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## **USCG – workplace safety and health**



The US Coast Guard is requesting comments on a petition for rulemaking to address mariner occupational health and safety. Comments on the petition should be submitted by 6 August. **79 Fed. Reg. 26391** (May 8, 2014).

## **USCG – STCW policy circulars**



The US Coast Guard issued a notice announcing the availability of ten Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circulars (NVICs) regarding the agency's policy for implementing the STCW Convention. **79 Fed. Reg. 26374** (May 8, 2014).

*Note: Links to each of the NVICs were included in my **5 May newsletter**.*

## CBP – COAC members sought



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a notice stating that it seeks individuals interested in serving on the Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of US Customs and Border Protection (COAC). Applications should be received by 23 June. [79 Fed. Reg. 26451](#) (May 8, 2014).

## FMC – complaint filed



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that a complaint has been filed by Edaf Antillas, Inc. against Crowley Caribbean Logistics, LLC; IFS International Forwarding, SL; and IFS Neutral Maritime Services alleging that respondents violated the Shipping Act by failing to have reasonable regulations or practices in place that, if followed, would have prevented the loading of a non-compliant wood pallet or crate into a container bound for the United States. [79 Fed. Reg. 26427](#) (May 8, 2014).

## USAF – unhealthy GPS signals



The USCG Navigation Center (NAVCEN) posted a [US Air Force report](#) on extended non-operational and unhealthy broadcasts from GPS satellites PRN 6 and PRN 30 respectively. Users are cautioned to ensure that their GPS receivers are not inadvertently utilizing signals from these two satellites. (5/7/14).

## DOT & MARAD – National Maritime Strategy Symposium



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a [news release](#) regarding the recently-concluded [second National Maritime Strategy Symposium](#), hosted by the Maritime Administration (MARAD). Participants focused on the changes and challenges facing domestic marine transportation in the United States. (5/6/14).

## Australia – National System for Domestic Commercial Vessels



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a [media release](#) stating that a consultation process has commenced regarding the National System for Domestic Commercial Vessels. Sessions will be held in 24 locations seeking views on how to best simplify domestic commercial vessel rules. (5/7/14).

## Malta – WMU field trip hosted



Transport Malta issued a [press release](#) stating that Maritime Malta hosted a group of eight students from the World Maritime University (WMU) in Malmo, Sweden who were on a field trip to Malta. (5/6/14).

## Panama Canal – Pedro Miguel Locks lane outage



The Panama Canal Authority issued an advisory stating that dredging operations will be conducted 14-16 May at the lake entrance on the west side of the Pedro Miguel Locks. During this period, the west land of the locks will be closed to shipping and Transit Reservation System Condition 2 will be in effect. [Advisory 09-2014](#) (5/5/14).

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