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## **Kill Van Kull – RNA**



The US Coast Guard promulgated a rule establishing a regulated navigation area (RNA) on waters of Kill Van Kull and Newark Bay surrounding the Bayonne Bridge. The RNA will be in effect from 15 October 2015 until 31 December 2017. It will be enforced when necessary to safeguard people and vessels from hazards associated with bridge construction. [80 Fed. Reg. 55257](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-15/pdf/2015-23171.pdf) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-15/pdf/2015-23171.pdf>] (9/15/15).

## Gulf of Mexico – restricted area amendments proposed



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) proposes to amend the existing restricted area adjacent to the Tyndall Air Force Base on waters of the Gulf of Mexico, Apalachicola Bay, East Bay, St. Andrew Bay, and St. Andrew Sound. Comments on the proposal . **80 Fed. Reg. 55052** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-14/pdf/2015-23030.pdf>] (9/17/15).

## DOT – GPS adjacent band compatibility



The Department of Transportation (DOT) seeks comments regarding a draft test plan developed for the Global Positioning System (GPS) Adjacent Band Compatibility Assessment effort. Comments must be received by 9 October. **80 Fed. Reg. 54368** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-09/pdf/2015-22634.pdf>] (9/9/15).

## FWS – Clean Vessel Act Grant Program



The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) seeks comments to assist in development of a proposed rule for the Clean Vessel Act Grant Program. The program addresses issues associated with septic waste from recreational vessels. Comments must be received by 13 November. **80 Fed. Reg. 55078** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-14/pdf/2015-22723.pdf>] (9/17/15).

## USCG – BWM implementation extension



The US Coast Guard issued a revised policy letter providing updated guidance to vessel owners and operators seeking to extend compliance dates for implementing approved ballast water management (BWM) methods. **CG-OES Policy Letter No. 13-01, Revision 1** (9/10/15).

## USCG – acceptable NOAD formats



The USCG National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC) issued a **notice** [located at [http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/NVMC/\(S\(fxz4jwbw3noty3uc44hbmrfmk\)\)/News.aspx?newsId=7e0f0042-17a5-41d5-b05c-35e6f7da13ab](http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/NVMC/(S(fxz4jwbw3noty3uc44hbmrfmk))/News.aspx?newsId=7e0f0042-17a5-41d5-b05c-35e6f7da13ab)] stating that, as per the newly published Notice of Arrival/Departure (NOAD) regulation, found at 33 CFR Chapter 160, the NVMC will only be accepting NOAD submissions by four specified methods. In addition, as of 30 September, the NVMC will no longer accept NOAD submissions that contain NOAD information as text within the

body of emails or attachments of scanned documents. Details regarding the four specified submittal methods may be found in the linked notice. (9/41/15).

### **USCG – MODU helicopter facilities**



The US Coast Guard posted **CG-ENG Policy Letter 03-15** [located at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg521/docs/CG-ENG.PolicyLetter.03-15.pdf>] authorizing US-flagged mobile offshore drilling units (MODUs), floating outer continental shelf (OCS) facilities and vessels to utilize **CAP 437** [located at <https://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/CAP437.pdf>] in lieu of the helicopter facilities standards in 46 CFR Part 108. (9/16/15).

### **USCG – Enlisted Assistant Marine Inspector**



The US Coast Guard posted **CG-CVC Policy Letter 15-01** [located at [http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgcv/cvc/policy/policy\\_letters/CVC/CG-CVC\\_pol15-01.pdf](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgcv/cvc/policy/policy_letters/CVC/CG-CVC_pol15-01.pdf)] establishing procedures for the USCG Marine Safety enlisted workforce to obtain Assistant Marine Inspector competencies. (8/13/15).

### **FMC – meeting on 16 September**



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.fmc.gov/meeting-9-16-2015/>] stating that the Commissioners will meet in Washington, DC on 16 September. During the open session, they will consider the direct final rule for Time and Service in Commission Adjudicatory Proceedings. During the closed session, they will consider Ocean Common Carrier and Marine Terminal Operator Agreements Subject to the 1984 Shipping Act and they will receive a staff briefing on the West Coast Marine Terminal Agreement, FMC Agreement No. 201143. (9/11/15).

### **NASA – SPACECOM**



The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is co-sponsoring the **Space Commerce Conference and Exposition** (SPACECOM) [located at <http://www.spacecomexpo.com/>] in Houston on 17-19 November. The program will highlight the links between space technology and the transportation and maritime industries. (9/16/15).

## California – Sustainable Freight Strategy



The California Air Resources Board (CARB) will host a **webinar** [located at [http://www.arb.ca.gov/gmp/sfti/webcast\\_notice\\_091515.pdf](http://www.arb.ca.gov/gmp/sfti/webcast_notice_091515.pdf)] on the development of the California Sustainable Freight Strategy action plan on 1 October. (9/15/15).

## Riyadh MOU – CIC re Safety of Navigation



The Riyadh MOU will launch a **Concentrated Inspection Campaign** (CIC) [located at [http://www.uscg.mil/msib/docs/011\\_15\\_9-14-2015.pdf](http://www.uscg.mil/msib/docs/011_15_9-14-2015.pdf)] on Safety of Navigation, SOLAS Chapter V during the period 1 October through 31 December 2015 to verify that the master and watchkeeping officers are familiar with shipboard navigation systems and equipment. (9/14/15).

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