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GAO – US participation in Arctic Council; and
Panama Canal – new lock gates en route.

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USCG – confined space entry



The US Coast Guard issued a directive reminding its marine inspectors and port state control (PSC) officers that training on the hazards associated with confined spaces is mandatory and that personnel may not authorize entry into a confined space without having first been granted that authority in writing by their commanding officer. **ALCOAST 211/14** (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). *Note: This is a repetition of the item from yesterday, except that I have linked the Alert on my site as several long-suffering readers stated they were unable to access the Alert on the USCG site.*

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). *Note: This is a repetition of the item from yesterday, except that I have linked the Alert on my site as several long-suffering readers stated they were unable to access the Alert on the USCG site.*

GAO – US participation in Arctic Council



The Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a report on US participation in the Arctic Council. The report indicates that, while the Department of State, the lead federal agency, advises other agencies of the Council's recommendations, there is no procedure for reviewing or tracking progress made on their implementation. **GAO-14-435** (5/19/14).

Panama Canal – new lock gates en route



The Panama Canal Authority issued a **press release** stating that four new lock gates for the Canal Expansion Project have departed Italy and are due to arrive in Panama in mid-June. The project is currently 74% complete. (5/18/14).

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