



International Chamber of Shipping

The global trade association
of the world's national shipowners' associations



Shaping the Future of Shipping

What ICS does and the benefits of membership



What is ICS?

ICS is the principal global trade association for shipowners and operators, representing all sectors and trades. Its membership comprises the world's national shipowners' associations, through which structure ICS uniquely and legitimately speaks for the significant majority of international shipping.

The aim of ICS is to serve as the leading global advocate for shipowners on all maritime affairs. This includes regulatory, legal, trade policy and technical issues (such as ship operations, ship construction and navigational safety); environmental performance (including CO₂ reduction); the employment and training of seafarers; and – most importantly – the development and promotion of best practice throughout the global industry.

To this end, ICS:

- 1 ENCOURAGES** high standards of operation and the provision of high quality and efficient shipping services.
- 2 STRIVES** for a regulatory environment which embraces safe shipping operations, protection of the environment, maintenance of open markets and fair competition as well as adherence to internationally adopted standards and procedures.
- 3 SUPPORTS** such regulation of shipping at an international level and opposes unilateral and regional action by governments.
- 4 PRESSES** for recognition of the commercial requirements of shipping and of the need for operators who meet the required standards to secure a proper commercial return.
- 5 REMAINS COMMITTED** to the promotion and updating of industry guidance on best operating practices.
- 6 COOPERATES** with other organisations, both intergovernmental and non-governmental, in the pursuit of these objectives.
- 7 PROMOTES** the industry's profile as a safe, clean, energy efficient, comprehensively regulated and responsible facilitator of global trade.
- 8 ANTICIPATES** whenever possible and responds whenever appropriate to policies and actions which conflict with the above.



The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)

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ICS is the principal global trade association for shipowners and operators.

ICS is concerned with all technical, legal, employment affairs and trade policy issues that impact on international ship operations.

ICS membership comprises the world's national shipowners' associations, representing all sectors and trades and over 80% of the world merchant fleet.

ICS represents shipowners with the various intergovernmental bodies that regulate shipping, especially the UN International Maritime Organization (IMO), where ICS was the first shipping industry association to be granted consultative status in 1961.

ICS's overriding concern is the maintenance of a global regulatory framework for international shipping. A truly global industry requires global rules.



How ICS Works

The work of ICS is overseen by a Board of Directors, comprising senior shipping company executives who are elected to represent the collective interests of their national shipowners' association.

The national associations that form the membership of ICS also appoint representatives to a network of specialist ICS Committees, which are responsible for developing the international policy of the shipowners which ICS represents.

This includes positions to be represented by ICS on international maritime regulatory questions and on regional or national regulatory proposals that may have an impact on global shipping.



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Through representation at all global bodies that impact shipowners' interests in particular the **UN International Maritime Organization (IMO)** and the **International Labour Organization (ILO)**.



**INTERNATIONAL
MARITIME
ORGANIZATION**



**International
Labour
Organization**

ICS is also actively engaged with the following intergovernmental bodies that impact on shipping:

- **United Nations Division for Oceans Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS)**
- **United Nations Conference on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)**
- **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)**
- **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)**
- **World Customs Organization (WCO)**
- **World Health Organization (WHO)**
- **World Trade Organization (WTO)**
- **Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**



Liason with other intergovernmental bodies

ICS also works *inter alia* with:

- Consultative Shipping Group (CSG)
- International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA)
- International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)
- International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO)
- International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund (IOPCF)
- International Transport Forum (ITF)
- Paris MOU on Port State Control
- Toyko MOU on Port State Control
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

ICS also enjoys close relationships with national maritime authorities throughout the world and with the institutions of the European Union.

Liason with industry bodies

ICS works especially closely with the International Group of P&I Clubs (IG) and the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS).

In the context of the ILO Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), ICS is the ILO social partner representing maritime employers and works closely with the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) which represents seafarers' unions. ICS also works with the International Organisation of Employers (IOE).

