

PRESENTED AT

26th Annual Admiralty and Maritime Law Conference

September 29, 2017

South Texas College of Law – Houston, TX

Introduction to Classification Societies

Robert G. Clyne

Robert G. Clyne
Senior Vice President, General Counsel
& Secretary
American Bureau of Shipping
Houston, TX

rclyne@eagle.org

Agenda

- Process/Role of Class
- What Lies Ahead?
Class in the Future
- Legal Discussion
on Class Exposure
to Liability



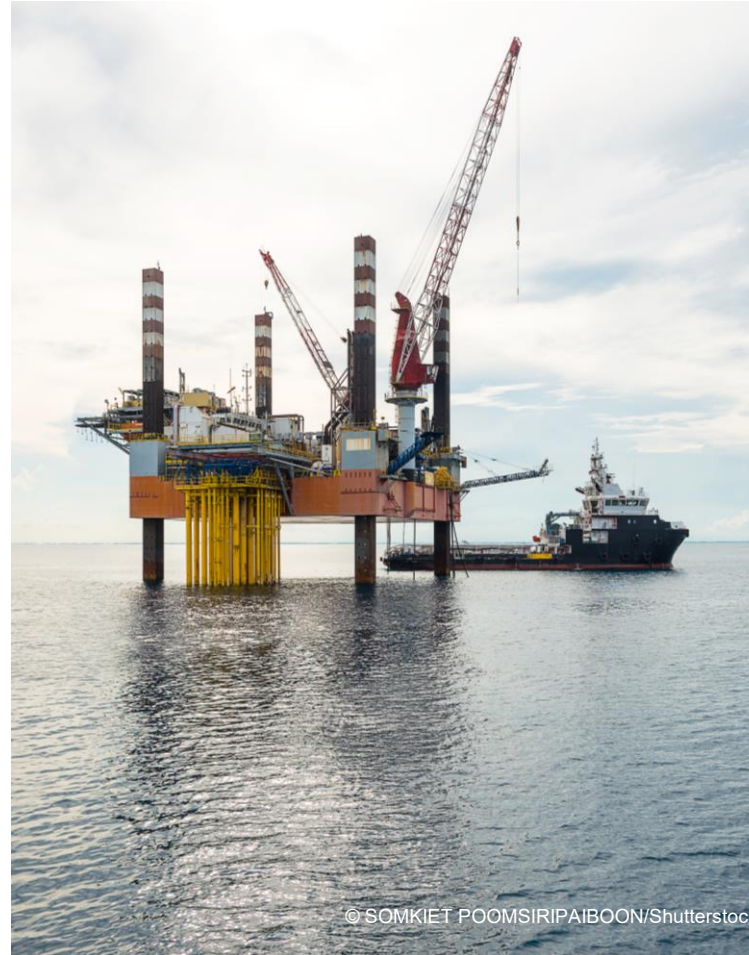
Classification: Process/Role

- Class societies establish and apply technical standards for the design, construction and survey of marine related facilities, including vessels and offshore structures
- Maintain a Register of Vessels and Offshore Structures



Classification: Process/Role (cont'd)

- Classification is a Process
 - Technical standards (Rules and Guides) are not design codes
 - Technical plan review and design approval according to Rules
 - Surveys during new construction and equipment certification according to the Rules
 - Subsequent, periodic surveys for maintenance of class
 - Survey of damages, repairs and modifications



Find the full text of this and thousands of other resources from leading experts in dozens of legal practice areas in the [UT Law CLE eLibrary \(utcle.org/elibrary\)](http://utcle.org/elibrary)

Title search: Introduction to Classification Societies

Also available as part of the eCourse

[Current Issues in Admiralty and Maritime Law: OW Bunker Litigation, The Jones Act, and More](#)

First appeared as part of the conference materials for the
26th Annual Admiralty and Maritime Law Conference session
"Introduction to Classification Societies"