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Week 22, 2024 – Friday 31st May 2024

IMO - MSC 108

The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) met for its 108th session at IMO Headquarters in London (in-person with hybrid participation) from 15th to 24th May 2024.

The meeting was chaired by Mrs Mayte Medina of the United States, supported by Vice-Chair, Capt. Theofilos Mozas of Greece.

The Secretary-General, Arsenio Dominguez, welcomed every member of the Committee and reiterated that the safety of seafarers was the IMO's most important concern, particularly considering the situations within the Black Sea, Red Sea and off the coast of Somalia.

The Secretary-General also called for the immediate release of the MV *'Galaxy Leader'*, which was hijacked in 2023, and whose crew are still stranded on board.

The Secretary-General informed everyone that this year's World Maritime theme is 'Navigating the future: safety first', and reminded the Committee that 2024 marks the 50th anniversary of the SOLAS Convention.

Key MSC 108 highlights:

1 **–** Resolution on maritime security in the Red Sea area adopted

2 **–** Roadmap revised for the development of a code to regulate autonomous ships (Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships - MASS)

3 **–** Revised guidelines on maritime cyber risk management adopted

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4 – Development of a safety regulatory framework to support the reduction of GHG emissions from ships using new technologies and alternative fuels

5 – New training requirements on prevention and responding to violence and harassment in the maritime sector, including sexual harassment, bullying and sexual assault – amendments to the STCW Code adopted

6 – Training and certification of fishing vessel personnel – revised treaty and new STCW-F Code adopted

7 – New guidelines on the medical examination of fishing vessel personnel approved Amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention and associated instruments adopted

8 – Piracy and armed robbery updates

9 – Reports from the Sub-Committees – various sets of provisions approved.

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **Marshall Islands –** has issued two updates:
  - 'Reference List to Aid in International Safety Management Code Compliance'
  - 'Safety of Navigation'.

- **Liberia –** has released two updates:
  - 'Advisory on General License 44A Authorizing the Wind Down of Transactions Related to Oil or Gas Sector Operations in Venezuela'
  - 'Authorized Liberian Filing Agents'.

- **Panama –** has published an update entitled 'Multiple Load Line Certificate Operational Procedure'.

- **Bahamas –** has issued two updates:
  - 'Maritime Security in Red Sea'
  - 'Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007'.

- **Singapore –** has released an update entitled 'Resolutions Adopted by the 81st Session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 81) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'Panama Canal Shipping Conditions Improve - OPIS' *(MarketWatch)*
- 'Taking the Long Route: Panama Canal Logjam Slams Bulk Carriers' *(MarineLink)*
- 'The Mounting Strains on Global Shipping' *(Financial Times)*
- 'IMO Piracy Report: Seven ships attacked during April 2024' *(Safety4Sea)*
- 'ReCAAP ISC: One Incident of Armed Robbery 21 – 27 May' *(Safety4Sea)*
- 'Scientists may finally have answer to why killer whales keep attacking boats near Gibraltar' *(The Independent)*
- 'EU Anti-Piracy Force Frees Ship from Suspected Pirates off Somalia' *(MarineLink)*
- 'Russian Cargo Ship Hits Train Bridge Supplying Crimea' *(The Maritime Executive)*
- 'IMO: Decarbonization and Geopolitics are the Industry's Main Challenges'. *(Safety4Sea)*
- 'Panama Canal Completes Clean-Up from MSC Boxship Oil Spill' *(The Maritime Executive)*

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Marine Safety Committee 108th Session (MSC 108)**
  - American Bureau of Shipping
  - Bureau Veritas
  - DNV
  - Lloyd's Register

- **DNV –** has issued an update entitled 'Port State Control - Be Prepared for New Campaigns and Restrictions'.

- **Lloyd's Register –** has published an update entitled 'Retrofitting Hull Enhancements for Ships'.

- **ClassNK –** has released an update entitled 'Amendments to Ballast Water Management Record Book and Ballast Water Management Plan'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club –** has issued an update entitled 'Pre-employment Medical

Examinations (PEME) Program: New Clinic in Jogyakarta, Indonesia'.

