



## International News

### IMO BWM Code

All BWMS installed onboard ships on or after 28 October 2020 will need to be approved in accordance with the BWMS Code (IMO Resolution MEPC.300(72)). The BWMS Code revokes the existing 2016 Guidelines (MEPC.279(70)) and previous guidelines for approval of BWMS. This does not impact any existing installations for international operations, but impacts all BWMS installations occurring on or after 28 October 2020. For a complete list of BWMS that are approved to the BWMS Code [click here](#).

- [Ecochlor received BWMS Code Type Approval](#). To download the type approval certificate [click here](#).

### IMO 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule

After months of meetings by correspondence, the IMO Council has announced the [reconstruction of the 2020 and 2021 IMO meeting schedules](#). For the remainder of 2020, all meetings will be virtual, and the 2021 schedule will be announced in due course.

## United States News

### USCG Seeks Comments on Proposed Shipping Fairways Regulations

The USCG is seeking public comments on proposed regulations to establish [shipping safety fairways](#) along the US Atlantic Coast. The safety fairways would serve to ensure that traditional navigational routes remain free from obstructions that impact navigational safety. Public comments must be received by August 18, 2020.

### USCG Released New BWM Reporting Form

The USCG has released a [new Ballast Water Management Reporting Form](#); the new form is [available for download](#) and replaces all prior versions. The new form has two important changes:

- The yes/no question regarding alternative BW management per COTP instructions has been removed; and
- Vessels are now required to report the last dry dock date, which is critical information for the USCG to determine a vessel's compliance date.

### EPA Submits Draft VIDA Regulations

On 2 July 2020, the EPA submitted its draft Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA) regulations to the US Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, indicating progress in the proposed rule-making process. When the OMB review is completed, the draft VIDA regulations are anticipated to be made available for public comment.

## Ballast Water Treatment System Type Approvals

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

[MICROFADE II](#) manufactured by Kuraray Co., Ltd. (34th Type Approval)

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

[oneTank](#) system manufactured by Glosten Inc.

[Seascape](#) system manufactured by Elite Marine Corp.

[KBAL](#) system manufactured by Knutsen Ballast Water A/S

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

## Engineers at Naval Surface Warfare Center research BW Treatment Technologies

Engineers at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division are [conducting research](#) to prevent US Navy ships and other vessels from being vectors for aquatic invasive species. Among a variety of other research topics, the engineers investigate commercially available ballast water treatment technologies, test full-scale systems, and engage in research and development for tools and technologies to bridge the gap between available equipment and customer needs. Additionally, they are closely involved with the development of Uniform National Discharge Standards, including those for ballast water, that are applicable to US Armed Forces vessels.

## Other Updates

### Trojan Marinex BWT Withdraws from BWMS Industry

Riviera Maritime Media has announced that [Trojan Technologies has decided to exit the ballast water treatment market](#). The company will continue to support systems that have already been installed through development partners. The company will wind down activities over the next few months but will complete the manufacture of systems already on order. Trojan "has made this difficult decision" due to regulatory delays and a challenging market.

### UK P&I Published Risk Awareness Guide on Pollution Claims

The UK P&I club has published a [Risk Awareness Guide on Pollution Claims](#). In addition to other potential sources that can lead to pollution-related claims, the Guide includes ballast water, and provides controls to prevent incidents.

### BEMA Assesses COVID-19 Impact on BWM Industry

The Ballastwater Equipment Manufacturers' Association (BEMA) assessed the [business impacts of COVID-19](#) on the ballast water industry. Responses received from survey respondents indicates that manufacturer's are experiencing a reduction in sales for future installations, but that despite restrictions caused by COVID-19, the industry has maintained ability to complete scheduled system installations on time.

\*\*\*This information is provided by Ecochlor as a courtesy and all regulatory requirements must be verified by the vessel\*\*\*



### **BWMS Code (Part One)**

What should vessel owners be aware of with the new BWMS Code and deadline date of implementation.

## **Ecochlor in the News**

Please contact Ecochlor at [sales@ecochlor.com](mailto:sales@ecochlor.com) to learn how the Ecochlor® BWMS can help your vessels achieve and maintain compliance with U.S. and international ballast water regulations.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ARTICLES**

### **TOP ANNOUNCEMENT**

Inc. Magazine  
August 2020



### **Ecochlor Ranks for the Second Time on the 2020 Inc. 5000 List**

Inc. magazine today revealed that Ecochlor is No. 574 (809% growth) on its annual Inc. 5000 list, the most prestigious ranking of the nation's fastest-growing private companies. "This award marks a real achievement for our Team of dedicated employees; highlighting their commitment to provide a robust ballast water management system to our clients, along with a superior global service program for their ships..." said Steve Candito,

CEO. <https://www.inc.com/inc5000/2020>

MarineLink  
August 2020

### **Ecochlor Expands Spare Parts Support to Asia**

U.S.-based ballast water management system (BWMS) manufacturer Ecochlor announced it has opened a service support center in the world's top shipping hub. Ecochlor said it recently shipped more than \$117,000 in spare parts to Singapore to better support clients in Asia during installations and service calls for their vessel's BWMS. Michael Madely, VP of Global Service at Ecochlor, said the new Singapore location is the first of many planned for Ecochlor's spare parts support network outside the United States. [Click here.](#)

gCaptain  
August 2020

### **Ecochlor Receives IMO BWMS Code Type Approval**

Ecochlor is pleased to receive Type Approval from the Norwegian Maritime Authority (NMA) for the IMO BWMS Code (MEPC.300(72) / revised 2016 G8) standards. The new certification

applies to the entire range of Ecochlor ballast water management systems (BWMS), with flow rates of between 500 m<sup>3</sup>/hr. and 16,200 m<sup>3</sup>/hr.  
<https://gcaptain.com/ecochlor-receives-imo-bwms-code-type-approval/>

Maritime Reporter  
July 2020

### **Crew Training is Critical in BWMS Commissioning Testing**

"In the last few years, shipowners have been faced with considerable pressure to prepare their vessels to meeting increasingly stringent environmental regulations. The IMO requirement for the biological efficacy commission testing of ballast water management systems (BWM.2/Circ.70) is nearing its mandatory start date in October 2021. In most cases the manufacturer may be allowed to be present, but is not permitted to either operate the system or assist the crew. If the crew is not familiar with the system, and as a consequence fails to run the system properly, it could result in a very expensive test failure. Read the entire editorial by Steve Candito, CEO. <http://ecochlor.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Steve-Candito-OpEd-Maritime-Reporter.pdf>

Riviera Maritime Media  
*Ballast Water Treatment Technology News, June 2020*

### **Ecochlor Support Shipowners Commissioning Testing**

Ecochlor stands by the shipowner in support of their requirements for biological efficacy tests during commissioning of the ballast water management system following installation.  
<https://www.rivieramm.com/opinion/ecochlor-supports-shipowner-commission-tests-59614>

### **BEMA Spotlight**

Each publication of the Real Ballast Facts Bulletin will shine a spotlight on a featured BEMA Charter or Associate Member. We're proud of our Members and are happy to share their accomplishments, industry developments and latest news. In this issue the spotlight is on [Ecochlor!](#)

## **WEBINARS, EXHIBITS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **Posidonia**

*Cancelled*

### **CMA Shipping 2020**

**Virtual Event**

Plan to visit Ecochlor Stand #25

<https://informaconnect.com/cma-shipping/>

### **SMM**

*Postponed to February 2 - 5, 2021*

Hamburg Messe und Congress - Hamburg, Germany

Plan to visit the Ecochlor Stand in Hall A1 #327

<https://www.smm-hamburg.com/en/>



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