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OIL SPILL LIABILITY: OPA 90 V. THE IMO'S CLC

October 12 - In summary, while OPA 90 and the CLC share many similarities, there are substantial differences that vessel owners and operators should be aware of. First, OPA 90 applies to all vessels while the CLC only applies to vessels carrying "persistent oil" as a cargo (i.e., tankers). Second, under the CLC, only the registered owner of a vessel is held civilly liable (unless the manager or charterer are shown to have caused the spill due to their willful misconduct), while under OPA 90 there are avenues to hold the party actually responsible for the spill regardless of willful misconduct. Third, the CLC also allows owners to raise act of war or act of God defenses without requiring them to show those were the sole cause of the spill. Fourth, as mentioned above, there are significant differences in the limitations of liability under the CLC v. OPA 90. Fifth, the CLC as written allows claims to be brought for up to 6 years in some cases while OPA 90 has a strict three year statute of limitations and requires claims to be presented 90 days before that period ends. Sixth, OPA 90 allows for the recovery of damages for loss of use of natural resources while the CLC does not. These differences refer to how the CLC is written and enacted by the IMO. While they may not seem all that significant when reading about them on paper, in practice these differences can have major impacts on the civil liability exposure that a vessel owner faces. In the event of an oil spill in a country that has adopted the CLC, it is important to look at how that specific country has adopted the CLC and how it applies or interacts with that country's laws. The Energy Law Blog / [Read more](#)

LEVERAGING REGIONAL SEAS MECHANISMS TO ADVANCE ACTION ON PLASTIC POLLUTION

October 12 - NOWPAP and COBSEA participated in the [Global Plastics Summit](#) (11-12 October 2023, Bangkok, Thailand) to facilitate discussions during a special side-event on Regional Governance to deliver a pitch on behalf of the UNEP Regional Seas Programme.

Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans (RSCAPs) are intergovernmental bodies across 18 regions covering over 145 countries joint together to protect and sustainably develop marine and coastal environment management and governance systems, including addressing sea-based and land-based plastic pollution. UNEP / [Read more](#)

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THIRD MEETING ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ADRIATIC SUB REGIONAL OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN

The Third Meeting on the development of the Adriatic Sub regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan will gather representatives from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Italy, Montenegro and Slovenia to complete the development of the Adriatic Sub Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan (SCP) -Rome, Italy, 24 -26th October 2023 REMPEC / [Read more](#)

JOINT LETTER BY 20 PLASTICS SUPPLY CHAIN ASSOCIATIONS CALLING FOR MASS BALANCE FUEL-USE EXEMPTION IN CHEMICAL RECYCLING

October 20 - 20 associations in the plastics supply chain, including Cefic, call on EU Member States to urgently adopt mass balance fuel use exempt as the EU harmonised mass balance method for allocating recycled content via chemical recycling.

Currently, the EU plastics recycling rate is 38% (Eurostat, 2022) while the target for 2025 is 50%. Urgent efforts are required to boost recycling, including increased investment in recycling and collection infrastructure. While mechanical and other physical recycling methods are growing, chemical recycling offers a unique opportunity to support existing efforts and meet recycling goals while increasing recycled content. CEFIC / [Read more](#)

IOPC FUNDS WEBINAR SERIES LAUNCHED WITH FIRST INTRODUCTORY SESSION

October 18 - The brand new IOPC Funds' webinar series was successfully launched on Wednesday 18 October 2023 with the first session: "Understanding the Conventions – An introduction to the regime".

The webinar series, which is being delivered initially in English only, is open to any interested party and participants can opt to attend either the full series or only those webinars of particular interest to them. Divided into four modules the full programme (available [here](#)) consists of a total of 11 webinars covering everything from the basic understanding of the Conventions to the financing of the system, the types of claims that arise from tanker incidents and the claims submission process.

The next session in the series "Understanding the Conventions – What should be included in your domestic legislation?" Each session will be delivered at two different times to facilitate participation from various time zones. Register for the next event here: <https://documentservices.iopcfunds.org/webinar-registration/>
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CORPORATE MEMBER BENEFITS – RESPONSECON

RESPONSECON provides a fair balance and benefit to all concerned parties and speeds response because it avoids the delays caused by need to negotiate complex contractual negotiations before mobilization can begin. Response contractors benefit from very positive cash flow implications which ensure rapid reimbursement of mobilization outlays and ongoing costs of operations. In addition, requesting parties are protected against overpayment. See <https://spillcontrol.org/response-contract/>

Corporate Members of ISCO should be aware that the Responsecon Contract is a good example of how ISCO has worked to develop benefits for its Corporate Members. Not many people are aware that this facility would never have been realised had it not been for an initiative made by ISCO.

During a major response exercise involving the Korean Coastguard ISCO members offered availability of spill combat resources in the context of ISCO's Emergency Assistance facility. In a post-exercise conversation a member of the Korean Coastguard advised ISCO's Secretary that a readily available response contract would be of great benefit in spill emergencies.

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ISCO's Secretary concurred and followed up by contacting potential interested parties. After several conversations, discussions with a representative of BIMCO led to a co-operation agreement to establish a working group between ISCO, BIMCO with participation of other interested parties, including the IG P&I Clubs .

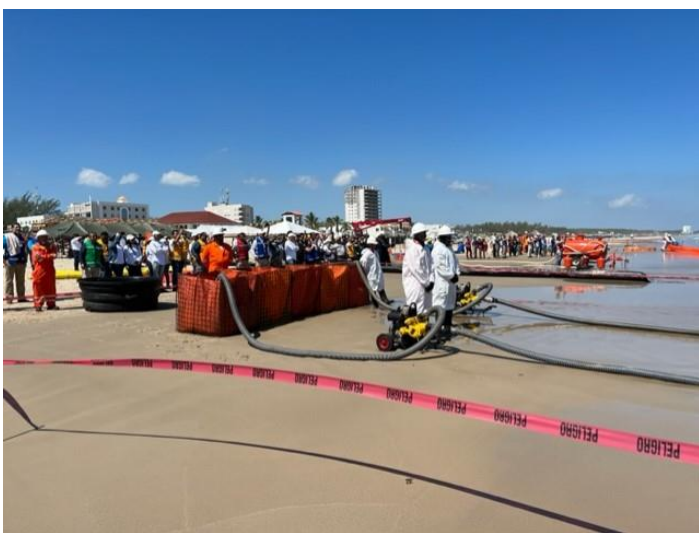
Over a period of about a year a series of working meetings were held in London, hosted by BIMCO member, West of England P&I Club Member. The end result was the final version of the Responsecon Contract initially presented at an IOSC conference in USA and subsequently introduced to the world at IMO's MEPC meeting in London.