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

- **Britannia P&I –** has released an update entitled 'Loss Prevention Insight - Alternative Fuels – LNG an Overview for the Maritime Sector'

- **Japan P&I Club –** has issued an update entitled 'China-Temporary Traffic Control Measures Implemented in the Waters near Jiangyin Bridge in the Yangtze River'.

- **The Shipowners' Club –** has published two updates:
  - 'Changes to the Cayman Islands' Shipping Act'
  - 'Piracy Podcast'.

- **UK P&I –** has released three updates:
  - 'Transporting Non-Petroleum Hazardous Substances in the US'
  - 'Customs-Related Incidents in Latin America'
  - 'National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Violations'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IIMS –** has issued two updates:
  - 'BIMCO Informs of the Dangers of Transporting Palm Kernel Shells'
  - 'Safety and Shipping Review 2024: Record low for fleet losses'.

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

Recent Accident Report

UK – The UK MAIB has published an investigation report into the grounding of the passenger ferry *'Alfred'* at Swona Island, Pentland Firth, Scotland. The accident caused injuries to 41 passengers and crew, as well as damage to the ship's bow and all vehicles being transported on board. The investigation found that the ship was routinely passing too close to land and that fatigue had led to a loss of awareness at a critical point in the ship's passage.

Recent IMO Circulars

- **MEPC 78/17/Add.1 – 29/05/2024 –** Report of the Marine Environment Protection Committee on Its Seventy-Eighth Session.
- **III 10/1/1 – 29/05/2024 –** Analysis of Consolidated Audit Summary Reports.
- **III 10/5/4 – 29/05/2024 –** Measures to Harmonize Port State Control (PSC) Activities and Procedures Worldwide.
- **III 10/17/1 – 29/05/2024 –** Any Other Business.
- **III 10/4/3 – 29/05/2024 –** 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 10/9/2 – 29/05/2024 –** Updated Survey Guidelines Under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC).
- **III 10/4/4 – 29/05/2024 –** Lessons Learned and Safety Issues Identified From the Analysis of Marine Safety Investigation Reports.
- **III 10/8/2 – 29/05/2024 –** Analysis of Consolidated Audit Summary Reports.
- **MEPC 82/2 – 28/05/2024 –** Decisions of Other Bodies.
- **CLC.4/Circ.39 – 28/05/2024 –** International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969.

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **UK –** has issued two updates:
  - 'Accidents When Using Power Operated Watertight Doors'
  - 'Issue of Discharge Books to Seafarers'.

- **Liberia –** has released an update entitled 'Authorized Liberian Filing Agents'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'States have legal duty to cut greenhouse emissions, says top maritime court' *(The Guardian)*
- 'Baltic concerns over Russian plan to move sea borders' *(BBC News)*
- 'Shipping concerned over onerous new US cyber-security regulations' *(Seatrade Maritime News)*
- 'AK-47-toting gang boards product tanker, robbing cash and locking up crew' *(TradeWinds)*
- 'Ukraine Has Built a Drone Boat That Can Launch Rockets' *(The Maritime Executive)*
- 'China Builds World's First Dedicated Drone Carrier' *(Naval News)*
- 'Cargo sailing ship capsizes off Bahamas, two crew missing' *(Splash 24/7)*
- 'Dali: Ship that hit Baltimore bridge on the move again' *(BBC News)*
- 'Two dead and five missing after boat collision near Budapest' *(The Guardian)*

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **DNV –** has issued an update entitled 'Blackouts - Causes, Prevention, Effective Recovery'.

- **Lloyd's Register –** has published an update entitled 'Alternative fuels - Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)'.

