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## Introduction

1. The 2026 edition of the *Rules for Building and Classing Marine Vessels* consists of the Parts as shown in Table 1. Reference is made in these Rules to the following generic Rules:
  - a) *Rules for Conditions of Classification (Part 1A)* includes consolidated requirements for “Classification” applicable to all types of and sizes of vessels, barges and specific shipboard arrangements/systems, etc., except for those in offshore service, as specified in the Foreword to Part 1A. Additional specific requirements are contained in Chapter 5 of Part 1A.
  - b) *Rules for Alternative Arrangements, Novel Concepts and New Technologies (Part 1D)* introduces a procedure for acceptance of alternative arrangements, novel concepts, and new technologies based on Goals and Functional Requirements, including a consolidated list of Tier 1 Goals.
  - c) *Rules for Materials and Welding (Part 2)* contains materials requirements common to ABS-classed vessels, other marine structures and their associated machinery, including steel, aluminum, and FRP materials.
  - d) *Rules for Survey After Construction (Part 7)* contains consolidated requirements for “Surveys After Construction” applicable to all types and sizes of vessels, barges and specific shipboard arrangements/systems, etc., as specified in Part 7, Chapter 1, Section 1.
2. The numbering system applied in the Rules is shown in Table 2.
3. The primary changes from the July 2025 Rules are identified and listed in Table 3. The effective date of the indicated Rule Changes is 1 January 2026, unless specifically indicated otherwise.

**TABLE 1**  
**Applicable Editions of Parts Comprising January 2026 Marine Vessel Rules**

Notices and General Information		January 2026
Part 1A:	Rules for Conditions of Classification	January 2026
Part 1D:	Rules for Alternative Arrangements, Novel Concepts and New Technologies	January 2026
Part 2:	Rules for Materials and Welding Rules for Testing and Certification of Materials Rules for Welding and Fabrication	January 2026
Part 3:	Hull Construction and Equipment	January 2026
Part 4:	Vessel Systems and Machinery	January 2026
Part 5A:	Specific Vessel Types General Hull Requirements (IACS CSR Part 1)	January 2025
Part 5B:	Specific Vessel Types Ship Types (IACS CSR Part 2)	January 2025
Part 5C:	Specific Vessel Types Chapter 1 General Hull Requirements for SafeHull Vessels (New) Chapter 2 Oil Carriers Chapter 3 & 4 Bulk Carriers Chapter 5 & 6 Container Carriers Chapter 7 Passenger Carriers Chapter 8 Liquefied Gas Carriers Chapter 9 Chemical Carriers Chapter 10 Vehicle Carriers Chapter 11 Vessels Intended to Carry Liquid Cargoes in Bulk (other than Oil or Chemical) Chapter 12 Liquefied Gas Carrier with Membrane Tanks Chapter 13 Vessels Using Gases or other Low-Flashpoint Fuels Chapter 14 Fire Fighting Vessels Chapter 15 Oil Recovery Vessels Chapter 16 Escort Vessels Chapter 17 Vessels Under 90m (295 ft) Intended for Towing Chapter 18 Fishing Vessels Chapter 19 Vessels Intended to Carry Bulk Cargoes without Upper Wing Tanks and Lower Wing Tanks Chapter 20 General Dry Cargo Vessels Chapter 21 Heavy Lift Ships Chapter 22 Anchor Handling Vessels Chapter 23 Vessels with SPS and IP Notations Chapter 24 LNG Regasification Vessels	January 2026

