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USCG – looking ahead to 2016



The US Coast Guard posted an [article](http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/02/16/2162016-a-look-ahead-to-2016-by-the-u-s-coast-guards-assistant-commandant-for-prevention-policy/) [located at <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/02/16/2162016-a-look-ahead-to-2016-by-the-u-s-coast-guards-assistant-commandant-for-prevention-policy/>] by Rear Admiral Paul Thomas, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, looking ahead to 2016. (2/16/16).

HSRP – meeting on 15-17 March



The Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP), sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will meet in Galveston on 15-17 March. Topics on the agenda will focus on navigation services in the Texas Gulf Coast area. [81 Fed. Reg. 8046](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-02-17/pdf/2016-03166.pdf) [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-02-17/pdf/2016-03166.pdf>] (2/17/16).

US & Ghana – maritime law enforcement partnership



The US Navy issued a **news release** [located at http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=93125] stating that Ghanaian and US maritime forces have completed Africa Maritime Law Enforcement Partnership (AMLEP) operations. US Navy and US Coast Guard personnel worked with personnel from the Ghana Police Service, the Ghana Navy, and the Ghana Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development to patrol Ghanaian territorial waters and EEZ to combat seaborne illicit activity. (2/16/16).

House – bill introduced to prohibit OCS drilling



Delegate Norton (D-DC) introduced the **Keep It in the Ground Act of 2016** (H.R. 4535) [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr4535ih/pdf/BILLS-114hr4535ih.pdf>] to prohibit drilling in the outer Continental Shelf, to prohibit coal leases on Federal land, and for other purposes. (2/11/16).

Alaska – marine debris removal



The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) issued a **press release** [located at [http://dec.alaska.gov/commish/press_releases/2016/states-marine-debris-program-receives-\\$950,000-for-2016-cleanup-efforts.pdf](http://dec.alaska.gov/commish/press_releases/2016/states-marine-debris-program-receives-$950,000-for-2016-cleanup-efforts.pdf)] stating that it has received \$950,000 for marine debris removal projects along the Gulf of Alaska shoreline. The funds were provided by the Government of Japan via the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Polystyrene foam, clearly identifiable as debris from the 2011 tsunami in Japan, continues to be a substantial percentage of the marine debris found in Alaska. (2/11/16).

New York – Towing Industry Forum



The State University New York Maritime College (SUNYMC) will host the **Towing Industry Forum** [located at <http://www.sunymaritime.edu/annual-towing-industry-forum>] on 16 March at Fort Schuyler. (2/15/16).

Denmark – replacement of STCW 2010 certificates



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **notice** [located at <http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/ReplacementwithSTCW2010certificatesstartsnow.aspx>] reminding mariners of the need to replace many of the current (so-called STCW 2010 certificates) with new STCW certificates with expiration dates that are later than 31 December 2016. (2/16/16).

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