In addition, ICS is a member of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and Business at OECD (BIAC).

ICS also liaises *inter alia* with:

- Association of Average Adjusters
- Chemical Distribution Institute (CDI)
- Clean Shipping Coalition (CSC)
- Comité Maritime International (CMI)
- Comité International Radio Maritime (CIRM)
- Global Maritime Forum (GMF)
- Global Shippers' Forum (GSF)
- Institute of Marine Engineering Science & Technology (IMarEST)
- International Bunkering Industry Association (IBIA)
- International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN)
- International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation (ITOPF)
- International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI)
- International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH)
- International Cargo Handling Co-ordination Association (ICHCA)
- International Federation of Ship Masters' Associations (IFSMA)
- International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA)
- International Maritime Pilots' Association (IMPA)
- International Salvage Union (ISU)
- Nautical Institute (NI)
- Women's International Shipping and Trading Association (WISTA)
- World Ocean Council (WOC)

What Issues does ICS Cover?

ICS has played an influential role in the development, implementation and subsequent revisions of the SOLAS, MARPOL and STCW Conventions, as well as virtually every regulation adopted by IMO. As an ILO social partner, ICS also negotiated the text of the ILO Maritime Labour Convention.

Today, ICS is leading industry representation with respect to the most pressing challenge of our age, the decarbonisation of shipping.

ICS is centrally engaged in the co-ordination and representation of the global shipping industry's views on most issues affecting shipowners and operators, including:

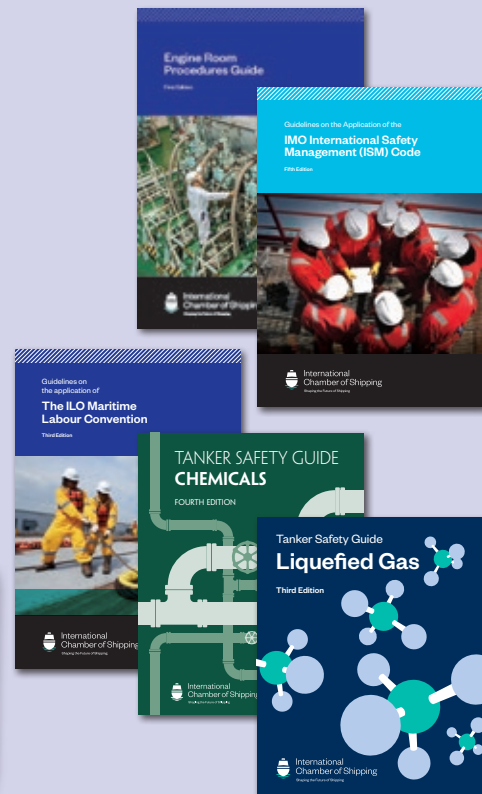
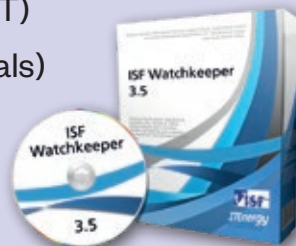
- Atmospheric emissions
- Autonomous shipping
- Ballast water
- Best practices
- Bridge procedures
- Canal tolls
- Cargo safety
- Competition rules
- CO₂ reduction
- Construction and equipment
- Customs and facilitation
- Digitalisation
- Employment standards
- E-navigation
- Flag State performance
- Industrial relations
- Insurance
- Liability
- Maritime law
- Market access
- Ocean governance
- Pollution prevention
- Port State control
- Safety management
- Security
- Ship recycling
- Shipping and trade policy
- Training standards
- Seafarer work hour regulations

Promoting Best Practice and ICS Publications

ICS publications on best practices and regulatory compliance are an essential complement to international regulations, and are required reading by companies and seafarers.

