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USCG – engine rating watches



The US Coast Guard promulgated a direct final rule amending its manning regulations to align them with statutory changes made by the Howard Coble Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2014. The Act allows oilers serving on certain offshore support vessels (OSVs) towing vessels, and barges to be divided into at least two watches and increases the sea service credit affected mariners are permitted to earn for each 12-hour period of work from one day to one and a half days. The amendments enter into effect on 25 January 2016 unless significant adverse comment is received by 28 December 2015. **80 Fed. Reg. 65165** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-26/pdf/2015-27062.pdf>] (10/28/15).

USCG – liquid chemical categorization updates



The US Coast Guard proposes additional updates and revisions to regulatory tables listing liquid hazardous materials, liquefied gases, and compressed gases approved for maritime transportation in bulk, and indicating how each cargo is categorized by its pollution risk and safe carriage requirements. Comments on the proposal must be received by 20 January. **80 Fed. Reg. 64191** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-22/pdf/2015-26371.pdf>] (10/28/15).

USCG – ballast water management systems



The US Coast Guard issued new **FAQs** regarding ballast water management systems. (10/23/15).

USCG – BWM program updates



The US Coast Guard posted a Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) providing an update on aspects of its Ballast Water Management (BWM) program, including guidance for compliance with applicable regulations and a change to the terms of extended compliance dates. **MSIB 13-15** [located at https://www.uscg.mil/msib/docs/013_15_10-22-2015.pdf] (10/22/15).

USCG – towing vessel radiotelephone



The USCG Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise posted a new **FAQ** [located at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/TVNCOE/FAQS.asp#C>] regarding when a towing vessel is required to have its bridge-to-bridge radiotelephone station inspected and obtain a bridge-to-bridge certificate. (10/26/15).

USCG – tonnage applicability: dual-tonnage vessels



The US Coast Guard has provided guidance regarding **Tonnage applicability: Dual-tonnage vessels** [located at <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2015/10/21/10212015-dual-tonnage-applicability-table/>] to better illustrate the applicability of tonnage-based manning requirements for dual-tonnage US-flag vessels. (10/21/15).

USCG – Foreign Passenger Vessel Examiner Course



The USCG Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise (CSNCOE) puts on the **Foreign Passenger Vessel Examiner Course** [located at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/csncoe/afpveapply.asp>] three times each year for its members and employees as well as a limited number of cruise industry stakeholders. (10/21/15).

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