ISCO fielded a strong team in the Working Group including senior members of ISCO management and representatives of Corporate Members in UK and USA. For ISCO the task represented a significant investment in time, air fares and London hotel costs.

Because ISCO and BIMCO (as joint owners of the copyright) have made Responsecon freely available it has not been possible to accurately track usage of the contract but it is known that it is being used by ISCO Corporate Members (including major response contractors like OSRL and MPC) and has been adopted in legislation enacted by quite a number of state governments.

Without the initiative made by ISCO and support given by BIMCO, Responsecon would not have been realised.

LEADERSHIP AND TRANSPARENCY - ISCO AS OBSERVER ACTIVITIES WITH MEXICO'S NATIONAL CONTINGENCY PLAN - NATURAL GAS RELEASE AND OIL SPILL DRILL SOLSEG ENERGIA RN-1 2023 - TAMPICO, MEXICO



October 16 – A report from Carlos Sagrera, MSc., IMO External Advisor, Hon. FISCO - ISCO Representative in Latin America, ISCO Exec. Committee Member & Council Member.

Yes... leadership and transparency are the expressions with which we could summarize this activity developed between 10 and 13 October this year in Tampico (State of Tamaulipas - Mexico). This exercise was led and was under the responsibility of the Naval Region N°1 (Vice-Admiral CG DEM Gabriel Pablo González Contreras), the Drill Director Capt. CG DEM Carlos Quezada Argudin and the PROMAM coordination under Chemical Eng. T/N Teresa Guadarrama, dependent on the Mexican Navy Secretariat – SEMAR (<https://digaohm.semar.gob.mx/promam.html>) and with the support of the Security, Energy and Environment Agency - ASEA (<https://www.gob.mx/asea/>) and the company TC Energy (<https://www.tcenergia.com/activos/sistema-sur-de-texas-tuxpan/>).

Leadership because SEMAR, in its role with Mexico's National Contingency Plan (https://digaohm.semar.gob.mx/PROMAM/anexos/Plan_Nacional_de_Contingencia.pdf), had the ability to was able to bring together more than 200 participants from 25 Mexican and especially Tamaulipas federal public institutions and companies, 14 naval divisions of the RN-1 and some 15 private companies from the oil industry and its services, which complemented each other in a series of sequential and very well coordinated activities.

These included a full cabinet exercise on Unified Command and ICS (PROMAM Coordination), a Training Workshop on Pipeline Emergency Preparedness and Response (by the International Association of Fire Chiefs - IAFC), general presentations on oil industry issues (Polytechnic University of Altamira), legal issues such as disaster law and national security (Attorney Lindsay Garnica), as well as specific topics such as spill control and the use of dispersants by ASEA (Biologist Hilda Piña) who indicated that a new regulation on the use of dispersants in Mexico is about to be published and the announcement of the new Guide for the Elaboration of the NEBA as a tool to select the best response option for oil spill control in Mexican Marine Zones (https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/862432/Gui_a_ABAN_091023.pdf), in addition to a very concrete and grounded presentation on the strategies and equipment for response by NRC (Eng. Jesús Rivero), and to culminate a very interesting presentation by Drs. Edward Peters and Rigel Zaragoza of CIGOM (<https://cigom.org/>) on the topic "Oil Spill Intervention Procedures of the Gulf of Mexico Research Consortium", who are authors of unique works in Spanish-speaking Latin America such as their Environmental

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Baseline Atlas of the Gulf of Mexico with more than 1300 maps and 11 volumes in a research developed between 2015-2020 (<https://atlasigom.cicese.mx/>).

Transparency because PROMAM and ASEA made available to all participants and in an open manner all the information necessary to develop and understand in the best way the procedures and practical guidelines to develop the exercise. Let us agree that both attitudes (leadership + transparency) are not so common among the authorities of other Spanish-speaking Latin American countries, which could well analyse this type of events in Mexico and take lessons learned.

Finally, the practical exercise consisted of response actions on the high seas by SEMAR and on the coastline by PROMAM and local specialised OSROs such as NRC (<https://www.usecology.com/location/nrc-altamira>) and MARTERRA (marterra.com.mx). It was reported at the end of the event that Mexico's new National Contingency Plan has already been approved at technical level and endorsed by SEMAR (August 2023) and the new version, which will be in force until 2027, will be published as an Official Decree (DOF) shortly (<https://www.gob.mx/semar/prensa/marina-informa-reunion-sobre-el-plan-nacional-de-contingencia-para-derrames-de-hidrocarburos?idiom=es>).

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

BARBADOS: BOOSTING OIL SPILL PREPAREDNESS SKILLS



Participants – Photo courtesy of IMO

October 19 - An in-person national workshop has been taking place in Bridgetown, Barbados (17-19 October). It is aimed at 22 senior managers and administrators involved in responding to oil pollution incidents, to ensure they have the requisite knowledge to respond to oil spill incidents effectively and efficiently.

Through lectures and case studies delivered by a team from the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency, Information and Training Centre – Caribe (RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe) and IMO consultants, participants are discussing the impacts of oil pollution and its effect on the marine environment, the need for rapid decision-making, and the interface between national groups/agencies with other countries and the international community. IMO / [Read more](#)



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BULGARIA: EMSA TAKES PART IN OPERATION BREEZE

Photo courtesy of EMSA

October 19 - EMSA participated in the operational exercise Breeze 2023 held in the vicinity of Varna, Bulgaria and organised by the Bulgarian Navy together with the Bulgarian Maritime Administration.

The stand-by oil spill recovery vessel, *Galaxy Eco*, based in Varna, was mobilised for the operation. The vessel simulated oil spill recovery using sweeping arms and deployed the onboard RPAS to observe the response operations around the ship.

EMSA also mobilised the Current Buster 4 recovery system from its [Equipment Assistance Service](#) (EAS) stockpile in Varna.