Part 5D:	Offshore Support Vessels for Specialized Services Chapter 1 Vessels Intended for Offshore Support Services Chapter 2 Offshore Supply Chapter 3 Anchor Handling and Towing Chapter 4 Fire Fighting Chapter 5 Diving and Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) Support Chapter 6 Oil Spill Recovery Chapter 7 Safety Standby Rescue Chapter 8 Pipe Laying Chapter 9 Heavy Lift Chapter 10 Well Intervention Chapter 11 Well Stimulation Chapter 12 Well Test Chapter 13 Escort Chapter 14 Wind Turbine Installation, Maintenance and Repair (Wind IMR) Chapter 15 Cable Laying Chapter 16 Subsea Services Chapter 17 Wind Farm Support	January 2026
Part 6:	Specialized Items and Systems Chapter 1 Strengthening for Navigation in Ice Chapter 2 Refrigerated Cargo Vessels Chapter 3 Exhaust Emission Abatement Chapter 4 Low and High Voltage Shore Connection Chapter 5 Alternative Fuels Chapter 6 Ballast Water Treatment (New)	January 2026
Part 7:	Rules for Survey After Construction	January 2026

**TABLE 2**  
**Division and Numbering of Rules**

<i>Division</i>	<i>Number</i>
Part	Part 1
Chapter	Part 1, Chapter 1
Section	Section 1-1-1
Subsection (see Note 1)	1-1-1/1
Paragraph (see Note 1)	1-1-1/1.1
Subparagraph	1-1-1/1.1.1
Item	1-1-1/1.1.1(a)
Subitem	1-1-1/1.1.1(a)i
Appendix	Appendix 1-1-A1 or Appendix 1-A1-1

**Note:**

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An odd number (1, 3, 5, etc.) numbering system is used for the Rules. The purpose is to permit future insertions of even-numbered paragraphs (2, 4, 6, etc.) of text and to avoid the necessity of having to renumber the existing text and associated cross-references, as applicable, within the Rules and associated process instructions, check sheets, etc.

## Rule Change Notice (2026)

**TABLE 3**  
**Summary of Changes from the July 2025 Rules**

**EFFECTIVE DATE 1 January 2026 – shown as (2026)**

<i>Part/Para. No.</i>	<i>Title/Subject</i>	<i>Status/Remarks</i>
<b>PART 1A</b>	<b>Rules for Conditions of Classification</b>	
1A-1-4/7.5	Rules for Classification	To make SHR notation optionally applicable to Box Shaped Bulk Carriers for MOU vessels.
1A-3-2/33	Classification Symbols and Notations	To include the "Wind-SC" notation for wind farm support vessels.
<b>PART 1D</b>	<b>Alternative Arrangements, Novel Concepts and New Technologies</b>	
1D-3-1/SEC 6	Tier I Goals	To add new Goal SEC 6 on security to support the new ABS "Requirements for Nuclear Power Systems for Marine and Offshore Applications".

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(based on the contract date for new construction between builder and Owner)

<i>Part/Para. No.</i>	<i>Title/Subject</i>	<i>Status/Remarks</i>
<b>PART 2</b>	<b>Materials and Welding</b>	
2-4-1/3.13	Hull Construction	To add the required welding procedure for welding on highly formed structure in a response to a fracture on an existing vessel and to clarify the applicability for special structural members in Class III of 3-1-2/3.1 Table 2A.
2-4-5/1.2 Commentary	Aluminum Welding in Hull Construction	To relocate the Commentary under 2-4-5/1.2 to MVR 3-2-9/1.2 for design of bulkheads, since it does not match the intent of this Rule.
2-A12-2 (New)	Qualification of Metallic coatings on metallic substrates Procedures	To provide the requirements for electrolytic plating procedures (cold plating process).
<b>PART 3</b>	<b>Hull Construction and Equipment</b>	
3-1-1/15.7	Introduction	To improve clarity regarding decks vs. bulkheads.
3-1-2/9	General Requirements	To require a welding procedure for welding on highly formed structure in response to fracture on a vessel that transferred into ABS class.
3-1-2/Table 2A	General Requirements	To clarify the items for which the application of non-Class grades without the need to be from an ABS steel mill is permitted and the material requirements.
3-2-2/5.1	Shell Plating	To update the requirements for large bow flare so that they are applicable to all vessels and not just Offshore Support Vessels.
3-2-3/5.15	Decks	To include the "Q" factor for higher-strength materials in the equations for retractable tween decks.
3-2-4/7.3, 12.7.1, 13.3.1, 13.7, 15.5	Bottom Structures	To include the "Q" factor for higher-strength materials in the equations for bottom shell frames, reverse frames, floors, bottom girders and transverses, and fore-end longitudinal framing.
3-2-6/3.1.1, 5.1	Web Frames and Side Stringers	To include the "Q" factor for higher-strength materials in the equations for web frames and side stringers.
3-2-9/1.2	Watertight Bulkheads and Doors	To relocate the Commentary under 2-4-5/1.2 to MVR 3-2-9/1.2 for design of bulkheads, since it does not match the intent of 2-4-5/1.2.
3-2-9/5.7.1	Watertight Bulkheads and Doors	To include the "Q" factor for higher-strength materials in the equations for watertight bulkhead girders and webs.
3-2-9/9	Watertight Bulkheads and Doors	To clarify the requirements for watertight doors in line with client feedback and to remove references to hatch covers.

