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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **UK –** has issued two updates:
  - 'MSN 1841 (M) Amendment 2 MLC 2006: medical care ship's doctors'
  - 'MGN 591 (M+F) Amendment 2 Provision of safe means of access'.

- **Isle of Man –** has released a Technical Advisory Notice entitled 'Enclosed Space Entry – Gas Detection and CO2 Hazards'.

- **Singapore –** has published a shipping circular entitled 'Key Shipping Division Contacts'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'Pirates Hijack Tug and Barge in Indonesia Robbing Crew, Stealing Cargo' *(The Maritime Executive)*
- 'Russia Ramps Up Arctic Oil Tanker Shipping to a New Record' (BNN Bloomberg)
- 'Four men arrested at sea charged with drug smuggling' *(Cayman News Service)*
- 'Russian missile damages Antigua-flagged ship in Odesa Port' *(Safety4Sea)*

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **American Bureau of Shipping –** has issued two updates:
  - 'News Brief: CCC 10'
  - 'Guidance Notes on Ice Class'.

- **Bureau Veritas –** has released two updates:
  - 'Rules for the classification and the certification of yachts'
  - 'Carriage of Cargoes and Containers Sub-Committee 10th session (CCC 10) Summary Report'.

- **Lloyd's Register –** has published four updates:
  - 'Regulatory framework essential for accelerated uptake of Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS) in maritime'
  - 'CCC 10 Summary Report'
  - '2nd Maritime Fuel Supply Dialogues Roundtable'
  - 'Lloyd's Register grants AiP to SHI for innovative ammonia fuel container vessel'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club –** has released four updates:
  - 'Turkey: Ballast Water Management (BWM)'
  - 'Brazil: Drought Affecting River Conditions'
  - 'Pre-Employment Medical Examinations (PEME) Program: New Clinic in Davao City, Philippines'
  - 'OFAC Issues Advisory to the Maritime Petroleum Shipping Community on Sanctions Risks Related to Petroleum Shipments Involving Iran and Syria'.

- **Gard –** has issued an update entitled 'CINS releases Comprehensive Guidelines for Carriage of Charcoal in Containers'.

- **Britannia P&I –** has published an update entitled 'Loss Prevention: Gangways – A Practical Guide'.

- **NorthStandard –** has released six updates:
  - 'Conditional survey on bulk carriers aged 18 years or older in Brazil'
  - 'Israel - Hamas War: Impact on shipping'
  - 'New Decisions by the Turkish Ministry of Transportation Regarding BWM Compliance of Vessels'
  - 'The Xing Zhi Hai – principle of undisclosed principal does not assist claim on LOI'
  - 'Potential strikes at Portugal ports'
  - 'SIRE 2.0 Officially Launched: Enhancing Safety and Efficiency in Tanker Shipping'.

- **The Swedish Club –** has issued a member alert entitled 'MSS Case September: Fire in engine room'.

- **UK P&I –** has published four updates:
  - 'Greek law on the Removal of Wrecks - a Paradoxical Interpretation'
  - 'Israel: Port Updates'
  - 'CINS Guidelines for the Safe Carriage of Charcoal in Containers'
  - 'Biosecurity Measures for Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs (BMSB) in Australia and New Zealand'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IMO –** has published two updates:
  - '2024 World Maritime Day anchors focus on maritime safety'
  - 'Make your voice heard: IMO-WISTA Women in Maritime Survey opens'.

- **BIMCO –** has released an update entitled 'Industry publishes updated advice for Southern Red Sea and Gulf of Aden'.

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

- **IIMS –** has released an update entitled 'IMO issues amendments to lifeboat maintenance and inspection requirements'.

Recent Accident Reports

- **UK –** The MAIB has published an accident report into the serious injury to a crew member on board the survey and supply vessel *'Kommander Orca'* at Portland, United Kingdom. While operating one of the rail-mounted deck cranes, the second officer sustained crush injuries to his lower left leg. A helicopter transferred him to hospital, where his leg required amputation below the knee. The investigation found that the crane was not being used in accordance with the operating manual and that, out of convenience, the crew were using controls designed for emergency use only.

