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EPA – Small Vessel General Permit (sVGP)



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a notice stating that the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Small Vessel

General Permit (sVGP) for discharges incidental to the normal operation of vessels less than 79 feet in length has been finalized. This sVGP enters into effect on 19 December. **79 Fed. Reg. 53702** [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-10/pdf/2014-21408.pdf>] (September 10, 2014). The sVGP is available at <http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/npdes/vessels/Small-Vessel-General-Permit.cfm>

USCG – lifesaving devices



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule requiring uninspected commercial barges and sailing vessels to carry lifesaving devices even if these vessels are not carrying passengers for hire. The requirement comes into effect on 10 October. **79 Fed. Reg. 53621** [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-10/pdf/2014-21541.pdf>] (September 10, 2014).

Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal – safety zone



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it will enforce the safety zone between mile marker 296.1 and mile marker 296.7 of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal at certain times between 3 September and 26 November during installation of a new permanent fish barrier. **79 Fed. Reg. 54607** [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-12/pdf/2014-21640.pdf>] (September 12, 2014).

USCG – conditions of entry re Cambodia



The US Coast Guard announced that, effective 29 September, it is imposing conditions of entry on vessels arriving in the United States after having called at any port in Cambodia, during their last five port calls. In summary, each affected vessel must: (1) implement the Security Level 2 measures from its ship security plan while in a port of either country; (2) ensure that each access point is guarded and that guards have total visibility of the exterior of the vessel while in a port of either country; (3) attempt to execute a Declaration of Security while in a port of either country; (4) log all security actions; and (5) report actions taken to the pertinent USCG Captain of the Port [COTP] prior to arrival in the US. **79 Fed. Reg. 54991** [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-15/pdf/2014-21998.pdf>] (September 15, 2014).

Tampa Bay – safety and security zones



The US Coast Guard proposes to consolidate three security zone regulations into one regulation and to convert two safety zones into security zones on waters of Tampa Bay. Comments on the proposal must be received by 15 October. **79 Fed. Reg. 54937** [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-15/pdf/2014-21999.pdf>] (September 15, 2014).

OFAC – sanctions re Iran – update



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued a notice updating information regarding eight entities and eight vessels previously identified as the Government of Iran or as property of the Government of Iran under the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations. The updates are effective on 29 July 2014. **79 Fed. Reg. 55071** [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-15/pdf/2014-21999.pdf>] (September 15, 2014).

OFAC – sanctions re Iran



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued a notice publishing the names of 22 persons and six vessels blocked under authority of the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations. The actions were effective 29 August. **79 Fed. Reg. 55072** [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-15/pdf/2014-21898.pdf>] (September 15, 2014).

Great Lakes – dry cargo residue discharges



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection request associated with the 31 January 2014 regulation concerning the discharge of bulk dry cargo residue in US waters of the Great Lakes. **79 Fed. Reg. 54907** [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-15/pdf/2014-21893.pdf>] (September 15, 2014). *Note: In other words, the Coast Guard can now enforce those recordkeeping requirements contained in its earlier rulemaking.*

NOAA – coral



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) promulgated a 273-page final rule designating twenty reef-building coral species

as threatened and requesting information that may be relevant to the designation of critical habitat for these species. The designations enter into effect on 10 October. Information regarding critical habitat must be received by 10 November. **79 Fed. Reg. 53851** [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-10/pdf/2014-20814.pdf>] (September 10, 2014).

IOOS – meeting



The US Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS), sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will meet in Duluth on 2-3 October. Topics on the agenda include finalizing the guiding principles for the business model of IOOS and beginning a dialog on the next set of recommendations. **79 Fed. Reg. 53696** [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-10/pdf/2014-21537.pdf>] (September 10, 2014).

OFAC – Ukraine-related sanctions



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued a **notice** [found at <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/OFAC-Enforcement/Pages/20140912.aspx>] updating the list of entities covered by the Ukraine-related sanctions. (9/12/14).

USCG – air draft



The US Coast Guard issued a Safety Alert regarding the critical importance of knowing your vessel's air draft. The owner, operator, and master of vessels underway are responsible for understanding and communicating the relevant characteristics of the vessel, including the distance from the waterline to the vessel's highest point. Knowledge and understanding of the air draft is vital. **Alert 09-14** [found at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/0914.pdf>] (9/9/14).

USCG – Port State Control report



The US Coast Guard posted its **Port State Control Report 2013** [found at http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgcvc/cvc2/annual_report/annualrpt13.pdf]. The report provides statistics related to enforcement by the Coast Guard of the SOLAS Convention, the MARPOL Convention, and the ISPS Code with respect to foreign vessels calling at US ports during 2013. (9/9/14).

USCG – NVMC picklist updates



The USCG National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC) issued a **notice** [found at <http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/NVMC/News.aspx?newsId=35DF89F7-8A86-420E-9B7E-681E27289C06>] announcing that an updated package of picklist XML files for use by third-party developers will be released that incorporates various country, port, agency, and RSO changes. These changes will also be reflected in updated versions of the online eNOAD application and NOAD workbooks. (9/12/14).

NTSB – Safer Seas 2013



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) released **Safer Seas 2013** [found at <http://www.nts.gov/doclib/reports/2014/SaferSeas2013.pdf>] summarizing the 21 marine casualties it investigated during 2013. The goal is to bring the lessons learned from these incidents to the maritime community in an easy-to-use document. (9/11/14).

DOE – LNG exports approved



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a **news release** [found at <http://www.energy.gov/articles/energy-department-authorizes-cameron-lng-and-carib-energy-export-liquefied-natural-gas-o>] stating that it has issued final authorizations to Cameron LNG, LLC and Carib Energy LLC to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG). The exports from Cameron will be via vessel and the exports from Carib will be via approved ISO LNG containers. (9/10/14).

Charleston – TIGER grant for Wando Wharf



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a **press release** [found at <http://www.dot.gov/briefing-room/us-department-transportation-announces-108-million-tiger-2014-grant-rehabilitation>] stating that a \$10.8 million TIGER grant has been awarded for rehabilitation of the Wando Welch Terminal in Charleston. The rehabilitation will allow it to handle larger ships and increased cargo volumes. (9/12/14).

House – resolution re South & East China Sea disputes



Delegate Faleomavaega (D-AS) introduced a resolution (**H.Res. 714**) [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-113hres714ih/pdf/BILLS-113hres714ih.pdf>] reaffirming the peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and jurisdictional disputes in the South China Sea and the East China Sea as provided for by universally recognized principles of international law, and reaffirming the strong support of the United States Government for freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of sea and airspace in the Asia-Pacific region. (9/8/14).

House – bill introduced re NOAA Officer Corps



Representative Grayson (D-FL) introduced the **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Amendments Act of 2013** (H.R. 5426) [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-113hr5426ih/pdf/BILLS-113hr5426ih.pdf>] to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and for other purposes. (9/9/14).

House – bill introduced re 100% scanning



Representative Hahn (D-CA) introduced a bill (H.R. 5455) to amend the Security and Accountability For Every Port Act of 2006 ("SAFE Port Act") to administer a pilot program for 100 percent scanning of cargo containers at domestic ports, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Hahn issued a **press release** [found at <http://hahn.house.gov/press-release/congresswoman-hahn-introduces-legislation-increase-security-terrorist-attack-us-ports>] explaining the measure. (9/11/14).

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