INTERCARGO
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF DRY CARGO SHIPOWNERS

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INTERCARGO Initiatives

Supporting Safe & Efficient Dry Bulk Operations in Australia



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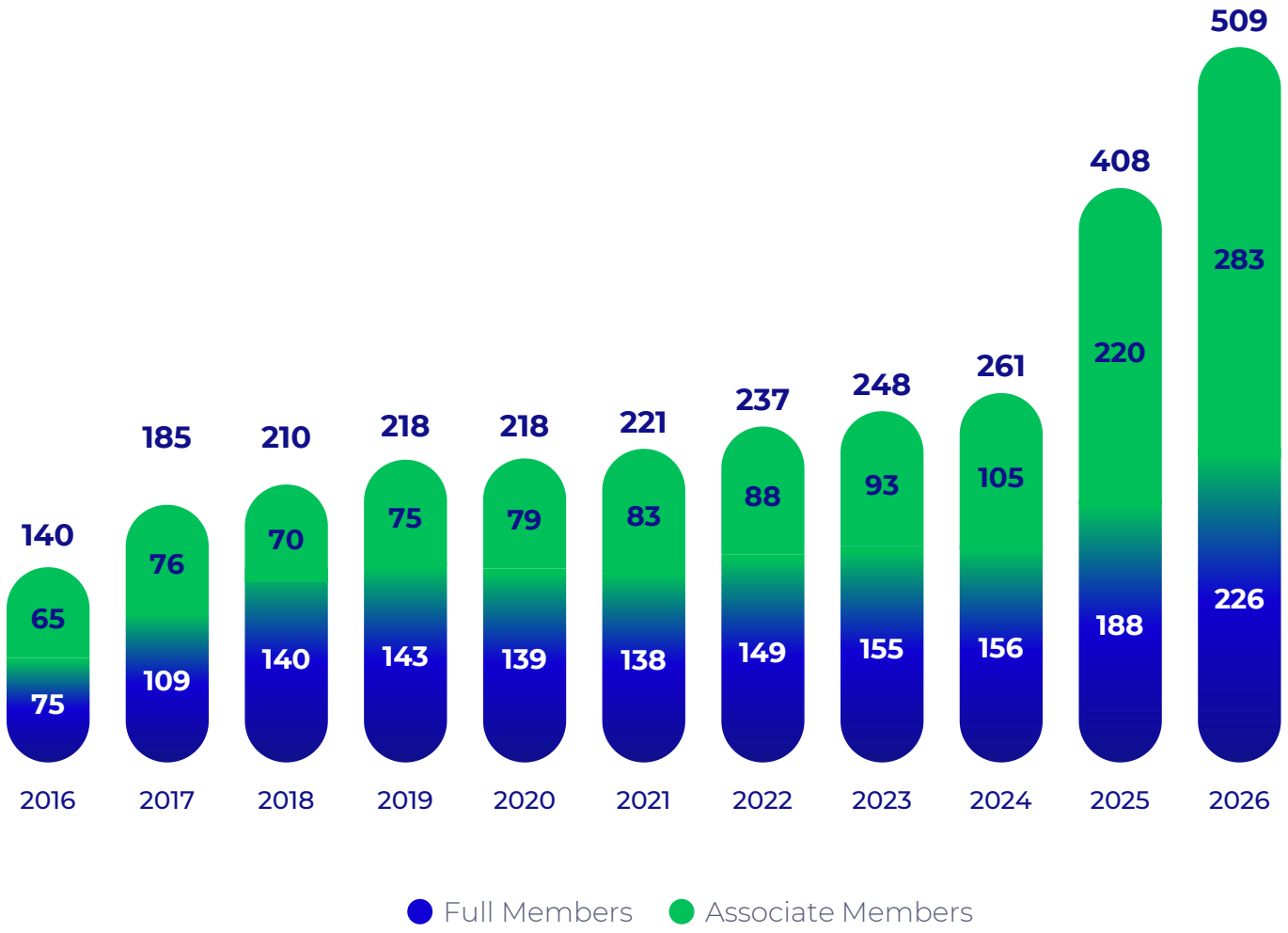
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Uniting & Promoting Quality Dry Bulk Shipping

