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## Western Rivers – navigation restrictions



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2773038/) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2773038/>] updating the various navigation restrictions established on different portions of the Western Rivers (primarily the Mississippi River and its tributaries) due to high water and fast currents. These restrictions are subject to change. (1/6/16).

## USCG – LNG bunkering recommendations



The USCG Liquefied Gas Carrier (LGC) National Center of Expertise (NCOE) released [Change I to LNG Bunkering Recommendations](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/lgcncoe/docs/15-009%20LGC%20NCOE%20Field%20Notice%2001-2015%20-) [located at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/lgcncoe/docs/15-009%20LGC%20NCOE%20Field%20Notice%2001-2015%20->

%20LNG%20Bunkering%20Recommendations.pdf], LGC NCOE Field Notice 01-2015, CH-1. (1/5/16).

### USCG – malicious cyber activity



The US Coast Guard issued **Maritime Cyber Bulletin 003-16**, raising awareness of recent attempts to exploit Joomla vulnerabilities on a maritime organization’s websites. (1/4/16).

### USCG – VDR vulnerabilities



The US Coast Guard issued **Maritime Cyber Bulletin 004-16**, highlighting vulnerabilities in certain models of shipboard voyage data recorders (VDRs). (1/5/16).

### DHS & USCG – environmentally friendly buoy mooring



The Department of Homeland Security issued a notice stating that the DHS Science and Technology Directorate and the US Coast Guard Research and Development Center are making available the “Environmentally Friendly Replacement for Buoy Mooring Systems” ideation and prototype multiphase prize competition and rules. Submissions must be received by 12 February. **81 Fed. Reg. 504** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-01-06/pdf/2015-32744.pdf>] (1/6/16).

### NOAA – 1800s whaling fleet wrecks discovered



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2016/010616-remains-of-lost-1800s-whaling-fleet-discovered-off-alaskas-arctic-coast.html>] stating that the wrecks of two whaling ships lost off the Arctic coast of Alaska in September 1871 have been found. There were 33 whaling vessels trapped in the pack ice that September, stranding more than 1,200 whalers. The whalers hiked to the seven vessels that had waited outside the ice pack, from where they sailed back to safety in southern ports. (1/6/16).

## Ireland – ocean bottom seismometers



The Irish Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport issued a **Notice** [located at [http://www.dttas.ie/sites/default/files/MNO1of2016\\_OceanBottomSeismometers.pdf](http://www.dttas.ie/sites/default/files/MNO1of2016_OceanBottomSeismometers.pdf)] stating that ocean bottom seismometers will be deployed in selected locations off the northwest coast of Ireland. It is requested that fishermen and other marine operators engaged in activities such as bottom trawling or laying of static gear avoid the locations concerned. (1/4/16).

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