- **ClassNK –** has published an update entitled 'Operating VHF channel for Kieldrecht lock at the port of Antwerp and New lock at the port of Terneuzen alongside the Sheldt river (Nieuwe Sluis Terneuzen)'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club –** has issued an update entitled 'Brazil: Flooding at Rio Grande'.
- **SKULD –** has published an update entitled 'Updated threats to shipping in the Red Sea'.
- **Britannia P&I –** has released three updates:
  - 'Prioritising Head Protection at Sea'
  - 'The Hidden Dangers of Poor Dental Hygiene for Seafarers'
  - 'Stella Maris: Sailing the Seas of Support and Advocacy for Seafarers'.
- **Japan P&I Club –** has issued an update entitled 'Brazil□Drug trafficking Guidance'.
- **The Shipowner's Club –** has published an update entitled 'Evolving operational and security risks'.
- **West –** has released three updates:
  - 'Ballast Water Management - CWQ Challenges for D2 Standard Compliance'
  - 'Pilotage - AMPI Urges Caution Amidst Engine Power Limiter Concerns'
  - 'Revised Environmental Crime Directive to come into force on 20 May 2024'.
- **UK P&I Club –** has issued three updates:
  - 'Ask An Expert: SIRE 2.0 with Capt. Vikas Nayar'
  - 'Risk Intelligence Threat Briefing - Eastern Mediterranean'
  - 'Crew Health Advice: Exercise as a Mental Health Enhancer'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IMO –** has issued an article summarising the 'Possible outline for maritime “net-zero framework" '.
- **ReCAAP –** has released their weekly piracy report.

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Recent IMO Circulars

- **III 10/5 – 22/05/2024 –** Measures to Harmonize Port State Control (PSC) Activities and Procedures Worldwide.
- **III 10/9 – 22/05/2024 –** Updated Survey Guidelines Under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC) Non-exhaustive List of Obligations Under Instruments Relevant to the IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code) Development of Guidance on Assessments and Applications of Remote Surveys, ISM Code Audits and ISPS Code Verifications.
- **III 10/4 – 21/05/2024 –** Lessons Learned and Safety Issues Identified from the Analysis of Marine Safety Investigation Reports.
- **III 10/INF.12 – 20/05/2024 –** 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.
- **C 132/8/1 – 20/05/2024 –** IMO Member State Audit Scheme.
- **TC 74/INF.15 – 17/05/2024 –** Resource Mobilization and Partnerships.
- **MEPC 82/7 – 17/05/2024 –** Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships.
- **MEPC 82/10 – 17/05/2024 –** Pollution Prevention and Response.
- **BWM.1/Circ.80 – 17/05/2024 –** International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004.
- **Circular Letter No.4842/Add.1 – 17/05/2024 –** IMO and WISTA International Women in Maritime Survey 2024.

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **UK –** has issued two updates:
  - 'Marine Equipment – United Kingdom Conformity Assessment Procedures for Marine Equipment, Other Approval and Standards'
  - 'The Application of the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 2006 (LOLER) and Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 2006 (PUWER) to Fishing Vessels'.

- **Cyprus –** has released an update entitled 'Additional Measures for the Safe Carriage of Alternative Fuel Vehicles (AFVs) in Ro-Ro Spaces of Cargo and Passenger Ships Departing From Greek Ports (Hellenic Republic, Protocol No: 2070.0/ 28541 /2024, Dated 16/04/2024'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'DFDS invests €1B in electric vessels for decarbonizing the English Channel' *(Safety4Sea)*
- *'Panama Canal Faces Water Crisis Amid Drought and Growing Demand' (Independent)*
- 'ReCAAP ISC: The Fight Against Maritime Threats is a Shared Responsibility' *(Safety4Sea)*
- 'Another orca attack in Strait of Gibraltar: Are they seeking revenge or is it playful behaviour?' *(FirstPost)*
- 'IMO's Maritime Safety Committee To Address Maritime Safety & Security Challenges In 108th Session' *(Marine Insight)*
- 'Suspected Somali Pirates Taken to Seychelles' *(MarineLink)*
- *'Chinese Hackers 'plant Malware' on Greek and Norwegian Cargo Ships' (TradeWinds)*
- *'Crew Trapped on Baltimore Ship, Seven Weeks After Bridge Collapse' (BBC News)*

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Lloyd's Register –** has issued an update entitled 'LR to Support the Retrofit of two Stena Line Ferries to Methanol'.

