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Week 9, 2025 – Friday 28th February

Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **Liberia –** has published a Marine Advisory 08/2025 - 'Escape Trunks from Machinery Spaces of Category A (Engine Room)'.

- **Isle of Man –** has released a Registry Advice Note - 02-16 - 'Persons Qualified to Own a Manx Ship'.

- **Bermuda –** has issued a Merchant Shipping Notice - 2025-015 - 'Officer Certification and Issue of Endorsements'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'JMIC Weekly Dashboard for the Middle East' *(UKMTO)*
- 'Shipping central to EU's new Clean Industrial Deal' *(Splash 24/7)*

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Bureau Veritas –** has issued an update entitled 'Wind Propulsion Systems NR206'.

- **Lloyd's Register –** has published two updates:

'Engine Room Means of Escape Arrangements'

- 'Advanced Maritime Nuclear: A Unique Opportunity for the UK'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club –** has issued an update entitled 'Good Catch Update: Animation – Ice, Ice Safety - Part 1'.

- **Britannia P&I –** has published an update entitled 'Essential Guide to Understanding Cargo Ventilation'.

- **Japan P&I –** has released three updates:
  - 'India□CCTV on board ships calling at Indian Ports'
  - 'Significant Points in the Magna Carta of Filipino Seafarers: Philippines' newest rules on "Third Doctor Referral" and "Execution of Judgment Awards"'
  - 'South Africa□Marine Pollution (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment Act, 2024'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IIMS –** has released three updates:
  - 'Upcoming Deadline for New EU Regulation on Firefighting Suits'
  - 'NTSB Reveals Cargo on President Eisenhower Lost Due Incorrect Cargo Weight Data'
  - 'Structural Failure of Drain Lines in Fuel Oil Tanks'.

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

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Recent IMO Circulars

- **NWRC.1/Circ.69 –27/02/2025 –** Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007.
- **PMP.1/Circ.232 – 27/02/2025 –** International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution From Ships, 1973, as Modified by the Protocol of 1978 Relating Thereto.
- **PMP.6/Circ.81 – 27/02/2025 –** International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution From Ships, 1973, as Modified by the Protocol of 1978 Relating Thereto.
- **MSC.1/Circ.1276/Rev.2 – 26/02/2025 –** Revised Unified Interpretations of SOLAS Chapter II-2.
- **ISWG-APEE 1/2/12 – 26/02/2025 –** Further Consideration of Possible Options to Address the Identified Challenges/Gaps in the Short-Term GHG Reduction Measure.
- **MSC.1/Circ.1631/Rev.1 – 26/02/2025 –** Revised Standardized Life-Saving Appliance Evaluation and Test Report Forms (Rescue Boats).
- **MSC.1/Circ.1685 – 26/02/2025 –** Unified Interpretation of SOLAS Chapter II-1.
- **MSC.1/Circ.1683 – 26/02/2025 –** Unified Interpretations of SOLAS Regulation II-2/4.5.6.1, and Paragraphs 3.1.2, 3.1.4 and 3.5.3 of the IBC Code.
- **MSC.1/Circ.1682 – 26/02/2025 –** Unified Interpretations of SOLAS Regulations III/20.8.4 and 20.11, and Resolution MSc.402(96).
- **MSC.1/Circ.1632/Rev.1 – 26/02/2025 –** Revised Standardized Life-Saving Appliance Evaluation and Test Report Forms (Launching and Embarkation Appliances).

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **USA –** has published a safety alert entitled 'Stocking Stuffers That Go Boom: Know the Explosion Hazards of Coal'.

- **Singapore –** has released a Port Marine Circular - 03 of 2025 - 'Revision of Anchorages, Fairways and Channels in Port'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'JMIC Weekly Dashboard for the Middle East' *(UKMTO)*
- 'Second Fire Incident Reported on Damaged Grimaldi Con-Ro in English Channel' *(Baird Maritime)*
- 'RMN-TNI-AL Joint Patrol Enhances Security in Straits of Malacca' *(The Sun, Malaysia)*
- 'More Than 70 Ships Set to be Added to EU Sanctions List' *(Splash247)*

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Bureau Veritas –** has issued an update entitled 'Bonded Assemblies - NR613'.

- **DNV –** has released an update entitled 'IMO Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW11)'.

- **Indian Register of Shipping –** has published an update entitled 'Brief Summary on Outcome of 12th Session of IMO's Sub Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR)'.

- **Lloyd's Register –** has issued two updates:
  - 'IMO Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW 11)'

- 'Ammonia as Fuel - Competencies and Training'.

