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USCG – commercial diving operations



The US Coast Guard proposes to amend its regulations for commercial diving that is conducted from deepwater ports or deepwater port safety zones or in connection with outer continental shelf (OCS) activities or from vessels that are required to have a Coast Guard certificate of inspection. Comments on the proposal must be received by 20 May. **80 Fed. Reg. 9151** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-02-19/pdf/2015-02714.pdf>] (2/19/15).

Arctic – Port Access Route Study



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that the Port Access Route Study: In the Chukchi Sea, Bering Strait, and Bering Sea continues. It seeks comments on how consolidating vessel traffic into a defined vessel routing system may impact or benefit the region. Comments must be received by 18

August. **80 Fed. Reg. 8892** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-02-19/pdf/2015-03332.pdf>] (2/19/15).

USCG – maritime safety drones



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it intends to enter into a cooperative research and development agreement (CRADA) with several companies to evaluate small unmanned aircraft systems (SUAS) and their airborne sensors to determine their potential use in a maritime environment by a first responder and DHS operational components. Comments must be received by 23 March. **80 Fed. Reg. 8889** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-02-19/pdf/2015-03327.pdf>] (2/19/15).

Ohio River – eNav demonstration project



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it intends to enter into a cooperative research and development agreement (CRADA) to prepare for a demonstration, the Ohio River eNavigation Technology Demonstration of electronic navigation (eNav) technology to be conducted by the Coast Guard, the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The Coast Guard needs end user participants who are commercial operators that regularly operate in the test area and are willing to receive navigation safety and environmental information via AIS. Comments on the proposal must be received by 23 March. **80 Fed. Reg. 8891** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-02-19/pdf/2015-03328.pdf>] (2/19/15).

EPA – MARPOL Annex VI proposal



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to make several technical clarifications to its air emission regulations for different mobile sources. One of the sources affected are vessels covered by MARPOL Annex VI. Comments on the proposal must be received by 6 April. **80 Fed. Reg. 8826** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-02-19/pdf/2015-02845.pdf>] (2/19/15).

NTSB – fishing vessel allision with warship



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued the report of its investigation of the allision of the US fishing vessel American Dynasty with the Canadian Navy frigate Winnipeg on 23 April 2013 in Esquimalt, British

Columbia. **MAB-1503** [located at <http://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MAB1503.pdf>] (2/18/15). *Note: This incident was the result of too many errors and failures and misadventures, including an unfortunately timed potty break, to easily summarize. I highly recommend reading the report in full.*

UK – shipping fleet statistics



The UK Department for Transport (DfT) posted its **shipping fleet statistics** [located at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/shipping-fleet-statistics-2014>] for 2014. During the year, there were 453 UK-registered trading vessels, totaling 12.3 million gross tons (a decline of 9% from 2013). (2/18/15).

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