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## **USCG – Light Lists**



The US Coast Guard has posted and made available for download the **2016 Light Lists** [located at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=lightLists>]. (1/7/16).

## **NTSB – steering failure led to allision**



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a marine accident brief concerning the allision of the bulk carrier Flag Gangos with the berthed tanker Pamisos and a pier on the Mississippi River at Gretna on 12 August 2014. The probable cause of the casualty was the delay by the bulk carrier's operating company in completing a mandatory upgrade to the vessel's steering system and failure to routinely test the steering system's hydraulic fluid for debris as required. **MAB-1525** [located at

<http://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MAB1525.pdf>  
(1/7/16).

### OMB – commercial fishing vessel rule



The Office of Management & Budget (OMB) posted a **Notice** [located at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaViewRule?pubId=201510&RIN=1625-AB85>] that it has received for review from the US Coast Guard a draft interim final rule regarding implementation of 2010 and 2012 legislation for commercial fishing vessels. (1/6/16). *Note: OMB review generally takes about four months, but can be considerably longer.*

### NOAA – Monitor National Marine Sanctuary



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it is reviewing the boundaries of the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary (MNMS) off Cape Hatteras. Public scoping meetings will be held in Raleigh (9 February); Beaufort (10 February); Hatteras (11 February); Washington, DC (16 February); and Nags Head (17 February). Written comments must be received by 18 March. **81 Fed. Reg. 879** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-01-08/pdf/2015-33169.pdf>] (1/8/16).

### Court – review of USCG licensing action



In an unpublished decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit affirmed the dismissal of the complaint filed by the pilot of the vessel Cosco Busan when it allided with a pier of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge causing a major oil spill. Plaintiff contended that, among other things, the Coast Guard denied him an opportunity to respond to its determinations in denying his application for reinstatement of his pilot's license. The record showed that plaintiff was afforded ample opportunity to respond. **Cota v. United States**, No. 13-17678 (9th Cir., December 31, 2015) [located at <http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/memoranda/2015/12/31/13-17678.pdf>].

### Australia – asbestos guidance



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice reminding stakeholders of the ongoing prohibition of asbestos on ships. **Marine**

Notice 2-2016 [located at <https://apps.amsa.gov.au/MOReview/MarineNoticeExternal.html>] (1/6/16).

## UK – pre-arrival notification procedure



The UK Department for Transport (DfT) issued a **notice** [located at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pre-arrival-notification-procedure-in-uk-ports>] providing guidance regarding the pre-arrival notification procedure required of ships intending to enter a UK port. (1/7/16).

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