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International News

ClassNK Recommends Early BWMS Installations

In a Marine Log article [ClassNK has advised owners to install BWMS early on](#). The article explains that owners "...waiting too long to install [BWMS]..." may face problems. ClassNK periodically analyzes the status of BWMS installations and has indicated that BWMS installations will be concentrated during 2022 for many of its registered ships. ClassNK strongly recommends planning and installing early to avoid approval and installation delays.

Neptune Declaration Highlights Crew Change Crisis

[Marine Insight reports](#) that over 300 maritime industry and human rights leaders have signed the Neptune Declaration on Seafarer Wellbeing and Crew Change, pledging their shared responsibility to end the crew change crisis. As COVID-19 variants emerge, some countries are moving backwards and increasing restrictions that impact the ability to conduct crew changes. In particular, there is a push to end charter parties having "no crew change" clauses.

The UK Maritime & Coast Guard Agency Update BWM FAQ

First published in 2018. Updates will be made to the UK Ballast Water Management FAQ document based on feedback from stakeholders. It was last updated was on 5 January 2021 – to view the document go to click [here](#).



United States News

CA State Lands Commission 2021 Biennial Report on the California Marine Invasive Species Program

The Report includes:

- A summary and analysis of vessel arrival patterns at California ports
- A summary and analysis of the ballast water and biofouling management practices used by vessels in California as reported with the Ballast Water Management Report (BWMR) and the Annual Vessel Reporting Form (AVRF)
- An update on the implementation of ballast water discharge performance standards
- A summary of recent research related to nonindigenous species (NIS)
- A summary of the Marine Invasive Species Program (MISP) accomplishments and recommendations for actions to improve the program

To read the Report click [here](#).

- REMINDER: California's Annual Vessel Report Submission Requirements Changed: Changes to California's Annual Vessel Reporting form submission requirements went into effect on 1 January 2021. The change requires online submission of the Marine Invasive Species Program Annual Vessel Report Form (AVRF) via the "MISP.IO" web-based platform at least 24 hours prior to a vessels first arrival at a California port during each calendar year. Read [here](#) for more information.

USCG Removes Conditions of Entry for Republic of Liberia Vessels

The USCG has recently determined that the Republic of Liberia is now maintaining effective anti-terrorism measures and has issued [Port Security Advisory PSA 2-20](#). Effective immediately, the USCG has removed the conditions of entry on vessels arriving in the United States after visiting ports in the Republic of Liberia.

New Standards Allow for Certain Marine Parts Replacements

The US Office of Design and Engineering standards has issued an updated [Navigation and Inspection Circular NVIC 02-19 \(Ch.1\)](#) that provides details on the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) signed with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and with Northern Ireland, effective 1 January 2021. The MRA's allow

reciprocal approvals to be given by the signing parties for certain marine products where the approval process is identical or the equipment has equivalent requirements.

VGP Remains in Effect Until VIDA is Finalized

A reminder that the US EPA [2013 Vessel General Permit \(VGP\)](#) remains in effect until all aspects of VIDA have been finalized. Owners and operators are reminded to submit an Annual Report by 28 February 2021 for all vessels that a Notice of Intent (NOI) form has been filed. The Annual Report must be filed even if a vessel did not operate in US Waters during the calendar year. Information can be found in Section 4.4 of the VGP; the Annual Report form is provided in Appendix H of the VGP.

Ballast Water Treatment System Type Approvals

The USCG has recently issued Type Approval Certificates for the following treatment systems:

- [PureBallast 2.0 BWMS](#) manufactured by Alfa Laval Tumba AB (39th type approval)

The following new applications for Type Approval have been received by the USCG:

- USCG application BSKY system manufactured by [Wuxi Brightsky Electronic Co.](#)

A [current list](#) of approved BWMS and the status of Type Approval applications is maintained by the USCG.

Other



Ballast Water Equipment Manufacture Association E-news

[Issue #3](#) of the Real Ballast Facts Bulletin provides regulatory updates, information on BEMA activities, a BEMA Member Spotlight and other interesting tidbits.

Ecochlor in the News



Marine Propulsion & Auxiliary Machinery

December/January 2020/2021 Issue

Article: [Clarity ahead for BWM implementation](#)

While the roll-out of the IMO 0.50% sulphur cap was a relatively smooth affair, regulations for ballast water management have been far more troublesome. To read the entire article click [here](#).



International Shipping Network

eWorldship.com

2021-01-06 [China]

Article: [Training is an important part of compliance](#)

Ballast water management is regulatory purgatory



Tanker Shipping & Trade

December/January 2020/2021 Issue

Article: [Ballast Water Management is Regulatory Purgatory](#)

Nafitika Chronika

December Issue



Article: *The feedback of shipping companies referring to the operation and their experience on BWM Systems is very important*
Interview with Panos Smyroglou, Director of Business Development
To read the article click [here](#).



The Ship Supplier
Theshipsupplier.com
International Ship Supplier and Services Association
Article: [Ecochlor Expands Spare Parts Support Network](#)

WEBINARS, EXHIBITS AND PRESENTATIONS

Ballast Water Webinar Week
Riviera Maritime Media
Free Registration
15 - 19 February 2021
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