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North Pacific – sail boat crew rescued



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that the three crew members of the disabled sail boat Walkabout have been rescued by the container ship Manukai in the North Pacific about 400 miles northeast of Oahu. The sailboat was damaged and taking on water as a result of heavy weather resulting from Hurricane Julio. (8/11/14)

USCG – vessel documentation renewal fee



The US Coast Guard promulgated a rule establishing a fee of \$26 for renewals of endorsements on Certificates of Documentation. The cost of

renewals had previously been included in general overhead. The rule comes into effect on 10 November. [79 Fed. Reg. 47015](#) (August 12, 2014).

USCG – NVIC 01-13 extension of comment period



The US Coast Guard has extended, through 17 September, the period within which to submit comments on its draft changes to NVIC 01-13, Inspection and Certification of Vessels under the Maritime Security Program. [79 Fed. Reg. 47153](#) (August 12, 2014).

NTSB – investigation procedures



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) proposes to amend its regulations addressing investigation procedures. Among other things, it proposes to organize these regulations into distinct mode-specific subparts, where appropriate. In addition, it proposes including its party agreement form as an appendix. Comments on the proposal should be submitted by 14 October. [79 Fed. Reg. 47064](#) (August 12, 2014).

SHC – meeting



The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC), sponsored by the Department of State (DOS) will meet on 27 August in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming session of the IMO Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers. Topics on the agenda include development of an international code of safety for ships uses gases or other low flashpoint fuels (IGF Code) and revised guidelines for packing cargo transport units. [79 Fed. Reg. 47170](#) (August 12, 2014).

Great Lakes – mutual training agreement



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that it has entered into a mutual training agreement with the Lake Carriers Association (LCA) that will allow USCG marine inspectors to join a vessel's crew while underway and act as a riding observer, giving inspectors a practical knowledge of the performance and operating characteristics of the vessels, equipment, the waterways they transit, and the vessel crews. (8/11/14).

Offshore North Carolina – wind energy areas defined



The Department of the Interior (DOI) issued a [press release](#) stating that three Wind Energy Areas have been defined offshore North Carolina. This action potentially opens 307,590 acres to commercial wind energy development. (8/11/14).

CRS – Changes in the Arctic



The Congressional Research Service (CRS) issued a report entitled “Changes in the Arctic: Background and Issues for Congress”. The report discusses the impact of decreased sea ice in the Arctic, including increased commercial shipping and oil and gas operations. It points out that response to oil spills in ice-covered waters is difficult and that the USCG icebreaker fleet is wanting. [R41153](#) (8/4/14).

Australia – asbestos on ships



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice reminding owners and operators of the ongoing prohibition of asbestos on ships. In situ asbestos on ships must be identified and managed using an asbestos management plan to assess, control, and mitigate risk. [Marine Notice 10-2014](#) (8/11/14).

Australia – Great Barrier Reef-Torres Strait



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice announcing that a new two-way route has been established by the IMO in the Great Barrier Reef (GBR) and Torres Strait region. The new route comes into effect on 1 December 2014. [Marine Notice 11-2014](#) (8/11/14).

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