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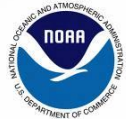
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NOAA – nautical chart development & distribution



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) seeks comments on planned changes to the printing and distribution of nautical charts, including digital charts. Through 22 January 2014, NOAA is providing free **digital chart image files** in PDF file format. Digital charts are also available as NOAA-certified Print-on-Demand charts. NOAA is providing high-resolution (400 DPI) **raster navigational charts** of selected areas for public testing and evaluation. An **online seamless viewer** of NOAA's electronic navigation charts is also available. Comments should be submitted by 3 February. **79 Fed. Reg. 112** (January 2, 2014).

USCG – entanglement accidents



The US Coast Guard issued a **Safety Alert** concerning potential entanglement accidents on vessels. Loose clothing, jewelry, personal gear, or long hair may become entangled in moving, rotating, and reciprocating

machinery, so mariners should exercise precautions when working in the vicinity. (12/31/13).

DOT – St. Lawrence Seaway



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a **news release** stating that during the 2013 navigation season of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway System, US ports on the Great Lakes outperformed their projections. The System supports 227,000 jobs and annually generates nearly \$34 billion in revenue. (12/31/13).

Antarctic – passenger ship remains beset



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **media release** stating that ice conditions have again delayed efforts to remove the passengers from the Russian passenger vessel Akademik Shokalskiy, beset off the coast of Antarctica. (1/2/14). *Note: Unofficial reports indicate that the helicopter from the Chinese vessel Xue Long (Snow Dragon) has now successfully transferred all 52 passengers from the Russian vessel to the Australian vessel Aurora Australis. The 22 crew members of the Russian vessel will remain on board while it is beset.*

Panama Canal – Just-in-Time (JIT) transit service



The Panama Canal Authority issued an advisory stating that the Just-in-Time (JIT) transit service is being implemented on a permanent basis, with certain modifications, effective 2 January 2014 at no additional cost.

Advisory 36-2013 (12/30/13).

Singapore – shipping regulation amendments



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular reminding owners, operators, and masters of Singapore vessels that various merchant shipping regulations are being amended effective 1 January 2014 to incorporate recent amendments to the IMO SOLAS and Load Line Conventions.

Shipping Circular 23-2013 (12/31/13).

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