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## Alaska – chemical dispersant use



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2780562/) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2780562/>] announcing a revision to the policy regarding chemical dispersant use for oil spill responses in Alaska. The new policy is more inclusive, comprehensive, and conservative and includes a preauthorization area with a more protective protocol for use of chemical dispersant during responses to spills of crude oil in certain waters offshore of Alaska. Plan holders for affected vessel response plans have 24 months from the date of publication of this notice to achieve compliance by having sufficient dispersant capability on hand should this spill response tactic be considered. (1/28/16).

## USAF – GPS issues



The USCG Navigation Center (NAVCEN) issued a **notice** [located at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/gps/AirForceOfficialPressRelease.pdf>] forwarding an Air Force Official Press Release concerning a recent GPS ground system anomaly that resulting in GPS receiver issues for many civil users. (1/28/16). *Note: Readers will be relieved to know that no GPS-guided munitions were affected.*

## House – hearing on USCG cutter acquisitions



The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure issued a **notice** [located at <http://transportation.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=399668>] stating that on 3 February, the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation will hold a hearing on the Status of Coast Guard Cutter Acquisition Programs. (1/28/16).

## GAO – National Cybersecurity Protection System



The Government Accounting Office (GAO) issued its report on the DHS National Cybersecurity Protection System. It recommends that the Department of Homeland Security take various actions to enhance the system's capabilities for meeting its objectives, better define requirements for future capabilities, and develop network routing guidance. **GAO-16-294** [located at <http://www.gao.gov/assets/680/674829.pdf>] (1/28/16).

## Court – arbitral award confirmation



The US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit reversed the award of attorney's fees and costs that the party to an arbitration award incurred in seeking to confirm an arbitral award before the district court, ruling that such an award is not authorized under relevant law. **Zurich American Insurance v. Team Tankers**, No. 14-4036-cv (2nd Cir., January 28, 2016).

## Court – Master Service Contract interpreted



The US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled that, under a Master Service Contract, the party that hired a safety contractor to work on the other party's vessel is liable for damages when the contractor's employee incurred an injury onboard. **Grogan v. W&T Offshore**, No. 15-30369 (5th Cir., January 27, 2016) [located at <http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/15/15-30369-CVo.pdf>].

## ReCAAP – Annual Report 2015



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre posted its **Annual Report for 2015** [located at [http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core\\_Download&EntryId=421&PortalId=0&TabId=78](http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=421&PortalId=0&TabId=78)]. A total of 200 incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia were reported during the year, an increase of 7% over the previous year. (1/28/16).

## Singapore – LNG bunkering licenses issued



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** [located at [http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/global\\_navigation/news\\_center/mpa\\_news/mpa\\_news\\_detail.page?filename=nr162801.xml](http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/global_navigation/news_center/mpa_news/mpa_news_detail.page?filename=nr162801.xml)] stating that two LNG bunker supplier licenses have been awarded and LNG bunkering operations are expected to commence in the Port of Singapore by early 2017. (1/27/16).

## UK – seafarer statistics 2015



The UK Department for Transport (DfT) issued a **notice** [located at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/seafarer-statistics-2015>] announcing publication of seafarer statistics for 2015. The total number of active UK seafarers increased by 2% over the previous year to 23,380. (1/28/16).

## UK – national maritime single window pilot



The UK Department for Transport (DfT) issued a **notice** [located at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-national-maritime-single-window-launch-of-pilot>] announcing launch of a pilot for the national maritime single window, through which ships' pre-arrival reports can be submitted to

certain authorities including the UK government. During the pilot phase, the national maritime single window will only accept: FAL form 1 (IMO general declaration); FAL form 5 (crew list); and FAL form 6 (passenger list). Only Border Force and Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs will have access to this data. (1/28/16).

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