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USCG – tonnage measurement notes



The USCG Marine Safety Center (MSC) has issued, since 2008, informational **weekly notes** for use by classification societies (referred to as authorized measurement organizations) that measure vessels on behalf of the Coast Guard. Those weekly tonnage measurement notes have now been compiled and are available at

http://www.uscg.mil/hq/msc/tonnage/docs/Weekly_Notes.pdf. (3/26/15).

Note: This document is 340 pages in length.

USCG – Arctic Coast Guard Forum



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2484382/>] the Arctic Coast Guard Forum (ACGF) recently met at US Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC. The ACGF is a cooperative initiative between nations with shared maritime interests in the Arctic and consists of Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, the Russian Federation, and the United States. The goal of the ACGF is to support safe, secure, and environmentally responsible maritime activity in the Arctic region. (3/26/15).

DOJ – fourth shipping executive sentenced



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/fourth-ocean-shipping-executive-pleads-guilty-price-fixing-ocean-shipping-services-cars-and>] stating that an executive of Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha (K-Line) pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 18 months in federal prison for his involvement in a conspiracy to fix prices, allocate customers, and rig bids of international ocean shipping services for roll-on, roll-off cargo. This is the fourth shipping executive to be sentenced in the conspiracy. Three corporations have agreed to plead guilty and to pay criminal fines totaling more than \$136 million. (3/26/15).

NOAA – porbeagle shark



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it is conducting a 90-day finding to determine whether the porbeagle shark should be included on the list of endangered and threatened wildlife. Comments must be received by 12 May. [80 Fed. Reg. 16356](#) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-03-27/pdf/2015-07073.pdf>] (3/27/15).

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