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Charleston – special anchorage area



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule modifying the special anchorage area located in the Ashley River in Charleston. The modification enters into effect on 19 November. [79 Fed. Reg. 62568](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-20/pdf/2014-24910.pdf) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-20/pdf/2014-24910.pdf>] (10/20/14).

MARAD – DWP license application process



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) seeks comment on the agency's proposed policy to accept, evaluate, and process license applications for construction and operation of offshore deepwater port (DWP) facilities for the export of oil and natural gas from the United States to foreign markets abroad. Comments should be submitted by 15 December. **79 Fed. Reg. 62242** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-16/pdf/2014-24609.pdf>] (10/16/14).

FERC – Corpus Christi LNG Project



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that it has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed Corpus Christi LNG Project. **79 Fed. Reg. 62130** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-16/pdf/2014-24550.pdf>] (10/16/14).

NBSAC – meeting



The National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 6-8 November in Arlington, Virginia. Topics on the agenda include electronic aids to navigation and the Uniform Certificate of Title Act. **79 Fed. Reg. 62644** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-20/pdf/2014-24915.pdf>] (10/20/14).

ISAC – meeting



The Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC), sponsored by the Department of the Interior (DOI), will meet in San Antonio on 12-14 November. **79 Fed. Reg. 62194** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-16/pdf/2014-24625.pdf>] (10/16/14).

IWUB – meeting



The Inland Waterways Users Board (IWUB), sponsored by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), will meet on 18 November in Linthicum Heights, Maryland. **79 Fed. Reg. 62123** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-16/pdf/2014-24625.pdf>] (10/16/14).

USCG – Ebola virus precautions



The US Coast Guard updated its policy regarding Ebola virus precautions relating to the maritime industry. Stakeholders are reminded that the Coast Guard will review all Notices of Arrival to determine whether a vessel has visited any of the countries listed as “Warning Level 3, Avoid Nonessential Travel” on the CDC’s [Travel Health Notice](http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices) site [located at <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>]. Timely reporting of suspected Ebola virus disease (EVD) incidents is paramount. [MSIB 17-14](http://www.uscg.mil/msib/docs/017_14_10-22-2014.pdf) (Change 1) [located at http://www.uscg.mil/msib/docs/017_14_10-22-2014.pdf] (10/22/14).

USCG – post-hurricane inspection requirements



The Eighth Coast Guard District issued [D8\(ocs\) Policy Ltr 01-2014](http://www.uscg.mil/d8/Prevention/docs/2014%20Policy/Policy_ltr_01-2014_Post_Storm_ISIP.pdf) [found at http://www.uscg.mil/d8/Prevention/docs/2014%20Policy/Policy_ltr_01-2014_Post_Storm_ISIP.pdf] providing guidance on post-hurricane inspection requirements for floating offshore production facilities. (10/10/14).

Grays Harbor – waterways analysis study



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2402642/) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2402642/>] stating that it is conducting a waterways analysis and management system review of Grays Harbor, Washington. It seeks public comment regarding general use of the waterway and issues with the visibility, placement, or location of aids to navigation in the waterway. Comments should be submitted by 31 January 2015. (10/29/14).

DOT OIG – MARAD management controls review



The Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General (DOT OIG) sent a [memorandum](https://www.oig.dot.gov/sites/default/files/MARAD%20Management%20Controls%20Announcement%20Letter%5E10-20-14.pdf) [located at <https://www.oig.dot.gov/sites/default/files/MARAD%20Management%20Controls%20Announcement%20Letter%5E10-20-14.pdf>] to the Maritime Administration (MARAD) stating that it intends to review that agency’s management controls for: (1) planning, performance measurement, and risk management; (2) organizational structure and workforce development; and (3) program implementation, monitoring, and oversight of core mission requirements. (10/20/14).

CMTS – Arctic vessel projection



The **US Committee on Marine Transportation System (CMTS)** [located at <http://www.cmts.gov/>] seeks recommendations regarding the diverse variables impacting growth of vessel activity in the Arctic over the next decade. Specifically, CMTS seeks suggestions that may contribute to the design of scenarios that could influence vessel traffic growth and any mid-term projections. A conference call will be held on 6 November to receive input. Written comments should be submitted by 14 November. (10/29/14).

DOJ – shipyard to pay \$1 million



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** [found at <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/north-florida-shipyards-pay-1-million-resolve-false-claims-allegations>] stating that North Florida Shipyards and its president will pay \$1 million to resolve allegations that they violated the False Claims Act by creating a front company in order to be awarded Coast Guard contracts designated for Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses. (10/29/14).

DOJ – offshore platform owner to pay \$1 million



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/offshore-oil-platform-owner-improve-safety-and-operations-gulf-mexico-following-unauthorize-o>] stating that the owner of an offshore oil platform will pay a \$1 million civil penalty and perform corrective measures to resolve claims under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (FWPCA) and the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) of unauthorized discharges of oil and chemicals from a Gulf of Mexico oil platform. (10/16/14).

DOJ – fishing vessel master sentenced



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.justice.gov/usao/hi/news/1410lam.html>] stating that the master of a Hawaiian fishing vessel pleaded guilty in federal court to operating a commercial vessel in a grossly negligent manner and received a sentence of one-year probation and 60 hours of community service, as well as being required to attend Coast Guard-approved safety training. During the probationary period, he may not serve as master or person in charge of any commercial vessel. The Coast Guard previously assessed a \$2,500 civil penalty for negligent operation because he was asleep with no other person on watch. (10/27/14).

CDFW & USCG – Spill Prevention & Response Day



The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the US Coast Guard will co-host the “**Spill Prevention and Response Day**” [located at <https://calspillwatch.dfg.ca.gov/Portals/5/Documents/Spill%20Prevention%20Response%20Day%20Agenda.pdf>] in Long Beach on 4 November. (10/27/14).

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