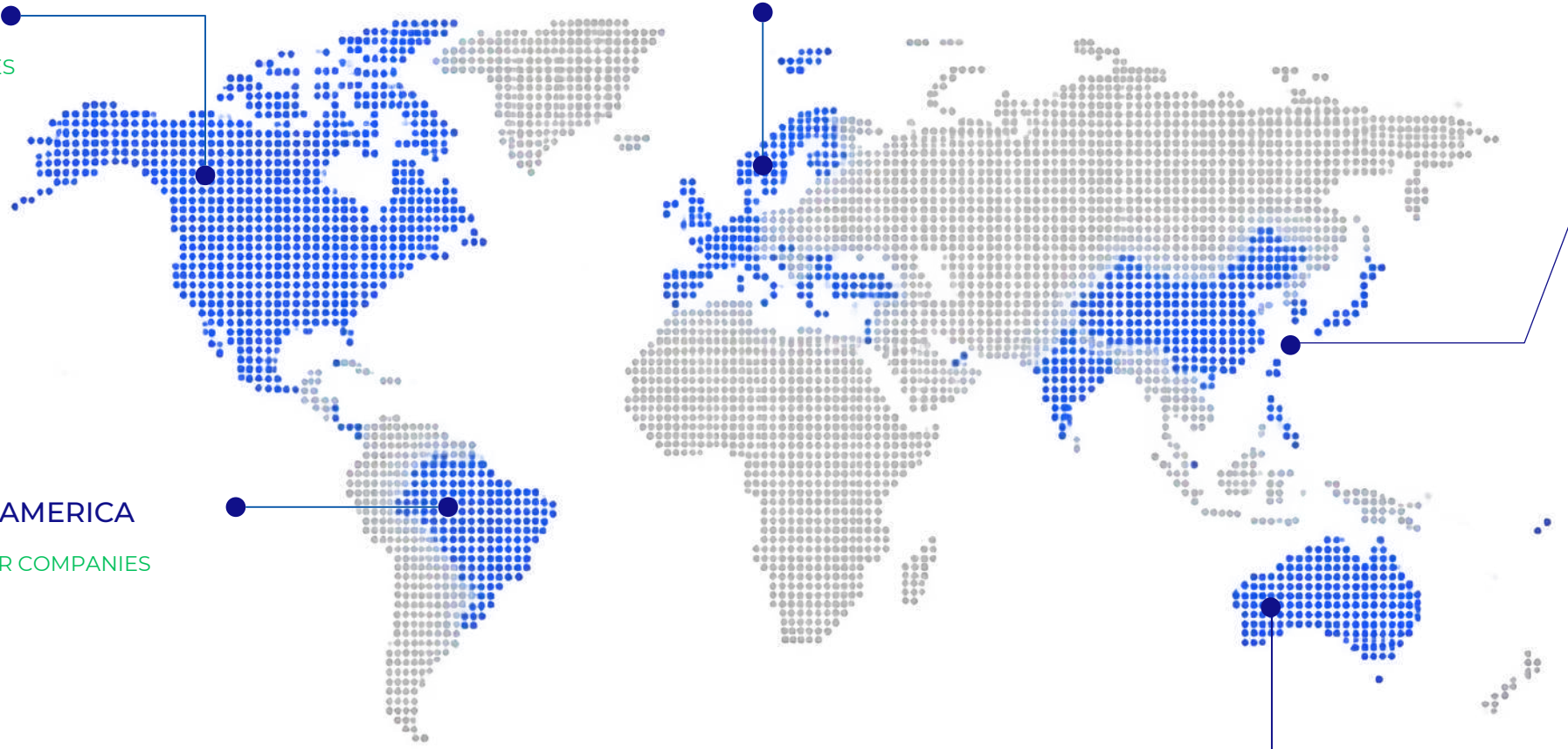
INTERCARGO convened for the first time in **1980** in London and has been **participating at the International Maritime Organization(IMO) since 1993**



Ten Years of Membership Growth



INTERCARGO
World Map



NORTH AMERICA
30 MEMBER COMPANIES

EUROPE
377 MEMBER COMPANIES

ASIA
85 MEMBER COMPANIES

SOUTH AMERICA
2 MEMBER COMPANIES

OCEANIA
11 MEMBER COMPANIES

Dry bulk sits at the heart of global trade

45%

Global seaborne trade by dwt

40%

Global fleet by tonnage

>1 bn

tn deadweight capacity

5.7 bn

Tonnes of cargo moved in 2025

14,000

Vessels operating globally

Cost as low as

$1/tn/1000 miles

Providing advice & business intelligence

INTERCARGO offers a platform for members to share experiences and lessons learned, supported by timely risk updates, expert operational guidance, and practical insights from **over 700 ports and terminals**.

