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Pacific Ocean – multi-service rescue



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that an inter-service rescue effort is taking place in the Pacific Ocean approximately 900 miles southwest of Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. The Coast Guard received a satellite call from the owner/operator of a 36-foot US-flag sailing vessel stating that the vessel was disabled and that his one-year-old daughter on the vessel was quite ill. Evaluation indicated that medical assistance was required. The California Air National Guard launched a USAF MC-130P with four pararescuemen. The pararescuemen boarded the sailboat and have stabilized the infant. The US Navy frigate USS Vandergrift (FFG 48) has been diverted to

assist. A **second news release** states that the family with the sick infant is safely aboard the Navy frigate. (4/6/14).

LMRWSAC – meeting



The Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee (LMRWSAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet in New Orleans on 23 April. Topics on the agenda include electronic aids to navigation and work on the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal. **79 Fed. Reg. 19107** (April 7, 2014).

USCG – nontank vessel response plans



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that NVIC 01-05 (CH-1), Interim Guidance for the Development and Review of Response Plans for Nontank Vessels, has been cancelled. It was replaced by the “Nontank Vessel Response Plans and other Response Plan Requirements” final rule promulgated on 31 January 2014. **79 Fed. Reg. 19107** (April 7, 2014).

MARAD – ex-USNS Comet available for donation



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a notice stating that the obsolete vessel, ex-USNS Comet is available for donation. It is considered to be the first purpose-built oceangoing roll-on/roll-off vessel. Applications must be received by 7 July. **79 Fed. Reg. 19171** (April 7, 2014).

OFAC – Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) promulgated a final rule amending the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations. The amendment, which comes into effect immediately, clarifies and adds certain definitions, as well as amending the general license provisions. **79 Fed. Reg. 18990** (April 7, 2014).

Cook Inlet – tidal energy proposal



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that it has received an application from ORPC Alaska 2, LLC for a successive preliminary permit proposing to study the feasibility of the East Foreland Tidal Energy Project to be located in Cook Inlet near Nikiski, Alaska.

Comments on the application must be submitted within 60 days. **79 Fed. Reg. 19065** (April 7, 2014).

OMB – review of draft OSV rule



The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has received for review the draft US Coast Guard interim final rule regarding **Offshore Supply Vessels of at least 6000 GT ITC**. The draft rule is intended to implement the 2010 statute removing the size limit on OSVs and to ensure the safe carriage of oil, hazardous substances, and individuals in addition to crew on these larger OSVs. OMB review generally takes four months, but can be longer. (4/4/14).

FEMA – PSGP funding revision



The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued an **announcement** informing prospective applicants that the FY 2014 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) funding opportunity announcement has been revised. The revision allows eligible entities within Group I port areas to submit up to six Investment Justifications (IJs) per application (increased from a maximum of three) and clarifying language to address the application rules for entities that have facilities in multiple port areas. (4/4/14).

BSEE – pre-production inspection of FPSO



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a **press release** stating that a team of its engineers and inspectors conducted a safety inspection of the first floating production, storage, and offloading (FPSO) vessel designed and built for containment use in the Gulf of Mexico. (4/4/14).

DOJ – extradition on antitrust charge



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that Romano Piscioti, an Italian national, was extradited to the United States from Germany on a charge of participating in a conspiracy to suppress and eliminate competition by rigging bids, fixing process, and allocating market shares for sales of marine hose sold in the United States and elsewhere. This marks the first successfully litigated extradition on an antitrust charge. (4/4/14).

DOT – new MTSNAC members appointed



The Department of Transportation (DOT) [news release](#) stating that Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx appointed ten new members to the Marine Transportation System National Advisory Committee (MTSNAC). (4/4/14).

House – bill introduced to repeal crude oil export ban



Representative McCaul (R-TX) introduced the [Crude Oil Export Act](#) (H.R. 4349) to repeal the crude oil export ban under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, and for other purposes. Representative McCaul issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (4/1/14)/

UK – report on shipping strategy



The UK House of Commons Transport Committee issued its report entitled [Forging ahead?: UK shipping strategy](#). Among other things, the report recommends that the Government set out what policy measures it will use to ensure that the UK-flagged fleet begins again to grow in size and explain how it will “promote the UK as a global shipping base and centre for maritime services” available to vessels of all nationalities. [Volume II](#) of the report contains additional written evidence. (4/3/14).

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