

Headlines:

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Senate – USCG authorization bill introduced;

Senate – bill introduced re passenger ship security & safety; and

House – bill introduced re ship recycling.

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St. Petersburg – safety zones



The US Coast Guard promulgated a rule establishing several safety zones within the Sector St. Petersburg Captain of the Port (COTP) Zone. This action will establish safety zones that restrict port operations in the event of reduced or restricted visibility or during natural disasters such as hurricanes. It will also establish safety zones around fireworks platforms. The rules enter into effect immediately. [80 Fed. Reg. 36713](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-06-26/pdf/2015-15756.pdf) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-06-26/pdf/2015-15756.pdf>] (6/26/15).

Senate – USCG authorization bill introduced



Senator Thune (R-SD) introduced the [Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114s1611is/pdf/BILLS-114s1611is.pdf) (S. 1611) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114s1611is/pdf/BILLS-114s1611is.pdf>] to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, and for other purposes. (6/18/15).

Senate – bill introduced re passenger vessel security & safety



Senator Blumenthal (D-CT) introduced a bill (S. 1673) to improve passenger vessel security and safety, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (6/24/15).

House – bill introduced re ship recycling



Representative Graves (R-LA) introduced a bill (H.R. 2876) to promote the recycling of vessels in the United States and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (6/24/15).

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