- Global Risk Updatesx
- Operational Guidance
- Regular Circulars
- Ports & Terminals



Our Members















































































Hadley Shipping Group Ltd



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华洋海事中心有限公司
HUAYANG MARITIME CENTER
Alpha Omega
MPP
CARRIERS
Silk Searoad Maritime S.A
Element
Shipmanagement SA
Cape Shipping S.A.
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MARINE MANAGEMENT
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Aiblea
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Challenges & Focus Areas

INTERCARGO supports its members, who face a number of challenges on various topics, many unique to the dry bulk sector.

SAFETY – SECURITY

Design Standards
- IACS Rec 34 – Standard Wave Data
- Shore Power for Bulk Carriers
- Cargo Gear
- Mooring Requirements

Cargoes
- Liquefaction/Dynamic Separation
- Cargo Additives
- Scrap Metal Fires

Operational/Safety/Security
- Enclosed Space Entry
- Terminal Requirements
- Regional Disruptions
- Port State Control & Transparency
- Lifesaving Appliances

ENVIRONMENT – QUALITY

Environmental
- Ballast Water
- Biofouling

Decarbonisation-Energy Efficiency
- Net Zero Framework
- Carbon Intensity Indicator
- Regional Requirements
- Other emissions (NOx – Black Carbon)

Quality/Vetting
- 3rd Party Vetting

REGULATION

International Maritime Organization (IMO)

EU Regulations

Regional Legislation

OTHER ISSUES

Training, Manpower & Human Element

DBCE/DryBMS

AI/Digitalisation

INTERCARGO: We are open to talk and here to listen

MAIB Project
Collaborating on best-practice guidance for enclosed-space entry by stevedores and shore personnel on dry bulk vessels, advocating for shipowners legitimate concerns.

Round Table of Shipping Associations
Collaborate with INTERTANKO, BIMCO, and ICS to unite industry leaders.

Shipowner Associations
Align interests with national, regional and global shipowner associations.

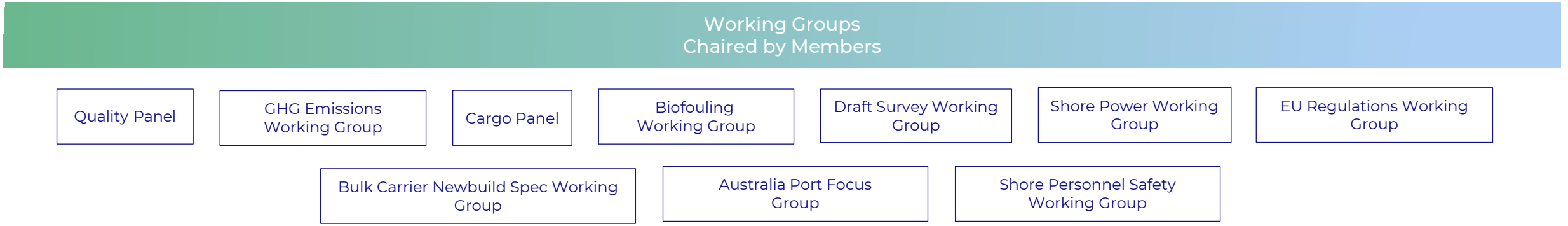
Maritime Authorities
Engage with authorities worldwide, e.g., the Panama and Suez Canals, to advocate for fair navigation charges.

Flag States Collaboration
Ensure compliance and address maritime issues.

Advisory Associate Panel
A forum launched in April 2026 brining together Advisory Associate Members (P&I, Class and Flag) and INTERCARGO to coordinate collaboration, develop joint outputs, and promote data sharing.

IACS Engagement
Discuss standards and regulations with classification societies.

Our Working Groups



Quality Panel

INTERCARGO has established a “Quality Panel” tasked with considering and addressing members' concerns in the following areas: Inspection & vetting matters/ Port State Control/ Terminal operations/ Other quality related matters as determined by the mem- bership. Members are encouraged to use this panel to raise concerns and request support when faced with any quality-related matter, which may benefit from intervention by the Secretariat.

Emissions Working Group

Originally established to consider EEXI requirements for bulkers, the Group’s work has expanded to consider Carbon Intensity Indicators and alternative fuels. The Group is currently participating through the INTERCARGO Secretariat in an IMO Correspondence Group on the development of Guidelines for Marine Fuel Lifecycle GHG Analysis. The Group meets virtually on an ad-hoc basis and reports to the Technical Committee.

