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USCG – Tropical Storm Danny



Tropical Storm Danny is approaching the northern portion of the Lesser Antilles and is forecast to impact the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico on Tuesday. From there, its effects may be felt in the US southeastern states, particularly Florida, later in the week. This is an opportune time to review the applicable [USCG Hurricane Contingency Plans](http://brymar-consulting.com/?page_id=1571) [available at http://brymar-consulting.com/?page_id=1571] and your particular heavy weather plan. Don't wait until the last minute. (8/23/15).

USCG – commercial diving operations



The US Coast Guard has reopened, through 23 October, the period within which to submit comments on its proposed rulemaking regarding

commercial diving operations. [80 Fed. Reg. 51173](#) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-08-24/pdf/2015-20825.pdf>] (8/24/15).

USACE, USCG & AWO – MOU re western rivers communication



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the US Coast Guard, and the American Waterways Operators River Industry Executive Task Force (AWO RIETF) issued a [joint news release](#) announcing the signing of memorandum of understanding (MOU) designed to ensure consistent communications and support efficient and safe movement of commerce on the western rivers. (8/21/15).

USN – underwater wireless energy transfer



The US Navy issued a [news release](#) [located at http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=90700] stating that it is developing ways to recharge the batteries in underwater unmanned vehicles (UUVs) using undersea wireless technology. (8/21/15).

MARAD – Title XI loan guarantee



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a [news digest](#) [located at <http://www.transportation.gov/news-digest-dot-71-15>] stating that the Maritime Administration (MARAD) a \$12 million Title XI loan guarantee supporting the recent construction of three ocean-going deck barges in service on the Gulf coast for Gray Offshore, LLC. (8/21/15).

Alaska – deaths of large whales



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/newsreleases/2015/whales-umeo82015.htm>] stating that it has declared the recent deaths of thirty large whales in the western Gulf of Alaska an “unusual mortality event” triggering a focuses, expert investigation. Since May, eleven fin whales, fourteen humpback whales, one gray whale, and four unidentified cetaceans have stranded around shorelines of the western Gulf of Alaska, almost three times the historical average. (8/20/15).

UNSC – resolution re Côte d’Ivoire



The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) adopted a resolution continuing, through 30 April 2016, prohibiting the supply, sale, or transfer of arms and any related lethal material to Côte d’Ivoire. **Resolution 2219 (2015)** [located at [http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=S/RES/2219\(2015\)](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=S/RES/2219(2015))] (4/28/15).

Panama Canal – postponement of second draft restriction



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory announcing that the second draft restriction, tentatively scheduled for 15 September, has been indefinitely postponed due to recent rains. The first maximum authorized transit draft restriction on 39.0 feet (11.89m) will be implemented as previously announced. **Advisory 26-2015** [located at <http://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2015/a-26-2015.pdf>] (8/21/15).

Singapore – ferry emergency response exercise



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** [located at http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/global_navigation/news_center/mpa_news/mpa_news_detail.page?filename=nr150821.xml] stating that a full-deployment ferry emergency response exercise (FEREX 2015), involving ten agencies and companies, was conducted in the Port of Singapore on 21 August. (8/21/15).

UK – cruise ship swimming pool death



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) posted the report of its investigation of the drowning of a passenger in the swimming pool of the cruise ship Sapphire Princess on 6 August 2014. The passenger was noticed floating face down in the pool. Despite rescue and resuscitation attempts by passengers and crew, the victim died. There was no dedicated pool attendant. The crew in the vicinity of the pool had not received instruction in medical first aid. There was no documented formal risk assessment regarding swimming pool operational safety. **Report 19-2015** [located at https://assets.digital.cabinet-office.gov.uk/media/55d5a4f7e5274a1506000005/MAIBInvReport19_2015.pdf] (8/21/15).

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