

## Headlines:

Western Rivers – navigation restrictions;  
USCG – GNSS subject to interference;  
USN – statement re Iranian detention;  
Australia – man overboard fatality; and  
Ireland – Kannad Safelink EPIRB recall.

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## **Western Rivers – navigation restrictions**



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2777046/) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2777046/>] discussing the various navigation restrictions on the Western Rivers. (1/19/16). *Note: These restrictions are subject to change without prior notice.*

## **USCG – GNSS subject to interference**



The US Coast Guard issued a [Safety Alert](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/0116.pdf) [located at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/0116.pdf>] reminding mariners of the dangers of relying solely upon global navigation satellite systems (GNSS), such as GPS, for navigation and positioning. These systems are subject to natural, accidental, and intentional interference. (1/19/16).

## USN – statement re Iranian detention



The US Navy issued a **statement** [located at [http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=92740](http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=92740)] on the events surrounding the Iranian detainment of 10 US Navy sailors near Farsi Island in the Persian Gulf on 12 January 2016. The two Riverine Command Boats were transiting from Kuwait to Bahrain with a planned refueling enroute alongside USCGC Monomoy. At approximately 1410 (GMT), the RCBs were queried by Iranian forces at Farsi Island. At 1429, communications with the RCBs was degraded. At 1815, the Navy received a communication from the Iranians stating that the RCB sailors were in Iranian custody and were safe and healthy. The investigation continues. (1/19/16).

## Australia – man overboard fatality



The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) issued the report of its investigation of the man overboard fatality from the bulk carrier Hyundai Dangjin in Port Walcott on 10 July 2015. The second mate descended a rope ladder to read the outboard midships draft mark while the vessel was loading cargo. He was wearing a work vest and an AB was standing by on deck. When the second mate fell into the water, the AB threw him a lifebuoy, but the second mate was unable to reach it before drowning. Investigation revealed that the rope ladder had been rigged upside down and that the work vest had insufficient buoyancy for the second mate's heavy build. **MO-2015-004** [located at <http://www.atsb.gov.au/media/5748872/MO-2015-004-Final.pdf>] (1/19/16).

## Ireland – Kannad Safelink EPIRB recall



The Irish Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport issued a **Marine Notice** [located at [http://www.dttas.ie/sites/default/files/MNO2\\_of\\_2016.pdf](http://www.dttas.ie/sites/default/files/MNO2_of_2016.pdf)] stating that Kannad Marine has issued a Global Recall Safety Notice for its Safelink EPIRB K1202311 and Safelink EPIRB K1202367 (1/15/16).

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