"Shipowners liability - International Conventions and EU place increased liabilities on the Shipowner"
In force 31.12.2012. Becomes law in all EC countries
Strict liability for shipping incidents up to 250 000 SDR per passenger, culpa liability up to 400 000 SDR
Both International and domestic traffic
A and B class passengerships (98/18/EC)
Vessels carrying >12 passengers
Compulsory insurance to cover liabilities
Global Limitation, LLMC 1976/1996 will apply
Direct action against the insurer
Certificate from Authorities
"Blue Card" by P&I

Vessels >300grt
Compulsory insurance up to Global Limitation, LLMC 1976/1996
Certificate(s) from the insurer (Hull&P&I)
Implementing measures ready in EC countries 1.1.2012
Finland is delayed. Untill 31.12.2012?
In force in Sweden from 1.7.2012.

In force and becomes law within EC 18.12.2012.
Vessels carrying >12 passengers
Non discrimination rules/assistance to disabled persons
Standard reimbursements/compensations (comp. Air transport)

The Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea 1974, as amended by the Protocol of 2002 (the Athens Convention)
International voyages
Carriers liability limits for passenger claims (increasing)
Compulsory insurance and direct action
Will be implemented in EC law through the Athens Regulation
The Athens Convention is not in force yet. (during 2013?)

UN Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea - the "Rotterdam Rules".
Successor for The Hague, The Hague-Visby and the Hamburg rules
Rules for carriers compulsory liability for cargo
Exception for nautical error will be deleted etc.
Not in force yet
Norway and Denmark will ratify, Finland and Sweden are in doubt
The uniformity of the maritime laws in the Nordic countries in risk