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USN – aircraft carrier rescues fishermen;
North Carolina – master pleads guilty to unauthorized dredging;
EU – Russian detention of fishing vessel;
Singapore – Ebola prevention measures; and
UK – controlled means of descent.

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USN – aircraft carrier rescues fishermen



The US Navy issued a [news release](http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=83609) [found at http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=83609] stating that the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) and Naval Air Warfare Center vessel 38 coordinated to rescue and evacuate two fishermen who abandoned their vessel after it caught fire. The incident occurred in the Atlantic about 90 miles off the coast of Florida. The fishermen were rescued from their liferaft by NAWC vessel 38, transferred to the aircraft carrier, and then flown by helicopter to Naval Air Station Jacksonville. (9/30/14).

North Carolina – master pleads guilty to unauthorized dredging



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a [news release](http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/docf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/4cbb7981828349f485257d63005f2fd8!OpenDocument) [found at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/docf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/4cbb7981828349f485257d63005f2fd8!OpenDocument>] stating that David Wayne Luther of Surf City, North Carolina and master of the motor vessel “The

Raven” pleaded guilty in federal court to violating the Clean Water Act and the Rivers and Harbors Act by engaging in unauthorized dredging in navigable waters of the United States by means of prop washing with the vessel. The violation site is a primary nursery area for oysters. Among other things, the defendant has agreed to purchase 0.21 acres of coastal wetland restoration. (9/30/14).

EU – Russian detention of fishing vessel



The European Union (EU) issued a [statement](http://eeas.europa.eu/statements/docs/2014/140930_01_en.pdf) [found at http://eeas.europa.eu/statements/docs/2014/140930_01_en.pdf] expressing concern about the forced apprehension of a Lithuanian fishing vessel by Russian border guards in high seas waters of the Barents Sea on 18 September and the subsequent detention of the vessel and crew. It calls on Russia to respect its international obligations and to immediately release the vessel. (9/30/14).

Singapore – Ebola prevention measures



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular advising that ships arriving in Singapore that have been to Ebola-affected countries within the previous 21 days are required to submit a Maritime Declaration of Health Form to the Port Health Office. [Port Marine Circular 12-2014](http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars_and_notices/pdfs/port_marine_circular_s/pc14-12.pdf) [found at http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars_and_notices/pdfs/port_marine_circular_s/pc14-12.pdf] (9/30/14).

UK – controlled means of descent



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued guidance explaining the UK policy on, and procedures for acceptance of, controlled means of descent equipment when used either as a replacement for embarkation ladders or as a means to access remotely located or “throw-over” liferafts. [MGN 519\(M\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/359701/mgn_519_controlled_means_of_descent.pdf) [found at https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/359701/mgn_519_controlled_means_of_descent.pdf] (9/30/14).

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