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MARAD – Ebola virus outbreak



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued an advisory regarding the Ebola virus outbreak in West Africa. [Advisory 2014-02](http://www.marad.dot.gov/news_room_landing_page/maritime_advisories/advisory/advisory_2014-02.htm) [found at http://www.marad.dot.gov/news_room_landing_page/maritime_advisories/advisory/advisory_2014-02.htm] (9/2/14).

USCG – NVIC re Electro-Technical Rating endorsement



The US Coast Guard published a Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) entitled “Guidelines for Qualification for STCW Endorsements as Electro-Technical Rating on Vessels Powered by Main Propulsion of 750 kW/1,000 HP or More” (ETR). [NVIC 24-14](http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/regulations/NVIC/NVIC_2014/NVIC%2024-14%20ETR%20with%20Enclosures%2020140902.pdf) [found at http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/regulations/NVIC/NVIC_2014/NVIC%2024-14%20ETR%20with%20Enclosures%2020140902.pdf] (9/2/14).

USCG – Great Lakes pilotage rates



The US Coast Guard proposes rate adjustments for pilotage rates on the Great Lakes. As proposed, the adjustment would match a rate increase of the Canadian Great Lakes Pilotage Authority. It is also proposed to provide for temporary surcharges to accelerate recoupment of necessary and reasonable training costs for the pilot associations. Comments on the proposal must be submitted by 3 November. **79 Fed. Reg. 52602** [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-04/pdf/2014-21046.pdf>] (September 4, 2014).

MMMAC – meeting



The Merchant Marine Medical Advisory Committee (MMMAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 29-30 September in Piney Point, Maryland. Topics on the agenda include sleep disorders and medical expert panels. **79 Fed. Reg. 52738** [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-04/pdf/2014-21043.pdf>] (September 4, 2014).

Australia – Ebola virus outbreak



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice providing advice to owners, operators, and masters on the risks posed to seafarers on ships calling at ports in the countries affected by the Ebola virus outbreak. **Marine Notice 14-2014** [found at <https://apps.amsa.gov.au/MORReview/MarineNoticeExternal.html>] (9/3/14).

Australia – MEOSAR system



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **media release** [found at http://www.amsa.gov.au/media/documents/030920142014_AMSA_Media_Release_MEOSAR.pdf] stating that a contract has been awarded to enhance the Australia-New Zealand regional search and rescue satellite system used to detect emergency distress beacons. A next-generation Medium-attitude Earth Orbit Search and Rescue (**MEOSAR** [found at <http://www.amsa.gov.au/media/documents/MEOSARFactSheet.pdf>]) ground station antenna system will be installed to allow detection of beacon activations in a more timely manner. (9/3/14).

UK – wind farm tower struck



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issue a **press release** [found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/master-fined-after-wind-farm-collision-off-norfolk-coast>] stating that the master of a wind farm support vessel was fined £3,000 for breaching maritime collision regulations. While navigating through the wind farm at night in inclement weather, the vessel struck one of the wind turbine towers at speed. He failed to make good use of the lookout and the navigation equipment on board. (9/3/14).

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