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Maritime Environmental Regulatory Updates

The Ecochlor Team at Posidonia would like to thank everyone who stopped by the exhibition stand! We enjoyed our talks and reconnecting with valuable clients and maritime colleagues. If you have any questions please contact us at sales@ecochlor.com We hope to see you all at SMM exhibition stand # 4.203!

International News

Summary of IMO MEPC 78

IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) held their 78th Session from 6 – 10 June 2022. A few of the key ballast water developments include:

- Extension of the Experience Building Phase to 2026 and agreement in principle to develop a Convention Review Plan (CRP) that will guide the systematic review of the BWM Convention to determine a package of future amendments.
- MEPC invited submissions of proposals for guidance related to the temporary storage of grey water and/or treated sewage water in ballast tanks. The only aspect that can be considered under the BWM Convention is the discharge from ballast tanks that are used for these purposes must meet the discharge standards. MEPC invited submissions of proposals for guidance to support the goals of the BWM Convention and agreed that other aspects of managing grey and/or treated sewage water are considered under the context of MARPOL.
- Discussions continued regarding how best to develop guidance related to ship operations in ports with challenging water quality (PCWQ). Similar to MEPC 77, divergent views were expressed on this during MEPC 78 and no final path forward was agreed. MEPC invited submissions of proposals on ways to address the fundamental issues on this complex topic, such as: should this fall under the existing contingency measure guidance (BWM.2/Circ.62) or be a separate guidance document, as well as the acceptability of ballast water exchange plus treatment (BWE+BWT) relating to operations in PCWQ.
- MEPC agreed to revised procedures for modifications to BWMS that use Active Substances and that require Guideline 9 (G9) Approval. These will be published as BWM.2/Circ.13/Rev.5.

Additional summaries of MEPC 78 outcomes are available from [ABS](#) and [DNV](#)

Australia Implements Mandatory Biofouling Requirements

Effective 15 June 2022, Australia implemented mandatory biofouling requirements. Prior to arrival, international ships arriving in Australian ports will be required to report the 12-month voyage history and information about biofouling management. Details are available [HERE](#).

EMSAFE Publishes Marine Safety Report for EU

The European Maritime Safety Report ([EMSAFE](#)), published for the first time, provides a comprehensive overview of maritime safety in the European Union. The report covers a broad range of maritime safety topics and combines information from information databases that are hosted by the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA).

United States News

2021 Flag State Control Domestic Report Released

The United States [2021 Flag State Control Domestic Annual Report](#) has been released. The report provides comprehensive information on the U.S. domestic fleet including fleet inspection, deficiencies and marine casualty statistics. Information for the entire U.S. Flag fleet (barges, cargo vessels, passenger vessels, etc.) is included.

U.S. Published Policy Letter on IMO Resolution A.673(16)

The United States published a [Policy Letter Update](#) regarding implementation of IMO Resolution A.673(16), Guidelines for the transport and handling of limited amounts of hazardous and noxious liquid substances in bulk on Offshore Support Vessels. This update applies to new and existing U.S. Offshore Supply Vessels.

Recent BWMS USCG Type Approvals

Ballast Water Treatment System Type Approvals – the USCG has not recently issued BWMS type approvals. The [USCG maintains a list of approved systems](#) and those under review for type approval.



Other Maritime News

EVERY ACTION COUNTS: NAMEPA Celebrates World Ocean Day

The North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA) teamed up with corporate members, Ecochlor and Fairfield Chemical Carriers, to co-host a local community cleanup in honor of World Ocean Day in Norwalk, Connecticut. NAMEPA is instrumental in education and showing how actions at every level are steps to Save Our Seas! Learn more by visiting www.namepa.net/take-action

BAN Published Report Plastic Waste Trade Activities

The Basel Action Network (BAN) monitors and reports on plastic waste trade, actions of governments and implementation of the Basel Convention. BAN recently published a report of trade activities in various countries, along with recommendations to increase global implementation and enforcement of the rules.

Canada Bans Single-use Plastics

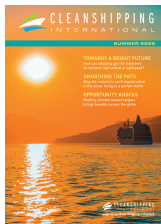
Canada is banning the manufacture and importation of single-use plastics by the end of the year, the government announced on Monday, in a major effort to combat plastic waste and address climate change. The ban includes checkout bags, cutlery, straws and food-service ware made from or containing plastics that are hard to recycle, with a few exceptions for medical reasons. It will come into effect in December 2022, and the sale of those plastic items will be prohibited as of December 2023, the [government said](#).

Please contact Ecochlor at sales@ecochlor.com to learn how the Ecochlor® BWMS can help your vessels achieve and maintain compliance with international ballast water regulations.

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



Ecochlor in the News



Clean Shipping International

Summer 2022

Ecochlor: A flexible approach to ballast water management systems

Article: Click [HERE](#) to read the full article.



El Navi

May 2022

Ecochlor BWMS proves unrestricted and flexible operation in all marine conditions

Throughout the pandemic Ecochlor, one of the greatest manufacturers of BWMS has streamlined its production processes and localized presentation in major maritime hubs. Today, Ecochlor BWMS is effective BWMS is effective anywhere in the world with no limitations and is better positioned and prepared for the anticipated jump in BWMS installations over the next years.

In this interview Andrew Marshall, CEO Ecochlor, explains the company's concept for chemical resupply and service maintenance and describes the benefits and capabilities of the company's BWMSs series.

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NAFSgreen

May 2022



Ecochlor maintains a very strong market position

This year marks Ecochlor's 21st year in ballast water management and the focus of the company is to continue to offer shipowners a system that keep their vessels compliant both now and into the future. Outside of the BWMS marketplace, Ecochlor has begun to increase its collaboration and partnerships with other innovative maritime environmental technology providers.

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Posidonia Today

May 2022

Don't repeat mistakes from BW Convention, petitions Ecochlor CEO

Article: Click [HERE](#) to read the full article.



Marine Propulsion

April/May 2022

Facing the Future: How ballast water manufacturers must react to survive

Article: Click [HERE](#) to read the full article.

eWorldship.com

How to choose the most suitable ballast water management system for a ship?

Article: Click [HERE](#) to read the full article.

WEBINARS, EXHIBITS AND PRESENTATIONS

Greek Shipping Hall of Fame

Date: 5 July 2022

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ONS

Date: 29 July - 1 September 2022

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SMM

Date: 6 - 9 September 2022

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