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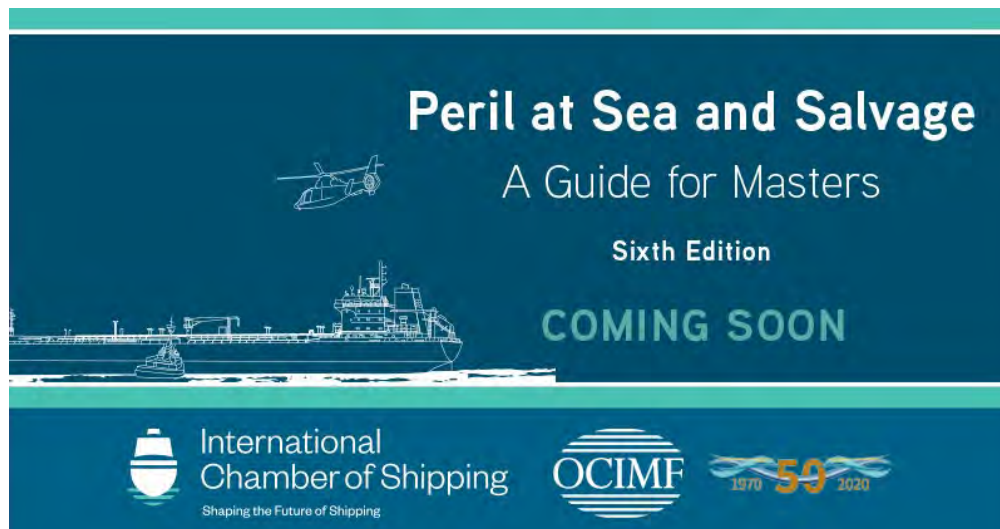
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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **UK** – has published two new or amended documents:
 - a marine guidance note entitled '[Radio Communications: GMDSS – Shore-Based Maintenance](#)'
 - a marine information note entitled '[Iridium GMDSS Recognised Mobile Satellite Service](#)'.
 - **Liberia** – has released two new marine advisories:
 - '[Requirements for crew change for cargo ships in the port of Singapore and for ship's crew visiting Singapore waters to minimize the risk of community spread of COVID-19 in Singapore](#)'
 - '[Revised Combined Publications Folder \(CPF\) /RLM-300 and CPF/RLM-300 CD-ROM](#)'.
 - **Singapore** – has issued a new port marine circular entitled '[Enhancements to Crew Change for Cargo Ships in the Port of Singapore](#)'.
 - **Malta** – has published a new merchant shipping notice entitled '[Discharge of Washwater from Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems](#)'.
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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Indian Register of Shipping** – has released four new technical circulars:
 - '[St. Vincent and the Grenadines – Advice from the Maritime Administration on COVID-19 Pandemic](#)'
 - '[Cyprus Maritime Administration Circular No. 08/2020 as amended by Circular No. 18/2020 Reg Urgent Provisional Measures for the operation of Cyprus ships during the COVID-19 outbreak](#)'
 - '[Cook Islands – Guidance relating to extension of Seafarers Certificates, SEA, surveys, audits, inspections due to outbreak of COVID-19](#)'
 - '[DGS, Order No. 23 of 2020 Reg Extension to the validity of Ship's Statutory Certificates, Periodical Surveys and Audits in view of COVID-19 pandemic](#)'.
- **Class NK** – has issued a new technical news alert entitled '[Compliance with the EU Ship Recycling Regulation - Non-EU flagged vessels](#)'.



Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club** – has released three new alerts:
 - ['COVID-19 - Working Arrangements for the Managers' Global Offices'](#)
 - ['Continued Security Vigilance Recommended for Vessels Transiting Arabian Gulf, \(AG\) Straits of Hormuz \(SOH\), Gulf of Oman \(GOO\), Red Sea, Gulf of Aden \(GOA\), and Indian Ocean'](#)
 - ['Cyber Awareness Updates'](#).
- **Japan P&I Club** – has issued a news alert entitled ['China – Adjustment of Annual Summer Fishing Ban Regime'](#).
- **North** – has released a news alert entitled ['Nickel Ore Liquefaction Risks Remain in Philippines'](#).
- **The Shipowners' Club** – has issued a news alert entitled ['Bunker Operations Risk Assessment'](#).
- **The Standard Club** – has published two new documents:
 - a news alert entitled ['ICS issues new protocols to mitigate COVID-19 onboard. Singapore MPA enhances crew change procedure'](#)
 - an article entitled ['Tackling piracy in Nigeria'](#).
- **Steamship Mutual** – has released a new circular entitled ['Steamship Mutual helping seafarers maintain mental well-being'](#).



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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **GARD** – has published an insight article entitled '[Indian Supreme Court: Ports are not entitled to levy storage/demurrage charges for abandoned cargo against shipowners and agents](#)'.
- **OCIMF** – has issued a news article entitled '[OCIMF Covid-19 Update Bulletin #12 – OCIMF extends temporary remote inspection option to Offshore Vessel Inspection Database \(OVID\)](#)'.
- **Guidance on Methanol Bunkering** – Lloyd's Register and Methanol Institute have released a [new guidance document](#) on methanol bunkering.

Recent Accident Reports

- **Denmark** – The DMAIB has released an [accident investigation report](#) into the loss of a rescue boat, and the serious injury of three crew members on board the boat, from the crude oil tanker '*Torm Maren*'. It was found that the wire lifting rope was seriously corroded, causing it to part during retrieval of the rescue boat.

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Recent IMO Circulars

- **MEPC.1/Circ.888/Rev.1 – 28/08/20** – SUMMARY REPORTS AND ANALYSIS OF MANDATORY REPORTS UNDER MARPOL FOR THE PERIOD 2013 TO 2018. [View Circular.](#)
- **IMSO.7/Circ.16 – 24/08/20** – AMENDMENTS ADOPTED ON 2 OCTOBER 2008 TO THE CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL MOBILE SATELLITE ORGANIZATION. [View Circular.](#)
- **SALVAGE.1/Circ.66 – 04/08/20** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON SALVAGE, 1989. [View Circular.](#)
- **PPR.1/Circ.9 – 24/07/20** – REVISED CARRIAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR METHYL ACRYLATE AND METHYL METHACRYLATE. [View Circular.](#)
- **MEPC.1/Circ.888 – 23/07/20** – SUMMARY REPORTS AND ANALYSIS OF MANDATORY REPORTS UNDER MARPOL FOR THE PERIOD 2013 TO 2018. [View Circular.](#)
- **PMP.1/Circ.222 – 23/07/20** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO OPTIONAL ANNEX IV. [View Circular.](#)
- **PMP.7/Circ.73 – 23/07/20** – 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. [View Circular.](#)
- **BUNKERS.1/Circ.91 – 23/07/20** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL

LIABILITY FOR BUNKER OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 2001. [View Circular.](#)

- **BWM.1/Circ.66 – 23/07/20** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004. [View Circular.](#)
- **STCW.2/Circ.94 – 15/07/20** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED. [View Circular.](#)

[For all recent IMO public circulars, visit Shipping Regulations & Guidance.](#)

Regulations Recently Entered into Force

IMO and ILO regulations that have entered into force or been amended recently include:

- Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI – effective from 01/03/2020
- Amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code) – effective from 01/07/20
- Amendments to the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (BCH Code) – effective from 01/07/20

For a full and detailed list of recent IMO regulations, visit [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#).

A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

The IMO has released a revised meeting calendar for 2020. For more information, please see [Circular Letter No.4213/Add.6](#).

- 16-18 September – MSC, LEG, MEPC, TCC, FAL/ES (if requested)
- 28 September - 2 October – FAL 44
- 12-14 October – C 124
- 19-23 October – ISWG-GHG 7
- 4-11 November – MSC 102
- 16-20 November – MEPC 75
- 27 November - 4 December – LEG 107/IOPC FUNDS
- 7-11 December – TC 70
- 14-18 December – LC/LP/IMSO.



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