEPC 82/INF.4 – 05/06/2024 –** Any Other Business.
- **III 10/INF.27 – 05/06/2024 –** Measures to Harmonize Port State Control (PSC) Activities and Procedures Worldwide.
- **III 10/INF.28 – 05/06/2024 –** Measures to Harmonize Port State Control (PSC) Activities and Procedures Worldwide.
- **III 10/4/5 – 04/06/2024 –** Lessons Learned and Safety Issues Identified From the Analysis of Marine Safety Investigation Reports Identified Issues Relating to the Implementation of Imo Instruments From the Analysis of Data.
- **III 10/INF.34 – 04/06/2024 –** Measures to Harmonize Port State Control (PSC) Activities and Procedures Worldwide..
- **C 132/17/1 – 04/06/2024 –** Hybrid Meeting Capability.
- **III 10/INF.33 – 04/06/2024 –** Measures to Harmonize Port State Control (PSC) Activities and Procedures Worldwide.
- **III 10/INF.30 – 04/06/2024 –** Measures to Harmonize Port State Control (PSC) Activities and Procedures Worldwide.

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