- **ClassNK –** has published an update entitled 'LRIT conformance test for Panama flagged ship'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **SKULD –** has issued an update entitled 'Stowage of Heavy Lift Cargo: Legal and Insurance Implications'.

- **Britannia P&I –** has released four updates:
  - 'Safe Mooring Operations'
  - 'Ship to Ship Operations Guidance: Prepare to Abort'
  - 'Navigating Cultural Sensitivities'
  - 'A Guide for Shipowners on Navigating Flag Etiquette'.

- **Japan P&I –** has published three updates:
  - 'Colombia-Drug Smuggling Report 2024'
  - 'China-Temporary Traffic Control Measures Implemented in the Waters near Jiangyin Bridge in the Yangtze River (No.2)'
  - 'China -Regulation issued by Guangdong MSA regarding the supervision and management of marine traffic safety in the Special Administrative Area of Pearl River Estuary of China'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **UK Chamber of Shipping –** has issued an update entitled 'Delivering the Goods: Shipping's Priorities for the Next Government'.

- **EMSA –** has released an update entitled 'EMSA-led Multipurpose Maritime Operation launched'.

- **Port of London Authority –** has published an update entitled 'Safe Boarding Week - Results Breakdown'.

- **IMPA –** has issued an update entitled 'Pilot Transfer Operations'.

Recent Accident Report

USA – The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has released a Preliminary Report into the Contact of Containership *Dali* with the Francis Scott Key Bridge and Subsequent Bridge Collapse.
The incident happened while the vessel was transiting out of Baltimore Harbour in Baltimore, Maryland, when it experienced a loss of electrical power and propulsion and struck the southern pier supporting the central truss spans of the Francis Scott Key Bridge. Six people on the bridge were killed and two were injured. One person on board the Dali was injured.

Recent IMO Circulars

- **TC 74/7 – 15/05/2024 –** Regional Presence and Coordination.
- **Circular Letter No.4864 – 15/05/2024 –** Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS).
- **III 10/5/3 – 15/05/2024 –** Measures to Harmonize Port State Control (PSC) Activities and Procedures Worldwide.
- **III 10/5/2 – 15/05/2024 –** Measures to Harmonize Port State Control (PSC) Activities and Procedures Worldwide.
- **Circular Letter No.4834/Add.1 – 14/05/2023 –** International Day for Women in Maritime 2024 and Gender Equality Award Ceremony (17 May 2024).
- **III 10/INF.11 – 14/05/2024 –** Measures to Harmonize Port State Control (PSC) Activities and Procedures Worldwide.
- **TC 74/7/3 – 14/05/2024 –** Regional Presence and Coordination.
- **TC 74/7/2 – 14/05/2023 –** Regional Presence and Coordination.
- **III 10/14/1 – 14/05/2023 –** Development of Guidance to Assist Competent Authorities in the Implementation of the Cape Town Agreement of 2012.
- **TC 74/11 – 13/05/2023 –** Report of the Evaluation of the ITCP Activities for the Period 2020-2023.

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **USA –** has issued two updates:
  - 'Reporting Anchoring Activities in the Vicinity of Submerged Pipelines'
  - 'Phishing Emails Impersonating U.S. Coast Guard'.

- **Liberia –** has released an update entitled 'Implementation, Survey and Certification under the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ship's Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (BWM Convention)'.