<i>Part/Para. No.</i>	<i>Title/Subject</i>	<i>Status/Remarks</i>
3-2-11/Figure 2A, 2B	Superstructures, Deckhouses and Helicopter Decks	To address client feedback that a figure would make this clearer.
3-2-13/2	Stems, Stern Frames, Rudder Horns, and Propeller Nozzles	To add a reference to 2-4-1/3.13 on required welding procedure for welding on highly formed structure in response to fracture on a vessel that transferred into ABS class.
3-2-15/2, 8, 10, 11.3.3, 15.1	Protection of Deck Openings	To remove detailed requirements for portable hatch covers secured by tarpaulins, wooden hatch covers, and propose a reduced design pressure for hatches on semi-enclosed decks.
3-3-1/14	General Requirements	To include the requirement for electronic inclinometers on containerhips and bulk carriers, as per IMO MSC.532(107).
3-3-1/2i), 7.3	General Requirements	To clarify the length specified in 3-3-1/1 and to correct typo in 3-3-1/7.3 to align with Reg.II-1/5.2 of SOLAS 1974, as amended.
<b>PART 4</b>	<b>Vessel Systems and Machinery</b>	
4-1-1/7.5.1, 7.5.2	Classification of Machinery	To relate the requirement for the astern propulsion power to the maximum astern speed of the vessel, in line with IACS UR M25.
4-1-1/TABLE 7, Note 3	Classification of Machinery	To align with M46.2(Rev.4) Note 3, revised in August 2024, and to incorporate references 5C-8-2/7.2.3 and 5C-9-2/9.3.2.
4-2-1/7.2.2, 7.2.3	Internal Combustion Engines	To add details of oil mist detectors on running engines and the definition of "Engine bearing temperature monitors and equivalent devices", in line with IACS UR M10 Rev. 5.
4-2-1/13.9.4iv)	Internal Combustion Engines	To avoid confusion that the main engine and PTO tests should only follow 4-2-1/13.9.4, since for main engine tests with an in-line shaft generator (PTO), the propeller branch and PTO branch are part of the same power train.
4-3-2/5 Table 2, 5.7, 5.19.1	Propulsion Shafting	To address the K factor in 4-3-2/5 Table 2, which does not account for keyed propellers involving a shrink-fit, and to provide guidance on the interference of a fitted bolt in 4-3-2/5.19.1.
4-3-2/5.15.1 & 4-3-2/5.15.2(b)	Propulsion Shafting	To clarify that the bearing length criterion only applies to the aftmost propeller shaft bearing, to require synthetic materials for oil and water lubricated for all aftmost propeller shaft bearings to be type approved, and to reference the new UR M85 for the type approval testing requirements of synthetic materials used for aftmost propeller shaft, in line with IACS UR M52.
4-3-2/11.1.2(d)iii)	Propulsion Shafting	To add specific guidelines to clarify the requirements for sag and gap verification in the absence of a forward stern tube bearing.
4-3-2/17.9.5	Propulsion Shafting	To remove the requirement for 70% astern RPM since there is no reason to expose the plant to unnecessary risk, and 70% is not a SOLAS requirement.
4-3-2A2 (New)	Propulsion Shafting	To add the minimum requirements for documentation, testing and certification of synthetic materials for aftmost propeller shaft bearings, in line with IACS UR M85.
4-3-3/5.7	Propellers	To remove the requirement for 70% astern RPM since there is no reason to expose the plant to unnecessary risk, and 70% is not a SOLAS requirement.
4-3-5/3.1, 3.3 and 13.1	Thrusters	To develop tables for the subcomponents of a thruster to indicate survey requirements.
4-3-7/9.1	Propulsion Redundancy	To align with industry standards and clarify the intent for R2 notation.
4-5-2 (New)	Lifting Appliances	To provide requirements for lifting appliances since from 1 January 2026 lifting appliances will be mandatory for SOLAS vessels as per MSC.532(107), MSC.1-Circ.1663, and MSC.1-Circ.1662.
4-6-2/5.7.3(e)	Metallic Piping	To align the electrical conductivity requirements for non-metallic hoses with those for plastic pipes to protect a significant risk to the environment.
4-6-2/9.21	Metallic Piping	To inform the client about the submission of the untreated sewage discharge calculation sheet based on MEPC. 157(55).
4-6-2/9.7.3(a)(i)	Metallic Piping	To clarify the term "remotely controlled valve", in line with the interpretation in IACS UI SC306.



