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USCG – MSM Vol. II updated



The US Coast Guard posted an updated version of Volume II – Material Inspection – of its Marine Safety Manual (**MSM Vol. II**). This update incorporates a number of previously-issued circulars and policy letters. In addition, it has a new chapter devoted to outer continental shelf activities. (7/3/14)

USCG – technical amendments to 33 CFR



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule making various technical amendments to Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations – Navigation and Navigable Waters. The amendments come into effect immediately, but are not intended to make substantive changes. [79 Fed. Reg. 38421](#) (July 7, 2014).

GLPAC – meeting



The Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee (GLPAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 23-24 July in Washington, DC. Topics on the agenda include US/Canada coordination and a review of general regulations. [79 Fed. Reg. 38323](#) (July 7, 2014).

MARAD – US-flag launch barge inventory



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a notice stating that it is updating its inventory of US-flag launch barges. Comments on the inventory should be submitted by 6 August. [79 Fed. Reg. 38356](#) (July 7, 2014).

James River – proposed safety zone



The US Coast Guard proposes to establish a temporary safety zone on waters of the James River in the vicinity of the James River Reserve Fleet and Hog Island, Virginia at various times between 6 and 15 August during the US Navy's demonstrations involving unmanned and remote-operated craft. Comments on the proposal must be received by 23 July. [79 Fed. Reg. 38479](#) (July 8, 2014).

IWUB – meeting



The Inland Waterways Users Board (IWUB), sponsored by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), will meet on 14 August in Walla Walla, Washington. Topics on the agenda include the status of funding for inland navigation projects and studies. [79 Fed. Reg. 38526](#) (July 8, 2014).

USCG – training and manning for OCS activities



The US Coast Guard has extended, through 8 September, the period within which to submit comments on its advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) entitled “Training of Personnel and Manning on Mobile Offshore Units and Offshore Supply Vessels Engaged in US Outer Continental Shelf Activities. [79 Fed. Reg. 38841](#) (July 9, 2014).

FERC – Pennamaquan Tidal Power



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that Pennamaquan Tidal Power LLC will hold public meetings in Bangor (6 and 7 August) and Pembroke, Maine (8 August) to explain and receive comments on its initial study plan for the proposed Pennamaquan Tidal Power Plant Project. [79 Fed. Reg. 38883](#) (July 9, 2014).

House – bill introduced to amend Antiquities Act



Representative Southerland (R-FL) introduced the Marine Access and State Transparency Act or [MAST Act](#) (H.R. 4988) to amend the Act popularly known as the Antiquities Act of 1906 to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments, to establish requirements for declaration of marine national monuments, and for other purposes. Representative Southerland issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (6/26/14).

IMO – Ship Recycling Convention



The IMO issued a [news release](#) stating that France has become the third State to ratify the [Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009](#) (following the Congo and Norway). (7/2/14).

Australia – marine casualty



The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) issued a [notice](#) stating that it has opened an investigation into a casualty on the bulk carrier Julia N while berthing in Port Hedland on 28 June. The ship was letting go a tug’s towing line when a crew member’s leg was caught in the messenger line, resulting in serious injury. (7/4/14).

Canada – Marine Transportation Security Regulations



Transport Canada issued a **notice** stating that it has updated its Marine Transportation Security Regulations (MTSRs) to more closely align with international requirements. The amendments come into effect immediately. (7/2/14).

China – NVOCC operators list



The Chinese Maritime Safety Administration issued a **notice** stating that it has developed a list of qualified Non-Vessel Operator Common Carrier (NVOCC) operators, who shall be issued NVOCC business licenses and allowed to conduct NVOCC business in and out of Chinese ports. (7/7/14).

Denmark – air emissions enforcement coordination



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **news release** stating that a number of North Western European nations have agree to coordinate their enforcement of the enforcement of sulphur emission rules applicable to ships operating in those waters. (7/3/14).

Panama Canal – June operations summary



The Panama Canal Authority issued an advisory summarizing Canal operations for June 2014. **Advisory 15-2014** (7/3/14).

UK – casualty investigation



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued the report of its investigation of the fire on the main deck of the ro-ro cargo ferry Corona Seaways in the Kattegat, Scandinavia on 4 December 2013. The fire was caused by an electrical defect on a used vehicle's engine starting system. Following initial fire-fighting by the crew, the vessel diverted to the Swedish port of Helsingborg, where assistance was provided by the local fire and rescue service in finally extinguishing the fire. **Report 17-2014** (7/3/14).

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