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CANADA: #BEATPLASTICPOLLUTION CHALLENGE

Plastic pollution harms wildlife and damages habitats. It is found across the world in the air, water, soil, and even in the foods we eat. By reducing plastic pollution and improving how we make, use, and manage plastics, we can:

- Strengthen sustainable economies
- Create jobs
- Help fight climate change
- Protect biodiversity and the environment

So, what can we do? As part of the solutions to plastic pollution, we can rethink how we use plastic in our daily lives and take the #BeatPlasticPollution Challenge! Canada Environment & Climate Change / [Read more](#)

CANADA: SHIP SOURCE OIL POLLUTION FUND EVENTS & SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Click on https://sopf.gc.ca/?post_type=tribe_events and <https://mailchi.mp/c6bc2b2f8322/september-septembre>

CANADA: SOPF - ANOTHER FRANCHISED STEP TO PREPARE TO HELP CANADIANS GET COMPENSATION FOLLOWING A MAJOR SPILL



The signing of the agreement with ITOPF also marks a turning point in our readiness to provide compensation following a major spill.

We are proud to announce that we can now count on the expertise of world-renowned spill advisors. We formalized this crucial step with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with ITOPF.

ITOPF has responded to more than 840 oil and chemical spill incidents around the world.

This agreement will allow us to get advice on ship-source oil pollution damage. Upon request, ITOPF will assist us in assessing the technical merits of claims. However, final decisions regarding the payment of claims will be made by our administrator. SOPF / [Read more](#)

CHINA – NEWS FROM WU YUE, MEMBER OF ISCO COUNCIL FOR CHINA



On October 18th, Mr. Wu Yue, the General Manager of SIOETC and a council member of ISCO, was invited by GWO to participate in China Wind Power.

He gave a keynote speech on the safety of offshore wind power, specifically addressing the risks and challenges associated with oil leakage and spill from offshore wind turbine engines.

Mr. Jacob, the CEO of GWO, was fully involved in this event. It is emphasized that safety training and measures should be given more attention in the wind power industry.

DENMARK: NEW GUIDELINES ON DISCHARGES OF ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

October 12 - When an environmental authority grants permission for the discharge of an environmentally hazardous substance into a body of water where the limit value (in technical language called the environmental quality standard) for the substance has already been exceeded, the authority must in future be able to show a calculation that the discharge will almost certainly not result in a deterioration in the status of the water body. In the past, an estimate was sufficient.

This is stated in the draft of new guidelines from the Danish Environmental Protection Agency, which is designed as a so-called FAQ with questions and answers.

The 'Guidance on emissions for certain substances' is in four-week consultation until 9 November 2023. Read the instructions here: <https://hoeringsportalen.dk/Hearing/Details/67957> MST / [Read more](#)

EGYPT: WMRA & CEDARE CO-ORGANIZE THE CONSULTATION SESSION ON FINANCIAL MECHANISM TO INCENTIFY SUPB ALTERNATIVES

September 27 - On September 27th, 2023, the Waste Management Regulatory Authority (WMRA)-Ministry of Environment in collaboration with the Centre for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE) held the Consultation Session on Financial Mechanisms to Reduce the Consumption of Single-Use Plastic Bags (SUPB) in Egypt at InterContinental CityStars Hotel, Cairo, in the framework of SwitchMed II Project (Policy Component). Cedare / [Read more](#)

EGYPT: WATER: SUSTAINING BIRD LIFE

Under the slogan "Water: Sustaining Bird Life": Egypt joins the countries of the world in celebrating the World Migratory Bird Day ... Minister of Environment: The celebration is an annual awareness campaign that emphasizes the need to preserve migratory birds and their habitats... Dr. Yasmine Fouad: There is a need for international cooperation to preserve birds and sustain their migration routes, which depend heavily on water. EEAA / [Read more](#)

GREECE: HELMEPA OFFICE RELOCATION

October 20 - We're excited to announce that HELMEPA will relocate to a new office. Our new address is:

7 Ymittou Street, Palaio Faliro, 17564 Greece

Please update your records with our new address.

The move will be completed by October 20, 2023. During this transition, there may be some disruptions to our communications. We apologize for any inconvenience. You can still reach us at +30 210 9343088 or helmepa@helmepa.gr for assistance. We look forward to welcoming you to our new premises.

ITALY: PROJECT "BIOPLAST4SAFE - BIOMONITORING OF BIODEGRADABLE MICRO AND NANOPLASTICS: FROM THE ENVIRONMENT TO HUMANS IN A ONE HEALTH PERSPECTIVE"

October 20 - BioPlast4Safe promotes the study of the characteristics and potential toxicological and ecotoxicological effects of plastics, with a specific focus on biodegradable polymers as a potential strategy for mitigating plastic pollution. The overall objective is to improve the quality and risk assessment for human health and the environment i

The Partnership, in addition to the Campania Region as leader, sees the involvement of: ISPRA, Istituto Superiore di Sanità - ISS, Anton Dohrn Zoological Station - SZN, National Research Center - CNR and University of Naples Federico II - UNINA, Lazio and Emilia-Romagna Regions, legally represented by the ARPA Lazio Agency and the University Hospital of Parma. ISPRA / [Read more](#)

JAPAN: SEMINAR ON THE ROLE OF THE IOPC FUNDS HOSTED BY THE JAPAN MARITIME CENTER

October 18 - At the kind invitation of the Japan Maritime Center (JMC), the IOPC Funds held a joint seminar entitled 'The role of the IOPC Funds in the protection of the marine environment, now and in the future' on 18 October 2023 at the Iino Conference Center in Tokyo. This in-person and online event was organised in cooperation with the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) and attracted over 100 physical attendees and over 200 remote participants. IOPC Funds / [Read more](#)

MALTA: IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL INAUGURATES REFURBISHED LAW INSTITUTE FACILITIES



October 13 - The Secretary-General of IMO, Kitack Lim, has inaugurated the newly modernized lecture hall and refurbished student accommodation at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) in Malta (9 October).

Mr Lim, who is Chair of the IMLI Governing Board, also formally opened the Institute's academic year 2023-2024 during his visit.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony held in the state-of-the-art lecture hall, Mr Lim welcomed IMLI's 35th generation

of maritime professionals and wished them success in their academic journey. He highlighted that many successful IMLI graduates go on to hold high-level positions in government and the private sector. IMO / [Read more](#) (Photo courtesy of IMO)

NIGERIA: Ogoni CLEAN-UP: CSO OFFERS SOLUTIONS TO HYPREP ON RE-POLLUTION

October 17 - A civil society organisation, the Youths and Environmental Advocacy Centre (YEAC Nigeria), has proffered solutions to the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), on the re-pollution of Ogoniland in Rivers State, through illegal oil bunkering activities and artisanal refineries.