Recent IMO Circulars

- **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.
- **NV.061 – 25/09/2024 –** 2003 Amendments to the Protocol of 1988 Relating to the

International Convention of Load Lines, 1966 Resolution MSC.143(77).

- **Circular Letter No.4924 – 24/09/2024 –** Third Meeting of the Joint ILO/IMO Tripartite Working Group (JTWG) to Identify and Address Seafarers' Issues and the Human Element (26 to 28 November) 1 IMO and ILO Have the Honour to Invite Representation.
- **Circular Letter No.4877 – 23/09/2024 –** Call for Expressions of Interest to Join the IMO Global Marine Plastic Litter Programme Global Industry Alliance to Support the Reduction of Marine Plastic Litter (Marine Plastic Litter GIA).
- **EGDH 11/6 – 23/09/2024 –** Cargo Information.
- **MSC 109/15 – 23/09/2024 –** Implementation of IMO Instruments.
- **MSC 109/INF.2 – 23/09/2024 –** Development of a Safety Regulatory Framework to Support the Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships Using New Technologies and Alternative Fuels.
- **LC 46/9 – 23/09/2024 –** Marine Litter and Microplastics.
- **LC 46/6/1 – 23/09/2024 –** CO2 Sequestration in Sub-Seabed Geological Formations.

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **Norway –** has issued a Circular - SM 1-2024 'Transport of Fish Silage – Risk of Formation of Hazardous Gases'.

- **Australia –** has published a Marine Notice - MN 2024/08 'Planned Maintenance on Ships'.

- **Liberia –** has released a Marine Notice - SEA-006 'Minimum Requirements to Become or Renew Authorized Liberian Filing Agent Status'.

- **Marshall Islands –** has issued a Marine Guideline - MG-2-11-24 'Tonnage Guidelines for Yachts'.

- **Isle of Man –** has released a Technical Advisory Notice - 009-22 'Ballast Water Treatment Systems - Contingency Measures'.

- **Singapore –** has published two updates:
  - 'Resolutions Adopted by the 108th Session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 108) of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO)'
  - 'Bunker Supplier Licence and Bunker Craft Operator Licence of Sentek Marine & Trading Pte Ltd'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'Panama Ports Container Volume Up 18.5% in January-July 2024' *(PortNews)*
- 'ReCAAP ISC: Three incidents of armed robbery 10 – 16 September' *(Safety4Sea)*
- 'UK and USCG Seize $54M Worth Drugs with Interdictions Including Narco Sub' *(Maritime Executive)*

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Bureau Veritas –** has issued an update entitled 'Hull Structure and Arrangement for

the Classification of Cargo Ships Less Than 65m and Non-cargo Ships Less Than 90m (October 2024 Edition)'.

- **Indian Register of Shipping –** has released three technical circulars:
  - 'Pre-Arrival Notification of Security (PANS) to Enter the Indian Port Facilities'
  - 'The 2022 Amendments to Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), 2006'
  - 'GOI - Online Ship Reporting for the Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Aden, Bab al Mandeb Strait, Red Sea, Somali Basin, and Arabian Sea Region for vessels under Indian Flag'.

- **Lloyd's Register –** has published a technical report entitled 'Alarms on Ships Must Be Rationalised to Support Crew Welfare and Avoid the Safety Risks Associated With Alarm Fatigue'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club –** has released a Member Alert entitled 'Loss Prevention: Heavy Weather—All Hands on Deck?'.

- **SKULD –** has issued an update entitled 'Conditions of Use (COUs): the Charterers' Perspective'.

- **The Shipowners' Club –** has published two updates:
  - 'Guidelines for the Safe Carriage of Charcoal in Containers'
  - 'FuelEU Maritime - What you need to know'.

- **Britannia P&I –** has released an update entitled 'Biosecurity Measures for Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs (BMSB) in Australia and New Zealand'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **ICC –** has issued an update entitled 'Bogus blacklist not published by ICC-CCS'.

