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## **USCG – seafarers’ access to maritime facilities**



The US Coast Guard has reopened, through 1 July, the period within which to submit comments on its proposed regulation entitled “Seafarers’ Access to Maritime Facilities”. The Coast Guard is particularly interested in comments on its estimate that there is a 10.3% non-compliance rate of facilities with respect to providing seafarers’ access. **80 Fed. Reg. 30189** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-05-27/pdf/2015-12657.pdf>] (5/27/15).

## **NTSB – meeting**



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) will meet in Washington, DC on 9 June. Among other things, the Board will consider the Marine Accident Report concerning the collision between the bulk carrier Summer Wind and the Miss Susan tow in the Houston Ship Channel at Lower Galveston Bay on 22 March 2014. **80 Fed. Reg. 30282** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-05-27/pdf/2015-12904.pdf>] (5/27/15).

### USCG – NOAD schema 3.5



The USCG National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC) issued a **notice** [located at [http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/NVMC/\(S\(ahdgqa5cnmfzncwmfa4g250\)\)/News.aspx?newsId=C43A162C-4C4F-4B28-BC97-A4A473151B42](http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/NVMC/(S(ahdgqa5cnmfzncwmfa4g250))/News.aspx?newsId=C43A162C-4C4F-4B28-BC97-A4A473151B42)] advising that an updated Notice of Arrival and Departure (NOAD) schema, versioned 3.5, has been released reflecting recently issued changes to 33 CFR 160 and improvements to vessel/crew longshoreman data reporting. With the release of NOAD Schema 3.5, NOAD Schema 3.3 and older versions will no longer be supported. (5/26/15).

### Senate – opposition to Arctic drilling expressed



Eighteen Senators, led by Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR) , sent a **letter** [located at <http://www.merkley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Arctic%20Drilling%20Sign%20on%20letter%20Final.pdf>] urging the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to halt all offshore oil and gas drilling permits in the Arctic region. (5/22/15).

### Australia – unintentional release of freefall lifeboat



The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) posted the report of its investigation of the unintentional release of a freefall lifeboat from the bulk carrier Aquarosa in the Indian Ocean on 1 March 2014 with one serious injury. Investigation revealed that when the lifeboat on-load release was last operated before the incident, it was not correctly reset. Consequently, when the engineer operated the manual release pump to inspect the equipment, the incorrectly-reset release tripped unexpectedly. The simulation wires, designed to hold the lifeboat during a simulated release, failed and the lifeboat launched. **MO-2014-002** [located at <http://www.atsb.gov.au/media/5299888/MO-2014-002-Final.pdf>] (5/20/15).

### Singapore – revisions of anchorages, fairways & channels



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) posted a circular advising of recent revisions of anchorages, fairways, and channels in the port of Singapore. **Port Marine Circular 06-2015** [located at

[http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars\\_and\\_notices/pdfs/port\\_marine\\_circulars/pc15-06.pdf](http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars_and_notices/pdfs/port_marine_circulars/pc15-06.pdf)] (5/26/15).

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