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4-6-3/7.11(iv)	Plastic Piping	To add penetrations used for the passage of plastic piping systems through a watertight bulkhead or deck on passenger ships based on IACS UR P4 Rev. 8.
4-6-4/13.9.1	Ship Piping Systems and Tanks	To add MEPC.1/Circ.864 and Circ.889 regarding the sampling of fuel oil content as commentary to provide guidelines.
4-6-5/5.3.8, 13.1	Piping Systems for Internal Combustion Engines	To specify that where a forced extraction of crankcase atmosphere is provided, the crankcase pressure level is not to affect the reliable function of measurement and safety devices (such as oil mist detection) in the crankcase, in line with IACS UR M10 Rev. 5.
4-7-2/3.3	Provisions for Specific Spaces	To incorporate update #4 of IMO MSC.50(108) Annex 2, (adopted on 23 May 2024).
4-7-2/5.3.4(m)	Provisions for Specific Spaces	To specify that the use of DIFF system for Helideck and Helicopter landing areas is acceptable and does not require acceptance from the flag Administration and to add a commentary to accept the minimum application rate of foam solution outlined in CAP 437.
4-7-3/5, 15.1.5	Fire-extinguishing Systems and Equipment - Foam	To incorporate update #4 of IMO MSC.50(108) Annex 2, (adopted on 23 May 2024).
4-8-3/3.11.1(a)	Electrical Equipment	To add keyless fitting requirements for rotors of non-integrated auxiliary machinery.
4-8-3/3.13.2(c)	Electrical Equipment	To include transient voltage variance for the emergency generator as specified in sections 4.2.2 and 4.2.4 of IEC 92-301.
4-8-4/21.27	Shipboard Installation and Tests	To add alternative cable termination methods.
4-9-13/13.1.1(c)	Cyber Resilience for Vessels	To add commentary to provide a reference to IACS Rec. No. 190 (June 2025) concerning the vessel asset inventory for computer-based systems.
<b>PART 5C</b>	<b>Specific Vessel Types</b>	
5C-1-4/Table 5, Note 1b)	Loads	To fix an inconsistency in the definition of "klo" and align with the Eagle software which has been in use for many years.
5C-2-3/1.1.2, 1.3.12, 37	Cargo Oil and Associated Systems	To develop a new optional notation (CCCS-T)
5C-2-3/11.3	Cargo Oil and Associated Systems	To reflect the updates in IACS UI SC140 Rev.4, interpretations regarding the requirements for secondary means of venting cargo tanks have been incorporated into the rules.
5C-2-3/17.2.4	Cargo Oil and Associated Systems	To add suitable numbers and locations of gas detectors or sampling heads to eliminate confusion and disagreement on implementation, in line with IACS UI SC307.
5C-2-3/27.1.4	Cargo Oil and Associated Systems	To incorporate update #4 of IMO MSC.532(107) Annex 2, (adopted on 8 June 2023) and IACS UI SC309(May 2025).
5C-3-3/Table 2, Note 1c)	Load Criteria	To fix an inconsistency in the definition of "klo" and align with the Eagle software which has been in use for many years.
5C-3-7/3.3, 3.3.1	Cargo Safety and Vessel Systems	To reflect MSC.1/Circ.1395/Rev.6 and the addition of Electric Arc Furnace Dust, Palletized
5C-5-3/Table 2, Note 1b)	Load Criteria	To fix an inconsistency in the definition of "klo" and align with the Eagle software which has been in use for many years.
5C-5-7/3.3.1ii)e)	Cargo Safety	To clarify the locations of the visual and audible alarms.
5C-7-2/11.11.4	Hull Structure	To align with the revised paragraph 4.6.6.4 of UR P4 updated in September 2024, prototype test requirements have been added for penetrations used for the passage of plastic piping systems through a watertight bulkhead or deck, as plastic pipes are considered heat-sensitive materials.
5C-7-4/5.5.2(f), 5.21.3, 5.21.4 and 5.23	Structural Fire Protection	To align with changes made to SOLAS by Resolution MSC.550(108).
5C-7-4/5.15.7	Structural Fire Protection	To update the requirement as per SOLAS II-2/ Reg 9.7.5.1.1.4.