- **IIMS –** has released two updates:
  - 'SOLAS Updates Announced by IMO: New Amendments on Emergency Towing, Fire Safety, and Container Reporting'
  - 'IMO Amendments to the ESP Code: Certification by Hull Inspection Firms'.

Recent Accident Reports

- **USA –** The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has published an investigation report into a barge breakaway from towing vessel *'Nell Womack'* while it was pushing hopper barges upbound on the Lower Mississippi River when one of two facing wires connecting the towing vessel to barge parted. When it became unsafe for the towing vessel to remain attached by one facing wire, the crew released the wire. Both barges drifted downriver, and struck the Port of West Memphis dock in West Memphis, Arkansas. There were no injuries, and no pollution was reported. Damage to the dock and the barge was estimated at $500,000.

- **UK –** The Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) has published an investigation report into the fall overboard of a volunteer relief cook on board the sail training vessel *'Pelican of London'.* The crew member fell from the top of the vessel's gangway into the flooded drydock while under the influence of alcohol. His absence was not noted until the next morning and a search was started. In the early afternoon of 3 October 2023, police divers recovered the relief cook's body to the dockside where he was declared deceased.

Recent IMO Circulars

- **Circular Letter No.4917 – 19/09/2024 –** Communication from the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini.
- **ISWG-STCW 1/2/20 – 19/09/2024 –** Consideration of Identified Gaps and Provisions to Be Addressed.
- **ISWG-STCW1/2/38 – 18/09/2024 –** Consideration of Identified Gaps and Provisions to Be Addressed.
- **ISWG-STCW 1/2/39 – 18/09/2024 –** Consideration of Identified Gaps and Provisions to Be Addressed.
- **ISWG-STCW 1/2/37 – 18/09/2024 –** Consideration of Identified Gaps and Provisions to Be Addressed.
- **MSC 109/19/4 – 18/09/2024 –** Work Programme.
- **MSC 109/19/2 – 18/09/2024 –** Proposal for a New Output to Develop Performance Standards for Ranging Mode (R-Mode) in Radionavigation Receivers.
- **MSC 109/5/1 – 18/09/2024 –** Development of a Goal-based Instrument for Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS).

MSC 109/11 – 17/09/2024 – Formal Safety Assessment.

- **MSC 109/8 – 17/09/2024 –** Measures to Enhance Maritime Security.

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **Liberia –** has issued a Marine Notice - ADM-009 'Implementation of the phrases “To the satisfaction of the Administration” and “Requirements of the Administration” in IMO Instruments; and the Application of Non-Mandatory IMO Instruments'.

- **Singapore –** has released three updates:
  - 'Maritime Declaration of Health'
  - 'Notice of Non-Renewal of Bunker Supplier Licence and Bunker Craft Operator Licence of Sentek Marine & Trading Pte Ltd'
  - 'Implementation and Issuance of STCW Electronic Certificates for Seafarers'.

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **DNV –** has published an update entitled 'Updated implementing regulation (EU) 2024/1975 amending the MED in force from 4 September 2024'.

- **Bureau Veritas –** has issued an update entitled 'Ammonia-fuelled ships - Tentative Rules'.

- **Indian Register of Shipping –** has released a technical circular entitled 'Concentrated inspection campaign (CIC) by Riyadh MoU on Ship Lifting Appliances beginning from 1st September 2024 and ending on 30th November 2024'.

- **Lloyd's Register –** has published a technical report entitled 'Beyond the Horizon - Opportunities and Obstacles in the Maritime AI Boom'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **International Group of P&I Clubs –** has published a report entitled 'IG Sustainability Report 2024'.

- **The American Club –** has released a Member Alert entitled 'Updated US Maritime Administration (MARAD) Best Practices Guide for Sexual Assault Sexual Harrassment (SASH)'.

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

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **OCIMF –** has issued an update entitled 'Newsletter - Issue 138'

- **IIMS –** has released four updates:
  - 'Enclosed Space Deaths Spark Calls for Change'
  - 'Safety Warning Issued Following Man Overboard From Potting Vessel Kingfisher With Loss of One Life'
  - 'The Hague Rules – 100 years old and still standing'
  - 'First Saudi Red Sea Authority yachting regulations released'.

