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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **Australia –** has issued two updates:
  - Marine Notice - 2024/09 - 'Voyage Planning and Execution within Planned Navigation Corridors'
  - Legislation SR2003 No.366 - 'Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Regulations 2003'.

- **Liberia –** has released an update - Marine Notice - SAF-004 - 'Lifeboat and Emergency Drills'.

- **Panama –** has published a Marine Notice - MMN-12/2024 - 'Accounting Authorities (AA)'.

- **Bahamas –** has issued four updates:
  - Marine Notice - MN103 - 'Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships (SPS Code)'
  - Marine Notice - MN102 - 'International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel (IP Code)'
  - Marine Notice - MN075 - 'Passenger Ship Bottom Inspections'
  - Marine Notice - MN054 - 'Conventions to which The Bahamas is a Party'.

- **Singapore –** has released two updates:
  - Shipping Circular - No. 10 of 2024 - 'Key Shipping Division Contacts'
  - Shipping Circular - No. 11 of 2024 - 'Recommendations for the Carriage of Plastic Pellets by Sea in Freight Containers'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'JMIC Weekly Dashboard' *(UKMTO)*
- 'Somali Pirates Head Back to Sea' *(Splash 24/7)*
- 'Frontex: Act to Save Lives at Sea' *(HumanRightsWatch)*

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Bureau Veritas –** has released an update entitled 'Bureau Veritas Calls for Greater Regulatory Clarity on Wind Propulsion Technology Following the Release of New Technology Report'.

- **DNV –** has issued an update entitled 'Efficient Handling of Propeller Retrofits'.

- **Indian Register of Shipping –** has published a Technical Circular - 023/2024 - 'GOI - Radio Equipment Carriage Requirements for Sea Area A3 for Indian Flagged Ships'.

- **Lloyd's Register –** has released two updates:
  - 'LR publishes Recommended Practices for Floating Offshore Wind Turbine Support Structures'
  - 'Updated IMO Fuel Oil Sampling Guidelines'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **Gard–** has issued two updates:
  - 'Reducing Air Pollution from Ships in California Ports'
  - 'Weather Hot Spots off South Africa'.

- **Britannia P&I –** has released an update entitled 'Regulations and Standards'.

- **West –** has published an update entitled 'Shipowners Success in China's Supreme Court: No Change in Cargo Condition During Transit'.

- **Japan P&I Club –** has issued an update entitled 'China - Zhejiang MSA issues the "Notice on Initiating the Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for Maritime Law Enforcement"'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IIMS –** has released four updates:
  - 'New Biosecurity Requirements by New Zealand Authorities'
  - 'MAIB Publishes Annual Report 2023'
  - 'Passenger Vessel *'Oceandiva London'* Breaches Hull Plating After Loss of Propulsion'
  - 'MLC Amendments Set to Enter Into Force in December 2024'.

Recent Accident Reports

- **UK –** The MAIB has published an investigation report into the death of two wheelchair users who drowned when their boat, '*Wheelyboat 123*', capsized on Roadford Lake, Devon, England. They were strapped into their motorized wheelchairs and quickly sank when thrown into the lake. The boat capsized due to water accumulating on the deck from a faulty bow door seal, worsened by improper loading and turning. The boat was inadequately maintained, with poor oversight and staff training, but no explicit monetary damage was stated.

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Recent IMO Circulars

- **LEG 112/14/1 – 23/10/2024 –** Election of Officers.
- **C 133/15 – 22/10/2024 –** Supplementary Agenda Items, If Any.
- **MEPC 82/INF.1 – 22/10/2024 –** List of Participants.
- **MSC 109/4/6 – 22/10/2024 –** Goal-Based New Ship Construction Standards.
- **FAL.3/Circ.221 – 22/10/2024 –** Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime

Traffic, 1965.

