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USCG – Checkfire marine fire detection system



The US Coast Guard issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) stating that the Ansul “Checkfire Marine Electric Detection and Control System” for uninspected towing vessels (UTVs) does not meet the fire detection system regulatory requirements. Vessel owners who installed a Checkfire marine fire detection system on a UTV prior to the date of this MSIB who think that the system provides the vessel with an equivalent level of safety can submit an equivalency request.. **MSIB 014-15** [located at http://www.uscg.mil/msib/docs/014_15_11-24-2015.pdf] (11/24/15).

USCG – Flag Officer & SES assignments



The US Coast Guard posted the assignments for Flag Officers and Senior Executive Service (SES) personnel for the upcoming year. **ALCOAST 449/15** [located at http://www.uscg.mil/announcements/ALCOAST/449-15_ALCOAST.txt] (11/24/15).

USCG – Port of New York anchorages



The US Coast Guard proposes to disestablish thirteen (13) anchorage grounds and one (1) special anchorage area that are now obsolete in Newark Bay, the East River, Western Long Island Sound, Raritan Bay, and Lower New York Bay. It also proposes to reduce the size of three (3) anchorage grounds in Raritan, Sandy Hook, and Lower New York Bays. Comments on these proposals must be received by 25 January 2016. **80 Fed. Reg. 73692** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-11-25/pdf/2015-30056.pdf>] (11/25/15).

USCG – Connecticut River anchorages



The US Coast Guard proposes to establish three special anchorage areas on the Connecticut River near Old Saybrook, Connecticut. Comments on the proposals must be received by 28 December. **80 Fed. Reg. 73689** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-11-25/pdf/2015-30011.pdf>] (11/25/15).

Offshore South Carolina – wind energy nominations sought



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) invites the submission of nominations for commercial wind energy leases that would allow a lessee to propose the construction of a wind energy project on the outer continental shelf (OCS) offshore South Carolina. Nominations must be submitted by 25 January 2016. **80 Fed. Reg. 73818** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-11-25/pdf/2015-29908.pdf>] (11/25/15).

Offshore South Carolina – environmental assessment



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a notice stating that it intends to prepare an environmental assessment for potential wind energy leasing and site assessment activities on the outer

continental shelf (OCS) offshore South Carolina. Comments must be submitted by 25 January 2016. [80 Fed. Reg. 73817](#) [located at] (11/25/15).

DOJ – proposed settlement



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a notice stating that it seeks comments on a proposed settlement agreement with ATP Oil & Gas Corporation relating to unauthorized discharges of oil and chemicals from an offshore platform in the Gulf of Mexico. Comments must be received within 30 days. [80 Fed. Reg. 73835](#) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-11-25/pdf/2015-30053.pdf>] (11/25/15).

Court – alter ego



The US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit affirmed a writ of maritime attachment against a vessel owned by defendant to enforce a foreign arbitration award against Industrial Carriers, a defunct shipping company, after defendant was found to be the alter ego of the defunct company. [Flame S.A. v. Freight Bulk](#), No. 14-2267 (4th Cir., November 24, 2015) [located at <http://www.ca4.uscourts.gov/Opinions/Published/142267.P.pdf>].

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