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# **Pump Vents in Machinery Spaces (IGC Code Chapters 3.7.4 as amended by Res. MSC. 103(73) and IGC Code Chapters 3.7.5 as amended by Res. MSC. 370(93))**

## **IGC Code 3.7.4 as amended by Res. MSC. 103(73)**

*Ballast spaces, including wet duct keels used as ballast piping, fuel-oil tanks and gas-safe spaces may be connected to pumps in the machinery spaces. Dry duct keels with ballast piping passing through, may be connected to pumps in the machinery spaces, provided the connections are led directly to the pumps and the discharge from the pumps lead directly overboard with no valves or manifolds in either line which could connect the line from the duct keel to lines serving gas-safe spaces. Pump vents should not be open to machinery spaces.*

## **IGC Code 3.7.5 as amended by Res. MSC. 370(93)**

*Ballast spaces, including wet duct keels used as ballast piping, oil fuel tanks and non-hazardous spaces, may be connected to pumps in the machinery spaces. Dry duct keels with ballast piping passing through may be connected to pumps in the machinery spaces, provided the connections are led directly to the pumps, and the discharge from the pumps is led directly overboard with no valves or manifolds in either line that could connect the line from the duct keel to lines serving non-hazardous spaces. Pump vents shall not be open to machinery spaces.*

### **Interpretation**

The requirements of "Pump vents should not be open to machinery spaces" and "Pump vents shall not be open to machinery spaces" apply only to pumps in the machinery spaces serving dry duct keels through which ballast piping passes.

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### Notes

1. This Unified Interpretation is to be uniformly implemented by IACS Societies not later than 1 July 2016.

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