- **MSC 109/4/5 – 22/10/2024 –** Goal-Based New Ship Construction Standards.
- **MSC 109/5/10 – 22/10/2024 –** Development of a Goal-Based Instrument for Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS).
- **RTS.1 – 22/10/2024 –** Single Request-To-Speak List - Information for Delegates.
- **RTS.2 – 22/10/2024 –** Introduction of the Single RTS List - Video.
- **C 133/4 – 21/10/2024 –** Strategy and Planning

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **Liberia –** has issued two updates:
  - Marine Security Bulletin - 27/2024 - 'Vessel Attack in the Gulf of Aden'
  - Marine Notice - PSC-001 - 'Measures to Improve Compliance and Minimize Risk of Port State Control Detentions'.

- **Malta –** has issued a Merchant Shipping Notice - 107 Rev.1 - 'Medical Fitness Certificate'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'JMIC Weekly Dashboard' *(UKMTO)*
- 'India's Evolution in Preventing and Combatting Maritime Piracy at High Seas' *(NewsWire)*
- 'Missile and Drone Attacks Damage Two Merchant Ships in the Red Sea' *(Ships&Ports)*
- 'Ukraine reaches out to the IMO as Russian attacks intensify' *(Splash24/7)*

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Indian Register of Shipping –** has released Technical Circular - 022/2024 - 'GOI - Addendum No.3 to DGS Order 20 of 2022 Reg. Certification of Offshore Vessels, Accommodation Barges, etc. while operating in Indian Exclusive Economic Zone'.

- **Lloyd's Register –** has issued two updates:
  - 'Red Sea and Gulf of Aden MARPOL Annex I and V Special Areas'
  - 'Ship Readiness for Zero Carbon Fuels'.

- **ClassNK –** has published an update entitled 'Arrangement of Occasional Survey for

Issuance of AFS Certificate in Accordance with the Amendment of the AFS Convention to Add the Cybutryne to the List of Banned Substances'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **Britannia P&I –** has issued five updates:
  - 'Safe Handling of Mono Ethylene Glycol (MEG) Cargoes'
  - 'Navigational Risks at Sea: the Growing Threat of GNSS Jamming and Spoofing'
  - 'Bills of Lading Common Problems and Best Practice'
  - 'Loading Assorted Breakbulk Cargoes in China'
  - 'Carriage of Rare, Valuable and High Value Cargo'.

- **Japan P&I Club –** has released an update entitled 'IMB Piracy and Armed Robbery Report for January - September 2024'.

- **West –** has published an update entitled 'Shipowners Success in China's Supreme Court: No Change in Cargo Condition During Transit'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IIMS –** has released an update entitled 'MAIB Issues Safety Bulletin After Fishing Vessel Argos Georgia Sinks Leaving 13 Dead'.

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Recent IMO Circulars

- **MSC 109/13/8 – 16/10/2024 –** Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue.
- **MSC 109/10/2 – 16/10/2024 –** Unsafe Mixed Migration by Sea.
- **MSC 109/14 – 16/10/2024 –** Carriage of Cargoes and Containers.
- **TC 75/1 – 16/10/2024 –** Provisional Agenda.
- **Circular Letter No.4927 – 16/10/2024 –** Seventy-fifth session of the Technical Cooperation Committee (2 to 6 June 2025).
- **C 133/7/1 – 16/10/2024 –** Enhancement of Multilingualism.
- **C 133/8 – 16/10/2024 –** IMO Member State Audit Scheme.
- **C 133/5(a)/1 – 15/10/2024 –** Resource Management.
- **Circular Letter No.4929 – 15/10/2024 –** Amendments to the NOx Technical Code 2008.
- **MEPC 83/1 – 15/10/2024 –** Provisional Agenda.

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IMO - MEPC 82

The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) met for its 82nd session at IMO Headquarters in London (in-person with hybrid participation) from 30th September to 4th October 2024.

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **Liberia –** has issued a Marine Notice entitled SAF-003 Rev. 09/24 'Procedures for Entering Enclosed Spaces and Enclosed Space Entry and Rescue Drills'.

- **Panama –** has published a marine notice - MMN-08/2023 Rev 'Israeli-Hamas, Lebanon, Iran Conflict'.