- **Class NK –** has released an update entitled 'Singapore MPA Issued Shipping Circular No.16 of 2024 for Mid-Ocean Ship-to-Ship (STS) Operations for Singapore-Registered Ship. Please Note the Following Points on Ship-to-Ship (STS) Operations Plan for Singapore-Registered Ships'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club –** has issued an update entitled 'Cover for War and Terrorism Risks, and Cover in Respect of Biological and Bio-Chemical Etc. Weapons and Computer Viruses – 2025 Policy Year'.

- **GARD –** has published two updates:
  - 'Gard Introduces Separate P&I Rules for Charterers and Traders'
  - 'Onboard Carbon Capture: a Bridge to Zero-Emission Shipping?'.

- **SKULD –** has released three updates:
  - 'Fuel EU Maritime Regulation: The Next Legislative Piece to Make the EU Climate Neutral'
  - 'Marine Fuels Blended With Cashew Nutshell Liquid Biofuel'
  - 'INSIGHT: Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks (Wreck Removal Convention) 2007'.

- **Britannia P&I –** has issued an update entitled 'Recent Advances in Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships, AI and Automation'.

- **West –** has published an update entitled 'Cargo Tank Cleaning and Preparation Onboard Tankers: Best Practices and Guidelines'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

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

- 'Norway Reports Increase in Commercial Vessel Incidents'
- 'Key Considerations for Safety Inspections of Ships'.

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- **PMP.7/Circ.87 –20/02/2025 –** Protocol of 1997 to Amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution From Ships, 1973.
- **LC-LP.1/Circ.112 – 20/02/2025 –** Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972 and its 1996 Protocol Joint Work Programme.
- **NCSR 12/3 – 20/02/2025 –** Routeing Measures and Ship Reporting Systems.
- **ISWG-APEE 1/2/8 – 19/02/2025 –** Further Consideration of Possible Options to Address the Identified Challenges/Gaps in the Short-Term GHG Reduction Measure.
- **NCSR 12/15/1 – 19/02/2025 –** Validated Model Training Courses.
- **MEPC 83/14/4 – 19/02/2025 –** Work Programme of the Committee and Subsidiary Bodies.
- **ISWG-APEE 1/2/7 – 19/02/2025 –** Further Consideration of Possible Options to Address the Identified Challenges/Gaps in the Short-Term GHG Reduction Measure.
- **NCSR 12/14/1 – 19/02/2025 –** Development of Guidance to Establish a Framework for Data Distribution and Global IP-Based Connectivity Between Shore-based Facilities and Ships for ECDIS S-100 Products.
- **NCSR 12/15 – 19/02/2025 –** Validated Model Training Courses.
- **Circular Letter No.4976 – 19/02/2025 –** Communication from the Kingdom of the Netherlands

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Week 7, 2025 – Friday 14th February

Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **UK –** has released an update entitled Marine Guidance Notice - MGN 477 (M) Amendment 5 - 'MLC 2006 Seafarer's Employment Agreements'.

- **USA –** has published a safety alert entitled 'Bow Seating Ejection Hazard'.

- **Liberia –** has issued six updates:
  - INS-001 - 'Safety Inspections of Liberian Ships'
  - Marine Advisory 04/2025 - 'Voluntary replacement of rocket parachute flares Kokusai Kakoh Co., Ltd / Type: KP-16'
  - RAD-010 - 'SOLAS CHAPTER IV: Radiocommunications'
  - SAF-013 - 'New SOLAS Chapter XV and International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel (IP Code)'
  - TEC-006 - 'Carriage of Grain'
  - TEC-005 - 'International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) and Medical Oxygen Carriage Requirements'.

- **Malta –** has released a Merchant Shipping Notice - 190 - 'Promulgation of the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Amendment) Rules, 2025'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'JMIC Weekly Dashboard for the Middle East' *(UKMTO)*
- 'Panama Vessel Registry Says It is 'Not a Haven for Sanctions Evasion' *(Reuters)*
- 'SCA Expresses Hope That Traffic Will Resume Despite Middle East Tension' *(Freight News)*
- 'Singapore's "Invincible" New Submarine Force' *(The Maritime Executive)*

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **American Bureau of Shipping –** has issued two updates:
  - 'PPR 12 Brief'
  - 'Escape from Machinery Spaces of Category A'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club –** has issued two updates:
  - 'Revised Maritime Traffic Regulations for the Turkish Straits: An Update'
  - 'People's Republic of China (PPC): Foreign Flagged Vessels Entering Territorial Waters in the Case of an Emergency'.

- **GARD –** has published two updates:
  - 'Piracy: A Persistent Threat to Seafarers'
  - 'Engine Room Fires Are Still a Major Concern'.

- **SKULD –** has released an update entitled 'Insight: Cuba Sanctions'.

