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Maritime Law Answer Book 2015

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This new 2015 edition of Maritime Law Answer Book is your updated guide to the special form of common law, including the special statutes and international agreements, that governs the maritime industry and related transactions. It covers a wide array of U.S. regulatory issues ranging from promotional programs such as the Maritime Security Program to environmental requirements such as the Environmental Protection Agency’s Vessel General Permit. These modern-day regulatory issues are discussed in addition to the more traditional subjects of maritime law such as the laws applicable to merchant mariners, bills of lading, vessel mortgages and leasing, as well as the trading impact of foreign-flag registration.

Highlights of new coverage provided in the 2015 edition include:

- An updated Chapter 6, “Building a Vessel,” to include additional information on when payment is usually made, what type of supervision the buyer has during the construction phase, and updated information on status and number of U.S. shipyards.
- A discussion of the Maritime Labour Convention, often called the “Seafarers’ Bill of Rights,” which provides for minimum international work standards for merchant mariners, has been added to Chapter 9, “Crewing a Vessel.”
- An expansion of the coverage of Chapter 12, “Environmental Regulation,” to include information on how the EPA and the Coast Guard coordinate their environmental enforcement efforts.
- Chapter 21, “What a Banker Needs to Know about Marine Insurance,” has been significantly expanded to discuss the provisions commonly found in a Broker’s Letter of Understanding.
- The “Bankruptcy” chapter, Chapter 22, has expanded to include a discussion of the rights of a lienholder subject to bankruptcy court jurisdiction when the vessel is arrested in a foreign jurisdiction.

In addition, the 2015 edition has been updated with every recent Federal Circuit and District Court ruling, as well as recent changes to membership under international treaties and agreements.