

Maritime Law

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Ninety percent of the world's goods move by sea. The ordered flow of commerce around the globe depends on a regulated, predictable set of expectations and responsibilities for that movement across the water. Maritime law is the body of federal law that controls the movement of vessels on the nation's navigable waters and on the open ocean. Whether the vessel in question is an ocean liner or a ferry, a container ship or a tanker, a yacht or a fishing boat, maritime law prevails.

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