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Weekly Bulletin

Week 48
Friday 27th November 2026

Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **Bahamas** – has released seven updates:
  - 'MN003 – Safe Return to Port'
  - 'MN005 – Permanent Exemptions and Equivalents'
  - 'MN047 – ISPS Code'
  - 'MN075 – Passenger Ship Bottom Inspections'
  - 'MN089 – Competent Persons'
  - 'MN111 – Entry into Enclosed Spaces, Opening of Spaces and Management of Hazardous Atmospheres'
  - 'BMA Safety Alert 26-05 – Storage and Handling of Sheet Materials'.
- **Canada** – has released an update entitled 'SSB No.: 15/2026 Seafarers from Belize, Finland, Ghana, Netherlands and Sweden can now seek Canadian recognition of their STCW certificates'.
- **Cayman Islands** – has released an update entitled 'IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC)111 Convention and Code Amendments'.
- **Malta** – has released two updates:
  - 'MS Notice 199 Rev.1 - Mandatory IMO reporting requirements for lost containers at sea'
  - 'Information Notice 65 - New VHF GMDSS channel requirements'.
- **Marshall Islands** – has released six updates:
  - 'Marine Notice 2-011-52 International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code)'
  - 'Marine Notice 2-011-50 Use and Maintenance of Non-Steel Wires/Falls on Yachts for Lifeboat/Rescue Boat/Life Raft Davits'
  - 'Marine Notice 2-011-14 Maintenance and Inspection of Fire Protection Systems and Appliances'
  - 'Marine Notice 2-011-37 Life-saving Appliances and Systems'
  - 'Marine Notice 2-011-48 Requirements for Yachts Taking Part in Races'
  - 'Marine Notice 2-011-49 Yacht "Mini-ISM"'.
- **Norway** – has released an update entitled 'Maintenance and repair of work equipment with pressurised systems'.
- **UK** – has released an update entitled 'MIN 743 (M+F) Changes to NAVTEX and Maritime Safety Information (MSI) arrangements in the English Channel from 1 January 2027'.

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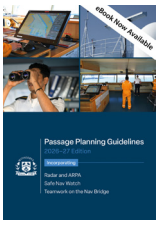
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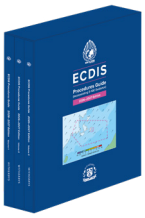
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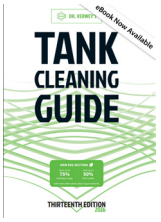
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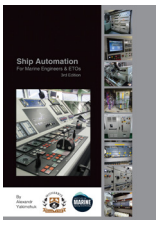
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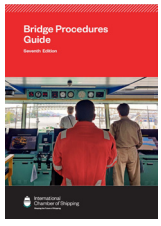
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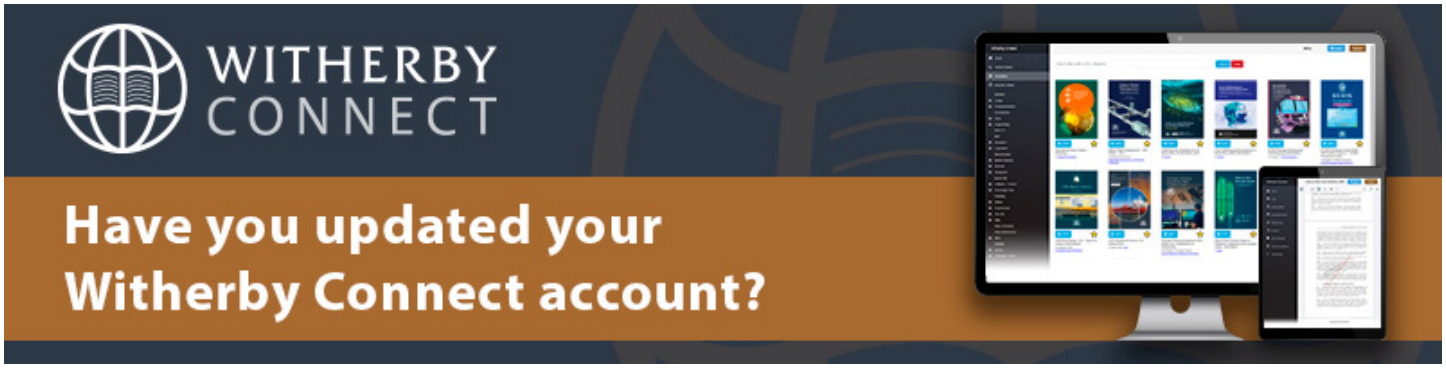
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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **ABS** – has released two updates:
  - 'Invalid Extensions of Statutory Certification'
  - 'Solar Photovoltaic Farm I3P Certification'.
- **CCS** – has released two updates:
  - 'Guidelines for Risk Assessment of Hydrogen-Powered Ships 2026'
  - 'Guidelines for Hydrogen Fuel Bunkering Operations on Ships 2026'.
- **DNV** – has released an update entitled 'New pilot transfer requirements – prepare your fleet now'.
- **Korean Register** – has released an update entitled 'Establishment of the "Guidelines for Onboard CO2 Injection Facilities"'.
- **Polish Register** – has released an update entitled 'Publication 98/P Guidelines Regarding the Requirements for Marine Diesel Engines Fitted with NOx Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) Systems'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **Gard** – has released two updates:
  - 'Fatigue at sea: Looking beyond rest hours'
  - 'War-related pollution: who pays?'.
- **Japan P&I** – has released an update entitled '[Philippines Legal Update] Philippine Supreme Court Declares Key Provisions of the Magna Carta of Filipino Seafarers Unconstitutional'.
- **London P&I** – has released three updates:
  - 'Türkiye - Increased Risks Arising from Bunker Quantity Misdeclarations'
  - 'Carrying battery energy storage systems'
  - 'Algeria - Bulk Grain Cargoes & Loss Prevention Measures'.
- **North Standard** – has released three updates:
  - 'No Scrubs: Countries and Ports where Restrictions on EGCS Discharges apply'
  - 'Port of Durban S.A. updates'
  - 'Port of Ceuta returns to ISPS Security Level 1'.
- **The American Club** – has released an update entitled 'USCG TAC Plus - Health Spotlight Q3'.
- **UK P&I** – has released five updates:
  - 'Increased Vigilance When Carrying UN 3378 Sodium Percarbonate'
  - 'Changes to PEME Examinations in India'
  - 'IMO Regulatory Update 2027'
  - 'Risk Focus: Ethanol as a Marine Fuel'
  - 'Philippines: Supreme Court Ruling on the Magna Carta of Filipino Seafarers'.



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