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5C-7-6/5.5.1(b), 5.7, 5.10, 5.12 and 5.14	Fire Safety Systems	To align with changes made to SOLAS by Resolution MSC.550(108).
5C-8-5/13.2.2	Process Pressure Vessels and Liquid, Vapour, and Pressure Piping Systems	To add onboard testing requirements for open-ended piping inside and outside the cargo tanks
5C-9-1/1.3, 1.4	General (ABS)	To develop a new optional notation (CCCS-T)
5C-10-4/1.1.2, 3.1	Cargo Safety	To align with changes made to SOLAS by Resolution MSC.550(108).
5C-12-3/Table 3, Note 1b)	Load Criteria	To fix an inconsistency in the definition of "klo" and align with the Eagle software which has been in use for many years.
5C-13-5/3.3.3, 3.4.4 & 12.1	Ship Design and Arrangement	To update 5C-13-5/3.3.3, 3.4.4 & 12.1 in accordance with IMO Resolution MSC.551(108).
5C-13-6/4.15.3.1.2, 7.3.1.1, 7.3.1.1.2 & 9.1.1	Fuel Containment System	To update 5C-13-6/4.15.3.1.2, 7.3.1.1, 7.3.1.1.2 & 9.1.1 in accordance with IMO Resolution MSC.551(108).
5C-13-7/3.2.1	Material and General Pipe Design	To update 5C-13-7/3.2.1 in accordance with IMO Resolution MSC.551(108).
5C-13-8/4.1, 4.2 & 4.3	Bunkering	To update 5C-13-8/4.1 and add new requirements 5C-13-8/4.2 & 4.3 together with the associated footnotes in accordance with IMO Resolution MSC.551(108).
5C-13-9/3.1, 4.7, 4.8, 6.1, 8.1, 8.2 & 8.4	Fuel Supply to Consumers	To update 5C-13-9/3.1, 4.7, 4.8, 6.1, 8.1, 8.2 & 8.4 in accordance with IMO Resolution MSC.551(108).
5C-13-10/3.1.13(b) and 3.1.13(f)	Power Generation Including Propulsion and other Gas Consumers	"To add additional requirements for crankcase ventilation and a detailed evaluation regarding the safety of the crankcase for dual fuel or gas engines, in line with IACS UR M10 Rev. 5.
5C-13-11/3.1 & 6.2	Fire Safety	To update 5C-13-11/3.1 & 6.2 in accordance with IMO Resolution MSC.551(108)
5C-13-12/5.1 & 5.2.1	Explosion Prevention	To update 5C-13-12/5.1 & 5.2.1 in accordance with IMO Resolution MSC.551(108)
5C-13-15/4.1.3.3	Control, Monitoring and Safety Systems	To update 5C-13-15/4.1.3 in accordance with IMO Resolution MSC.551(108).
5C-13-16/3.5.1	Manufacture, Workmanship and Testing	To update 5C-13-16/3.5.1 in accordance with IMO Resolution MSC.551(108).
5C-13-18/4.1.1	Operation	To update MVR 5C-13-18/4.1.1 in accordance with IMO Resolution MSC.551(108).
5C-23-1 (New)	SPS Design Requirements	To specify design requirements for Special Purpose Ships.
5C-23-2 (New)	IP Design Requirements	To specify design requirements for Industrial Personnel.
5C-24-1 (New)	Scope and Conditions of Classification	To incorporate the LNG Regasification Vessels Guide in Marine Vessel Rules including Goal Based Standards and other updates as part of Rule Enhancements initiative.
5C-24-2 (New)	Vessel Arrangements and System Design	To incorporate the LNG Regasification Vessels Guide in Marine Vessel Rules including Goal Based Standards and other updates as part of Rule Enhancements initiative.
5C-24-3 (New)	Surveys	To incorporate the LNG Regasification Vessels Guide in Marine Vessel Rules including Goal Based Standards and other updates as part of Rule Enhancements initiative.

