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USCG – conditions of entry re vessels from Gambia



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that, effective 6 July, it will impose conditions of entry on vessels arriving in the United States after having called at any port in the Republic of the Gambia during their last five port calls. In summary, each affected vessel must: (1) implement the Security Level 2 measures from its ship security plan while in a Gambian port; (2) ensure that each access point is guarded and that guards have total visibility of the exterior of the vessel while in a Gambian port; (3) attempt to execute a Declaration of Security while in a Gambian port; (4) log all security actions; and (5) report actions taken to the pertinent USCG Captain of the Port [COTP] prior to arrival in the US. **80 Fed. Reg. 35660** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-06-22/pdf/2015-15325.pdf>] (6/22/15). *Note: Several typos have been corrected from yesterday.*

USCG – preventing drug and alcohol abuse



The US Coast Guard posted a **bulletin** regarding the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse within the maritime transportation industry. Current challenges include state and local initiatives to legalize certain drugs; access to unregulated synthetic drugs; and use by drug abusers of adulterants to circumvent the chemical testing process. (6/22/15).

NOAA – underwater noise



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) posted an **article** [located at <http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/feature-news/acoustics>] on underwater noise, its sources, and its impact on marine life. (6/22/15).

Senate – Coast Guard Authorization Act introduced



The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation issued a **press release** [located at http://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=PressReleases&ContentRecord_id=c63c7aa8-of46-42ed-9db6-2a58f7056b3a] stating that S. 1611, the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015, has been introduced. Among other things, the bill would authorize the Commandant to utilize incremental funding as a strategy for any future acquisition of a polar icebreaker. (6/18/15).

Panama Canal – Gatun Locks lane closure



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory stating that the east lane of Gatun Locks will be out of service all day on Friday, 26 June for emergency repairs to the lower pintle of Miter Gate 22. Transit Reservation System Condition 2 will be in effect that day. **Advisory 17-2015** [located at <http://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2015/a-17-2015.pdf>] (6/22/15).

Panama Canal – filling of new Pacific locks



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued a **press release** [located at <http://www.pancanal.com/eng/pr/press-releases/2015/06/22/pr551.html>] stating that filling of the new Cocoli Locks on

the Pacific side of the Canal has commenced, with the Canal Expansion Project now 89.8% complete. (6/22/15).

USCG Auxiliary authorized – 23 June 1939



On 23 June 1939, a law was enacted to establish a Coast Guard Reserve [the name was later changed to the Coast Guard Auxiliary] to be composed of owners of motorboats and yachts to assist the Coast Guard in the saving of life and property and in the patrolling of marine parades and regattas. **53 Stat. 854.** In the succeeding years, USCG Auxiliary members have devoted countless hours in patrolling the nation's waterways, assisting mariners in distress, and educating the American boating public.

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