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BSEE – blowout preventer systems & well control



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) proposes new regulations to consolidate equipment and operational requirements pertaining to offshore oil and gas drilling, completions, workovers, and decommissionings. The proposal focuses on blowout preventer (BOP) requirements and reforms in the areas of well design, well control, casing, cementing, real-time well monitoring, and subsea containment. Comments should be submitted by 16 June. **80 Fed. Reg. 21503** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-04-17/pdf/2015-08587.pdf>] (4/15/15).

ANS Task Force – meeting



The Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force, sponsored by the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), will meet on 7-8 May in Fort Lauderdale. Topics on the agenda include the Quagga-Zebra Mussel Action Plan; lionfish management;

snakehead management; and boat design and construction in consideration of AIS. **80 Fed. Reg. 21257** [located at] (4/17/15).

USCG – vessel documentation paperwork



The US Coast Guard posted a **notice** [located at http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2015/04/16/4162015-national-vessel-documentation-center-vessel-paperwork-status-check-available-online/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MaritimeCommons+%28Maritime+Commons%29] reminding stakeholders of their ability to electronically check on the status of their vessel documentation paperwork at the USCG National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC). (4/16/15).

NOAA – survey of scuttled aircraft carrier



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** [located at <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/news/press/2015/independence-survey.html>] reporting the detailed survey of the wreck of the former USS Independence (CVL 22). The light aircraft carrier served in the Pacific during World War II and was part of the target fleet for the Bikini Atoll atomic bomb tests in 1946. It was intentionally scuttled in 1951 in what is now the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (NMS). (4/16/15).

EC – support for German offshore wind farms



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** [located at http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-15-4788_en.htm?locale=en] stating that it has approved German plans to support the building of 20 offshore wind farms in the North Sea and the Baltic Sea. (4/16/15).

Ireland – safety requirements for floating leisure articles



The Irish Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport issued a notice regarding European Union safety requirements for floating leisure articles. **Marine Notice 12-2015** [located at http://www.dttas.ie/sites/default/files/MN12of2015_FloatingLeisureArticles_o.pdf] (4/15/15). *Note: Curious minds like to know these things.*

UK – civil, passenger, or other liability insurance



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a **notice** [located at <https://www.gov.uk/certificate-of-proof-of-civil-or-passenger-liability-insurance>] providing updated guidance regarding certificates of proof of civil, passenger, or other liability insurance. (4/16/15).

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