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<b>PART 5D</b>	<b>Offshore Support Vessels for Specialized Services</b>	
5D-1-1/Table 1, 5.7	General	To provide a reference to the new Chapter 5D-17 for the "Wind-SC" notation in line with PRCs to incorporate the OSV portions of the "Requirements for Building and Classing Wind Farm Support Vessels" into MVR and to update reference for SPS notation in line with PRCs to relocate SPS and IP requirements from Part 5D to Part 5C to cover all vessels with those notations, not just OSVs.
5D-1-2	Special Purpose	To relocate SPS and IP requirements from Part 5D to Part 5C to cover all vessels with those notations, not just OSVs.
5D-1-5	Industrial Personnel	To relocate SPS and IP requirements from Part 5D to Part 5C to cover all vessels with those notations, not just OSVs.
5D-3-1/Table 1	General	To clarify the scope of class for new construction tugs and OSVs with towing or anchor handling capability in line with IMO Resolution MSC.532(107).
5D-3-1/Table 1	General	To provide requirements for lifting appliances since from 1 January 2026 lifting appliances will be mandatory for SOLAS vessels as per MSC.532(107), MSC.1-Circ.1663, and MSC.1-Circ.1662.
5D-3-4/3.3	Anchor Handling and Towing Gear	To incorporate the requirements for anchor handling winches as per the IMO MSC.1/Circ.1662 "Guidelines for Anchor Handling Winches", which are referred to in the SOLAS Amendments of IMO Resolution MSC.532(107).
5D-3-4/7	Anchor Handling and Towing Gear	To incorporate the requirements for anchor handling winches as per the IMO MSC.1/Circ.1662 "Guidelines for Anchor Handling Winches", which are referred to in the SOLAS Amendments of IMO Resolution MSC.532(107).
5D-3-4/7.13	Anchor Handling and Towing Gear	To provide requirements for lifting appliances since from 1 January 2026 lifting appliances will be mandatory for SOLAS vessels as per MSC.532(107), MSC.1-Circ.1663, and MSC.1-Circ.1662.
5D-4-1/Table 1	General	To specify that the total number of fireman's outfits may be specially considered based on manning levels required by the flag Administration, since vessels less than 500 GT typically have a small number of required crew.
5D-5-1/Table 2	General Requirements	To provide requirements for lifting appliances since from 1 January 2026 lifting appliances will be mandatory for SOLAS vessels as per MSC.532(107), MSC.1-Circ.1663, and MSC.1-Circ.1662.
5D-5-4/3	Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) and Support System Arrangement	To provide requirements for lifting appliances since from 1 January 2026 lifting appliances will be mandatory for SOLAS vessels as per MSC.532(107), MSC.1-Circ.1663, and MSC.1-Circ.1662.
5D-6-1/3.1, 3.2, & 3.9	General	To clarify, OSR-1 and OSR-2 notations are required for vessels actively recovering oil, rather than those merely intended to recover oil.
5D-6-4/3.15	Machinery Equipment and Systems	To provide requirements for lifting appliances since from 1 January 2026 lifting appliances will be mandatory for SOLAS vessels as per MSC.532(107), MSC.1-Circ.1663, and MSC.1-Circ.1662.
5D-8-1/Table 1	General	To provide requirements for lifting appliances since from 1 January 2026 lifting appliances will be mandatory for SOLAS vessels as per MSC.532(107), MSC.1-Circ.1663, and MSC.1-Circ.1662.
5D-8-3/3	Vessel Design and Arrangements	To provide requirements for lifting appliances since from 1 January 2026 lifting appliances will be mandatory for SOLAS vessels as per MSC.532(107), MSC.1-Circ.1663, and MSC.1-Circ.1662.
5D-9-1/Table 1	General	To provide requirements for lifting appliances since from 1 January 2026 lifting appliances will be mandatory for SOLAS vessels as per MSC.532(107), MSC.1-Circ.1663, and MSC.1-Circ.1662.
5D-9-3/5.1	Vessel Design and Equipment	To provide requirements for lifting appliances since from 1 January 2026 lifting appliances will be mandatory for SOLAS vessels as per MSC.532(107), MSC.1-Circ.1663, and MSC.1-Circ.1662.

