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USN – shooting incident update



The US Navy issued a **news release** stating that it has identified the deceased civilian suspect in the shooting incident on USS Mahan (DDG 72) at Norfolk Naval Station as Jeffrey Tyrone Savage, a truck driver. Mr. Tyrone had an apparently valid Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) in his possession. Although he had no official business at the Naval Station, he drove his truck through Gate 5 at the Station, proceeded to Pier 1, left his truck, and boarded the Navy destroyer, where he was confronted by security personnel. He and a Navy petty officer died in the ensuing altercation. Investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident continues. (3/27/14).

USCG – lifeboat release mechanisms



The US Coast Guard issued a notice announcing the availability of a **policy letter** regarding the recent IMO amendment to Chapter III of the SOLAS Convention relating to lifeboat release mechanisms. For vessels subject to SOLAS, the change comes into effect no later than the next scheduled drydocking after 1 July 2014. The Coast Guard recommends voluntary compliance with the guidelines in IMO MSC.1/Circ.1392 by US non-SOLAS vessels, MODUs, and offshore facilities that carry lifeboats and rescue boats fitted with release mechanisms described in the Circular. Comments on the policy letter should be submitted by 28 April. **79 Fed. Reg. 17556** (March 28, 2014).

USCG – preemption assessment framework



The US Coast Guard has extended, until 26 May, the period within which it must receive comments on its draft assessment framework and organizational restatement regarding preemption for certain regulations issued by the Coast Guard. **79 Fed. Reg. 17482** (March 28, 2014).

BSEE – voluntary confidential near-miss reporting



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a notice stating that it will host public workshops in Los Angeles (22 April) and in Houston (24 April) on development of a voluntary confidential near-miss reporting system for use on the US outer continental shelf (OCS). **79 Fed. Reg. 17563** (March 28, 2014).

Beaufort & Chukchi Seas – incidental take of marine mammals



The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) issued a notice stating that it has issued letters of authorization for the nonlethal take of polar bears and Pacific walrus incidental to oil and gas exploration, development, and production activities in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas. **79 Fed. Reg. 17564** (March 28, 2014).

NOSAC – meeting



The National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet in New Orleans on 16-17 April. Topics on the agenda include commercial diving safety; safety and environmental management systems; marine casualty reporting; and training. **79 Fed. Reg. 17557** (March 28, 2014).

MACOSH – meeting



The Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH), sponsored by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), will meet on 15-16 April in Washington, DC. **79 Fed. Reg. 17580** (March 28, 2014).

Singapore – online appointment system



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular stating that, effective 1 April, it will be introducing an Online Appointment System to help reduce customer waiting time at the One-Stop Document Centre (OSDC). **Port Marine Circular 06-2014** (3/27/14).

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