It advised the agency to create a database for those involved in artisanal refining activities with the aim of providing them alternative livelihoods opportunities and partner with development agencies for modular refineries Leadership / [Read more](#)

SOUTH AFRICA: IOPC FUNDS MEETING WITH THE DELEGATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

October 20 - The Deputy Director, Liliana Monsalve, was pleased to welcome the representative of the delegation of South Africa to IOPC Funds' meetings, Mr Vusi September, to the Secretariat's offices on 19 October 2023.

Mr September is the Alternate Permanent Representative of South Africa to the IMO, representing the South African Department of Transport, and is based at the High Commission in London.

He attended the IOPC Funds' meeting for the first time in May 2023.

South Africa has been a 1992 Fund Member State since 2005. Today's visit by Mr September provided an opportunity for Ms Monsalve to welcome him as a new representative, to have a general discussion about the latest developments in the IOPC Funds, notably with regards to ongoing incidents and the 2010 HNS Convention, to which South Africa is a Contracting State. IOPC Funds / [Read more](#)



UK: HABITAT AND BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT PT.2: KEY RECOMMENDATIONS (VIDEO)

October 13 - Welcome to the fourth video in our series Environmental law in practice. Click here to visit our content hub to find more information about our team and how we can help.

"Habitat and biodiversity management doesn't need to be complicated. There are several measures that businesses can implement at the earliest stages of a project to ensure that a site is developed and managed effectively and in compliance with the legislation". Mondaq / [Read more](#)

USA: LATEST NEWS REPORTS FROM NOAA OR&R

October 23 – Please click on the links below to download and read the latest news from NOAA OR&R

Visualize Public Safety Protection Areas in Newly Updated CAMEO Chemicals Tool

The latest 3.0.0 version of the CAMEO Chemicals hazardous materials database is now available, and includes a new mapping tool to display initial isolation and protective action distances from the Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG).

Now Open: Annual Marine Debris Art Contest

Get your art supplies ready, because this year's NOAA Marine Debris Program Art Contest officially opened on October 16! Students in grades K-8 from the United States and U.S. territories can submit their artwork now through December 15.

NOAA Contributes to EUROqCHARM Final Project Meeting

During the week of October 9, the NOAA Marine Debris Program's Chief Scientist, Amy V. Uhrin, attended and presented at the final meeting of [EUROqCHARM](#) ([link is external](#)).

OR&R Recognized for Coastal Resilience with Environmental Award

The Board of Directors of the North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA) recently announced that NOAA's Office of Response and Restoration will be recognized with a NAMEPA 2023 Marine Environment Protection Award.

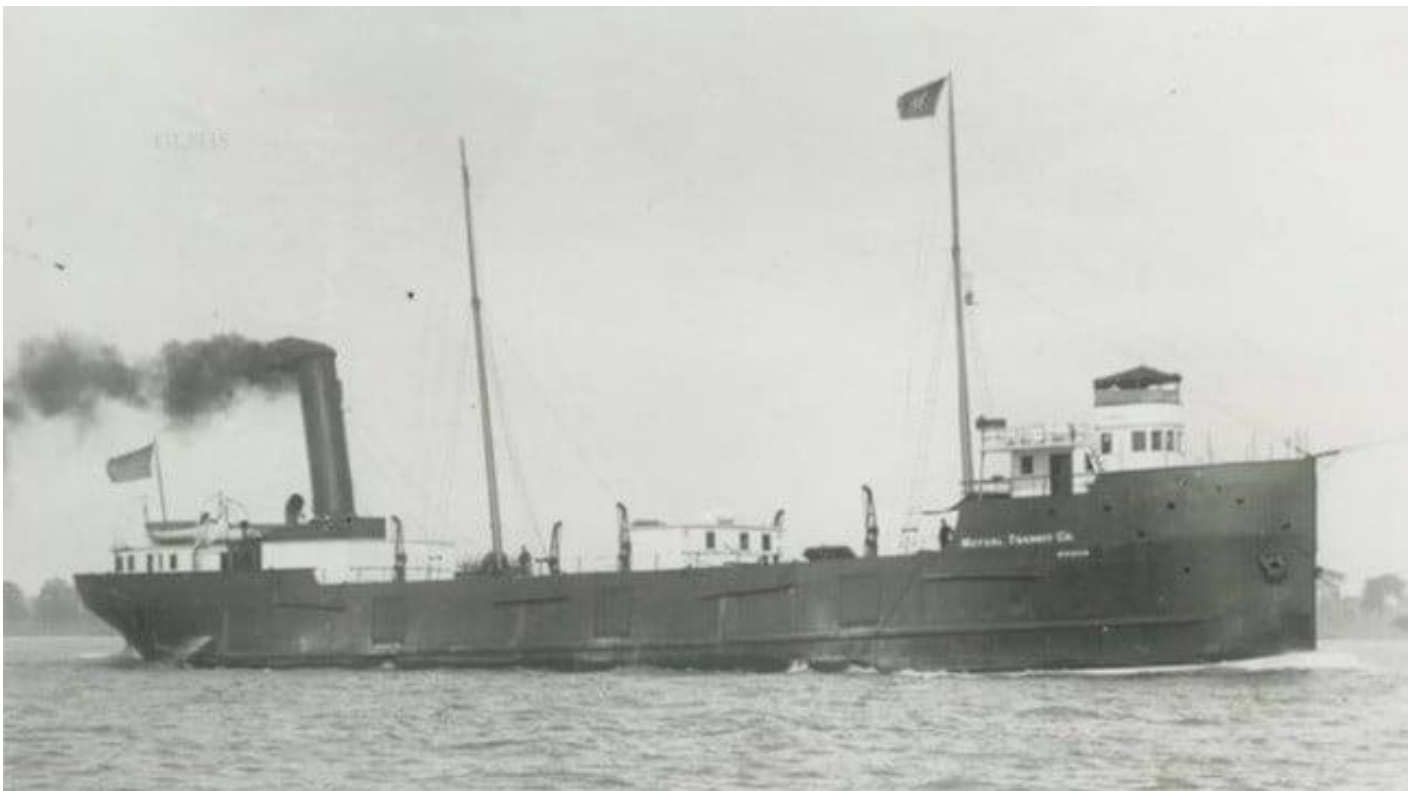
Marine Debris Program Releases the Puerto Rico Strategic Plan to Reduce Aquatic Debris

On October 11, the NOAA Marine Debris Program (MDP) released the [2023-2028 Puerto Rico Strategic Plan to Reduce Aquatic Debris \(Strategic Plan\)](#). This document, available in Spanish and English, is the result of a collaborative effort between the NOAA MDP, the U.S. EPA Region 2 and U.S.