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5D-14-1/Table 1	General	To provide requirements for lifting appliances since from 1 January 2026 lifting appliances will be mandatory for SOLAS vessels as per MSC.532(107), MSC.1-Circ.1663, and MSC.1-Circ.1662.
5D-14-2/5.1	Vessel Design	To provide requirements for lifting appliances since from 1 January 2026 lifting appliances will be mandatory for SOLAS vessels as per MSC.532(107), MSC.1-Circ.1663, and MSC.1-Circ.1662.
5D-15-1/Table 1	General	To provide requirements for lifting appliances since from 1 January 2026 lifting appliances will be mandatory for SOLAS vessels as per MSC.532(107), MSC.1-Circ.1663, and MSC.1-Circ.1662.
5D-15-3/3.1	Vessel Design and Arrangements	To provide requirements for lifting appliances since from 1 January 2026 lifting appliances will be mandatory for SOLAS vessels as per MSC.532(107), MSC.1-Circ.1663, and MSC.1-Circ.1662.
5D-16-1/Table 1	General	To provide requirements for lifting appliances since from 1 January 2026 lifting appliances will be mandatory for SOLAS vessels as per MSC.532(107), MSC.1-Circ.1663, and MSC.1-Circ.1662.
5D-16-3/7.1	Vessel Design and Equipment	To provide requirements for lifting appliances since from 1 January 2026 lifting appliances will be mandatory for SOLAS vessels as per MSC.532(107), MSC.1-Circ.1663, and MSC.1-Circ.1662.
5D-17-1 (New)	General	To incorporate a mature Guide into the ABS Rules, add Goal-Based Standards, clarify that the Wind-SC notation is optional for OSVs, and add requirements for dual and multipurpose vessels, wind farm support vessels without the Wind-SC, and the IP notation.
5D-17-2 (New)	Vessel Design	To provide requirements for design of wind farm support vessels, including stability, accommodations, cranes, and stationkeeping.
5D-17-3 (New)	Personnel Transfer	To incorporate a mature Guide into the ABS Rules and add a reference to requirements for safe transfer of personnel.
5D-17-4 (New)	Surveys	To incorporate a mature Guide into the ABS Rules.
<b>PART 6</b>	<b>Specialized Items and Systems</b>	
6-1-5/1.1	Requirements for Icebreaker* Notation	To clarify that a vessel does not need to meet the requirements for all the Polar Classes, just the selected one plus any Icebreaker* specific requirements.
6-3-1/Table 1	General	To update the current requirements concerning the monitoring and safety functions of exhaust gas cleaning (SOx) systems to align with IACS UR M86 (Monitoring and Safety Functions for Exhaust Gas Cleaning (SOx) Systems).
6-3-2/11.1.2, 13.5, Table 2	EGC - SOx Scrubbers	To update the current requirements concerning the monitoring and safety functions of exhaust gas cleaning (SOx) systems to align with IACS UR M86 (Monitoring and Safety Functions for Exhaust Gas Cleaning (SOx) Systems).

