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Maritime Law for Masters

A guide on legal issues that could arise for ships' masters has been prepared by the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) and the International Federation of Shipmasters' Associations (IFSA).

The guide is aimed to bridge the gap between theory and practice by exploring practical real-world scenarios commonly encountered by masters, whether in port or at sea.

It recognises the fact that when something goes wrong onboard, legal issues often arise, and it is the master's responsibility to react appropriately. Masters are not lawyers, but need to understand how to respond within the confines of the law to protect the interests of themselves, the shipowner and other crew members.

The "Master's Practical Guide to Maritime Law" compiled by the ICS and IFSA offers advice on how to approach legal issues effectively, highlighting best practices, and provides expert advice on managing legal risks with particular emphasis on the commercial aspects that form a significant part of every master's responsibilities onboard.

It aims to be:

- a detailed, practical guide relevant to real-life situations
- designed to help masters protect themselves within the legal framework
- equally suited to seasoned masters seeking to refresh their knowledge and new masters embarking on their first voyage
- an easily-accessible resource helping masters navigate common legal issues and pitfalls and assist in protecting the shipowner's interest
- a guide covering both criminal and commercial law

The first edition is priced at £250 and is available in print and e-book formats.

More details are available and copies can be ordered from [ICS Publications](#).

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