



Shipping Regulations and Guidance

Week 25, 2020 – Friday 19th June

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **UK** – has published three amended marine guidance notes:
 - ['Safety Management Code for Domestic Passenger Ships'](#)
 - ['Maritime Safety and the Barring of INMARSAT Ship Earth Station Procedures'](#)
 - ['Radio – Radio Regulations Amendments and GMDSS Radio Equipment Updates'](#)
- **Norway** – has released a new circular entitled ['Carriage of hazardous and noxious liquid substance in bulk on existing offshore support vessels after 31 December 2020'](#).
- **Australia** – has updated two marine orders:
 - ['Safe Management of Vessels'](#)
 - ['Offshore Industry Units'](#)
- **Marshall Islands** – has updated three marine notices:
 - ['Passenger Ships - Underwater Examination/Survey in Lieu of Drydocking'](#)
 - ['Carriage of Solid Bulk Cargoes'](#)
 - ['International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters \(Polar Code\)'](#)
- **Panama** – has released four new or updated documents:
 - an updated marine notice entitled ['Coronavirus and Seafarers employment agreement and certificates'](#)
 - an updated circular entitled ['Authorized service providers for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear'](#)
 - two new circulars:

- ['Measurements to Reduce PSC Detentions on Panamanian Vessels'](#)
- ['U.S. Pre-Ports Arrival Checklist for Panama Flagged Vessels'](#).
- **Singapore** – has published four new documents:
 - two shipping circulars:
 - ['Measures to Support Seafarers on Board Singapore-Registered Ships in Light of Restrictions Caused by Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)'](#)
 - ['Enhancements to the Maritime Sector Incentive - Shipping Enterprise \(Singapore Registry of Ships\) \(MSI-SRS\)'](#)
 - two port marine circulars:
 - ['Pleasure Craft Movements in the Port of Singapore During Phase Two of Post-Circuit Breaker'](#)
 - ['Updated Requirements for Crew Change for Cargo Ships in the Port of Singapore, to Minimise Risk of Community Spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) in Singapore \(Supplementary to PMC No.26 of 2020\)'](#).
- **Hong Kong** – has released two new merchant shipping information notes:
 - ['A fatal accident involving lifting of a heavy object in engine room'](#)
 - ['Collision between a fishing vessel and an oil tanker in Dangan Channel'](#).
- **Cyprus** – has issued a new circular entitled ['Revised procedure for facilitating crew changes within the framework of the gradual relaxation of the Restrictive Measures applicable during the COVID-19 Pandemic'](#).



Recent Class Society Guidance

- **American Bureau of Shipping** – has released a new guidance document entitled '[Guidance Notes on Nonlinear Finite Element Analysis of Marine and Offshore Structures](#)'.
 - **Bureau Veritas** – has issued a new guidance document entitled '[Guidelines for Management of COVID-19 and Infectious Diseases](#)', and three Class news alerts:
 - '[New Edition Inland Rule NR 544](#)'
 - '[Malta - The Use of VHF Radio Communication and AIS for Collision Avoidance](#)'
 - '[Belize - Intentional Deactivating of the LRIT or AIS](#)'.
 - **Indian Register of Shipping** – has issued two new technical circulars:
 - '[Belize MMN-20-003r1 Reg. Guidance on temporary measures related to Implementation and Enforcement of IMO Instruments due to COVID-19 pandemic](#)'
 - '[DGS, Order No. 15 of 2020 Reg Extension of the validity of Recruitment & Placement of Seafarers License \(RPSL\) and Inspection of RPSL in view of COVID-19 outbreak](#)'.
 - **Lloyd's Register** – has released a news alert entitled '[Withdrawal of Inmarsat Fleet 77 Services on 1 December 2020](#)'.
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The IMarEST Annual Conference 2020 will this year be held as a flexible two-week virtual event.

