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USCG – OSRO guidelines update



The US Coast Guard issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin announcing the updating of the Oil Spill Removal Organization (OSRO) Guidelines. The MSIB focuses on planned changes with regard to responses to spills of heavy and Group V (non-floating) oils. **MSIB 07-16** (4/1/16) [located at http://www.uscg.mil/msib/docs/007_16_4-1-2016.pdf].

SHC – meeting on 6 May vice 4 May



Rather than the previously announced meeting on 4 May, the Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC), sponsored by the Department of State (DOS), will meet on 6 May in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming

session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 96). The location of the meeting has also changed. Topics on the agenda include: carriage of industrial personnel on vessels engaged on international voyages; search and rescue; and unsafe mixed migration by sea. **81 Fed. Reg. 19285** (4/4/16) [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-04-04/pdf/2016-07619.pdf>].

Rhode Island Sound – safety zone proposed



The US Coast Guard has extended, through 17 April, the period within which to submit comments on the proposed safety zone for the Block Island Wind Farm in Rhode Island Sound. **81 Fed. Reg. 19097** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-04-04/pdf/2016-07659.pdf>] (4/4/16).

USCG – PWS RCAC recertified



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (PWS RCAC) has been certified as an alternative voluntary advisory group for Prince William Sound. **81 Fed. Reg. 19216** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-04-04/pdf/2016-07658.pdf>] (4/4/16).

BEA – survey of foreign ocean carriers



The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) issued a notice advising that it is conducting a mandatory survey titled Annual Survey of Foreign Ocean Carriers' Expenses in the United States (BE-29). Covered persons must respond within 90 days of the end of each calendar year. **81 Fed. Reg. 19132** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-04-04/pdf/2016-07462.pdf>] (4/4/16).

BEA – survey of US ocean carriers



The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) issued a notice advising that it is conducting a mandatory survey titled Quarterly Survey of Ocean Freight Revenues and Foreign Expenses of U.S. Carriers (BE-30). Covered persons must respond within 45 days of the end of each calendar quarter. **81 Fed. Reg. 19130** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-04-04/pdf/2016-07465.pdf>] (4/4/16).

UNCTAD – Oceans Economy & Trade seminar



The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) will host the **seminar** “Oceans Economy & Trade – Sustainable Fisheries, Transport, and Tourism” on 10-12 May in Geneva. (4/1/16) [located at <http://unctad.org/en/pages/MeetingDetails.aspx?meetingid=1082>].

UK – MAIB Safety Digest



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued its latest **Safety Digest**. This edition highlights the continued prevalence of poor risk assessment and poor risk management. (4/1/16) [located at https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/512603/MAIBSafetyDigest1_16.pdf].

UK – identifying counterfeit Admiralty products



The UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO) issued a **Guide** to identifying counterfeit Admiralty products. (March 2016) [located at <http://www.ukho.gov.uk/ProductsandServices/PaperPublications/Documents/Counterfeit/A%20Guide%20to%20Identifying%20Counterfeit%20ADMIRALTY%20Products.pdf>].

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