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White House – Counter Piracy & Maritime Security Action Plan



President Obama released the **United States Counter Piracy and Maritime Security Action Plan**. The Plan, which implements the National Strategy for Maritime Security and the Policy for the Repression of Piracy and other Criminal Acts of Violence at Sea, provides guidance for counter-piracy efforts and outlines that the United States will use all appropriate instruments of national power to repress piracy and related maritime crimes. This plan supersedes the “Countering Piracy off the Horn of Africa Partnership & Action Plan” of 2008. (6/20/14).

TSA – TWICs with missing fingerprint information



The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) issued a **notice** stating that some Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) cards were recently produced without the fingerprint template files. Workers holding these cards who need to prove their identity by biometric match will not be able to do so until their cards are replaced. TSA will replace improperly produced cards at no cost to the card holder. TSA has posted a **192-page list** of affected cards. (6/18/14).

USCG – Qualified Assessor application procedure



The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) issued a **bulletin** discussing the procedure used to apply for designation as a Qualified Assessor. (6/19/14).

USCG – CFSAC members sought



The US Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee (CFSAC). Applications must be received by 25 July. **79 Fed. Reg. 35562** (June 23, 2014).

USCG – hurricane contingency plans



With assistance from some long-suffering readers, I have again updated my list of US Coast Guard **Hurricane & Heavy Weather Contingency Plans**. This version includes the latest revisions to the plans for Sectors Boston, Corpus Christi, Long Island Sound, New Orleans, San Juan, and St. Petersburg. 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. (6/20/14).

DOE – how a wind turbine works



The Department of Energy (DOE) posted an informative article on **How a Wind Turbine Works**. (6/20/14).

Senate – bill introduced re water rights



Senator Barrasso (R-WY) introduced a bill (S. 2496) to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Barrasso issued a [news release](#) explaining the measure. (6/19/14).

House – bill introduced re DHS appropriations



Representative Carter (R-TX) introduced a bill ([H.R. 4903](#)) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes. (6/19/14).

House – bill introduced re water development appropriations



Representative Simpson (R-ID) introduced a bill (H.R. 4923) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Simpson issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (6/20/14).

House – bill introduced re transportation infrastructure fund



Representative Webster (R-FL) introduced a bill (H.R. 4925) to amend title 23, United States Code, to establish a Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Revolving Fund, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Webster issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (6/20/14).

Canada – loss-of-tow incident



The Transportation Safety Board (TSB) of Canada issued the report of its investigation into the loss-of-tow by the tug Charlene Hunt of the former passenger vessel MV Lyubov Orlova in waters off the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador on 24 January 2013. The major factors leading to the loss-of-tow were lack of preparation, bad weather, and a mechanical breakdown on the tug. The towed vessel was left derelict and adrift in international waters of the North Atlantic and is presumed to have sunk. [M13N0001](#) (6/19/14).

India – OSV manning requirements



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping issued a **notice** seeking comments on draft amendments to minimum safe manning requirements for offshore supply vessels operating in Indian oil fields. Comments should be received by 26 June. (6/18/14).

USCG Auxiliary authorized – 23 June 1939



On 23 June 1939, a law was enacted to establish a Coast Guard Reserve [the name was later changed to the Coast Guard Auxiliary] to be composed of owners of motorboats and yachts to assist the Coast Guard in the saving of life and property and in the patrolling of marine parades and regattas. **53 Stat. 854.**

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