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US & China – CUES in South China Sea



The US Navy issued a [news release](#) [located at http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=85767] stating that the littoral combat ship USS Fort Worth (LCS 3) and the Chinese People's Liberation Army-Navy frigate Hengshui (FFG 572) practiced the code for Unplanned Encounters at Sea (CUES), enhancing the professional relationship between the two services. CUES is a guideline for unplanned maritime encounters, providing standards for communications, safety procedures, and maneuvering instructions for naval ships and aircraft. (2/26/15).

Savannah – safety zones proposed



The US Coast Guard proposes to establish temporary safety zones throughout the Savannah Captain of the Port (COTP) zone for use in the event of natural or manmade disasters affecting navigable waterways. Comments on the

proposal must be received by 1 April. **80 Fed. Reg. 10635** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-02-27/pdf/2015-04163.pdf>] (2/27/15).

USCG – PREP Guidelines



The US Coast Guard seeks comments on the updated draft National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP) Guidelines. Comments must be received by 28 April. **80 Fed. Reg. 10704** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-02-27/pdf/2015-04160.pdf>] (2/27/15).

Great Lakes – DCR discharge recordkeeping



Effective 28 February 2015, there is a change to the US Coast Guard regulations, at 33 CFR § 151.66(c)(3)(iv-v), concerning dry cargo residue (DCR) on Great Lakes vessels. While masters continue to be required to maintain written records of DCR discharges, those records no longer need be submitted to the Coast Guard. Rather, the records must be certified and retained on the vessel for at least two years and must be made available to the Coast Guard upon request. (2/26/15).

FMC – LA/LB working agreement amendment approved



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.fmc.gov/NR15-01/>] stating that it has concluded its review of a proposed amendment to the Los Angeles and Long Beach Port Infrastructure and Environmental Programs Cooperative Working Agreement. The Commission's unanimous decision permits the amendment to become effective on 27 February. (2/26/15).

DOJ – National Shipbuilding Research Program



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a notice stating that the National Shipbuilding Research Program (NSRP) filed written notice that Bollinger Shipyards, Inc. has changed its name to Bollinger Shipyards, LLC, Lockport, LA. **80 Fed. Reg. 10716** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-02-27/pdf/2015-04100.pdf>] (2/27/15).

House – bill introduced to protect maritime navigation



Representative Sensenbrenner (R-WI) introduced a bill (H.R. 1056) to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (2/25/15).

UK – chief mate sentenced for fatal collision



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a **press release** [located at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/dutch-chief-mate-sentenced-for-fatal-collision>] stating that the chief mate of a dredger was sentenced to nine months, reduced to six months which has been suspended for 18 months, after pleading guilty to failure to maintain a proper watch. The chief mate was at the helm of a dredger that collided with a sailing yacht, resulting in the sinking of the yacht and one fatality. (2/26/15).

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