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Suisun Bay – safety zone

The US Coast Guard promulgated a rule establishing a temporary safety zone in Suisun Bay in support of the Military Ocean Terminal Concord MOTCO) electromagnetic scan and ordnance recovery operations. The operations seek to determine if there are any munitions or explosives deposited in the waters as a result of the Port Chicago explosion of 17 July 1944. The safety zone enters into effect immediately and remains in effect through 31 October. 79 Fed. Reg. 61238 [found at http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-10/pdf/2014-24292.pdf] (10/10/14).

FMC – OTI licensing & financial responsibility

The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) proposes to amend its regulations regarding ocean transportation intermediary (OTI) licensing and financial responsibility requirements and general duties Comments are due by 12 December. 79 Fed. Reg. 61544 [found at http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-10/pdf/2014-24003.pdf] (10/10/14).

NTSB – investigation procedures

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has extended, through 31 October, the period within which to submit comments on proposed amendments to its regulations concerning investigation procedures. 79 Fed. Reg. 61272 [found at http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-10/pdf/2014-24360.pdf] (10/10/14).

DOC – foreign trade zone

The Department of Commerce (DOC) issued a notice stating that it has approved the expansion of the foreign trade zone at Golden Meadow, Louisiana on behalf of Bollinger Shipyards, Inc. 79 Fed. Reg. 61287 [found at http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-10/pdf/2014-24270.pdf] (10/10/14).

USCG – Ebola reminder

The USCG Long Island Sound (LIS) Captain of the Port (COTP) issued an Area Maritime Security Bulletin (AMSB) reminding owners, operators, and masters of vessels on which there is an individual who may have contracted Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) of the requirement to report pertinent information to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) fifteen (15) days prior to expected arrival in the United States. Notification may be made via the US Coast Guard. AMSB 001-14 [found at http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/EVD_threat_141006.pdf] (10/6/14).

USCG – preventing tank barge explosions

The US Coast Guard issued a safety alert to raise awareness of the dangers of tank barge explosions and highlight critical lessons learned from recent incidents. Safety Alert 10-14 [found at https://homeport.uscg.mil/cgi-bin/st/portal/uscg_docs/MyCG/Editorial/20141009/1014_2.pdf?id=10443e3db4b8bfe3a246651c39d111aaafeec841] (10/9/14).

USCG – barge fleet lighting

The US Coast Guard issued a safety alert reminding owners and operators of barge fleets and fleeting areas of the importance of proper barge fleet lighting. Safety Alert 11-14 [found at https://homeport.uscg.mil/cgi-bin/st/portal/uscg_docs/MyCG/Editorial/20141009/1114_2.pdf?id=15c6d89ee6e0a5b04c9b75af4244e0046c58a888] (10/9/14).

FMC – 2M Agreement clears review

The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a news release [found at http://www.fmc.gov/NR14-12/] stating that the Commissioners voted 4-1 (Commissioner Lidinsky dissenting) to allow the 2M Agreement between A.P. Moller-Maersk A/S and MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company, SA to become effective as scheduled on 11 October. (10/9/14).

Charleston – international supply chain efficiency forum

The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a news release [found at http://www.fmc.gov/public-forum-S-atlantic-2014/] announcing that Commissioner Michael A. Khouri will hold an informational forum on "International Supply Chain Efficiency: Challenges Facing South Atlantic Ports" in Charleston on 30 October. (10/9/14).

Australia – official nautical charts

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice reminding masters of the importance of using official nautical charts, issued by or under the authority of a Government, authorized Hydrographic Office, or other relevant government institution. For a nautical chart to be considered adequate for navigational purposes, it must be: (1) officially issued; (2) the latest edition; (3) used in its original form; (4) maintained up to date using the latest available notices to mariners; and (5) of appropriate scale suitable for the navigational task at hand. Marine Notice 16-2014 [found at https://apps.amsa.gov.au/MOReview/MarineNoticeExternal.html] (10/9/14).

Australia – shipboard fire

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) issued a notice [found at http://www.atsb.gov.au/publications/investigation_reports/2014/mair/315-mo-2014-012.aspx] stating that it has commenced an investigation into a fire in the

accommodation spaces on the livestock carrier Ocean Drover in Fremantle Harbour. One crew member was injured in the fire. (10/9/14).

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