

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANISATION Sub-Committee on the Carriage of Cargo and Containers (CCC 9), 20-29 September 2023

Action Required: IR Commission members are invited to note the relevant outcomes of CCC 9.

There no items of relevance raised at CCC 9 for World Sailing. Normally we attend this meeting and/or associated Working Groups to monitor progress on the prevention, reporting, tracking and recovery of containers lost overboard from ships at sea. Such containers pose a particular hazard to small vessels, particularly at night or in low visibility, or where the containers are floating low in the water or just below the surface.

Lost containers did not feature as an item on the CCC 9 agenda, however the supporting paper CCC9/13, para 11.3 stated that:

‘.....WSC (World Shipping Council) participated actively in the development at CCC 8 last September of a mandatory reporting system that will be considered at MSC 107 (May-June 2023) with a view to adoption at MSC 108 next spring. Mandatory reporting requirements could then become effective as of 2026’.

The report of MSC107 (17.37) states:

*‘Following consideration, the Committee agreed to include in the biennial agenda of the CCC Sub-Committee for the 2024-2025 biennium and the **provisional agenda of CCC 10** an output on "Development of measures to prevent the loss of containers at sea", with a target completion year of 2025, assigning the CCC Sub-Committee as the coordinating organ, in association with the SDC (Ship Design & Construction), NCSR (Navigation, Communications and Search & Rescue), HTW (Human element, Training and Watchkeeping) and III (Implementation of IMO Instruments) Sub-Committees, as and when requested by the CCC Sub-Committee’.*

These outcomes are summarised in the IR Commission 2023 Conference paper 4a(iv), reporting on MSC 107 (pages 3-4). In principle we should therefore expect further detailed discussion on lost containers during CCC 10 in 2024.

There were no other issues raised of relevance to World Sailing.