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## **Potomac & Anacostia Rivers – security zone**



The US Coast Guard promulgated a temporary rule establishing a safety zone on certain waters of the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers from 4 p.m., 28 January through 2 a.m., 29 January for the President's annual State of the Union Address. [79 Fed. Reg. 3499](#) (January 22, 2014).

## NOSAC – teleconference meeting



The National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee, sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will conduct a teleconference meeting on 20 February to receive Task Statements and to form Subcommittees on Marine Casualty Reporting on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) and on Recommendations for Offshore Supply Vessel Purpose and Offshore Workers. [79 Fed. Reg. 3603](#) (January 22, 2014).

## SHC – meeting



The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC), sponsored by the Department of State (DOS), will meet in Arlington, Virginia on 25 February to prepare for the upcoming meeting of the IMO Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment. Topics on the agenda include smoke control and ventilation; thermal performance of immersion suits; and free-fall lifeboats. [79 Fed. Reg. 3658](#) (January 22, 2014).

## USCG – PWS RCAC recertification



The US Coast Guard seeks comments on the application for recertification of the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (PWS RCAC). Comments should be submitted by 31 January. [79 Fed. Reg. 3602](#) (January 22, 2014).

## USCG – recreational boating safety projects



The US Coast Guard issued a notice publishing the list of recreational boating safety projects, programs, and activities funded under provisions of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century during fiscal year 2013. [79 Fed. Reg. 3605](#) (January 22, 2014).

## USCG – updated NOAD schema to be released



The USCG National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC) issued a **notice** stating that an updated Notice of Arrival and Departure (NOAD) schema, version 3.4, will be released that incorporates improvements in vessel response plan data reporting. Thereafter, NOAD Schema 3.2 and older versions will no longer be supported. (1/21/14).

## TRB & CMTS – call for papers



The Transportation Research Board (TRB) and the Committee on the Maritime Transportation System (CMTS) issued a **Call for Papers** regarding the Innovative Technologies for a Resilient Marine Transportation System, 3rd Biennial Research & Development Conference to be held in Washington, DC on 24-26 June. Persons interested in submitting a paper or presenting relevant research should submit an abstract of 300 words or less by 28 February. (1/21/14).

## Court – unseaworthiness due to lack of safety training



In an unpublished decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit largely upheld an award of damages to the estate of a seafarer for injuries incurred on an anchor-handling vessel. The suit was brought alleging Jones Act negligence and unseaworthiness. Of interest, the appellate court sustained the district’s finding that the vessel was unseaworthy based on a finding that the crew was “incompetent for lack of training safely to perform the task at issue when presented with the particular combination of circumstances of an open stern tug with a stainless steel deck lacking non-skid paint and a vessel positioned abeam the sea.” **Marasa v. Atlantic Sounding**, No. 13-272-cv (2nd Cir., January 21, 2014).

## IMO – targets, challenges, and priorities



The IMO issued a **news release** stating that Secretary-General Koji Sekimizu outlined some of the targets, challenges, and priorities the Organization faces in his annual New Year Address. The IMO is committed to eliminating piracy and halving marine casualties, as well as adoption of a mandatory Polar Code during 2014 and entry into force of the Ballast Water Convention. (1/21/14).

## IMO – 2014 World Maritime Day theme



The IMO issued a **news release** announcing that the theme for 2014 World Maritime Day is “IMO Conventions: effective implementation”. (1/21/14).

## Australia – icebreaker returns with rescued passengers



The Australian Antarctic Division issued a **media release** stating that the icebreaker Aurora Australis arrived in Hobart, Tasmania carrying the 52

passengers rescued from the Russian passenger ship Akademik Shokalskiy on 2 January after their ship became trapped in the ice off the coast of Antarctica. (1/22/14).

### India – car exports



The Indian Ministry of Shipping issued a [press release](#) announcing an agreement between Ennore Port and Ford India Pvt Limited to increased export of Ford cars through the port for a period of ten years. (1/20/14).

### Singapore – accident reports



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular reminding owners, operators, and masters of Singapore ships of the obligation to promptly report accidents. [Shipping Circular 3-2014](#) (1/21/14).

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