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Miami – anchorage area



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it received a study from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection concluding that the Miami anchorage could be changed to reduce threats to protected coral while also facilitating the safe anchorage of shallow and deep draft vessels. Comments on a possible modification of the Miami Anchorage must be received by 1 February 2016. **80 Fed. Reg. 75020** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-12-01/pdf/2015-30406.pdf>] (12/1/15).

DOE & DOI – offshore wind strategy workshop



The Department of Energy (DOE) and the Department of the Interior (DOI) are convening a workshop on 10 December in Washington, DC to obtain individual stakeholder insight into the technical and market challenges and potential pathways to facilitate development of the US offshore wind energy industry. **80 Fed. Reg. 75078** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-12-01/pdf/2015-30452.pdf>] (12/1/15).

DOI – DWH oil spill restoration plan



The Department of the Interior (DOI) issued a notice stating that a draft Phase V Early Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment has been prepared. A public meeting to consider comments will be held in Panama City, Florida on 14 December. Written comments must be received by 31 December. **80 Fed. Reg. 75126** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-12-01/pdf/2015-30189.pdf>] (12/1/15).

BSEE – well standards



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a **press release** [located at <http://www.bsee.gov/BSEE-Newsroom/BSEE-News-Briefs/2015/Salerno-Op-Ed--Proposed-well-standards-bring-accountability-to-offshore-safety/>] stating that proposed offshore oil and gas well standards are intended to bring accountability to offshore safety. (11/30/15).

House – bill introduced re used yacht duty



Representative Frankel (D-FL) introduced a bill (**H.R. 4065**) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr4065ih/pdf/BILLS-114hr4065ih.pdf>] to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide for a deferral of the payment of a duty upon the sale of certain used yachts, and for other purposes. (11/18/15). *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Mark Buhler of the Buhler Law Firm.*

Alaska & British Columbia – MOU signed



The State of Alaska issued a **press release** [located at <http://gov.alaska.gov/Walker/press-room/full-press-release.html?pr=7340>]

announcing that Alaska Governor Bill Walker and British Columbia Prier Christy Clark signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Cooperation identifying broad areas for cooperative activities, including protection of transboundary waters and advancing marine transportation reliability and safety. (11/25/15).

ReCAAP – oil cargo theft



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Center posted an updated **Guide Against Sea Robbery** [located at <http://www.recaap.org/Portals/0/docs/Reports/2015/Guide%20for%20Tankers%20Operating%20in%20Asia%20Against%20Piracy%20and%20Armed%20Robbery%20Involving%20Oil%20Cargo%20Theft.pdf>] for use in reducing the risk of oil cargo theft from tankers operating in Asia. (11/30/15).

Australia – use of pilot ladders



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued updated guidance regarding use of pilot ladders, implementing a recent SOLAS amendment. **Marine Notice 19-2015** [available at <https://apps.amsa.gov.au/MOREview/MarineNoticeExternal.html>] (11/30/15).

Denmark – fee rate adjustment



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/SeetheDanishMaritimeAuthority%27sadjustedratesandfeesfor2016.aspx>] announcing that a number of fee rates within its jurisdiction are being changed effective 1 January 2016. (11/26/15).

Denmark – maritime planning bill



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/Billonmaritimeplanningsubmittedforpublicconsultationyesterday.aspx>] stating that it seeks public comment on a bill to form the basis of a maritime planning act intended to promote economic growth and development of sea areas. (11/27/15).

UK – means of recovery



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) opened a consultation on **Means of Recovery** [located at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-for-means-of-recovery-m-notice>] of persons from the water by ships and boats. Comments must be received by 18 December. (11/30/15).

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