- **Panama –** has published five updates:
  - 'Armed Security Personnel on board Panama flagged vessels transiting High Risk Areas'
  - 'Authorized Service Providers for Maintenance, Thorough Examination, Operational Testing, Overhaul and Repair of Lifeboats and Rescue Boats, Launching Appliances and Release Gear'
  - 'Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC), 2023'
  - 'Long-Range Identification and Tracking of Ships (LRIT)'
  - 'Segumar Offices Contact Points (24/7 Global Coverage)'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'Panama's president-elect vows to make canal water security top priority' *(Splash 24/7)*
- 'What is scrubber water? Ships pollute Baltic Sea to the tune of €680 million in 8 years, study finds' *(Euronews)*
- 'IMO Piracy Report: Eight ships attacked during March 2024' *(Safety4Sea)*
- 'Houthis claim new Indian Ocean attack amid repeat targeting of MSC ships' *(TradeWinds)*
- 'Philippine and US Forces Sink Tanker in S. China Sea Exercise' *(The Maritime Executive)*
- 'AMSA MLC Annual Report 2023: 214 complaints received during the year' *(Safety4Sea)*

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- **American Bureau of Shipping –** has published an update entitled 'Industry Reminder on Firefighting Suits'

- **DNV –** has released an update entitled 'Coordinated Issuance of All Safety Certificates From 1 January 2024'.

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  - 'Fuel for Thought – Biofuel hub'.

- **ClassNK –** has published an update entitled 'LRIT conformance test for Panama flagged ship'.

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  - 'Ultrasonic Testing and Leaking Hatch Covers'
  - 'Stowage of Heavy Lift Cargo: Legal and Insurance Implications'.

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

- **Japan P&I –** has published an update entitled 'US authorises winding down of oil and gas operations in Venezuela through 31 May 2024'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **Ports Victoria –** has issued an update entitled 'Requirements for Vessels Equipped With Engine or Shaft Power Limiters'.

- **IIMS –** has released two updates:

- 'The Baltimore Bridge Black Swan Event and Its Effect on the Insurance Markets'
- 'ABS Issues Technical and Operational Advisory for Methanol Bunkering'.

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Norway – The Norwegian Safety Investigation Authority has released an investigation report into the foundering of the shuttle boat *'Toja'* in Tomrefjorden south-west of Molde. The accident happened as eight passengers were being transported from the coast guard vessel *'KV Bjørnøya'*, which was conducting tests in the Tomrefjord, to the shipyard Vard Langsten. All nine on board ended up in the sea, one of the passengers without a life jacket. It took close to 47 minutes for the passengers to be rescued, which was critical in terms of their chances of survival, considering that the water temperature was only around 9–10 degrees in the area, combined with some wind and waves.

Recent IMO Circulars

- **TC 74/5 – 09/05/2024 –** The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- **III 10/2/1 – 09/05/2024 –** Decisions of Other IMO Bodies.
- **III 10/INF.8 – 08/05/2024 –** Measures to Harmonize Port State Control (PSC) Activities and Procedures Worldwide.
- **MSC.1/Circ.1673/Corr.1 – 08/05/2024 –** Unified Interpretation of SOLAS Regulation II-1/1.1.3.
- **Circular Letter No.4839/Add.1 – 08/05/2023 –** "Sailing together: Striving for a future-proof IMO MASS Code" Symposium co-sponsored by IMO and the Republic of Korea (14 May 2024).
- **III 10/16/1 – 08/05/2024 –** Election of Chair and Vice-chair for 2025.
- **III 10/16 – 08/05/2024 –** Election of Chair and Vice-chair for 2025.
- **FAL.3/Circ.220 – 07/05/2023 –** Explanatory Manual to the FAL Convention.
- **MEPC.1/Circ.795/Rev.9 – 07/05/2023 –** Unified Interpretations to MARPOL Annex VI.
- **TC 74/9/1 – 07/05/2023 –** Capacity-Building: Strengthening the Impact of Women in the Maritime Sector.

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- **UK –** has issued two updates:
  - 'The LOLER regulations 2006'
  - 'Compulsory Provision and Wearing of Personal Flotation Devices on Fishing Vessels'.

- **Panama –** has released an update entitled 'Outside Ship's Bottom inspection and Dry docking Interface Periods for Panamanian Flagged Vessels'.

- **Singapore –** has published an update entitled 'Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Garbage) (Amendment) Regulations 2024, Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Air) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 and Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) (Amendment) Regulations 2024'.

