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USCG – meeting re cruise ship security regulations



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that a public meeting will be held on 9 February in Fort Lauderdale to receive comments on its proposed Consolidated Cruise Ship Security Regulations. Written comments must be received by 10 March. **80 Fed. Reg. 2839** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-01-21/pdf/2015-00772.pdf>] (1/21/15). In conjunction with the rulemaking proposal, the Coast Guard posted **frequently asked questions** (FAQ) [located at http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg521/docs/FAQs_CVSSA_16Jan15.pdf].

San Francisco Bay – safety zone



The US Coast Guard has renewed, through 30 December the temporary safety zone on waters of San Francisco Bay in support of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge (SFOBB) demolition project. **80 Fed. Reg. 2824** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-01-21/pdf/2015-00915.pdf>] (1/21/15).

USCG – MSC updates



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** [located at <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2015/01/20/1152015-marine-safety-center-updates/>] stating that the Marine Safety Center (MSC) updated its Technical Notes and Plan Review Guidelines. (1/20/15).

COAC – meeting



The Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (COAC), sponsored by Customs and Border Protection (CBP), will meet on 11 February in San Francisco. **80 Fed. Reg. 2960** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-01-21/pdf/2015-00874.pdf>] (1/21/15).

IWUB – meeting



The Inland Waterways Users Board (IWUB), sponsored by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), will meet on 25 February in Birmingham, Alabama. **80 Fed. Reg. 2921** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-01-21/pdf/2015-00831.pdf>] (1/21/15).

NTSB – allision and sinking of OSV



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) posted the report of its investigation into the allision and sinking of the offshore supply vessel (OSV) Celeste Ann in the Gulf of Mexico on 14 June 2013. The OSV was engaged in transferring passengers from an offshore platform when the wind and current pushed the vessel sideways and into an underwater protrusion of the platform structure. The OSV was immediately holed to the point that its pumps could not keep up with the ingress of water. There were no injuries. **MAB-15/01** [located at <http://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MAB1501.pdf>] (1/20/15).

NTSB – course for legal professionals



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a **notice** [located at <http://www.nts.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/PR20150120.aspx>] stating that it is offering a new course for legal professionals to improve their understanding of the NTSB process. The course will be held on 5-6 March in Ashburn, Virginia. (1/20/15).

IMO – reducing administrative burdens



The IMO issued a **notice** [located at <http://www.imo.org/OurWork/rab/Pages/default.aspx>] stating that the report of the Ad Hoc Steering Group for Reducing Administrative Requirements (SG-RAR) has been received and that the Council, in general, agreed to its recommendations and has taken action toward their adoption. (1/16/15).

Panama Canal – first Pacific gate installed



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.pancanal.com/eng/pr/press-releases/2015/01/19/pr541.html>] stating that the first of eight gates has been installed in the new Pacific locks for the Canal Expansion Project. (1/19/15).

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