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USCG – unprepared safety equipment;
USCG – slips, trips, and falls; and
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North Atlantic – search for missing sailors suspended



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that it has suspended the search for the crew of the sailing vessel Cheeki Rafiki. The vessel's locator beacon was activated early on the morning of 16 May when the vessel was in the North Atlantic approximately 1,000 miles east of Massachusetts. At that time, the seas were 15 feet with winds surpassing 50 knots. At about noon on 17 May, the motor vessel Maersk Kure located an overturned hull matching the description of the Cheeki Rafiki, but could not find any signs of the sailors. (5/18/14).

White House – National Safe Boating Week



President Barack Obama issued a **Proclamation** designating 17-23 May as National Safe Boating Week. (5/16/14).

USAF – GPS issues



The US Air Force (USAF) issued a notice stating that recently a number of GPS users have reported outages. Investigation reveals that all GPS satellites are operating properly, but that certain GPS receivers are erroneously ignoring the satellite health status information being broadcast. Satellite Vehicle Number (SVN) 64 broadcasts a data message indicating that SVN 64 is unusable for navigation. Certain receivers are using the information regardless, resulting in outages or corrupted, incorrect position calculations. Users experiencing GPS outages should contact their equipment manufacturers for software/firmware updates. (5/15/14).

USCG – unprepared safety equipment



The US Coast Guard issued a Safety Alert stating that some SABRE Emergency Escape Breath Devices (EEBDs)/Emergency Life Support Apparatus (ELSA) were found to be in an unprepared status. Masters with such devices on their vessels should ensure that the “Quick Fire” functionality on each of these devices is in its “Primed” state. **Alert 06-14** (5/16/14).

USCG – slips, trips, and falls



The US Coast Guard issued a Safety Alert reminding owners and operators of small passenger vessels to be alert to the risk of slips, trips, and falls on their vessels and to take measures to mitigate those risks. **Alert 07-14** (5/16/14).

MARAD – internal reorganization



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a **news release** announcing an internal reorganization. The former Office of National Security is now the Office of Strategic Sealift, with three areas of focus: Federal Sealift; Commercial Sealift; and Maritime Workforce. (5/16/14).

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