Cargo Panel

Considers cargo-related matters such as liquefaction and the IMSBC Code. The Panel formally meets twice a year (once virtually and once in person) and on an ad-hoc basis as needed. The Panel reports to the Technical Committee

Biofouling Working Group

The Biofouling Working Group (WG) is established to coordinate INTERCARGO’s technical, operational, environmental, safety and regulatory work relating to marine biofouling. Its role is to support members by reviewing emerging regulatory developments, providing unified industry positions, and promoting practical, safe, and environmentally responsible biofouling management.

Draft Survey Working Group

Established earlier this year to produce Guidance/Best Practices on Draft Surveys

Shore Power Working Group

Established earlier this year participating in the development of the IEC Standards for Shore Power for Bulk Carriers

EU Regulations Working Group

Bulk Carrier Newbuild Spec Working Group

Australia Port Focus Group

Shore Personnel Safety Working Group

Cargo Panel

- Meets twice a year (once virtually and once in person) to discuss matters of cargo-related matters such as liquefaction, fumigation and the IMSBC Code.
- Consists of Full members, industry experts and IGP&I representatives.
- Discusses arising safety concerns or trends and their potential impacts, shares best practices and suggests potential positions to be considered by the Technical Committee.

INTERCARGO
Cargo Panel

Panel Chair & Vice Chair

Capt. Panagiotis Aravanis
Costamare Shipping Company

Mr Lee Stenhouse
Roxburgh Group Ltd.

27 participants from **27** members

Work last reviewed at Technical Committee meeting 14 May 2026

Advisory Associate Panel

- A forum, bringing together representatives from P&I Clubs, Classification Societies and Flag States to discuss matters of interest to INTERCARGO members and the wider Dry Bulk Sector.
- Provides data and support to the wider INTERCARGO membership on topics of interest, ranging from cargo liquefaction, enclosed space entry incidents/fatalities to promotion of DryBMS and mental health initiatives.
- Aims to promote industry-wide collaboration, streamline workflows and ensure relevant guidance is made readily available to INTERCARGO members.

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Advisory Associate Panel

Panel Chair & Vice Chairs

Mr Morten Løvstad
DNV

Ms Alexandra Chatzimichailoglou
Assuranceforeningen Gard

Mr Ceri Done
Steamship Mutual

Mr Mengyun Liu
China Classification Society

33 participants from **9** P&I Clubs, **5** Classification Societies & **4** Flag States

Work last reviewed at Executive Committee meeting 15 May 2026

What's changing in dry bulk operations globally

- Larger vessels entering the fleet
- Port access and infrastructure constraints
- Cargo flows shifting to new regions
- Increasing need for offshore operations



STS is becoming part of day-to-day operations



Dry Bulk vs Tanker
Shipping

Tanker sector	Dry bulk sector
Established STS framework (OCIMF)	No equivalent standard
Defined, consistent practices	Practices vary widely
Clear operational reference points	No shared reference point

INTERCARGO's STS Guidelines

- Full Members – Shipowners, Managers, Operators
- Associate Members, STS Risk Assessors, P&I
- INTERCARGO Secretariat

