



# Merchant Marine **Notice**

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## USCG BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT NEW REPORTING FORM

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### Purpose

1. This Merchant Marine Notice has the purpose to inform all ship's owners/operators, Recognized Organizations, and other interested parties that the U.S. Coast Guard has adopted, on July 20, 2020, a new format for the US Ballast Water Reporting Form.
2. The US Coast Guard released its new Ballast Water Management (BWM) Reporting Form, which replaces all previous versions and the older version of this form will not be accepted by the National Ballast Information Clearinghouse (NBIC).
3. The new Ballast Water Management Reporting Form has two important changes from the most recently expired Reporting Form:
  - The yes/no question "Alternative BW management conducted, per instructions from COTP" has been removed.
  - All vessels are now required to report the date of their last dry dock, information that is critical to the Coast Guard for determining a vessel's compliance date as specified in 33 CFR 151.1512 & 151.2035.
4. Panamanian flagged ships arriving in United States must use the new Ballast Water Management Reporting Form since expired versions lack the new required information.
5. Master, owner, operator, agent, or person in charge of a vessel calling to United States should ensure that crew members are aware of the changes introduced by the latest revision to the NBIC BWM reporting form and that all reports are submitted using the updated version.



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6. The new Ballast Water Management Reporting Form, instructions for completing the form and the vessel's ballast water history sample can be found by accessing through the NBIC website <https://nbic.si.edu/>.

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