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## USCG – salvage planning



The US Coast Guard posted a [notice](http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/01/11/1112016-new-sert-brief-documents/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MaritimeCommons+%28Maritime+Commons%29) [located at [http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/01/11/1112016-new-sert-brief-documents/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+MaritimeCommons+%28Maritime+Commons%29](http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/01/11/1112016-new-sert-brief-documents/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MaritimeCommons+%28Maritime+Commons%29)] stating that the Marine Safety Center (MSC) Salvage Engineering Response Team (SERT) recently published three new 'brief sheets' covering: (1) and overview of SERT; (2) inland/harbor salvage plans; and (3) coastal/offshore salvage plans. (1/11/16).

## USCG & USACE – virtual ATON



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2774650/) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2774650/>] stating that it worked with

the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to establish a virtual aid to navigation (ATON) to mark a sunken workboat in the Lower Mississippi River near Memphis until waters drop sufficiently to allow the vessel to be salvaged. The virtual ATON is displayed on AIS integrated electronic chart display and information systems (ECDIS) and radars. (1/11/16).

### **USCG – random drug testing rate 25%**



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that the minimum random drug testing rate for calendar year 2016 is 25% of covered crewmembers. **81 Fed. Reg. 1438** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-01-12/pdf/2016-00341.pdf>] (1/12/16).

### **USCG – CRADA re broadband cellular technology**



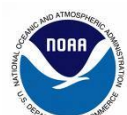
The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it intends to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with General Dynamics Missions Systems to investigate the operational use of broadband cellular technology, including equipment that may be integrated into the National Public Safety Broadband Communication Band 14 LTE Network (commonly called FirstNet). Comments must be received by 11 February. **81 Fed. Reg. 1439** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-01-12/pdf/2016-00474.pdf>] (1/12/16).

### **FAA – exemption for USCG SAR flights**



The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued a notice stating that it received a petition from the US Coast Guard seeking relief to operate aircraft under visual flight rules (VFR) when the flight visibility is less than prescribed for the purpose of carrying out search and rescue (SAR) missions. Comments on the petition must be received by 1 February. **81 Fed. Reg. 1468** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-01-12/pdf/2016-00418.pdf>] (1/12/16).

### **NOAA – oceanic whitetip shark**



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it will initiate a status review of oceanic whitetip shark to determine whether the species should be listed as threatened or endangered.

Comments must be received by 14 March. **81 Fed. Reg. 1376** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-01-12/pdf/2016-00384.pdf>] (1/12/16).

### **SLSDC – Advisory Board meeting**



The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC) issued a notice stating that its Advisory Board will meet on 9 February in Cleveland. **81 Fed. Reg. 1479** [located at ] (1/12/16).

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