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**ICS** is the principal international 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.

**ICS** was established in 1921.



## INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING FEDERATION (ISF)

ISF, established in 1909, is the identity used by ICS when acting as the international employers' association for ship operators.



## REGIONAL PARTNERS

The Asian Shipowners' Forum (ASF) and the European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA) are Regional Partners with memberships that overlap with ICS and which also comprise national shipowners' associations.



## ROUND TABLE OF INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING ASSOCIATIONS

Together with BIMCO, Intercargo and Intertanko, ICS is a member of the Round Table of international shipping associations.



# ICS STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

ICS is the principal international trade association for the shipping industry, representing all sectors and trades and comprising national shipowners' associations, through which structure it can uniquely and legitimately claim to speak for the significant majority of international shipping.

The aim of ICS is to act as an advocate for the industry on issues of maritime affairs, shipping policy and technical matters, including ship construction, operation, safety and management, and to develop best practice in the industry.

To that end, ICS will:

- 1 ENCOURAGE** high standards of operation and the provision of high quality and efficient shipping services.
- 2 STRIVE** 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 SUPPORT** such regulation of shipping at an international level and oppose unilateral and regional action by governments.
- 4 PRESS** 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 REMAIN COMMITTED** to the promotion and updating of industry guidance on best operating practices.
- 6 COOPERATE** with other organisations, both intergovernmental and non-governmental, in the pursuit of these objectives.
- 7 PROMOTE** the industry's profile as a safe, clean, energy efficient, comprehensively regulated and responsible facilitator of global trade.
- 8 ANTICIPATE** whenever possible and respond whenever appropriate to policies and actions which conflict with the above.



# REPRESENTING THE GLOBAL SHIPP

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

- **International Maritime Organization (IMO)**
- **International Labour Organization (ILO)**
- 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)
- Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation Forum (APEC)
- Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- World Customs Organization (WCO)
- World Trade Organization (WTO)

ICS also works closely inter alia with the following intergovernmental bodies:

Consultative Shipping Group (CSG), International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Light House Authorities (IALA), International Hydrographic Organization (IHO), International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO), International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund (IOPCF), International Transport Forum, 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 a close relationship with national maritime authorities throughout the world and with the relevant institutions and agencies of the European Union.

ICS works with the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) and is the ILO 'social partner' of the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF).

ICS belongs to the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD (BIAC).

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

ICS also liaises on behalf of shipowners with the following specialist industry bodies:

Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), Interferry, Intermanager, International Maritime Employers' Council (IMEC), International Parcel Tankers Association (IPTA), International Support Vessel Owners' Association (ISOA), Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF), Society of International Gas Tanker and Terminal Operators (SIGTTO), World Shipping Council (WSC).

ICS also liaises inter alia with the:

Association of Average Adjusters, Chemical Distribution Institute (CDI), Comité Maritime International (CMI), Comité International Radio Maritime (CIRM), Global Shippers' Forum (GSF), Institute of Marine Engineering Science & Technology (IMarEST), International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN), International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation Ltd (ITOPF), International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI), International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH), International Cargo Handling Co-ordination Association (ICHCA International), International Federation of Ship Masters' Associations (IFSMA), International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA), International Maritime Industries Forum (IMIF), International Maritime Pilots' Association (IMPA), International Salvage Union (ISU), Nautical Institute (NI).

## HOW ICS WORKS

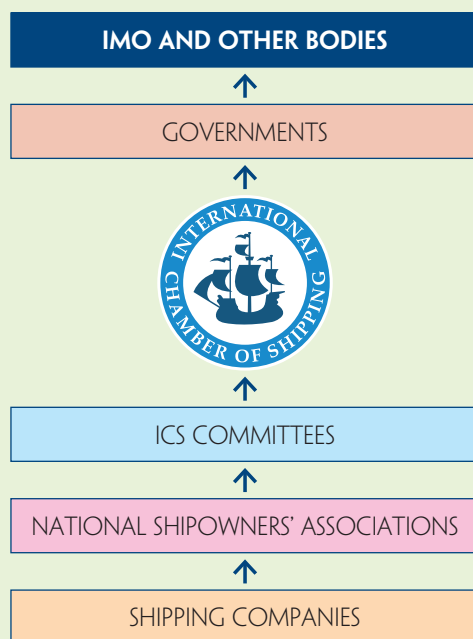
The work of ICS is overseen by a Board of Directors, comprising senior shipping company executives who are elected to represent the collective interests of their national shipowners' association.

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 adopted on international maritime regulatory questions and on regional or national regulatory proposals that may have an impact on global shipping.

National shipowners' associations advise governments on ICS policy and participate in government delegations at international meetings

ICS helps national shipowners' associations advise companies of international developments





## WHAT AREAS DOES ICS COVER?

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

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

- Atmospheric emissions
- Ballast water
- Best practices
- Bridge procedures
- Canal tolls
- Cargo safety
- Competition rules
- CO<sub>2</sub> reduction
- Construction and equipment
- Customs
- Employment standards
- E-navigation
- Facilitation
- Flag state performance
- Free trade principles
- Industrial relations
- Insurance
- Liability
- Maritime law
- Market access
- Pollution prevention
- Port state control
- Safety management
- Security
- Ship recycling
- Shipping and trade policy
- Training standards
- Work hour regulation

## BEST PRACTICE AND PUBLICATIONS

ICS (and ISF) 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/ISF Guidelines on the Application of the ISM Code
- ISF Guidelines on the Application of the ILO MLC
- ICS Guide to Helicopter/Ship Operations
- ISF 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)



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