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SLSDC – proposed rulemaking



The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, in coordination with the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation of Canada, proposes to amend Seaway Regulations and Rules regarding Condition of Vessels; Preclearance and Security for Tolls; Tolls Assessment and Payment; Seaway Navigation; Dangerous Cargo; and Information and Reports. Comments on the proposal should be submitted by 27 February. [79 Fed. Reg. 4433](#) (January 28, 2014).

MERPAC – meeting



The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet in Dania Beach, Florida on 11-12 March. Topics on the agenda include: crew training requirements onboard natural gas-fueled vessels and consideration of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006. [79 Fed. Reg. 4482](#) (January 28, 2014).

DOS – easing of sanctions re Iran



The Department of State (DOS) issued a notice outlining actions the US Government has taken to implement the sanctions relief aspects of the initial understanding of the United States and its partners in the P5+1 with Iran. [79 Fed. Reg. 4522](#) (January 28, 2014).

USCG – STCW endorsements re survival craft



The US Coast Guard issued a Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) providing guidance on the issuance of STCW endorsements for proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats under its recently-promulgated [regulations](#), which come into effect on 24 March 2014. [NVIC 04-14](#) (1/25/14). *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my friend Sean Stokes of [Oceaneering International](#).*

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USCG – STCW endorsements for RFPNW



The US Coast Guard issued a Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) providing guidance on the issuance of STCW endorsements for ratings forming part of a navigational watch (RFPNW) under its recently-promulgated [regulations](#), which come into effect on 24 March 2014. [NVIC 06-14](#)

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USCG – STCW endorsements for RFPEW



The US Coast Guard issued a Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) providing guidance on the issuance of STCW endorsements for ratings forming part of an engineering watch (RFPEW) under its recently-promulgated **regulations**, which come into effect on 24 March 2014. **NVIC 07-14** (1/25/14). *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my friend Sean Stokes of [Oceaneering International](#).*

USCG – STCW endorsements re advanced firefighting



The US Coast Guard issued a Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) providing guidance on the issuance of STCW endorsements for advanced firefighting under its recently-promulgated **regulations**, which come into effect on 24 March 2014. **NVIC 09-14** (1/25/14). *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my friend Sean Stokes of [Oceaneering International](#).*

DOD – MV Cape Ray departs for Mediterranean



The Department of Defense (DOD) issued a **news release** stating that the MV Cape Ray has departed Portsmouth, Virginia en route the Mediterranean to undertake elimination of Syria's chemical weapons using proven hydrolysis technology. All waste from the process will be safely and properly disposed of at commercial facilities. No byproducts will be released into the sea or air. (1/27/14).

Malta – maritime pollution response system



Transport Malta issued a **press release** stating that it will collaborate with the Norwegian Coastal Administration to strengthen Malta's maritime pollution response system.

Establishment of US Coast Guard – 28 January 1915



The United States Coast Guard was created by **Act of Congress** on 28 January 1915, when the Life-Saving Service was combined with the Revenue-

Cutter Service. From the beginning, the Coast Guard constituted part of the military forces of the United States. It operated (at that time) under the Treasury Department in time of peace and as part of the Navy in time of war or when the President shall so direct. Semper Paratus!

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