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## USCG – out of water survival craft FAQ



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** [located at <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2015/12/28/12282015-out-of-water-survival-craft-frequently-asked-questions/>] addressing frequently asked questions (FAQ) regarding out of water survival craft for certain small passenger vessels. (12/28/15).

## USCG – research and development



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** [located at <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2015/12/28/12282015-research-and-development-promoting-collaboration-and-partnerships/>] discussing USCG participation in the recent Blue Tech & Blue Economy Summit, emphasizing collaboration to advance maritime cyber security and the USCG Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E) program. (12/28/15).

## USCG – rescue in Cuban waters



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2770770/>] stating that two USCG helicopter crews rescued twelve crewmembers from a sinking Haitian coastal freighter located in the Cuban territorial sea. The Jamaican, Nicaraguan, US, and Haitian mariners were transferred to the Bahamas. (12/28/15).

## USCG – CDC barge reporting



The US Coast Guard promulgated an interim rule providing administrative changes to the existing reporting requirements under the regulated navigation area (RNA) applicable to barges loaded with certain dangerous cargoes in the Ninth Coast Guard District area of responsibility of the Illinois Waterway System. The interim rule enters into effect on 1 January 2016. Comments on the interim rule must be received by 27 June 2016. **80 Fed. Reg. 81186** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-12-29/pdf/2015-32616.pdf>] (12/29/15).

## DOE – LNG export studies



The Department of Energy issued a notice stating that it seeks comments on the **2014 EIA LNG Export Study** [located at <https://www.eia.gov/analysis/requests/fe/pdf/lng.pdf>] and the **2015 LNG Export Study** [located at [http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/12/f27/20151113\\_macro\\_impact\\_of\\_lng\\_exports\\_0.pdf](http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/12/f27/20151113_macro_impact_of_lng_exports_0.pdf)]. Comments must be received by 12 February 2016. **80 Fed. Reg. 81300** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-12-29/pdf/2015-32590.pdf>] (12/29/15).

## IMO – measures entering into effect



The IMO issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/57-amendments-01012016.aspx>] reminding stakeholders of important amendments to IMO treaties that enter into effect on 1 January 2016. (12/22/15).

## Ireland – undocumented migrant fishermen



The Irish Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine issued a **Report** [located at

<http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/media/migration/publications/2015/TaskForceReport141215.pdf>] on non-EEA workers employed in the Irish fishing fleet. In response to claims of exploitation of undocumented migrant workers on Irish fishing trawlers, a task force was established to investigate the issue. The maritime industry, including fishing, has been identified as an area of potentially high risk for human trafficking due to the nature of the work and the employment structures. The report recommends, among other things, implementation of a sector specific atypical worker permission mechanism involving initial recruitment arrangements and formal recording of the contract of employment and sharing of relevant information with immigration services. (12/14/15).

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