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USAF – GPS modernization



The Department of Defense (DOD) issued a **news release** stating that the US Air Force (USAF), on 28 April, will commence initial broadcast of CNAV message-populated L2C and L5 signals from certain GPS satellites. In December, the CNAV data updates will increase. L2C and L5 are the first of several new civil capabilities being added to GPS as part of the GPS modernization program announced in 1999. The L2C signal is designed to meet commercial needs and L5 meets safety-of-life transportation requirements. (4/25/14).

BSEE – unannounced spill response exercise



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a **press release** stating that it participated in an unannounced spill response drill in Huntington Beach, California, involving Occidental Petroleum Corporation, the US Coast Guard, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

(BOEM), the California Office of Spill Prevention & Response, and the California State Lands Commission. (4/25/14).

WMO – Marine Meteorological Monitoring Survey



The Irish Department of Transport, Tourism, and Sport issued a **Marine Notice** encouraging masters to participate in the **Marine Meteorological Monitoring Survey** (MMMS) being conducted by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). Survey submissions should be made by 20 June. (4/24/14).

Australia – cargo stowage and securing



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) opened a **consultation** on a proposed revision of Marine Order 42 relating to cargo stowage and securing. In addition to modernizing the order, the proposal would include the new SOLAS requirements prohibiting the blending of liquid bulk cargoes on board during a sea voyage and give effect to the Code of Safe Practice for Ships Carrying Timber Deck Cargoes. Comments should be submitted by 16 May. (4/24/14). *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Alan Spackman of the **International Association of Drilling Contractors**.*

Japan & US – joint statement



The United States and Japan issued a **Joint Statement** regarding issues of mutual interest, focusing on the Asia-Pacific region. Among other things, the statement emphasizes the importance of maintaining a maritime order based upon respect for international law, including the freedom of navigation and overflight. It expressed concern about the uncoordinated declaration of an Air Defense Identification Zone in the East China Sea and called on nations to clarify the basis of their claims in the South China Sea in accordance with international law. (4/25/14).

UK – new research vessel proposed



The UK Department for Business Innovation & Skills issued a **Consultation on Proposals for Long-Term Capital Investment in Science & Research**. Included among the various proposals is the allocation of an estimated £225 million for construction of a new polar research vessel [tentatively named the Royal Research Ship (RRS) Discovery] to serve as a state-of-the-art platform

for world-leading oceanographic research in the remotest and least hospitable parts of the planet, from tropical seas to polar waters. (4/24/14).

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