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USCG – RNA on Piscataqua River



The US Coast Guard established a temporary regulated navigation area on waters of the Piscataqua River in the vicinity of the Sarah Mildred Long Bridge between Portsmouth, NH and Kittery, ME to enhance safety during bridge replacement operations. The RNA will be in effect until 31 May 2019. **80 Fed. Reg. 1338** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-01-09/pdf/2015-00182.pdf>] (1/9/15).

USCG – safety zone at Eastport, Maine



The US Coast Guard established a temporary safety zone on waters around the Eastport Breakwater Terminal in Eastport, Maine due to uncertainty regarding the breakwater's stability following a partial collapse on 4 December 2014. The safety zone will be in effect until 30 January 2017. **80 Fed. Reg. 1344** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-01-09/pdf/2015-00184.pdf>] (1/9/15).

Guam – Apra Harbor



The US Coast Guard is revising and consolidating existing regulated navigation areas, security zones, and safety zones currently in place in Apra Harbor, Guam to eliminate confusing and outdated regulations. The revisions enter into effect on 10 February. **80 Fed. Reg. 1336** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-01-09/pdf/2015-00181.pdf>] (1/9/15).

USCG – RNA proposed on Kill Van Kull



The US Coast Guard proposes to establish a regulated navigation area on waters of Kill Van Kull and Newark Bay in the vicinity of the Bayonne Bridge to enhance safety during bridge construction. Comments on the proposal must be received by 9 February. **80 Fed. Reg. 1382** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-01-09/pdf/2015-00178.pdf>] (1/9/15).

USCG – Light Lists



The US Coast Guard has published the **2015 Light Lists** [located at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=lightLists>]. (1/8/15).

Seattle – LNG as Fuel Forum



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** [located at <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2015/01/08/182015-3rd-annual-liquefied-natural-gas-conference-to-be-hosted-in-the-pacific-northwest/>] stating that the third annual LNG as Fuel Forum will be held on 27 January in Seattle. (1/8/15).

USCG & CCG – Operation Coal Shovel



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2443358/) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2443358/>] stating that it and the Canadian Coast Guard have commenced Operation Coal Shovel, a coordinated ice-breaking effort on waters of southern Lake Huron, Lake St. Clair, the St. Clair and Detroit River Systems, Lake Erie, and Lake Ontario to prevent ice jams that could impede vital waterway traffic. (1/8/15).

House – bill introduced re tsunami detection



Representative Bonamici (D-OR) introduced the [Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act](#) (H.R. 34) to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes. (1/6/15).

Senate – bill introduced to extend state seaward boundaries



Senator Vitter (R-LA) introduced a bill (S. 55) to extend the seaward boundaries of certain States, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (1/7/15).

Senate – bill introduced re OCS O&G leasing program



Senator Vitter (R-LA) introduced a bill (S. 56) to reject the final 5-year Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for fiscal years 2012 through 2017 of the Administration and replace the plan with a 5-year plan that is more in line with the energy and economic needs of the United States. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (1/7/15).

UK – wreck removal insurance



The UK Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a Marine Information Note reminding stakeholders that the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks enters into force on 14 April 2015. Seagoing vessels of 300 GT and over will be required to maintain insurance or other financial security to cover the costs of locating, marking, and removing wrecks. Vessels will be required to carry evidence of this insurance in the form of a certificate issued by or on behalf of a State party. [MIN 499 \(M&F\)](#) [located at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/393675/MIN_499.pdf] (1/8/15).

UK – immersion suits in airtight packaging



The UK Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a Marine Guidance Note providing guidance to stakeholders on the visual inspection of immersion suits stored in airtight packaging. **MGN 529** (M&F) [located at https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/393011/MGN_529.pdf] (1/8/15).

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