### Part 7 “Rules for Survey After Construction”

The reference date which is indicated in the parentheses following the title of the requirement in this Part is the date that the requirement becomes effective [e.g., 7-6-2/1.1.3 “Survey Requirements” (2026) is to apply for vessels undergoing survey on or after 1 January 2026].

#### EFFECTIVE DATE 1 January 2026 – shown as (2026)

<i>Part/Para. No.</i>	<i>Title/Subject</i>	<i>Status/Remarks</i>
<b>PART 7</b>	<b>Rules for Survey After Construction</b>	
7-3-1/1.1	Requirements for Internal Examinations of All Vessels	To specify the requirements for examination of tanks, holds, voids, and machinery spaces post-blast, inline with ABS practice.
7-4-1/1xiii)a)	Survey Requirements	To add requirement for NDT of the propeller hub if the propeller is removed for any reason, regardless of age, after reinstallation.
7-6-2/1.1.3	Survey Requirements	To improve compliance with SOLAS II-1 C-29/13.2 and provide survey requirements for the requirement in 4-3-4/17 for working access in the event of hydraulic fluid leakage.
7-6-2/1.1.23, 3.1.1(x), 3.1.2(a), Figure 2	Survey Requirements	To add survey requirements for anti-rolling devices.
7-6-2/1.7.3	Survey Requirements	To update Annual Survey Requirements for vessels using ammonia as fuel to align with recent updates to the ABS Requirements for Ammonia Fueled Vessels IMO MSC.1 Circ.1687.
7-9-10/3	Offshore Support Services	To relocate Subsection 7-9-10/3 to new Section 7-9-58, "Vessels with SPS and IP Notation" to provide survey requirements for vessels with those notations that are not OSVs.
7-9-10/9.1.2vii), 9.5, 10.1.2ii), 10.5	Offshore Support Services	To incorporate IMO requirements for inspection of anchor handling winches after emergency release events, per IMO MSC.1/Circ.1662 and Resolution MSC.532(107).
7-9-45/ 1.1.1(a)xiii), 1.1.2, 3, 5, 7, 15	Lifting Appliances	To make Subsea Cranes their own section (previously 1.1.2 now 15), to clarify which notations are specifically affected (MRW, CGSU), and to clarify survey requirements for loose gear on personnel lifting cranes.
7-9-58 (New)	Vessels with SPS and IP Notation	To add new section for SPS and IP notation requirements to cover all vessels with those notations, not just OSVs.
7-9-59 (New)	Centralized Cargo Control Station – Tanker (CCCS-T)	To add new survey requirements to support the development of the new notation in 5C-2-3/37 (CCCS-T).
7-A1-14/Table 1	Surveys Based on Preventative Maintenance Techniques	To add the exclusions for PMP-MS and PMP-DG notations to the list of items and systems not eligible for PMP programs.