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## **MARAD – advisory re Strait of Hormuz**



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) posted an advisory providing guidance to vessels operating in or near the Strait of Hormuz. If a US-flag vessel transiting the Strait of Hormuz is hailed by Iranian forces, it should provide its vessel name and affirm that it is exercising the right of transit passage in accordance with the international law of the sea. If boarding of the vessel is requested by Iranian forces, and if safety allows, the master should decline the boarding and affirm that the vessel is exercising the right of transit passage in accordance with the international law of the sea. If boarding by Iranian forces occurs, it should not be forcibly resisted. All contacts with Iranian forces should

be reported immediately to US forces. **Advisory 2015-01** [located at [http://www.marad.dot.gov/news\\_room\\_landing\\_page/maritime\\_advisories/advisory/advisory2015-01.htm](http://www.marad.dot.gov/news_room_landing_page/maritime_advisories/advisory/advisory2015-01.htm)] (5/1/15).

### **Chukchi Sea – Shell exploration plan conditionally approved**



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a **press release** [located at <http://www.boem.gov/press05112015/>] stating that it has conditionally approved the revised multi-year Exploration Plan for the Chukchi Sea by Shell Gulf of Mexico. Among the conditions of approval is the requirement to obtain all necessary permits from other state and federal agencies, including permits to drill from the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE). (5/11/15).

### **USCG – safety alert re ground tackle**



The US Coast Guard issued a safety alert reminding masters of the importance of proper ground tackle use, maintenance, and replacement. Recently, a freighter underway in 15-foot seas suffered flooding of its bow thruster and emergency fire pump compartment when the anchor slipped 10-15 links, allowing it to strike and puncture the hull. The ship's original anchor had been replaced with one that was dissimilar, preventing the riding pawl from properly engaging the anchor chain. The crew improvised a wire sling to secure the anchor, but this experienced heavy corrosion and failed. The anchor windlass brake failed because its brake pads were heavily worn. **Safety Alert 5-15** [located at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/0515.pdf>] (5/11/15).

### **NBSAC – meeting**



The National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 28-30 May in Arlington, Virginia. **80 Fed. Reg. 27181** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-05-12/pdf/2015-11407.pdf>] (5/12/15).

### **USCG – members sought for NBSAC**



The US Coast Guard has extended, through 11 June, the period within which to submit applications for membership on the National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC). **80 Fed. Reg. 27182** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-05-12/pdf/2015-11408.pdf>] (5/12/15).

## USCG NVMC – NOAD Schema 3.5 to be released



The USCG National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC) issued a **notice** [located at [http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/NVMC/\(S\(aqciopzqf4wpkyhzryailpcc\)\)/News.aspx?newsId=269CAD54-6060-4612-9F3C-D2D616E8F5D0](http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/NVMC/(S(aqciopzqf4wpkyhzryailpcc))/News.aspx?newsId=269CAD54-6060-4612-9F3C-D2D616E8F5D0)] stating that updated NOAD Schema 3.5 will be released on 26 May. This update reflects recent changes to 33 CFR 160 and improvements to vessel/crew longshoreman data reporting. Upon its release, NOAD Schema 3.3 and older versions will no longer be supported. (5/11/15).

## Louisiana – PORTS expanded



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** stating that the Physical Oceanographic Real Time System (PORTS) has been installed in the Louisiana ports of Morgan City and Port Fourchon. PORTS provides real-time environmental information concerning currents, tides, winds, and water density. (5/11/15).

## Court – DWH nonprofit claims settlement upheld



The US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled that the district court did not abuse its discretion in denying the review of nonprofit claimant settlement awards in the Deepwater Horizon dispute. **In re Deepwater Horizon**, No. 13-31296 (5th Cir., May 8, 2015) [located at <http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/13/13-31296-CVo..pdf>]. *Note: A very long-suffering reader gently advised me that the link in the previous version of this item was incorrect. Mea culpa!*

## IMO – ORB, Part 1 entries



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice reminding stakeholders that in 2011 the IMO issued updated guidance for the recording of operations in the Oil Record Book (ORB), Part 1 – machinery space operations (all ships). **Marine Notice 09-2015** [located at <https://apps.amsa.gov.au/MOReview/MarineNoticeExternal.html>] (5/11/15).

## Antarctic – carriage of heavy grade oils in bulk prohibited



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice advising stakeholders of an amendment to the MARPOL Convention that will

enter into force on 1 March 2016 prohibiting the carriage in bulk as cargo, use as ballast, or carriage and use as fuel of heavy grade oils in the Antarctic area.

**Marine Notice 08-2015** [located at <https://apps.amsa.gov.au/MOREview/MarineNoticeExternal.html>] (5/11/15).

## EU – National Single Window



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/BeingashipmasterinEuropebecomesasier.aspx>] reminding masters that, from 1 June 2015, the National Single Window will be implemented throughout the European Union (EU). This measure allows masters to report maritime information in one place to the authorities in the EU country that they call at. (5/8/15).

## Denmark – medicine chest change



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/ChangestomedicinechestsAandB.aspx>] reminding masters of changes to medicine chests A and B. Eye drops, 13.8 Fusidin 1% in disposable pipettes are no longer being manufactured. This item has been replaced by Fusidin eye ointment tubes, 5 grams. Four tubes should be carried in medicine chest A and five tubes in medicine chest B. (5/11/15).

## UK & Ireland – AtoN Review 2015-2020



The Commissioners of Irish Lights (CIL) issued a **press release** [located at <http://www.cil.ie/who-we-are/press-releases/aton-navigation-review.aspx>] stating that the General Lighthouse Authorities for the UK and Ireland have completed their **Aids to Navigation Review 2015-2020**. The document summarizes projected AtoN developments in these waters, including the increased use of smart buoys. (5/8/15).

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