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Classification Societies and Industry Change	
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Classification Societies Should Join Forces to Adapt to Industry Change

All classification societies need to pull together to adapt to the rapid pace of change in the industry. The services delivered by recognized organization should keep up with regulatory developments and meet the highest quality standards.

IACS was coming to grips with industry changes through several initiatives, including identification of which standards present potential regulatory barriers to autonomous ship operations. In addition, IACS is supporting the industry by working on the development of a common terminology for different levels of autonomy.

Another issue being tackled by the association is cyber security by addressing common safety issues with interconnected systems, sharing best practices and keeping up to date with new developments. To facilitate the use of modern survey technology, IACS is also taking a fresh look at its survey requirements. As informed, potential revisions could cover advanced non-destructive testing and remote inspection techniques.

Class aspires to be a beacon of light setting the course ahead – with modern requirements, transparent processes and the highest quality of service. The industry is changing. But the purpose of classification remains the same: To protect life, property and the environment.

The IACS Resolutions will identify and remove elements hindering the development of new technologies, including ship autonomy. Furthermore, one of the priorities will be the development of procedures relating to the deployment of electronic certificates, while helping to promote their use throughout the industry.

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