NOAA Joins Seattle Aquarium for Microplastics and Marine Debris Workshop

October 5-6, On NOAA Marine Debris Program staff Andrew Mason and Hillary Burgess participated in a Microplastic and Marine Debris Workshop hosted by the Seattle Aquarium. The workshop brought together microplastics and marine debris community members from government, academic, nonprofit, and industry organizations based in British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, and California.

USA: RESEARCHERS FIND WRECK OF 100-YEAR-OLD LAKER OFF MICHIGAN



Above: The lost laker Huronton (Photo courtesy of Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society)

October 17 - The Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society has discovered the wreck of the freighter Huronton, which went down after a collision on Lake Superior almost exactly 100 years ago. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

CLAUDE GASCON APPOINTED AS GEF DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY AND OPERATIONS



Joseph Pierre Claude Gascon, a Canadian/United States national, has been appointed as the GEF's Director of Strategy and Operations. Welcoming the appointment, GEF CEO Carlos Manuel Rodriguez said, "Claude will be playing a critical function in both the internal and external agendas of the GEF Secretariat."

In his new position, Gascon's top three priorities will be (i) to provide direction and oversight of the GEF Secretariat and its teams with an aim to increased impact and effectiveness, (ii) to develop and implement strategic programming priorities and policies for the GEF Family of Funds, and (iii) to position the GEF Secretariat as the key partner of choice in the global sustainable development agenda. GEF / [Read more](#). Photo courtesy of Claude Gascon

ISU APPOINTS JOHN WITTE JR. AS NEW PRESIDENT

The International Salvage Union (ISU) has appointed John Witte Jr. as ISU president, succeeding Captain Nicholas Sloane, who will continue as a member of ISU's Executive Committee.

The appointment came at the end of the ISU's AGM in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and sees Witte taking the position that he had held previously being a past president.

At the same time Captain Leendert Muller, managing director of Terneuzen-based Multtraship Towage & Salvage, was confirmed as vice president of the ISU. He is also a former president. Maritime Journal / [Read more](#)



NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS – AN ISCO MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT

Corporate Members of ISCO can benefit by submitting news about new products and services in the "News from ISCO Members" section of the ISCO Newsletter. This is a free facility for Members. Given that the ISCO Newsletter has a large and highly targeted readership in over 60 countries, it's a cost-effective way to promote your company. If you have some news you would like to share with readers of the ISCO Newsletter, send it to John.McMurtrie@spillcontrol.org Members who would like to place a regular advertisement in the ISCO Newsletter can also benefit from preferential discounted rates. For more info please contact Mike Watson at mike@mwadigital.com He will be happy to help you.

LAMOR



Historic day: the construction of our plastics chemical recycling facility has begun! The site preparations for construction are complete and the work can really begin in Kilpilahti, Porvoo Finland. From left, Lamor Recycling site manager [Ville Keltikangas](#), plant manager [Miika Sorvisto](#) and site & HSEQ engineer Jani Ala-Jääski are happy to be a part of our mission to clean the world - in this case, by turning plastic waste into valuable raw-material. Kilpilahti will be a blueprint facility, with which we set off to our targeted 100,000-tons plastics recycling capacity in the coming years.

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NURDLES - PREVENTION, CLEAN-UP TECHNOLOGY AND ONGOING R&D WORK



The ISCO Executive Committee is looking into how our organisation can assist by co-operating with others in promulgating better prevention and response capabilities that can be adopted on a worldwide basis.

Readers of the ISCO Newsletter are invited to contribute information that can be shared within our community and help to improve our capability to counter this pollution in more effective ways.

ISCO Committee Member, Dr Larissa Montas, is a contributor to this section in the ISCO Newsletter.

NURDLES - PREVENTION, CLEAN-UP TECHNOLOGY AND ONGOING R&D WORK (CONTINUED)

Dr. Larissa Montas attended the Nurdles/Plastic Pellets Response workshop held on September 6 & 7, 2023 at the NOAA Center for Weather & Climate Prediction (NCWCP), in College Park, Maryland. The workshop was a success and the attendees were very enthusiastic about the next steps following the workshop outcomes. A report has been prepared and has been sent it over to the workshop organizers for approval of the content. It will be published here ASAP.

In the meantime, here is some news just received from Cedre – “Creation of test zones for plastic pellets and first equipment tests”

“Following deposits at the beginning of the year and recent shipping incidents involving large spills of plastic pellets, Cedre has launched a number of projects to improve our knowledge of this form of pollution. To implement these projects, Cedre has set up two dedicated zones, one in its deep-water tank and the other on its man-made beach, to address the issues specific to this pollutant, while ensuring operator safety and preventing releases into the environment. These zones were tested in September with the first recovery equipment trials and are scheduled to be completed by the end of the year” www.cedre.fr

RECENT INTERESTING PEER-REVIEWED OIL SPILL PUBLICATIONS

A COLUMN CREATED BY DR. MERV FINGAS, MEMBER OF ISCO COUNCIL FOR CANADA



This is part of a weekly column which provides the references and abstracts of new peer-reviewed scientific publications on oil spills. These references are selected on the basis of those papers that provide new insights into the fate, effects and control of oil spills. Readers may choose to obtain the full publications and to do so, one of three methods is suggested; contact your library, search the internet with the DOI (digital object identifier) provided, or search the internet for the exact title. These are given in the order of likely success in obtaining the article. Merv Fingas, ISCO Colleague. Editor – Updated message has been received from Dr Fingas - “it looks like the column will be delayed at least another week as I still have to get access to the databases”

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (

If you are interested in new technology you will find it useful to visit Technology Innovation News Survey at <https://clu-in.org/products/tins/> and Tech Direct at <https://clu-in.org/techdirect/archive/>

A NEW KIND OF ONLINE TOOL LAUNCHES TO TACKLE ROAD RUNOFF POLLUTION

A [new online tool](#) highlights where opportunities exist to install nature-based solutions, such as wetlands, to tackle road runoff pollution before it ends up in London’s rivers. It has gone live today (16 October 2023). Pollution from roads also adds to this cocktail of pollution. Road runoff occurs when pollutants settle on the surface of the road, such as residue from oil spills, as well as tyre and brake wear from vehicles. These build up during dry weather and are then washed into rivers and streams when it rains. Envirotec Magazine / [Read more](#)

SHI DEVELOPS DEVICE TO REDUCE OVERBOARD CONTAINER LOSSES

Samsung Heavy Industries reports it has developed a patent-pending device that is simple and easy to use that will dramatically decrease the number of containers lost overboard while boxships are at sea. They are reporting that initial testing is showing that loss rates can be reduced by up to 70 percent while not impacting the loading capacity or operation of the vessel.

