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House – passing of former Representative Jim Oberstar



Representative Garamendi (D-CA) issued a [press release](#) on the recent passing of former Representative Jim Oberstar of Minnesota, who served for many years as Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. (5/5/14). *Note: The press release noted, among other things, that the “nation has lost a tremendous public servant.” I share those sentiments.*

White House – passing of former Representative Jim Oberstar



President Obama issued a [statement](#) on the recent passing of former Representative Jim Oberstar of Minnesota noting his 36 years of devoted service to improving America's infrastructure. (5/3/14).

CDC – reporting onboard death or illness



The US Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has changed the method for maritime death and illness reporting to begin using fillable PDF forms. The forms, which entered into effect on 10 March 2014, are accessible via two sites: one for **cruise ships** and another for **all other vessels** required to submit these reports. Another site includes the detailed **reporting requirements**. (5/5/14).

USCG – uninspected passenger vessel documentation



The Ninth Coast Guard District issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin reminding owners and operators of uninspected passenger vessels of the importance of compliance with applicable documentation and tonnage measurement laws. Currently, District policy is to accept a valid state registration or a valid Certificate of Documentation (COD) when performing routine checks of uninspected passenger vessels/fishing charters, but this policy is subject to change. **MSIB 001-14** (5/5/14).

NOAA – HF radar current observations



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** stating that it is now making available to mariners in the Chesapeake and San Francisco Bay areas web-based of real-time coastal ocean surface current observations using high frequency (HF) radar. Plans call for expansion of this program to other areas. (5/5/14).

Nantucket Sound – Cape Wind survey



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it issued an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to Cape Wind Associates to take marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to pre-construction high resolution survey activities in Nantucket Sound. **79 Fed. Reg. 25835** (May 6, 2014).

Forfeiture Act – 6 May 1796



Congress adopted the **Forfeiture Act**, 1 Stat. L. 461. Among other things, this law provided that one-half of all penalties, fines, and forfeitures

incurred and paid under the impost (customs) laws of the United States and recovered in consequence of information given by any officer of a revenue cutter shall be paid to the officers of such cutter, to be divided among them in proportion to their pay. (5/6/1796). *Ah! Those were the days!*

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