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## North Atlantic – search suspended



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that it suspended the search for the missing crew members of the sailing vessel Cheeki Rafiki after the overturned vessel was found in the North Atlantic approximately 1,000 miles east of Massachusetts. The boat's inflatable life raft was secured in its storage space, indicating that the crew had been unable to make use of it. Estimated survival time in the water at the site of the casualty was 20 hours. Search was suspended nearly 200 hours after the automated distress message was received. (5/23/14).

## Lake Michigan – petition for load line exemption



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it received petitions for it to establish a special load line-exempted route along the eastern shore of Lake Michigan between Chicago, Illinois (Calumet Harbor) and Muskegon, Michigan. This is similar to an existing exempted route between Calumet Harbor and

Milwaukee. Comments should be submitted by 25 August. [79 Fed. Reg. 30061](#) (May 27, 2014).

### **DOE – application for LNG export**



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Venture Global LNG, LLC for authorization to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) from a facility proposed to be built along the Calcasieu Ship Channel in Louisiana. Comments on the application should be submitted by 26 June. [79 Fed. Reg. 30109](#) (May 27, 2014).

### **NIAC – meeting**



The National Infrastructure Advisory Council (NIAC), sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), will meet on 12 June in Washington, DC. Topics on the agenda include the Transportation Sector's resilience against potential disruptive events. [79 Fed. Reg. 30155](#) (May 27, 2014).

### **USCG – hurricane contingency plans**



As we approach the beginning of the 2014 hurricane season, I have updated my list of US Coast Guard [Hurricane & Heavy Weather Contingency Plans](#). This version includes the latest revisions to the plans for Sector New York and Sector Hampton Roads. If any reader learns of a more recent version of such a contingency plan for any USCG Sector, please advise so that my list can be kept current. (5/23/14). *Note: These revised plans were brought to my attention by my good friends Bethann Rooney of the [Port Authority of New York and New Jersey](#) and Steve Jevnisek of [Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company](#).*

### **House – bill introduced re marine fisheries management**



Representative Bishop (D-NY) introduced a bill (H.R. 4722) to clarify that for purposes of all Federal laws governing marine fisheries management, the landward boundary of the exclusive economic zone between areas south of Montauk, New York, and Point Judith, Rhode Island, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (5/22/14).

## Hong Kong – typhoon season



The Hong Kong Marine Department issued a **notice** reminding owners, operators, and masters of the commencement of the 2014 typhoon season. Ships in Hong Kong waters during this period must, at all times, be adequately manned and maintain a continuous listening watch on the VHF radio channel appropriate to the VHF sector in which the vessel is located. (5/26/14).

## Singapore – unlicensed bunker supplier



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** stating that an company pleaded guilty in court to five charges of supplying bunkers in the Port of Singapore without a valid bunker supplier license. (5/26/14).

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