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USCG – security advisory re Libya



The US Coast Guard issued a **Port Security Advisory** regarding Libya. Due to continuing civil unrest and weak governmental institutions in Libya, the US Government has concerns regarding whether the port facility requirements of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code are being comprehensively executed and maintained. The Coast Guard therefore recommends that vessels calling on ports in Libya take enhanced security measures. Implementing these measures will generally expedite vessel entry into the US. Furthermore, vessels are advised to proceed with extreme caution when approaching Libyan oil terminals, particularly in eastern Libya. (4/1/14).

Great Lakes – ice breaking



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that US and Canadian Coast Guard icebreakers continue to create pathways for commercial ships throughout the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway. A convoy of commercial ships, escorted by the cutters Mackinaw and Katmai Bay, is traversing Lake Superior en route the Soo Locks. The Great Lakes reached near-record ice coverage this winter, causing a major slow-down for the shipping season. (4/1/14).

MERPAC – working group meeting



A working group of the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet in Linthicum Heights, Maryland on 17 April to work on Task Statement 80 concerning crew training requirements onboard vessels subject to the International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or low flash-point Fuels (IGF Code). [79 Fed. Reg. 18570](#) (April 2, 2014).

IWUB – meeting



The Inland Waterways Users Board (IWUB), sponsored by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), will meet on 1 May in North Little Rock, Arkansas. Topics on the agenda include: the Olmsted Locks and Dam Project; the Mississippi River Lock and Dam #27 Major Rehabilitation; and the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Lock Sill Depth Design. [79 Fed. Reg. 18530](#) (April 2, 2014).

Offshore Georgia – EA re site assessment activities



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) seeks comments on its [environmental assessment](#) (EA) considering potential impacts of issuing an Interim Policy lease and subsequent site characterization activities in waters of the outer continental shelf (OCS) offshore Georgia. Comments should be submitted by 2 May. [79 Fed. Reg. 18578](#) (April 2, 2014).

San Nicholas Island – restricted area



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) promulgated a final rule modifying the existing restricted area in waters of the Pacific Ocean surrounding

San Nicholas Island, California. The amendments come into effect on 2 May. **79 Fed. Reg. 18450** (April 2, 2014).

USCG – Proceedings



The US Coast Guard posted the Spring 2014 edition of the **Proceedings** of the Marine Safety & Security Council. This edition focuses on maritime border security. (4/1/14).

Tokyo MOU – CIC results



The Tokyo MOU issued a **press release** stating that it undertook a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on propulsion and auxiliary machinery on 1 September through 30 November 2013. Of the 8,257 inspections conducted by MOU member authorities during this period, there were a total of 282 detentions, among which 72 (or 25.5%) were detained for CIC deficiencies. (4/1/14).

Australia – SAR equipment service providers



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **media release** stating that it invites input from potential service providers into the research phase of its Search and Rescue (SAR) Equipment Support Services Tender. Submissions must be received by 28 April. (4/1/14).

New Zealand – proposed survey performance requirements



Maritime New Zealand issued a **notice** stating that it invites comments on a number of proposed survey performance requirements that would be applicable to all regulatory surveys of ships. Comments must be submitted by 19 May. (4/1/14).

New Zealand – SeaCert now in force



Maritime New Zealand issued a **media release** stating that SeaCert, the new domestic certification framework for New Zealand seafarers is now in force. (4/1/14).

Singapore – bunkering licenses cancelled



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** stating that the bunker supplier and bunker craft operator licenses of Coteam Petroleum Trading Pte Ltd have been cancelled for contravening the terms and conditions of the bunkering licenses. (4/1/4).

UK – consultation re offshore vessels



The UK Government issued a **notice** stating that it has opened a consultation on the application of the application of the Special Purpose Ships (SPS) Code and other IMO codes and guidelines for offshore vessels. Comments must be received by 9 May. (3/27/14). *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Alan Spackman of the **International Association of Drilling Contractors**.*

UK – MAIB Safety Digest



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) posted its **Safety Digest 1/2014**. (4/1/14).

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