- **Britannia P&I –** has published two updates:
  - 'Regulations and Standards'
  - 'Risk Watch - February 2025'

- **Japan P&I –** has issued an update entitled 'China-From 1 March 2025 Ships Shall Report to Maritime Administration Authorities When Entering the Internal Waters under Emergency Situations'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IIMS –** has released three updates:
  - 'The Importance of Bulk Cargo Trimming'
  - 'Silicone-Based Hull Coatings to Deliver Significant Emissions Reduction According to Maritime Emissions Reduction Centre Analysis'
  - 'Key Considerations for Safety Inspections of Ships'.

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

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- **MEPC 83/16/1 –13/02/2025 –** Any Other Business.
- **MEPC 83/4/10 – 13/02/2025 –** Harmful Aquatic Organisms in Ballast Water.
- **MEPC 83/4/8 – 13/02/2025 –** Harmful Aquatic Organisms in Ballast Water.
- **MEPC 83/4/9 – 13/02/2025 –** Harmful Aquatic Organisms in Ballast Water.
- **MEPC 83/6/11 – 12/02/2025 –** Energy Efficiency of Ships.
- **MEPC 83/10 – 12/02/2025 –** Pollution Prevention and Response.
- **MEPC 83/2/2 – 12/02/2025 –** Decisions of Other Bodies.
- **MEPC 83/6/10 – 12/02/2025 –** Energy Efficiency of Ships.
- **MEPC 83/16/4 – 12/02/2025 –** Any Other Business.
- **MEPC 83/6/9 – 05/02/2025 –** Energy Efficiency of Ships.

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- **UK –** has released three updates:
  - Merchant Shipping Notice - 1908 Amendment 1 - 'The Merchant Shipping (Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments) Regulation 2022'
  - Marine Guidance Notice - 675 Amendment 1 - 'The Merchant Shipping (Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments) Regulations 2022
  - Marine Guidance Notice - 319 Amendment 2 - 'Acceptance of Electronic Chart Systems for Fishing Vessels and Small Vessels in Commercial Use (Code Boats) Up to 24 Metres in Load Line Length (SV-ECS)'.

- **Australia –** has published an update entitled 'Marine Order 91 (Marine Pollution Prevention - Oil) 2025'.

- **Republic of Marshall Islands –** has issued a Marine Safety Advisory - 03-25 - 'Voluntary Recall Notice of Rocket Parachute Flares (Type: KP-16) - Kokusai Kakoh Co., Ltd'.

- **Bahamas –** has released an Information Notice - 01 - 'Dates for Bahamas Assessments of Officer Candidates'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'JMIC Weekly Dashboard' *(UKMTO)*
- 'IMO Piracy Report: Twenty-One Incidents During December 2024' *(Safety 4 Sea)*
- 'Singapore Navy Deploys MARSEC USVs to Enhance Maritime Security' *(Naval Today)*

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **DNV –** has issued two updates:
  - 'GHG Regulatory Outlook for 2025 – Major Actions and Deadlines'
  - 'IMO Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR 12)'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club –** has issued an update entitled 'Electronic Bills of Lading: Notification of New Process'.

- **GARD –** has published an update entitled 'Minimum Safe Manning - Time to Re-Assess?'.

- **Britannia P&I –** has released an update entitled 'Loss Prevention Update: United States Coast Guard – New Cybersecurity Rule'.

- **Japan P&I –** has issued an update entitled 'Alterations to the Rules of the Association'.

- **NorthStandard –** has published an update entitled 'High Grounding Risk on Argentina's Popular Shipping Route'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IIMS –** has released three updates:
  - 'Scrap Metal Fires and the IMSBC Code'
  - 'BIMCO Supports IGP&I's New Electronic Bill of Lading Approval Process'
  - 'Domestic Passenger Vessels: Information on Risk Assessment to Support Application for Exemption from Damage Stability Requirements'.

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Recent IMO Circulars

- **LEG 112/4(a)/1 –06/02/2025 –** Fair Treatment of Seafarers.
- **Circular Letter No.4954/Rev.1 – 06/02/2025 –** Communication from the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.
- **LEG 112/6/2 – 06/02/2025 –** Measures to Prevent Unlawful Practices Associated With the Fraudulent Registration and Fraudulent Registries of Ships.
- **MEPC 83/7/8 – 05/02/2025 –** Reduction of GHG Emissions From Ships.
- **MEPC 83/7/29 – 05/02/2025 –** Reduction of GHG Emissions From Ships.
- **MEPC 83/7/23 – 05/02/2025 –** Reduction of GHG Emissions From Ships.
- **GHG-EW 6/4/Add.1 – 05/02/2025 –** Expert Views by Other Nominated Experts.
- **MEPC 83/7/20 – 05/02/2025 –** Reduction of GHG Emissions From Ships.
- **MEPC 83/INF.12 – 05/02/2025 –** Reduction of GHG Emissions From Ships.
- **MEPC 83/7/30 – 05/02/2025 –** Reduction of GHG Emissions From Ships.

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