Important examples include:

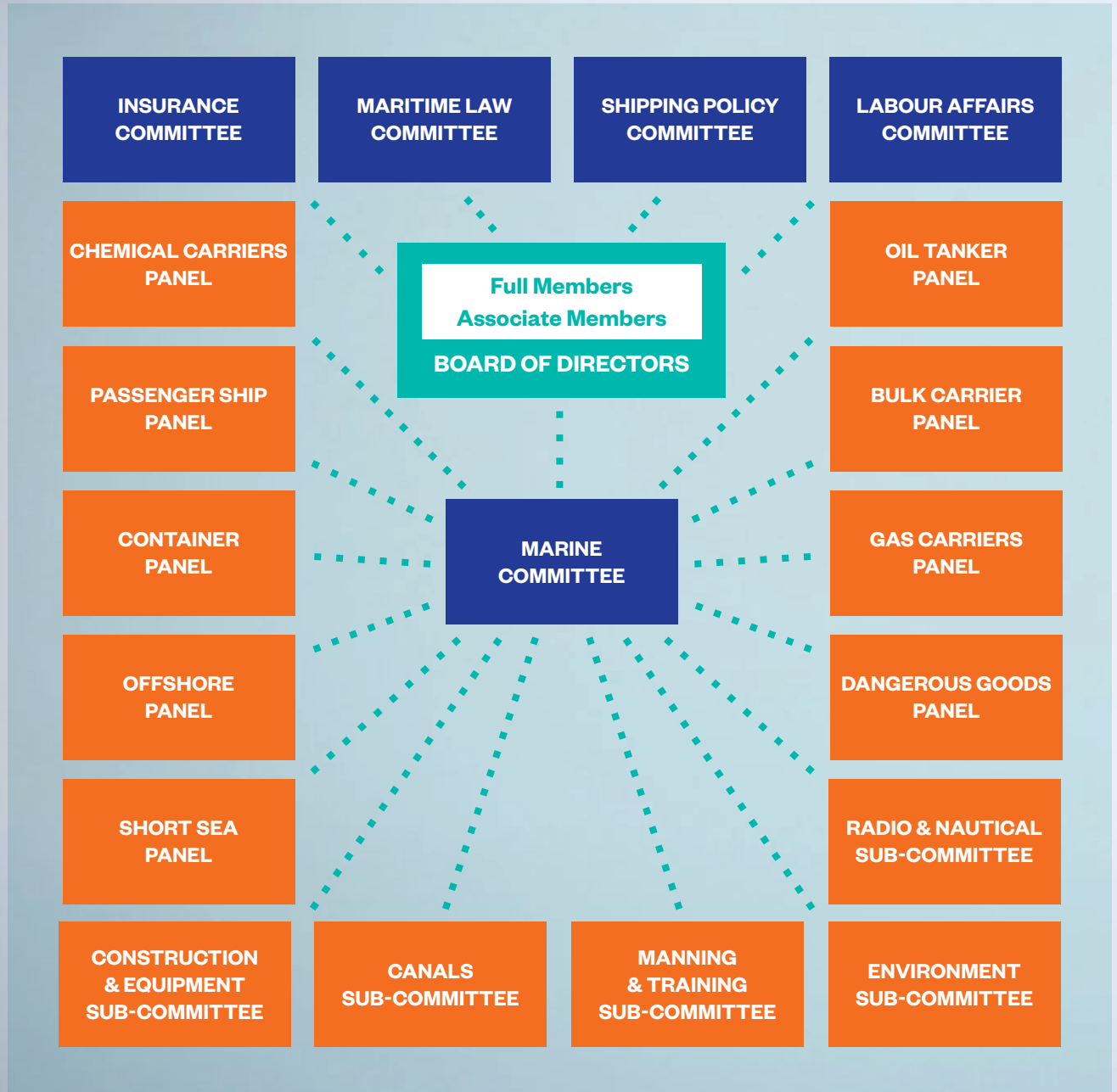
- ICS Bridge Procedures Guide
- ICS Engine Room Procedures Guide
- ICS Guidelines on the Application of the ISM Code
- ICS Guidelines on the Application of the ILO MLC
- ICS Guide to Helicopter/Ship Operations
- ICS On Board Training Record Books
- ICS/OCIMF International Safety Guide for Oil Tankers and Terminals (ISGOTT)
- ICS Tanker Safety Guide (Chemicals)
- ICS Tanker Safety Guide (Gas)
- ISF Watchkeeper
– Seafarers Workhour Software