Samsung however has taken a much simpler approach focusing on the racks and securing the lashing bridges. Their loss prevention device, known as Special Structure Anti-Container Loss, is an additional device attached to the lashing bridge. They are pointing to the “severe shaking” of boxes in bad weather as a key contributor to the losses. Once in place, Samsung reports the device minimizes the “left and right movement of containers even in bad weather.” The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

DECONTAMINATION METHOD ZAPS POLLUTANTS FROM SOIL

A rapid, high-heat electrothermal soil remediation process flushes out both organic pollutants and heavy metals in seconds without damaging soil fertility. A team of Rice scientists led by chemist James Tour and researchers from the geotechnical structures and environmental engineering branches of the ERDC showed that mixing polluted soil with nontoxic, carbon-rich compounds that propel electrical current, such as biochar, then zapping the mix with short bursts of electricity flushes out both organic pollutants and heavy metals without using water or generating waste. Science Daily / [Read more](#)

PHYTOREMEDIATION: SUSTAINABLE PLANT-BASED POLLUTION REMOVAL

The use of native species in phytoremediation can be an effective approach in Brazil, as it takes into account the local ecosystem and its specific contaminants. Sunflowers have high potential in phytoremediation as they can absorb heavy metals and radioactive substances, making them a natural remedy for contaminated areas. Eightify / [Read more](#)

INTERESTING ARTICLE

SONAR SURVEY REVEALS THE LOST WWII SHIPS OF DUNKIRK

A team of French and English researchers have surveyed the sites of 30 shipwrecks from Operation Dynamo, the seelift that saved Allied troops from advancing German forces at Dunkirk in 1940. Operation Dynamo, also known as "the Miracle of Dunkirk," involved the evacuation of hundreds of thousands of Allied soldiers who had been surrounded during the rapid German invasion of France. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

HEALTH & SAFETY

SAFETY WHEN WORKING IN EX ZONES

Potentially explosive areas, also called [Ex zones or ATEX \(fr. ATmosphère Explosibles\) environments](#), are classified and labelled according to the likelihood of explosive material occurring within them. In regards to combustible gases and vapours, potentially explosive atmospheres are categorized as either Ex zone 2 ("will likely not occur or only rarely, for short amounts of time"), Ex zone 1 ("does occasionally occur") and Ex zone 0 ("is always present or occurs either for long periods of time or frequently"). Whenever somebody needs to enter these areas, they must adhere to Ex protection regulations. This applies in particular to any electrical devices that are part of their equipment. Petro-Online / [Read more](#)

TRAINING COURSES

Training Course Providers – Please check entries below and advise editor on any necessary updates

USEFUL LINKS

- **INTERNATIONAL – IMO E-LEARNING PLATFORM** [e-learning platform](#)
- **AUSTRALIA – AMOSC** - <https://amosc.com.au/training/>
- **AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND – ALGA** - <https://landandgroundwater.com>
- **CHINA** - <http://www.sioetc.com>
- **EUROPE –** <https://www.emsa.europa.eu/newsroom/latest-news/item/3609-emsa-training-catalogue-2019.html>
- **FRANCE - CEDRE** - https://wwz.cedre.fr/en/content/download/10912/file/CalendrierFormation2023_EN.pdf
- **UK & WORLDWIDE – OIL SPILL RESPONSE LTD.** - <https://www.oilspillresponse.com/training/courses/>
- **UK & WORLDWIDE – BRIGGS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES LTD.** - <https://www.briggsmarine.com/services/training/>
- **UK – NCEC HAZMAT ACADEMY –** [More info](#)
- **USA – TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – NATIONAL SPILL CONTROL SCHOOL** <https://www.tamucc.edu/research/nscs/>
- **USA – MPC, DETROIT** - <https://marinepollutioncontrol.com/services/training-and-compliance>
- **USA – ALLIANCE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PROFESSIONALS** - https://www.ahmpnet.org/events/event_list.asp
- **CANADA - CONTAMINATED SITES HEALTH & SAFETY REFRESHER (8-HOUR HAZWOPER) – FROM ECONEXT –** [MORE INFO](#)
- **ONLINE – LLOYDS MARITIME ACADEMY – CERTIFICATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL MARITIME MANAGEMENT.** Starts on 24th January 2024. [More info](#)

Members who would like to be listed here, please contact your editor – john.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

TO VIEW UPCOMING EVENTS CLICK ON [HTTPS://SPILLCONTROL.ORG/UPCOMING-EVENTS/](https://spillcontrol.org/upcoming-events/)

To see ALL of the posted events you will need to click on "LOAD MORE" at the foot of each opened "upcoming events" page. Event organisers are requested to notify ISCO immediately if a listed event is cancelled or postponed. Your Editor does his best to keep the listing up-to-date but it should not be assumed that listed events have not been cancelled or postponed. It is recommended that you check with event organisers before finalising your attendance plans. Please advise the Editor if any of the entries require correction or updating. If you are holding an event you would like to be featured here, please send details to John.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org

The listings below give only very basic details – To get access to all information visit <https://spillcontrol.org/upcoming-events/>

OCTOBER 2023

- **UK – ITAC Annual Meeting, 24th-26th October, National Oceanography Centre, Southampton**
- **CANADA – Econext 2023 Conference, St. Johns, NL, 26th October 2023**

UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

- BRAZIL – International Seminar – ISCO & Ocean Pact Brazil “ Lessons Learned for Brazil & Latin America, Preparedness, Response & Crisis Management, Case Studies”, Rio de Janeiro, 27th October 2023

