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USCG – alert re fixed CO₂ systems



The US Coast Guard issued a Safety Alert regarding fixed CO₂ fire extinguishing systems. If the system is not maintained properly, it can inadvertently discharge. Owners and operators of vessels equipped with this system should ensure that appropriate vessel personnel receive adequate training to perform routine inspections and understand system operation; review and update system operating manuals; and post clear instructions for system emergency operation. [Safety Alert 06-15](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/0615.pdf) [located at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/0615.pdf>] (5/27/15).

USCG – hurricane contingency plans



I have again updated my list of [US Coast Guard Hurricane & Heavy Weather Contingency Plans](#). Many of the Coast Guard Sectors have revised their contingency plans since last season. If any reader learns of a more recent version

of a contingency plan for any USCG Sector, please advise so that my list can be kept current. (5/27/15).

Port Arthur – grounding



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2521106/) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2521106/>] stating that the bulk carrier Jian Qiang grounded off Port Arthur. There have been no reports of injury, pollution, or significant damage. Refloating efforts are underway. The incident is under investigation. (5/27/15).

DOD, DHS & DOT – Federal Radionavigation Plan 2014



The Department of Defense (DOD), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and Department of Transportation (DOT) released the [Federal Radionavigation Plan 2014](http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/FederalRadionavigationPlan2014.pdf) [located at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/FederalRadionavigationPlan2014.pdf>].

SLSDC – Advisory Board meeting



The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC) issued a notice stating that its Advisory Board will meet on 16 June via conference call. [80 Fed. Reg. 30539](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-05-28/pdf/2015-12782.pdf) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-05-28/pdf/2015-12782.pdf>] (5/28/15).

US & Canada – Maritime Commerce Resilience



The US Coast Guard and Transport Canada issued a [notice](#) stating that they are hosting a bi-national consultation session on 18 June in Halifax, Nova Scotia regarding Canada-United States cooperation in maritime commerce resilience (MCR) in the Atlantic region. A second consultation session is planned for 23 July in Boston. (5/27/15).

Singapore – block exemption for liner shipping agreements



The Competition Commission of Singapore (CCS) issued a [media release](https://www.ccs.gov.sg/media-and-publications/media-releases/ccs-consults-on-proposed-recommendation-to-extend-beo-for-liner-shipping-agreements) [located at <https://www.ccs.gov.sg/media-and-publications/media-releases/ccs-consults-on-proposed-recommendation-to-extend-beo-for-liner-shipping-agreements>] stating that it seeks comments on the extension of the Competition (Block Exemption of Liner Shipping Agreements) Order (BEO) in its current form for another five years until 31 December 2020. Comments must be received by 15 June. (5/25/15).

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