- **Isle of Man –** has released a Registry Advice Notice - RAN-03 (Rev.4) 'Tonnage and Measurement of Ships under 24m Overall Length'.

- **Malta –** has issued a Merchant Shipping Notice - 107 Rev.1 'Medical Fitness Certificate'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'JMIC Weekly Dashboard' *(UKMTO)*
- 'UN Says 2024 is Deadliest Year for Channel Migrants' *(BBC News)*
- 'Liberia-Flagged Tanker Struck Off Yemen, British Maritime Security Agencies Say' *(Reuters)*
- 'Russian Bombardment of Merchant Shipping in the Black Sea Intensifies' *(Splash24/7)*

Recent Class Society Guidance

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- **MEPC 82:**
  - American Bureau of Shipping
  - DNV
  - Lloyd's Register

- **Indian Register of Shipping –** has released an update entitled 'GOI - Addendum No.3 to DGS Order 20 of 2022 Reg. Certification of Offshore Vessels, Accommodation Barges, etc. while operating in Indian Exclusive Economic Zone'.

- **Lloyd's Register –** has issued an update entitled 'Availability for E-Fuels for E-Fuel-capable Vessels from 2027-2030'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **Gard –** has published three updates:
  - 'High Risks When Flying Drones in Norway'
  - 'Israel and Lebanon's Port Situation'
  - 'Regional Sulphur Emission Limits at a Glance'.

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

- **Britannia P&I –** has issued two updates:
  - 'Bunkering Precautions and Avoidance of Bunker Quality Disputes'
  - 'Risk Watch - October 2024'.

- **West –** has published an update entitled 'Shipowners Success in China's Supreme Court: No Change in Cargo Condition During Transit'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

UK Chamber of Shipping – has released an update entitled 'UK Shipping's Route to Decarbonisation'.

- **ICS –** has published an article entitled 'International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) statement following closing of the 82nd meeting of the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee'.

- **ICC –** has issued an update entitled 'Maritime Crime and Piracy Incidents Lowest Since 1994, but Threats to Crews Remain'.

- **Isle of Man Ship Registry –** has released their 'Annual Summary of Casualties, Accidents and Incidents on Isle of Man Registered Vessels'.

- **ReCAAP –** has published its weekly piracy report.

Recent Accident Reports

- **UK –** The MAIB has published an investigation report into the collision between the trawlers *'Guiding Light'* and *'Guiding Star'*. The incident took place 33 NM south-east of Fair Isle, Scotland, UK and resulted in the flooding and sinking of the *'Guiding Star'.*

- **UK –** The MAIB has released an investigation report into the fall from height on board the bulk carrier *'Equinox Seas'.* The incident took place at ONEX Syros Shipyard, Ermoupoli, Syros, Greece and resulted in one fatality.

- **Malta –** Transport Malta has released a safety investigation report into the death of a crew member on board the MV *'Drawsko'* while rigging a portable cargo hold light at Iskenderun, Türkiye.

- **New Zealand –** The Transport Accident Investigation Commission has released an investigation report into the serious injury on board the bulk carrier *'Poavosa Brave'.* The incident occurred during cargo operations while the ship was anchored outside Tauranga Harbour, New Zealand.

- **Sweden –** The Swedish Accident Investigation Authority has released its final report into the serious marine incident in the port of Grisslehamn, Norrtälje Municipality, Sweden. During loading operations there was a fault with the hoistable car deck on board the ferry *'Eckerö',* causing one of its platforms to fall uncontrollably onto the deck below.