NOVEMBER 2023 & ONWARDS

- UK – UK & Ireland Spill Association Conference – Annual Conference, Dinner & Awards, 1-2 November, Nottingham
- CANADA – Forum from Transport Canada – “Fall 2023 Oceans Protection Plan (OPP), Pacific Dialogue Forum”, 2nd November 2023, 8.40-9.40 PDT
- ITALY – ECOMONDO Exhibition & Conference, Rimini, 7-12 November 2023
- UK – IOPC Funds – November 2023 Meeting of the Governing Bodies, 7th to 10th November. IMO HQ London
- NORWAY – “Marine Insurance Nordics”, Oslo, 9-10 November
- WEBINAR – ExxonMobil Oil Spill Response Knowledge Transfer, “Human Health Effects of Oil in the Sea”, Webinar 22, 7th November 2023
- USA – Clean Gulf Conference & Exhibition, “Prepare, Respond and Recover”, San Antonio, TX, 7-9 November 2023
- INDIA – SPILLTECH Conference & Exhibition, 8th to 9th November 2023, New Delhi
- UK – BIMCO – “Towage & Salvage Masterclass”, London, 9-10 November 2023
- WEBINAR – OSRL – “Equipment and Resources for Effective Response”, 14th November, 1400-1500 GMT
- WEBINAR from UK & Ireland Spill Association – “Early lessons to be learned from the Poole Harbour incident”, 15th November 2023, 1500-1630 GMT
- WEBINAR – ExxonMobil Oil Spill Response Knowledge Transfer, “Round Table Discussion to provide Summary and Recommendations”, Webinar 23, 5th December 2023
- UK – Seatrade Maritime Salvage & Wreck Conference, 6-7 December 2023
- UK – Panel Discussion at Salvage & Wreck Conference – “Effective Casualty Management – A Joint Session with Maritime Authorities and Industry”, Wednesday 6th December, 1200-1245 GMT
- WEBINAR – OSRL – “Training, Exercises and Continuous Improvement” 12th December, 1400-1500 GMT
- GERMANY – “14th International Conference on Environmental Pollution & Remediation”, Berlin, August 25-27, 2024
- SPAIN & ONLINE – “14th International Conference on Environmental Pollution & Remediation, Barcelona, August 25-27. 2024

SOME OTHER INFO - Recordings of past ExxonMobil OSR Knowledge Transfer Webinar Recordings – [Access and Download](#) UK & Ireland Spill Association Alternative Marine Fuels And Their Implication For Spill Response Webinar is [now available to watch on YouTube](#).

MESSAGES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS

USA: CLEAN GULF CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION – SAN ANTONIO, NOVEMBER 7-9, 2023

[New Press Release](#) - Additional Information just released

[Need more reasons to register for CLEAN GULF? and Quick Registration](#)

New Response Professionals Program at CLEAN GULF 2023 [About this program](#)

A full, printable program is available for the 2023 CLEAN GULF Conference & Exhibition, taking place November 7-9 in San Antonio, TX. Check out the digital program and see what’s in store at this year’s CLEAN GULF! [Download the program](#)

INDIA: SPILLTECH – “PROTECTION AND RESTORATION OF OCEAN HEALTH" NEW DELHI, 8-9 NOVEMBER 2023

The SPILLTECH Conference provides a vital forum for professionals from the international response companies, private sector, government & non- governmental organizations and academia to come together to come-out with an effective and efficient methodologies to tackle the spill challenges faced by Industries. The practical knowledge sharing, discussions on new innovation in this field and latest technological development will help to safely & effectively handle these spill situations to save marine life and save the environment. [Download the Event Brochure](#)

NORWAY- MARINE INSURANCE NORDICS, OSLO, 9-10 NOVEMBER [Download the Agenda](#)

MESSAGES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS (CONTINUED)

USA: SAVE THE DATE FOR IOSC 2023

International Oil Spill Conference (IOSC) in New Orleans, May 13-16, 2024

IOSC provides a vital forum for professionals from the international response community, private sector, government, and non-governmental organizations to come together to tackle the greatest challenges facing us with sound science, practical innovation, social engineering and imagination. Mark your calendars and start planning your trip to join over 1,500 attendees from over 50 countries, representing government agencies, contractors, researchers, industry, and other stakeholders as they exchange ideas and lessons learned from actual spill responses and research around the world. Stay tuned, registration details will be announced in August. We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans next year.

Learn More about IOSC 2024 Be sure to follow IOSC on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#) for updates and announcements about #IOSC2024. Please contact registration@iosc.org for questions or additional information. Interested in exhibiting or sponsorship? Please reach out to: exhibits@iosc.org

USA: CLEAN WATERWAYS 2024 – REGISTRATION

Meet the 2024 CLEAN WATERWAYS Planning Committee Registration Now Open for CLEAN WATERWAYS 2024 - Registration has officially opened for the 2024 CLEAN WATERWAYS Conference, taking place at the Duke Energy Convention Center in Cincinnati, OH, April 9-11. Registration rates are at the lowest rates we will offer all year and increase by \$150 after Friday, October 27th.

[Registration information](#) April 9-11, 2024, Cincinnati, OH – “Incident Prevention & Response for Inland Regions & Waterways”
[View the website](#)

The CLEAN WATERWAYS program is developed by a government/industry-based committee of approximately 50 professionals, and the committee is looking for leaders to help shape the conference. All abstracts submitted are reviewed for content and relevance by the committee and are selected by consensus.

CONTRACTS, TENDERS AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

INTERNATIONAL OPEN TENDER NOTIFICATIONS

This is a subscription service. <https://www.tender247.com/keyword/oil+spill+tenders+global>

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES: USA & EUROPE

US Government solicitations are frequently posted in Technology Innovation News Survey <https://clu-in.org/products/tins/>

US Federal Contract Opportunities are posted at <https://clu-in.org/Federal-Contract-Opportunities>

European Maritime Safety Agency invitations to tender are often posted in The EMSA Newsletter at -

<https://www.emsa.europa.eu/newsroom/newsletters.html>

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE POLLUTION RESPONSE TECHNOLOGY (SRCSGT)

SOL: 70Z02324-RFI-RDC-01

DUE: November 27, 2023

NAICS: 562112. THIS IS A SOURCES SOUGHT NOTICE FOR MARKETING RESEARCH PURPOSES ONLY. The U.S. Coast Guard Research and Development Center (RDC) seeks to identify effective hazardous substance pollution response technologies that can be used to modify a current planned architecture, as well as provide responders with an understanding of what technologies may be available to properly respond to an incident. Having knowledge and access to effective hazardous substance pollution response technology will expedite response capability and heighten preparedness as available resources would already be known. This knowledge may also support modifications to facility response plans. The RDC would like more in-depth information regarding each hazardous substance pollution response technology, what chemical it remediates, and what quantity volume of the chemical can be cleaned up. In addition, information related to application, storage, safety, etc., is important. RESPONSES ARE DUE BY 5:00 PM EST ON NOVEMBER 27, 2023.