Recent Accident Reports

- **Malta –** The Transport Malta Marine Safety Investigation Unit has published an investigation report into a fatality on board oil tanker '*Seaprincess'.* The incident took place at the TK Tuzla Shipyard, Turkey during its planned dry docking. Two welders from the repair riding team were repairing several stanchions on the port side slop tank. As one of the welders started welding, a fireball emerged from the bottom of the slop tank, followed by a rush of air. He immediately instructed his colleague to exit the slop tank and to proceed to the nearby vertical ladder. The explosion propelled

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Recent IMO Circulars

- **ISWG-GHG 17/1/1 – 11/09/2024 –** Adoption of the Agenda.
- **MSC 109/4 – 11/09/2024 –** Goal-based New Ship Construction Standards.
- **ISWG-STCW 1/2/17 – 10/09/2024 –** Consideration of Identified Gaps and Provisions to Be Addressed.
- **ISWG-STCW 1/2/15 – 10/09/2024 –** Consideration of Identified Gaps and Provisions to Be Addressed.
- **ISWG-STCW 1/2/13 – 10/09/2024 –** Consideration of Identified Gaps and Provisions to Be Addressed.
- **ISWG-STCW 1/2/12 – 10/09/2024 –** Consideration of Identified Gaps and Provisions to Be Addressed.
- **PSI.1/Circ.62 – 09/09/2024 –** Protocol Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Pollution by Substances Other Than Oil, 1973.
- **STCW.2/Circ.128 – 09/09/2024 –** International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978.
- **CSI.1/Circ.99 – 09/09/2024 –** International Convention Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Oil Pollution Casualties, 1969.
- **PMP.7/Circ.84 – 09/09/2024 –** Protocol of 1997 to Amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution From Ships, 1973, as Modified by the Protocol of 1978 Relating Thereto.

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- **UK –** has released MIN - 554 'Vessel Traffic Services C0103 and Local Port Services Course Providers 2024-25'.

- **Liberia –** has issued a Marine Security Bulletin - MSB 25/2024 'Unmanned Surface Vessel Attack in the Red Sea'.

- **Bahamas –** has published an Information Notice - IN015 'BORIS Seafarer Applications'.

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- **The American Club –** has published a Member Alert entitled 'Good Catch Update: Animation – Winch Me Up, Scotty! Oh, Snap! – Winch Operation'.

- **Gard –** has released two updates:
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- **Britannia P&I –** has issued an update entitled 'Australia: Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) Seasonal Precautions'.

- **Japan P&I Club –** has published an update entitled 'China – The "Regulations on Ships' Routing System for the Shanghai Section of the Yangtze River (2024)" (Enforced from 15 July 2024)'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IIMS –** has released four updates:
  - 'Maritime Battery Forum Joint Whitepaper Published'
  - 'Essential Guide to Tanker Ship Coatings'
  - 'Preventing Fatalities in Enclosed Spaces on Vessels'
  - 'IMPA and NCEMP to Assess the Impact of Remote Pilotage'.

- **ITOPF –** has released an update entitled 'Fate, Behaviour and Potential Liabilities Arising From a Spill of Hydrogen Into the Marine Environment'.

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- **ESPH 30/2/2 – 05/09/2024 –** Decisions of Other IMO Bodies.
- **MSC 109/13 – 04/09/2024 –** Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue.
- **Circular Letter No.4907 – 04/09/2024 –** World Maritime Day 2024.
- **ISWG-STCW 1/2/5 – 04/09/2024 –** Consideration of Identified Gaps and Provisions to Be Addressed.
- **ISWG-STCW 1/2/3 – 04/09/2024 –** Consideration of Identified Gaps and Provisions to Be Addressed.
- **ESPH 30/3/44 – 04/09/2024 –** Evaluation of Products.
- **ESPH 30/3/42 – 04/09/2024 –** Evaluation of Products.
- **ESPH 30/3/38 – 04/09/2024 –** Evaluation of Products.
- **ESPH 30/3/37 – 04/09/2024 –** Evaluation of Products.
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