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Arabian Gulf – USCG boat fires warning shot



The Department of Defense (DOD) issued a **news release** stating that a Coast Guard small boat operating in international waters in the Arabian Gulf fired a warning shot on an Iranian dhow in a defensive move after the crew of the dhow trained a machine gun on the Americans with apparent hostile intent. The dhow then left the scene. The Coast Guard small boat, deployed from the USCGC Monomoy (WPB 1326), was engaged in routine maritime security operations at the time. (8/26/14).

San Francisco Bay – arrival of disabled tanker



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that the disabled product carrier Pine Galaxy is expected to arrive under tow in San Francisco Bay later today (27 August). The ship suffered an engine room fire that left one crew member dead and the ship without electrical power or propulsion. A joint agency team will inspect the vessel prior to entry to ensure that conditions are safe and secure before additional tugs assist in the transit to port. (8/26/14).

OMB – consolidated cruise ship regulations



The Office of Management & Budget (OMB) completed its review of the Coast Guard's proposed [Consolidated Cruise Ship Regulations](#). This rulemaking proposes requirements for the screening of baggage, personal items, and persons intended for carriage on a cruise ship. This rule would revise the existing regulatory regime under the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 by requiring that cruise ship terminals have and submit a terminal screening program for passengers as part of their Facility Security Plans. The proposed changes would consolidate security requirements for cruise ships into one portion of the CFR so they are more easily found and provide greater uniformity in screening across the industry. (8/25/14). *Note: The proposal will probably appear in the Federal Register within the next two weeks.*

TSAC – meeting



The Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 24-25 September in Washington, DC. Topics on the agenda include: manning of inspected towing vessels; designation of narrow channels; mid-stream LNG refueling of towing vessels; marine casualty reporting; and air draft. [79 Fed. Reg. 51187](#) (August 27, 2014).

NMSAC – meeting



The National Maritime Security Advisory Committee (NMSAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 16-17 September in Baltimore. Topics on the agenda include: cyber security; suspicious activity reporting; and radiation portal monitoring. [79 Fed. Reg. 51186](#) (August 27, 2014).

Treasury – countries requiring boycott cooperation



The Department of the Treasury published its current list of countries requiring cooperation with an international boycott. The list consists of: Iraq; Kuwait; Lebanon; Libya; Qatar; Saudi Arabia; Syria; United Arab Emirates; and Yemen. [79 Fed. Reg. 51224](#) (August 27, 2014).

MTSNAC – closed meeting



The Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council (MTSNAC), sponsored by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), will conduct a closed meeting on 11 September in Washington, DC to deliberate on pre-decisional Agency policy documents containing selected concepts submitted to MARAD from interested members of the public to facilitate development of a National Maritime Strategy. [79 Fed. Reg. 50981](#) (August 26, 2014).

CGSIC – meeting



The [54th Meeting](#) of the Civil GPS Service Interface Committee (CGSIC) will be held on 8-9 September in Tampa. Topics on the agenda include: offshore GPS requirements and utilization in the Gulf of Mexico; detecting GPS jammers; determining potential impacts of sea level rise; GPS program update; Interference Detection and Mitigation Plan; and NDGPS Program update. (8/26/14).

USCG – Credential Verification Tool



The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) issued a [notice](#) stating that the earlier problem where postdated credentials were being prematurely displayed on the Credential Verification Tool has been resolved. (8/26/14).

Gulf of Mexico – collision



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that a 74-foot shrimping vessel and the 130-foot offshore supply vessel Gloria May collided in the Gulf of Mexico eighteen miles south of Pascagoula. The three crew members of the shrimper entered their life raft and were then picked up by the OSV. No injuries have been reported. The shrimper sustained significant damage, while the OSV reported minimal damage. There have been no reports of pollution, but the shrimper had 10,000 gallons of diesel fuel and 200 gallons of oil on board. The incident is under investigation. (8/24/14).

New York – oil spill response exercise



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that an oil spill response exercise will be conducted on 26 August on the waters and shorelines of Cattaraugus Creek. Participants in the exercise include the Seneca Nation of Indians, the Chautauqua County (NY) Fire Department, and the US Coast Guard. (9/25/14).

Australia – fatigue assessment report



The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) issued a [fatigue assessment report](#) regarding the grounding of the container ship Rena on Astrolabe Reef on 5 October 2011. The report concludes that it was likely that both the master and the second mate of the vessel were at risk of at least mild fatigue impairment during the work period immediate preceding the grounding. Furthermore, the master's sleep and work schedule placed him at significant risk of fatigue impairment during the days preceding the grounding, due to time of day for both work and sleep, sleep duration, and sleep fragmentation effects. This analysis was undertaken at the request of the Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) of New Zealand. (8/26/14).

Australia – accommodation ladders and gangways



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice owners, operators, masters, port authorities, terminal operators, and persons embarking or disembarking ships of the requirements for accommodation ladders and gangways. [Marine Notice 13-2014](#) (8/25/14).

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