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US Ballast Water Management Regulations New NBIC Ballast Water Management Reporting Form

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) has received approval to adopt revisions to the [Ballast Water Management Reporting Form](#).

The new Ballast Water Management Reporting Form replaces all previous and expired versions and contains two important new changes:

- 1) The yes/no question “Alternative BW management conducted, per instructions from COTP” has been removed.
- 2) All vessels are now required to report the date of their last dry dock, information that is critical to the USCG for determining a vessel’s compliance date as specified in 33 CFR 151.1512 & 151.2035.

With approval of the new Ballast Water Management Reporting Form, **the National Ballast Information Clearinghouse (NBIC) will no longer accept expired Reporting Form versions. To fully comply with USCG Ballast Water reporting requirements, all vessels must use the new Ballast Water Management Reporting Form with immediate effect, since expired versions lack required information.**

The new [Ballast Water Management Reporting Form \(PDF\)](#) (OMB number 1625-0069, expiration date 31 July 2023), [instructions](#), and [ballast water history sample](#) can all be accessed through the [NBIC website](#). If you are unable to access this website from your location, please contact us for a PDF version of the Reporting Form via email.

For report-related questions, please contact the National Ballast Information Clearinghouse (NBIC) at nbic@ballastreport.org.

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