- **Hong Kong –** has issued four updates:
  - 'Publication of New Garbage Record Book (Part I / Part II) for Ships Engaged in International Voyages'
  - 'United Nations Sanctions (Libya) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2024'
  - 'United Nations Sanctions (Yemen) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2024'
  - 'Coming into Force of Hong Kong Legislation Implementing Amendments to Requirements of MARPOL Annexes V and VI'.

- **Cyprus –** has released an update entitled 'Enforcement of EU Ship Recycling Regulation No. 1257/2013 Relating to The Inventory of Hazardous Materials'.

- **Liberia –** has released an update entitled 'Advisory on Centro Internazionale Radio Medico's (CIRM) remote neuropsychological support to crews of ships sailing in the RedSea'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'El Nino, water management issues blamed for snarling Panama Canal' *(Reuters)*
- 'The Impact of Disruptions in the Suez Canal on Global Shipping' *(NewsAnyway)*
- 'Reinventing Mine Warfare in the Baltic Sea' *(U.S. Naval Institute)*

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- 'Exodus: 800 tankers exit P&I clubs as insurers slam ‘unenforceable’ Russia price cap' *(Trade Winds)*
- 'Tokyo MoU PSC Annual Report 2023' *(Safety4Sea)*
- 'British Invention Designed to Defeat Cyber-pirates' *(British Marine)*

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  - 'China - Temporary Traffic Control Measures Implemented in the Waters near Jiangyin Bridge in the Yangtze River'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **Australian Maritime Safety Authority –** has issued an update entitled 'Inspections Annual Report 2023'.

- **IIMS –** has released three updates:
  - 'MAIB Report: Powerboat Awesome accident resulting in two fatalities'
  - 'UK Office for Product Safety and Standards issues product recall alert for Honda Marine Outboards'
  - 'IACS Annual Review 2023 published'.

Recent Accident Report

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Norway – The Norwegian Safety Investigation Authority has released an investigation report into the foundering of the shuttle boat *'Toja'* in Tomrefjorden south-west of Molde. The accident happened as eight passengers were being transported from the coast guard vessel *'KV Bjørnøya'*, which was conducting tests in the Tomrefjord, to the shipyard Vard Langsten. All nine on board ended up in the sea, one of the passengers without a life jacket. It took close to 47 minutes for the passengers to be rescued, which was critical in terms of their chances of survival, considering that the water temperature was only around 9–10 degrees in the area, combined with some wind and waves.

Recent IMO Circulars

- **III 10/INF.3 – 01/05/2024 –** Non-exhaustive List of Obligations Under Instruments Relevant to the IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code).
- **III 10/9/1 – 01/05/2024 –** Measures to Harmonize Port State Control (PSC) Activities and Procedures Worldwide Updated Survey Guidelines Under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC).
- **III 10/10 – 01/05/2024 –** Non-exhaustive List of Obligations Under Instruments Relevant to the IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code).

III 10/INF.2 – 01/05/2024 – Measures to Harmonize Port State Control (PSC) Activities and Procedures Worldwide Updated Survey Guidelines Under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC).

- **EGDH 11/1 – 30/04/2023 –** Provisional Agenda for the Eleventh Session of the IMO Expert Group on Data Harmonization (EGDH 11), to Be Held at Imo Headquarters, 4 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7SR, From Monday, 14 to Friday, 18 October 2024.
- **Circular Letter No.4868 – 30/04/2024 –** Eleventh meeting of the IMO Expert Group on Data Harmonization (14 to 18 October 2024).
- **FAL.5/Circ.54 – 30/04/2024 –** Guidelines on Port Community Systems.
- **TC 74/6 – 30/04/2023 –** The Capacity-building Decade 2021-2030 Strategy.
- **III 10/1/1 – 30/04/2023 –** Provisional Agenda.
- **NCSR 11/6/7 – 30/04/2023 –** Response to Matters Related to the ITU-R Study Groups and ITU World Radiocommunication Conference.

List of amendments expected to enter into force this year and in the coming years

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The IMO has released the programme of meetings for 2024. Please see the IMO's 'Meeting Summaries' webpage for more information.

- 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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