Shipping companies which belong to ICS member associations are eligible for discounts on ICS publications

ICS Committee Structure

Through participation in ICS Committees, national shipowners' associations can promote the interests of their own member companies, and contribute to the development of the policies and positions which ICS represents on behalf of the global industry to its global regulators.



ICS Members



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Full Members

AUSTRALIA	Maritime Industry Australia Limited
BAHAMAS	Bahamas Shipowners' Association
BELGIUM	Royal Belgian Shipowners' Association
CANADA	Canadian Chamber of Marine Commerce
CYPRUS	Cyprus Shipping Chamber
DENMARK	Danish Shipping
FAROE ISLANDS	Shipowners of the Faroe Islands
FINLAND	Finnish Shipowners' Association
FRANCE	French Shipowners' Association
GERMANY	German Shipowners' Association
GREECE	Union of Greek Shipowners
HONG KONG, CHINA	Hong Kong Shipowners Association
IRELAND	Irish Chamber of Shipping
ITALY	Italian Shipowners' Association
JAPAN	Japanese Shipowners' Association
KOREA	Korea Shipowners' Association
KUWAIT	Kuwait Oil Tanker Co.
LIBERIA	Liberian Shipowners' Council
MALAYSIA	Malaysian Shipowners' Association
MEXICO	Grupo TMM S.A.
NETHERLANDS	Royal Association of Netherlands Shipowners
NORWAY	Norwegian Shipowners' Association
PHILIPPINES	Filipino Shipowners' Association
PORTUGAL	Portuguese Shipowners' Association
RUSSIA	Russian Chamber of Shipping
SINGAPORE	Singapore Shipping Association
SPAIN	Spanish Shipowners' Association
SWEDEN	Swedish Shipowners' Association Swedish Shipowners' Employer Association
SWITZERLAND	Swiss Shipowners' Association
TURKEY	Turkish Chamber of Shipping
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	UAE Shipping Association
UNITED KINGDOM	UK Chamber of Shipping
UNITED STATES	Chamber of Shipping of America

Associate Members

Abu Dhabi National Tanker Co.
Chamber of Shipping of British Columbia
Cruise Lines International Association
European Dredging Association
Interferry
International Maritime Employers' Council
Malta International Shipowners' Association
Monaco Chamber of Shipping
Nigerian Chamber of Shipping
Shipping Australia Limited
World Shipping Council

Regional Partners

Asian Shipowners' Association
European Community Shipowners' Associations



Benefits of ICS Membership

- Representation on ICS Board (Full Members only);
- Access to in-depth ICS information circulars, and free to use resources for companies, covering all aspects of regulatory and policy development affecting international shipping;
- Ability to influence IMO, other global regulators and industry positions via participation in ICS committees;
- Joining a global network for inter-industry co-operation;
- Discounts on ICS publications, invitations to free webinars; and

Helping to shape the future of shipping

How to Join ICS?

Only national shipowners' associations are normally eligible to become Full Members of ICS, and shipping companies that belong to an ICS Full Member are represented on ICS policy making committees via their national shipowners' association.

Other organisations which represent shipowners and operators may be eligible to join ICS as an Associate Member.

Small national associations may be eligible to become low cost Associate Members.

In exceptional cases where there is no eligible national shipowners' association, it may be possible for individual shipping companies to join as an Associate Member.

For information about how to join ICS, including membership fees, please contact the ICS Secretary General.

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