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USCG – marine casualty reporting on the OCS



The US Coast Guard proposes broadening the requirements for reporting marine casualties on the US outer continental shelf (OCS) to require foreign-flag OCS units to submit such reports under the same conditions as are currently applicable to US-flag OCS units. Comments on the proposal should be submitted by 10 April. [79 Fed. Reg. 1780](#) (January 10, 2014).

Guam – Apra Harbor RNA proposal



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it is considering revising and consolidating existing regulated navigation areas (RNAs), security zones, and safety zones in Apra Harbor, Guam. Comments on the proposal should be submitted by 11 March. [79 Fed. Reg. 1789](#) (January 10, 2014).

USCG – tank sampling dangers



The US Coast Guard issued a **Safety Alert** reminding Coast Guard personnel and the maritime community of potential dangers during sampling of cargo tanks, with particular emphasis on dangers presented by hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) gas. Those involved in cargo tank sampling or atmosphere testing should be familiar with ISGOTT safe work practices; assess personnel risks; don appropriate personal protection equipment; use properly maintained gas monitoring detectors; and be familiar with the hazards of the cargoes involved. It should be noted that the H₂S dangerous Threshold Limit Value was recently reduced from 2 parts per million to 1 ppm. (1/9/14).

USCG – Safety Alert re offshore sailing



The US Coast Guard issued a **Safety Alert** reminding owners and operators of offshore sailboats of the importance of proper maintenance and repair of critical mechanical systems (such as steering and propulsion) to reduce the probability of failure during stressed operating conditions. (1/9/14).

Gulf of Mexico – foot of OSV crew member severed by line



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that it medically evacuated a crew member of an OSV in the Gulf of Mexico whose foot was severed after it got caught in a line. (1/9/14).

India – inspection of maritime training institutes



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued an order implementing the Comprehensive Inspection Program (CIP) for maritime training institutes. **DGS Order 25-2013** (12/31/13).

Ireland – security training reminder



The Irish Department of Transport, Tourism, and Sport issued a notice reminding owners, operators, masters, and mariners that the security training requirements of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention entered into effect on 1 January 2014. **Marine Notice 1-2014** (1/8/14).

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