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1. Recently the classification society industry body IACS has announced that the **2020 IACS Annual Review** is available to download from the organisation's website (<https://www.iacs.org.uk/media/8048/iacs-ar2020-high-res.pdf>). As characteristically emphasized by IACS Secretary General, IACS' work in support of the industry in 2020 focused on ensuring smooth operations in the face of the global pandemic while continuing to take forward key initiatives in the areas of quality and governance.
2. The recently published Annual Review contains a **wide range of articles on IACS work in 2020** dealing with matters such as Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Remote Surveys and Cyber Safety as well detailed technical pieces on corrosion and stability. There is also a commentary on the response of IACS and its Members to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as updates on IACS Quality work and further developments in the trial of the Independent Quality Assessment Review Body (IQARB).
3. The IACS publication provides emphasis in setting **digitalisation** as one of its focus areas. As indicated in the Annual Review IACS has proactively worked on the issue of **cyber safety in 2020**, which resulted in a consolidated IACS Recommendation. According to IACS, the establishment of IACS Data Driven Policy will also contribute to better data utilisation for IACS' work, an important step given that the importance of data is only going to increase.
4. The Annual Review also contains information on **IACS extensive contributions to IMO** and its wide-ranging engagement with industry partners, as well as summaries of all new, revised or deleted IACS Resolutions in 2020. The Annual Review also includes the 'Class Report' with data on the IACS fleet.
5. **Maritime Activities Consultants S.A.** underlines in addition to the above very significant initiatives, IACS' work on the overarching **issues of digitalisation and decarbonization**. IACS continued to play a significant role: in the former through its work on cyber safety and its adoption of a data driven policy as well as ongoing work on marine autonomous surface ships and remote surveys; and in the latter by way of wide-ranging technical inputs to the ongoing work at the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

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