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## **USCG – meeting re STCW amendments**



The US Coast Guard issued a **Marine Information Bulletin** stating that it is holding a public meeting on 11 February in Washington, DC to present the major areas of change in domestic regulations resulting from the recently issued regulation implementing amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchstanding for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW Convention) and the implementation of these regulatory changes. (2/6/14). *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my friend Sean Stokes of **Oceaneering International**.*

## USCG – draft guidance re LNG as fuel



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it seeks comments on draft policy letters regarding use of liquefied natural gas (LNG) as a marine fuel. The first draft policy letter ([CG-OES Policy Letter No. 01-14](#)) provides voluntary guidance for LNG fuel transfer operations and training of personnel on those vessels. The second draft policy letter ([CG-OES Policy Letter No. 02-14](#)) discusses guidance and regulations applicable to vessels and facilities conducting LNG marine fuel transfer operations. Comments should be submitted by 10 March. [79 Fed. Reg. 7470](#) (February 7, 2014).

## New Orleans – temporary security zone



The US Coast Guard has established, through 14 April, a temporary security zone on waters of the Lower Mississippi River from mile marker 90.0 to mile marker 106.0 above head of passes (AHP) extending 100 yards in all directions from vessels being escorted by federal, state, or local law enforcement assets. [79 Fed. Reg. 7584](#) (February 10, 2014).

## Massachusetts – parachutist rescued from water



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that a man was rescued after he parachuted into the water off Plum Island, Massachusetts. The air temperature was 28°F and the water temperature was 38°F at the time. The man has been taken to hospital. (2/8/14).

## House – bill introduced to authorize USCG appropriations



Representative Hunter (R-CA) introduced the [Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2014](#) (H.R. 4005) to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2015 and 2016, and for other purposes. (2/6/14).

## Senate – funding sought for GL maintenance projects



Senator Levin (D-MI) issued a [news release](#) stating that a bipartisan group of Great Lakes senators wrote a letter to Army Corps of Engineers leaders urging them to direct additional funding for harbor maintenance projects to reduce a severe backlog of projects in the Great Lakes. (2/7/14).

## Panama Canal – January operations summary



The Panama Canal Authority issued an advisory summarizing operations during January. It also includes the schedule of locks maintenance outages for the remainder of the fiscal year. [Advisory 3-2014](#) (2/7/14).

## Singapore – seafarer recruitment & placement services



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular reminding seafarer recruitment and placement services of the obligation to comply with relevant provisions of the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) 2006. [Shipping Circular 4-2014](#) (2/7/14).

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