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TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Dear Member:

BIMCO GUIDANCE ON PORT STATE CONTROL INSPECTIONS IN THE USA

The Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO) has just released the above publication for both shipboard and shoreside use. It provides helpful guidance developed specifically to enhance compliance with MARPOL and SOLAS requirements in US ports and thereby reduce the incidence of related violations. The Guide has been made available without cost via the BIMCO website at www.bimco.org as follows:

- high-resolution version: http://www.bimco.dk/upload/m65_psci_folder_high.pdf
- low-resolution version: http://www.bimco.dk/upload/m65_psci_folder_low.pdf

Members are strongly encouraged to make this publication available to their crews prior to entry into ports in the United States and US territorial waters so that they may be fully informed as to the expectations of US Port State Control authorities.

If there are any questions in regard to the above, or generally, the Managers will, as always, be pleased to respond to them.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joseph E.M. Hughes'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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