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CBP – East Coast Trade Symposium; and
ReCAAP – January-September summary.

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USCG – crediting service of uniformed service personnel



The US Coast Guard posted a letter describing its policy for evaluating and crediting recent sea service for merchant mariner credential applicants who have qualifying service on uniformed service vessels. [CG-CVC Policy Letter 15-03](#) [located at http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgcvc/cvc/policy/policy_letters/CVC/CG-CVC_pol15-03.pdf] (10/16/15).

Gulf of Mexico – boaters rescued



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2613014/>] stating that five boaters on a flooding recreational vessel in the Gulf of Mexico were rescued by the crew of the dive support vessel (DSV) Joseph Bisso before being taken ashore by the US Coast Guard. (10/17/15).

USCG – mariner’s credential suspended



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2612894/>] stating that the credential of a merchant mariner has been suspended for six months for operating a commercial towing vessel with an invalid credential. (10/16/15).

DOI – Arctic offshore lease sales canceled



The Department of the Interior (DOI) issued a [press release](#) [located at <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-cancels-arctic-offshore-lease-sales>] stating that, in light of current market conditions and low industry interest, the two potential Arctic offshore lease sales scheduled under the current program for 2012-2017 have been canceled. (10/16/15).

CBP – East Coast Trade Symposium



The Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a notice announcing that the East Coast Trade Symposium will be held on 4-5 November in Baltimore. The theme of the symposium is “Transforming Global Trade”. [80 Fed. Reg. 63238](#) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-19/pdf/2015-26509.pdf>] (10/19/15).

ReCAAP – January-September summary



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre posted a [summary](#) [located at http://www.recaap.org/Portals/0/docs/Reports/2015/Single%20Sheet%20Summary/RECAAP_infographic_09.pdf] of incidents of armed robbery against ships and piracy in Asia for the period January through September 2015. There has been a 25% increase in such incidents compared to the same period in 2014. (10/16/15).

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