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USCG – commercial fishing vessel engineers



The US Coast Guard issued a policy letter providing guidance regarding engineer officer endorsements on uninspected commercial fishing industry vessels. Commencing 15 October, the Coast Guard will look to the guidance provided in this policy letter when enforcing requirements for proper credentialing of engineer officers on uninspected commercial fishing vessels. **CG-CVC Policy Letter 11-11, Change 1** (3/12/15).

Delaware River – safety zone



The US Coast Guard promulgated a rule establishing, through 12 May, a temporary safety zone on certain waters of the Delaware River near Marcus Hook to protect the safety of life and property while underwater impulsive sound testing is conducted. **80 Fed. Reg. 15167** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-03-23/pdf/2015-06578.pdf>] (3/23/15).

FWS & NOAA – green sea turtles



The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) propose to reorganize the classification of green sea turtles as threatened and endangered. A public meeting will be held on 8 April in Honolulu. Written comments should be submitted by 22 June. **80 Fed. Reg. 15271** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-03-23/pdf/2015-06136.pdf>] (3/23/15).

USCG – seeking Program Specialist (MTSC)



The Office of Port and Facility Compliance (CG-FAC) at US Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC issued two job announcements regarding the position of Program Specialist (MTSC), GS-301-13/14. The first announcement is for **Merit Promotion** [located at <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/397922200>]. The second announcement is for **All Sources** [located at <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/397922000>]. Applications must be received by 7 April. (3/17/15).

Court – Suits in Admiralty Act



The US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit affirmed the dismissal of civil rights actions brought by two foreign-born Muslim seamen for discrimination based on national origin and religion. The actions related to a tanker owned by the Maritime Administration (MARAD) but operated by a private company. Plaintiff seamen brought their actions against the human resources director of the private company. Because the vessel involved was owned by the federal government, plaintiffs only cause of action, under the terms of the Suits in Admiralty Act, was against the federal government. **Ali v. Rogers**, No. 13-15145 (9th Cir., March 19, 2015) [located at <http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2015/03/19/13-15145.pdf>].
Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Keith Heard of Burke & Parsons.

IMO – MEPC 67 resolutions



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular containing the resolutions adopted by the recent session of the IMO Maritime Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 67). **Shipping Circular 6-2015** (3/18/15) [located at

http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars_and_notices/pdfs/shipping_circulars/sc_no_6_of_2015.pdf]. *Note: This document is 76 pages in length.*

IMO – BWMS surveys



The IMO issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.imo.org/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/08-bwm-study.aspx#.VQx4DdLF98E>] announcing the launch of online surveys to assess the implementation of the Ballast Water Management System (BWMS) approval guidelines and the performance of type-approved systems. The survey will remain open until 1 June. (3/20/15).

New Zealand – port fined after stevedore injury



Maritime New Zealand issued a **media release** [located at <http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/news/media-releases-2014/20150320a.asp>] stating that the Ports of Auckland Ltd (POAL) has been fined \$55,000 and ordered to pay \$25,000 in reparation to a stevedore who suffered serious injuries unloading a container ship at the port. POAL admitted a charge of failing to take all practicable steps to ensure the safety of employees. (3/20/15).

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