Recent IMO Circulars

- **MSC 109/13/7 – 10/10/2024 –** Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue.
- **MSC 109/INF.18 – 10/10/2024 –** Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue.
- **MSC 109/INF.10 – 10/10/2024 –** Domestic Ferry Safety.
- **MSC.1/Circ.1677 – 10/10/2024 –** Voluntary Early Implementation of the Amendments to Paragraphs 4.2.2 and 8.4.1 to 8.4.3 of the IGF Code, Adopted by Resolution MSC.551(108).
- **MSC 109/21/3 – 10/10/2024 –** Any Other Business.
- **JWGMSA 8/4 – 09/10/2024 –** Revision of the Auditor's Manual.
- **C 133/12(d)/1 – 09/10/2024 –** External Relations.
- **MSC 109/19/9 – 09/10/2024 –** Work Programme.
- **MSC 109/21 – 09/10/2024 –** Any Other Business.
- **MSC 109/7/1 – 09/10/2024 –** Revision of the Guidelines on Maritime Cyber Risk Management (MSC-FAL.1/CIRC.3/REV.2) and Identification of Next Steps to Enhance Maritime Cybersecurity.

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- **Liberia –** has issued an update entitled 'Safety Inspections of Liberian Ships'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'Dozens dead, 61 missing as two boats sink off Djibouti' *(BBC News)*
- 'Huge fireball seen as Israel strikes Yemen port' *(BBC News)*
- 'Vessels hit off Yemen's Hodeidah, Houthis claim attack on tanker' *(Reuters)*
- 'Maritime Smuggling Along a Border Zone' *(e-flux)*
- 'Civil unrest in Haiti continues plaguing port operations' *(Safety4Sea)*

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **American Bureau of Shipping –** has released an update entitled 'Requirements for Restricted Service Vessels'.

- **Bureau Veritas –** has published an update entitled 'Verification scheme for dynamic subsea power cable'.

- **Lloyd's Register –** has issued an update entitled 'New requirements for hard copy and electronic Ballast Water Record Books'.

- **ClassNK –** has released an update entitled 'Special requirements for life-saving appliances and equipment installed on board Singapore-flagged vessels'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club –** has released a circular entitled 'Project Cargoes'.

- **SKULD –** has issued two updates:
  - 'Updated threats to shipping in the Red Sea'
  - 'Updated guidance for vessels operating in the Southern Red Sea and Gulf of Aden'.

- **Britannia P&I –** has published an update entitled 'Understanding Recent Anchor Losses – Lessons Learned'.

- **NorthStandard –** has released three updates:
  - 'Onshore Electrical Power: Cold ironing out charter and contractual implications'.
  - 'The Lila Lisbon – cancellation by buyer under clause 14 of SALEFORM 2012 alone does not entitle buyer to recover loss of bargain damages from negligent seller'
  - 'Haiti – Civil Unrest Affecting Port Operations'.

- **The Swedish Club –** has issued a circular entitled 'Hull & Machinery Insurance Terms 2025'.

- **West –** has published an update entitled 'SOLAS - Amendments to the IMDG Code (Amendment 42-24)'.

- **UK P&I –** has released an update entitled 'Ask an Expert: Wind Assisted Propulsion Systems'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **MAIB –** has published volume 2 of its Safety Digest.

- **IMO –** has published an article entitled 'Mediterranean countries enhance oil spill reporting and monitoring'.

- **EMSA –** has released its September Newsletter.

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Recent IMO Circulars

- **Circular Letter No. 4893 – 02/10/2024 –** Position in the IMO Junior Professional Officer Programme.
- **MSC 109/11/2 – 01/10/2024 –** Formal Safety Assessment.
- **MSC 109/10 – 01/10/2024 –** Unsafe Mixed Migration by Sea.
- **IMO.7/Circ.19 – 01/10/2024 –** Amendments Adopted in December 2021 to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization.
- **MSC 109/INF.3 – 01/10/2024 –** Work Programme.
- **MSC 109/19/7 – 01/10/2024 –** Work Programme.
- **MSC 109/19/8 – 01/10/2024 –** Work Programme.
- **MSC 109/13/2 – 26/09/2024 –** Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue.
- **EGDH 11/2/1 – 25/09/2024 –** Amendments to the IMO Compendium Related to "Environmental Information".
- **EGDH 11/13 – 25/09/2024 –** Any Other Business.

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