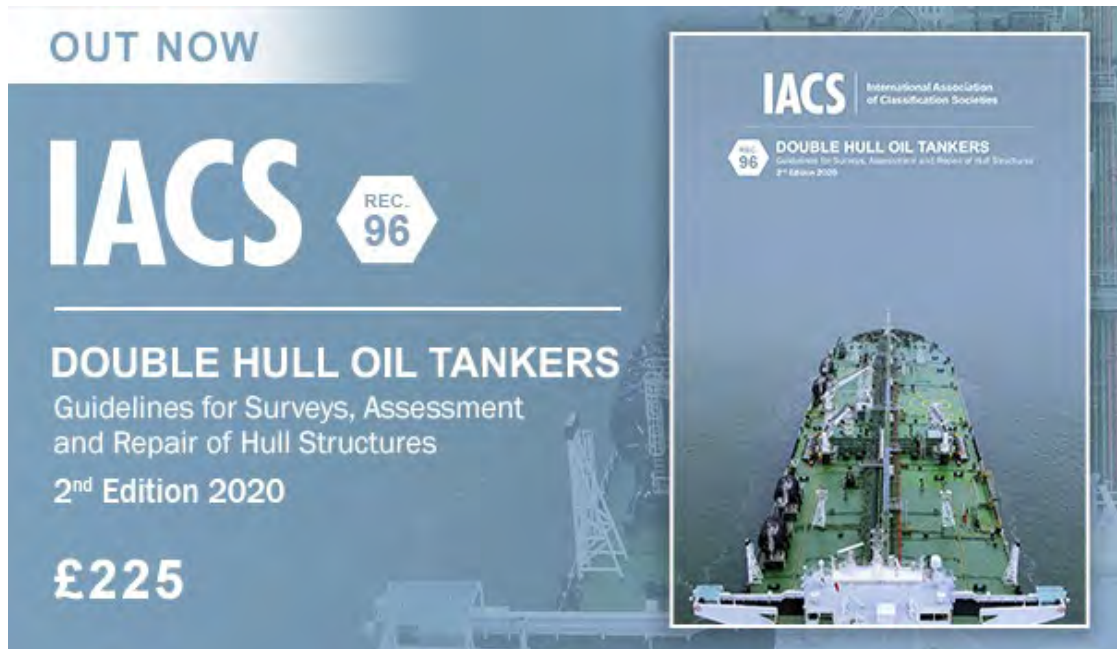
Building on last year's inaugural event, the 2020 Annual Conference will feature multiple

streams covering many of the hottest topics in the marine realm, from the challenges of decarbonisation and a wider shift to greener, more sustainable ways of operating to developments in the naval sector and the outlook for autonomous systems.

Over the course of two weeks, this event will utilise a mixture of live formats – webinars, live debates, 1-2-1 talks with experts, and panel discussions - to provide delegates a flexible and unrivalled opportunity to participate in debates, to learn about subjects outside their day-to-day work, and to make new professional connections.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club** – has published two member alerts:
 - ['Bills of Lading and Letters of Indemnity - COVID-19 Precautions'](#)
 - ['INTERTANKO'S New Publication: Crew Welfare Management and Mental Wellness'](#).
- **GARD** – has released a new alert entitled ['South Korea implements emission reduction initiatives in major port areas'](#).
- **SKULD** – has published an article entitled ['Crude and water - part II'](#).
- **Japan P&I Club** – has released a circular entitled ['Report on the 603rd Meeting of the Board of Directors'](#).
- **The London P&I Club** – has issued a circular entitled ['2019/20 Financial Year Result and Overview'](#).
- **North** – has published a news alert entitled ['USA: USCG Current List of Ports and Countries for which Conditions of Entry into the USA Exist'](#).
- **The Shipowners' Club** – has released an article entitled ['Limitation of liability: Who is an 'Operator' and who is a 'Manager' – Stema Barge II \[2020\] EHC 1294'](#).
- **The Standard Club** – has published four new documents:
 - two articles:
 - ['Tankers to the rescue again: a solution to storage woes'](#)
 - ['Drug Smuggling Preventative Measures'](#).
 - two news alerts:
 - ['Industry bodies issue guidance ensuring safe continuation of maritime trade'](#)
 - ['Hong Kong Resumes Crew Changes'](#).
- **West** – has released three news alerts:
 - ['P&I Cover and Cyber risk'](#)
 - ['California Air Resources Board Maintaining at Berth Regulations'](#)
 - ['BIMCO Cyber Clause'](#).
- **UK P&I Club** – has published a new article entitled ['South Korea - Major ports designated as ECAs and as Low Speed Areas'](#).



Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **MCA** – The consultation on the recasting of the Merchant Shipping Life-Saving Appliances Regulations has concluded, and the [responses](#) have been released.
- **OCIMF** – has released a new information paper entitled '[The Carriage of Methanol in Bulk Onboard Offshore Vessels](#)'.
- **GARD** – has published an article entitled '[Why do containership stacks collapse and who is liable?](#)'.
- **IAPH** – has released a new white paper on [Port Community Cyber Security](#).

Recent Accident Reports

- **UK** – The MAIB has recently released an [accident investigation report](#) into the death of the third officer of the Ro-Ro freight ferry 'Seatruck Progress', who was struck by a freight vehicle that was being pushed down the vessel's stern ramp. It was found that the third officer was on the stern ramp at the same time as moving vehicles, and that he and the driver of the tractor pushing the trailer were unaware of each other. The driver could not see the third officer because his view was blocked by the trailer, and the third officer was on the phone and had his back to the approaching trailer.