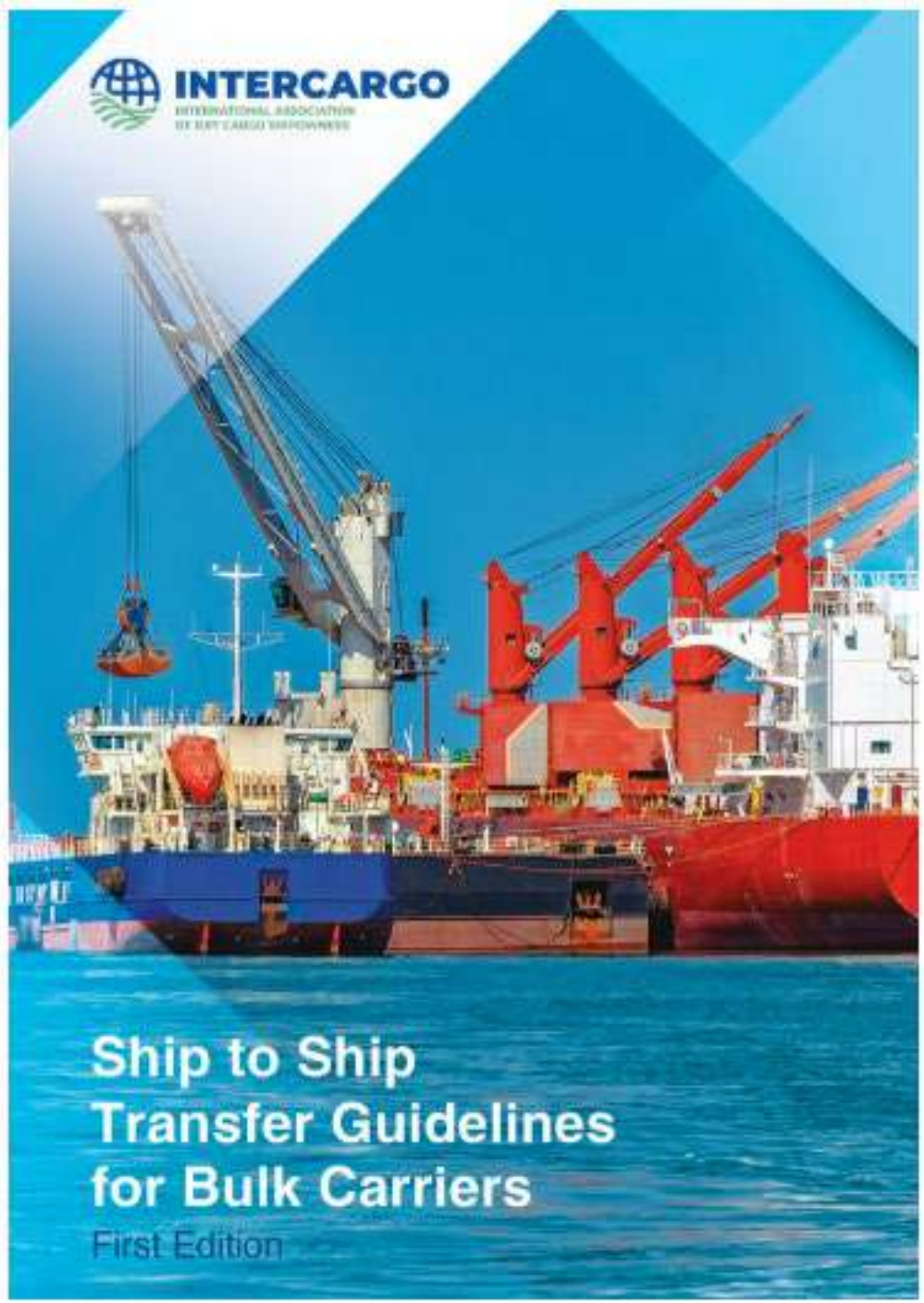
PURPOSE

To provide best practices for one of the most complex shipboard operations with the aim that STS Transfers are carried out in a safe and environmentally responsible manner, thus protecting the crew, the environment, the vessel and cargo.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Masters/Crew, operators, shore personnel of ships engaged in bulk carrier ship to ship (STS) transfer. Other stakeholders such as charterers, traders, STS service providers and those engaging in STS services