CITE: <https://sam.gov/opp/644dcda34bfb4cfa9c79151d6480347b/view> **Posted:** October 11, 2023

SPONSOR: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Coast Guard, Research and Development Center, Groton, CT

ISCO Members can post requests for submission of invitations to tender for supplies / services in this section. The ISCO Newsletter is circulated to nearly 3,000 registered subscribers in 60 countries worldwide and represents a well targeted audience for sourcing invitations to tender. Send requests to the Editor – john.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org

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LINKS FOR OTHER PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

As a service to its Members ISCO provides a listing of publications that may be of interest to our community. This page provides details and links for downloading more than 40 publications most of which can be accessed at no cost. This page is managed by Mike Watson mike@mwadigital.com

NEW PUBLICATIONS

NEW EDITION OF ICS TANKER SAFETY GUIDE INCLUDES BUNKERING AND SIMOPS ELEMENTS

The newly-launched fourth edition of the International Chamber of Shipping's (ICS) Tanker Safety Guide (Liquefied Gas) includes new elements on bunkering and simultaneous operations.

In a statement issued yesterday (16 October), the ICS said that the guide has also been revised with an 'emphasis on simplifying the human element processes on board to reduce the chance of root cause accidents' – with all the updates 'reflecting changes in the latest edition of the International Safety Guide for Oil Tankers and Terminals (ISGOTT 6)'.

The fourth edition also includes an updated section on reliquification to incorporate new technologies. BunkerSpot / [Read more](#)

INCIDENT REPORTS

MARITIME ACCIDENT REPORTS FROM THE MARITIME BULLETIN

In the Maritime Bulletin, Mikhail Voytenko regularly advises on vessel abandonments, groundings and sinkings – several every week– but, unless there is an immediate and significant release of oil or chemicals, spillages are not reported. However, many of Mikhail's reports cover incidents that may have potential to cause pollution. To view all of his reports, visit <https://www.maritimebulletin.net/>

USA: NOAA OR&R INCIDENT RESPONSES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Every month, OR&R's Emergency Response Division provides scientific expertise and services to the U.S. Coast Guard, ranging from running oil spill trajectories to estimate where a spill may spread; to identifying possible effects on wildlife and fisheries; to estimating how long oil may stay in the environment. We also get requests to track and model other floating objects, such as log booms or shipping containers that have broken free, whale carcasses, fish die-offs, and algal blooms.

Here is the complete list of September's incidents. Click on the links to find out more:

- [Tug MAZAPETA Sunk](#); Little Potato Slough, Stockton, CA
- [MV EDEN STAR Grounding](#); Bar Harbor, ME, USA
- [Fire at Clackamas County-owned Building](#); Happy Valley, OR
- [Red Tide Inquiry](#); Galveston, TX
- [Overfill Spill on Vessel ATLANTIC OCEANIC](#); Montville, CT
- [Fire at Great Lakes Tissue Company](#); Cheboygan, MI
- [Diesel from Tanker Truck Released into Tributary of Union Slough](#); Everett, WA
- [Cooking Oil Spill into Black River](#); Renton, WA

DENMARK: GIANT FPSU COLLIDED WITH JACK-UP OIL RIG, CREW EVACUATED

October 20 - FPSU ZAFIRA PRODUCER broke off mooring at around 1700 UTC Oct 20 at Frederikshavn, Denmark, drifted across basin and contacted berthed Jack-up drilling unit NOBLE RESILIENT, crashing into her helipad. Drilling rig's 26 crew were evacuated. Understood situation though under control, continue to develop as of 0115 UTC Oct 21, with a number of tugs and aux boats still responding. FPSU broke loose in strong eastern wind. <https://www.maritimebulletin.net/>

SWEDEN: FERRY AGROUND, BREACHED, OIL SPILL, PASSENGERS EVACUATED

October 22 - Ferry MARCO POLO at 0325 UTC Oct 22 ran aground some 5 nm SW of her destination port, Karlshamn, Sweden, in Pukavik Bay, Baltic. Ferry with some 40 passengers was en route from Trelleborg, with Klaipeda Lithuania being next port after Karlshamn in her itinerary. Passengers were evacuated and disembarked at Karlshamn. Understood ferry suffered hull breach, oil leak reported. As of 1035 UTC Oct 22 ferry was still aground, with several rescue and patrol boats around. Ferry strayed off fairway and sailed into shallows, full speed. Reason yet unknown. <https://www.maritimebulletin.net/>

UK: DRILLING PLATFORM LOST ANCHORS, DRIFT, PARTIAL EVACUATION, NORTH SEA

October 21 - 89 personnel were airlifted by helicopters from drilling platform STENA SPEY in the morning Oct 21 in North sea, 123 nm E of Aberdeen UK, after 4 of 8 platform anchors snapped or were lost in Storm Babet. 44 crew members remain on board, to provide platform safety. Platform track shows a slow drift in western direction, last AIS was received at around 1600 UTC Oct 21 <https://www.maritimebulletin.net/>

MESSAGES FOR MEMBERS AND READERS

IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP PAID UP-TO-DATE?

All members are reminded that the publication of the ISCO Newsletter and other activities and services provided by the organization depend on the regular receipt of annual membership dues from our members.

ISCO is grateful to its members who regularly remit their membership fees on time but there are a few of you who have been falling behind with your payments. This creates a great deal of extra work for our Membership Director, Mary Ann Dalgleish, in sending out reminders and chasing up overdue payments.

If you are behind with your payment, please go to <https://spillcontrol.org/subscriptions/> where it only takes a minute to renew your subscription online.

If you are finding it difficult to make your payment, please let us know. ISCO takes a sympathetic view and, rather than strike a member off the register, would far rather allow you extra time than have to go through the very considerable amount of work involved in reinstatement of memberships that have been allowed to lapse.

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Displaying the ISCO Membership While Placard on your booth indicates your support of an organization dedicated to improving worldwide co-operation and preparedness. Members who would like to have an ISCO Membership Placard should request one by emailing mrydetroit@aol.com

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