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Recent IMO Circulars

- **PMP.1/Circ.221 – 11/06/20** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO. [View Circular.](#)
- **PPR.1/Circ.8 – 05/06/20** – HAZARD EVALUATION OF SUBSTANCES TRANSPORTED BY SHIPS. [View Circular.](#)
- **PMP.5/Circ.87 – 05/06/20** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO OPTIONAL ANNEX V. [View Circular.](#)
- **PMP.1/Circ.220 – 05/06/20** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO OPTIONAL ANNEX IV. [View Circular.](#)
- **SUA.4/Circ.43 – 05/06/20** – PROTOCOL OF 2005 TO THE PROTOCOL FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF FIXED PLATFORMS LOCATED ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF. [View Circular.](#)
- **SUA.3/Circ.51 – 29/05/20** – PROTOCOL OF 2005 TO THE CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF MARITIME NAVIGATION. [View Circular.](#)
- **BWM.1/Circ.64 – 28/05/20** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004. [View Circular.](#)
- **NWRC.1/Circ.47 – 19/05/20** – NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE REMOVAL OF WRECKS, 2007. [View Circular.](#)
- **BUNKERS.1/Circ.89 – 19/05/20** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR BUNKER OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 2001. [View Circular.](#)
- **STCW.2/Circ.91 – 05/05/20** – 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:

- Fire Safety Systems (FSS) Code – A new Chapter 17 and amendments to Chapter 8 – effective from 01/01/20
- Effective date of implementation of the fuel oil standard in regulation 14.1.3 of MARPOL ANNEX VI – effective from 01/01/20
- Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI – effective from 01/01/20
- Amendments to SOLAS III/3 and III/20 – effective from 01/01/20
- Amendments to SOLAS II-2/13– effective from 01/01/20
- Amendments to the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODU Code) – effective from 01/01/20
- Amendments to SOLAS II-2 Regulation 1 and 10 – effective from 01/01/20
- Amendments to SOLAS II-1 – effective from 01/01/20
- Amendments to the International Code of Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code) – effective from 01/01/20
- Amendments to the IGC Code – effective from 01/01/20
- Amendments to the International Code on Intact Stability 2008 (IS Code) – effective from 01/01/20
- Amendments to the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, 2009 (2009 MODUCode) – effective from 01/01/20
- Amendments to SOLAS II-1, SOLAS III and Certificates (Appendix) – effective from 01/01/20
- Amendments to the IGF Code – effective from 01/01/20
- Amendments to the HSC Codes – effective from 01/01/20
- Amendments to the LSA Code – effective from 01/01/20
- Amendments to SOLAS II-1, IV and Appendix, and the HSC Codes – effective from 01/01/20
- Amendments to the International Code for the Application of Fire Test Procedures (2010 FTP Code) – effective from 01/01/20
- Amendments to the IBC Code) and amendments to the BCH Code – effective from 01/01/20
- Amendments to the IGC Code, amendments to the GC Code and amendments to the EGC Code – effective from 01/01/20
- Amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG Code) – effective from 01/01/20
- Amendments to Part A of the International Code on Intact Stability (2008 IS Code) – effective from 01/01/20
- Amendments to the Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships (2008 SPS Code) (MSC.445(99)) – effective from 01/01/20
- Amendments to the Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships (SPS Code) (MSC.453(100) and MSC.464(101)) – effective from 01/01/20

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

A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

NOTE: All upcoming events are subject to change / review due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation. Please check the [IMO website for updates](#).

- 15-19 June: Technical Cooperation Committee (TC) – 70th Session – **POSTPONED** – [Please see the IMO's website for more information](#).
- 29 June – 3 July: Council – 124th Session – **POSTPONED** – [Please see the IMO's website for more information](#).
- 6-10 July: Informal preliminary discussion session (virtual meeting) on short-term measures for reduction of GHG emissions from ships.
- 20-24 July: Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III 7) – 7th Session – **POSTPONED** – [Please see the IMO's website for more information](#).
- 14-18 September: Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC 7) – 7th Session
- 21-22 September: IMSO Advisory Committee – 46th Session
- 28 September – 2 October: Consultative Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Convention 1972) and Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Protocol 1996) (LC 42/LP 15)
- 19-23 October: Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 76) – 76th Session
- 2-5 November: IOPC Funds
- 9-13 November: IMSO Assembly – 26th Session
- 16-20 November: Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) – 103rd Session
- 7-11 December: Council – 125th Session

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