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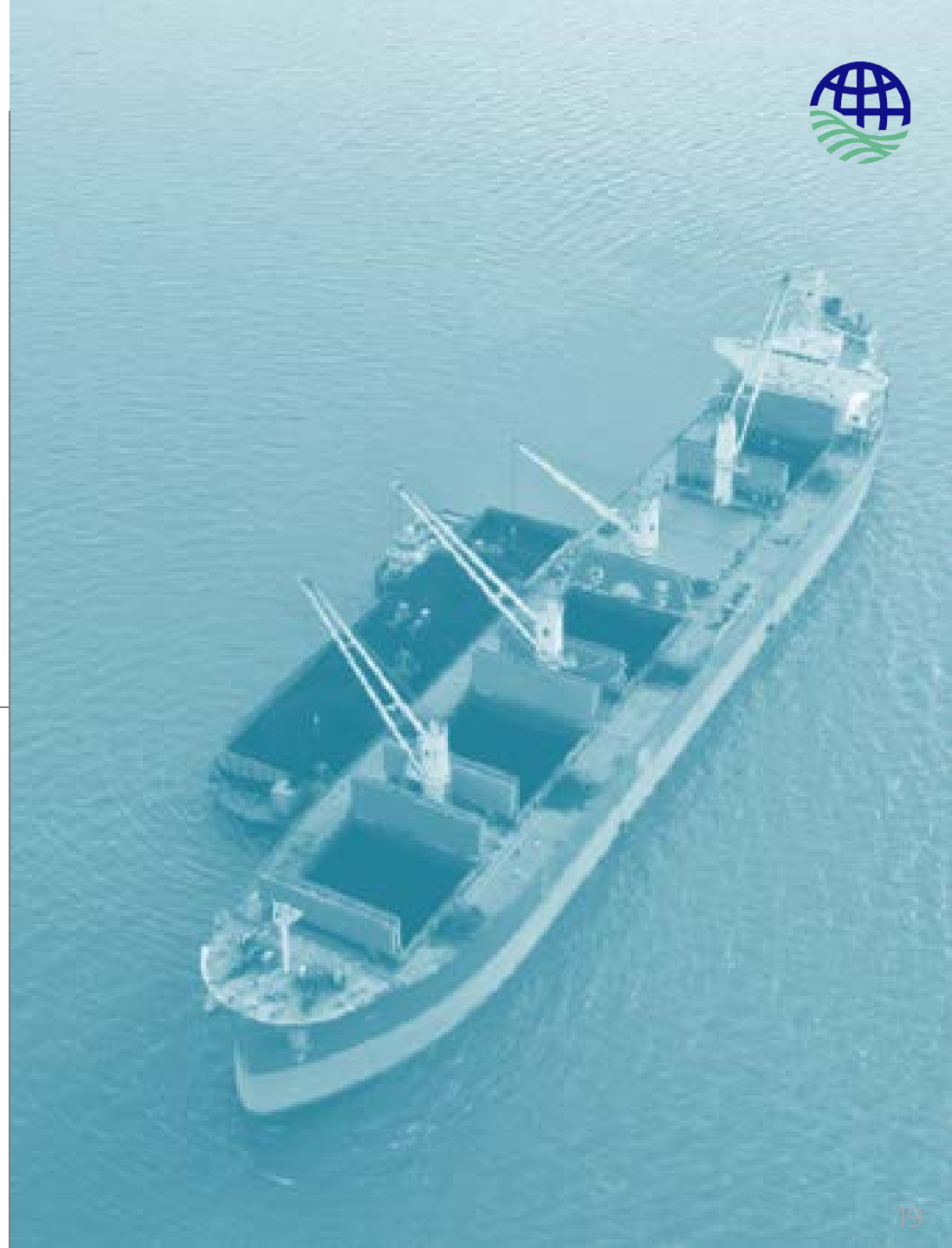


What the guidance says in practice

Planning and preparation

Execution of STS operations

Safety, communication and emergency response





Why this matters

- Improves safety and reduces operational risk
- Creates greater consistency across operations
- Supports efficiency in complex trading environments
- Enables trade where port infrastructure is limited

Australian Ports Focus Group

- Provides a collaborative platform for INTERCARGO members to discuss operational, regulatory and technical matters affecting bulk carrier operations involving Australia and in relation to Australian ports.
- The Group aims to enhance communication with port authorities and stakeholders in Australia involved in Australian port operations, promote aligned industry practices, and support members through collective engagement.
- Provides feedback to Australian port authorities on potential newbuild requirement feasibility.

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Australian Ports Focus Group

Panel Chair & Vice Chair

Mr Swapnodeep Mondal
Anglo-Eastern

Mr Alexandros Danousis
Seanergy Maritime

31 participants from **31** members

Established upon agreement at Technical Committee meeting 14 May 2026

Australian Ports Focus Group

Accommodation Ladders Secondary Means of Support

Current positions range from mandatory to not addressed

Port of Newcastle	Abbot Point	Port of Dampier	Port Hedland	AMSA
Mandatory · SWL > 2 t	Reportedly required	Proposed mandate relaxed	Not addressed; terminal specific	No specific requirement

Root cause

Accommodation Ladders are designed to land on the wharf. Where berths prevent this, secondary support shifts the intended load path.

No common standard

Each port sets its own rules, and local mandates could spread across various ports.

Unclear criteria

“Independence”, acceptable equipment, SWL and certification are not defined, so interpretation varies.

Practicality & safety

Class-approved arrangements are impractical for many ships; extra overside rigging adds fall risk.

Our ask:

- Berths that let accom. ladders land as designed
- One common approach across ports
- Clarity on what is mandatory and why
- Pragmatic solutions (e.g. wire renewal intervals)
- Ports to engage with INTERCARGO

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