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USCG – nonmetallic sea strainers



The US Coast Guard issued a policy letter concerning sea strainers constructed of nonmetallic materials for use on small passenger vessels. **CG-CVC Policy Letter 16-02** [located at http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgevc/cvc/policy/policy_letters/CVC/CG-CVC_pol16-02.pdf] (2/4/16).

USCG – Waves on the Waterfront



The US Coast Guard posted the February edition of **Waves on the Waterfront** [located at [http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg544/Waves%20on%20the%20Waterfront/Wave%20OnTheWaterfront%20\(Feb%202016\).pdf](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg544/Waves%20on%20the%20Waterfront/Wave%20OnTheWaterfront%20(Feb%202016).pdf)], focusing on port and facility

compliance. Topics addressed in this edition include: suspicious activity reporting; especially hazardous cargo; and chemical facility anti-terrorism standards. (2/8/16).

Alaska – dispersant preauthorization area



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that a dispersant preauthorization area has been established for use by certain vessels in responding to spills of crude oil in certain waters offshore Alaska. Plan holders for affected vessel response plans have 24 months to achieve compliance. **81 Fed. Reg. 6879** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-02-09/pdf/2016-02559.pdf>] (2/9/16).

SLSDC – proposed tariff of tolls



The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC), in cooperation with the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) of Canada, proposes to amend the tariff of tolls for the Seaway. Comments on the proposal are due 10 March. **81 Fed. Reg. 6810** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-02-09/pdf/2016-02169.pdf>] (2/9/16).

FMC – complaint filed



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that it received a complaint alleging violations of the Shipping Act by NYK Line (North America) Inc. **81 Fed. Reg. 6860** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-02-09/pdf/2016-02453.pdf>] (2/9/16).

Court – maintenance and cure



In an unpublished decision, the majority of a panel of the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled that the district court misinterpreted the parties' settlement agreement in a maintenance and cure action. **Boudreaux v. Transocean Deepwater**, No. 14-30776 (5th Cir., February 5, 2016) [located at <http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/unpub/14/14-30776.o.pdf>].

Australia – ship banned for twelve months



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **media release** [located at http://www.amsa.gov.au/media/media-releases/2016/documents/feb/07022016_Media-Release_Noah-Satu-12-Month.pdf] stating that the general cargo ship Noah Satu has been directed to not enter or use any Australian port for the next twelve months due to repeated deficiencies related to its operations, its safety management system, and non-compliance with the Maritime Labour Convention. (2/7/16).

Panama Canal – January operations



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) posted an advisory summarizing Canal operations for January. It also includes the schedule of locks maintenance outages for the remainder of the fiscal year. **Advisory 04-2016** [located at <https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2016/a-04-2016.pdf>] (2/5/16).

Panama Canal – water-saving basin filled



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued a **press release** [located at <https://www.pancanal.com/eng/pr/press-releases/2016/02/08/pr573.html>] stating that, for the first time, the water-saving basin of the Agua Clara Locks' upper chamber has been filled to the required level in order to begin a rigorous and methodical testing process. (2/8/16).

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