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Arctic Ocean – medical evacuation from South Korean icebreaker



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that it medically evacuated a crew member from the South Korean icebreaker Araon in the Arctic Ocean 250 miles north of Barrow, Alaska. The crew member, who was suffering from a head injury, was flown by helicopter to medical facilities in Barrow for treatment. (8/21/14).

MERPAC – working group meeting



A working group of the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on September 9 in Easton, Maryland to review policy documents providing guidance on implementation of the 24 December 2013 rulemaking on STCW and national endorsements. [79 Fed. Reg. 49526](#) (August 21, 2014).

MERPAC – meeting



The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 10-11 September in Easton, Maryland to discuss various issues related to the training and fitness of merchant marine personnel. Topics on the agenda include vessel personnel working within polar regions; personnel working on MOUs and OSVs engaged in OCS activities; and guidance on implementation of the 24 December 2013 rulemaking on STCW and national endorsements. [79 Fed. Reg. 49524](#) (August 21, 2014).

ITC – marine sonar imaging systems



The International Trade Commission (ITC) issued a notice stating that it received a complaint from Johnson Outdoors, Inc. alleging violation of federal law relating to importation of certain marine sonar imaging systems. [79 Fed. Reg. 49536](#) (August 21, 2014).

USCG – GMDSS Implementation Task Force meeting



The USCG Navigation Center issued a **notice** stating that the National GMDSS Implementation Task Force will meet in Fort Myers, Florida on 9 October. (8/20/14).

Australia – recovery of persons from the water



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice providing advice to owners and operators on the new SOLAS regulation requiring all covered ships to have plans and procedures for recovery of persons from the water. [Marine Notice 12-2014](#) (8/20/14).

Singapore – resolutions adopted at MEPC 66



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular regarding resolutions adopted by the recent session of the IMO Maritime Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 66). [Shipping Circular 14-2014](#) (8/20/14).

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