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North Carolina – Hurricane Arthur



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that Sector North Carolina has set Port Condition Whiskey for all navigable waters in North Carolina in preparation for the anticipated weather impact of tropical storm Arthur. A **second news release** states that the Port Conditions have been raised as Arthur reaches hurricane force. (7/2/14).

USCG – limited extension of NTVRP IOAs



The US Coast Guard issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin stating that, due to numerous complexities, about 925 nontank vessel response plans (NTVRPs) still have not received full plan approval and their current interim operating authorizations (IOAs) are due to expire on 31 July. Therefore, the Coast Guard intends to grant a three-month extension of IOAs for nontank vessels that have submitted a NTVRP which includes a pre-fire plan approved by the identified salvage and marine fire fighting organization when required. **MSIB 10-14** (7/1/14).

DHS – Counter-IED Resources Guide



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued the **Counter-IED Resources Guide**, providing a concise overview of the DHS Office of Bombing Prevention as well as the resources and capabilities that the Office can provide to address the threat posed by improvised explosive devices (IEDs). (7/2/14).

FERC – application to export CNG



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Emera CNG, LLC requesting authorization to export compressed natural gas (CNG) from a proposed CNG facility at the Port of Palm Beach, Florida. Comments on the application must be received by 2 September. **79 Fed. Reg. 38017** (July 3, 2014).

Offshore Maryland – wind energy leasing



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a notice stating that it plans to sell two commercial wind energy leases on the outer continental shelf (OCS) offshore Maryland. A mock auction for eligible bidders will be held on 12 August. The monetary auction will be held on 19 August. **79 Fed. Reg. 38060** (July 3, 2014). The Department of the Interior (DOI) issued a **press release** regarding the development.

MMC – Committee of Scientific Advisors



The Marine Mammal Commission (MMC) issued a notice stating that it seeks nominations for membership on the Committee of Scientific Advisors on Marine Mammals. Nominations should be received by 30 July. **79 Fed. Reg. 38073** (July 3, 2014).

IMO – SOLAS amendments



The IMO issued a **news release** reminding stakeholders that various amendments to the SOLAS Convention entered into force on 1 July 2014. Among other things, the amendments address recovery of persons from the water; reducing on-board noise; and protection of vehicle, special category, and ro-ro spaces. (7/1/14).

Australia – detention for inadequate voyage planning



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **media release** stating that the Administrative Appeals Tribunal affirmed the detention by the AMSA of the vessel SCF Yenisel in Queensland in October 2013. The detention was ordered when it was determined the vessel planned to transit Palm Passage of the Great Barrier Reef Marine park waters using scanned and printed charts.. The tribunal confirmed that reliance on unofficial charts demonstrated inadequate voyage planning. (7/2/14).

Ireland – medical and eyesight standards



The Irish Department of Transport, Tourism, and Sport issued a notice reminding stakeholders that the Merchant Shipping (Medical Examinations) Regulations 2014, implementing MLC 2006 and the Manila Amendments to STCW Convention, come into effect on 4 July. **Marine Notice 38-2014** (7/1/14).

Panama Canal – Expansion Project update



The Panama Canal Authority issued a **press release** stating that more than two million cubic feet of concrete has recently been poured at the Pacific side of the Canal Expansion Project, raising overall progress to 76.3%. (6/25/14).

UK – discharge book and/or British seaman's card



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a **notice** announcing availability of a new version of the MSF 4509, Application for a discharge book and/or British seaman's card. (7/2/14).

Declaration of Independence Day – July 4



This Friday, July 4, 2014, marks the 238th anniversary of the publication of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia (July 4, 1776). It is not the 237th anniversary of the independence of the United States, because what we on this side of the pond call the Revolutionary War had just begun. Even October 19, 1781, when British Major General Lord Cornwallis surrendered to American General George Washington and French Lieutenant General de Rochambeau at the Battle of Yorktown, was not the end of the fighting. The independence of the United States was officially established by the signing of the Treaty of Paris on September 3, 1783, when the Kingdom of Great Britain recognized the United States of America as a separate nation and withdrew its remaining troops from New York. In a larger sense, though, the independence of the United States is contested every day – and not just in places like Iraq and Afghanistan. While it is appropriate that we set aside one day each year to celebrate our independence, it is also necessary to dedicate ourselves daily to live up to the principles on which this great nation was founded. We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, [and] that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

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