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Unmanned ships – legal and regulatory challenges











Impact of automation?





The law will adapt...



















Key issues...

Person in charge

Jurisdiction?













Seaworthiness – Hague/ Hague Visby/ Hamburg Rules

"due diligence to provide a seaworthy ship"

"properly man, equip and supply the vessel..."

Issuing bills of lading?









Navigation – Collision Regulations

"at all times maintain a proper look out by sight and hearing"







Crew already train on simulators







360 degree vision and sensor arrays







Jurisdiction/ Flag







Flag state shall "assume jurisdiction under its internal law over each ship flying its flag and its master, officers and crew..."

Will flag state have jurisdiction over a shore based controller?





Training – STCW Convention

Applies only to training, qualification and certification of seafarers serving on board seagoing ships

Will this be extended to a shore based controller or will there be new training requirements?









Safety and duty to respond to distress calls – SOLAS

SOLAS requires ships to be "sufficiently and efficiently manned"

requires vessels to respond to distress calls?



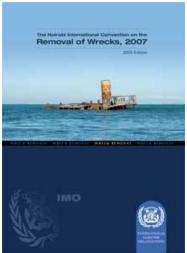




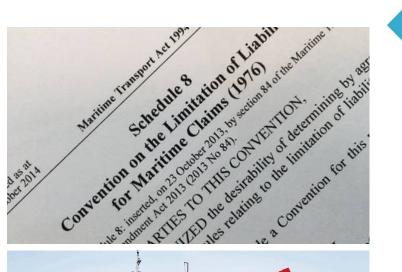






















New risks ... need for new laws/ conventions?

Cyberpiracy Cyber terrorism







New risks ... need for new laws/ conventions?

Insurance products to deal with cyber risks?

Currently excluded from normal cover

Section 39(5) of the Marine Insurance Act 1906

Product liability issues – subrogated recoveries by cyber risk/ maritime insurers











QUESTIONS?



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