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## **Pacific Ocean – fisherman rescued after two months at sea**



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that a Columbian fisherman was rescued by the bulk carrier Nikkei Verde in the southeastern Pacific after surviving a two-month ordeal at sea. The survivor and three companions had set out from Columbia, but the boat's engine became disabled. They caught and ate fish and sea gulls, but the other three on board died. The crew of the bulk carrier found and rescued the lone survivor and transferred him to the Coast Guard as the ship passed near Hawaii. (5/4/16) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2815902/>].

## Philadelphia – anchorage regulations



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule amending the geographic coordinates and modifying the usage anchorage “10” in the Delaware River in the vicinity of the Navy Yard in Philadelphia. The amendment reduces the size of the anchorage and allows its use as a general anchorage ground. The rule enters into effect on 6 June. **81 Fed. Reg. 27015** [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-05/pdf/2016-10577.pdf>] (5/5/16).

## CBP – NCAP test re FWS data



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a notice announcing that it will conduct a National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test concerning the electronic transmission of certain import data and documents for commodities regulated by the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). **81 Fed. Reg. 27149** [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-05/pdf/2016-10522.pdf>] (5/5/16).

## MPAFAC – meeting on 24-26 May



The Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (MPAFAC), sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will meet on 24-26 May in Winter Harbor, Maine. Topics on the agenda include ecological connectivity; external financing; and Arctic MPAs. **81 Fed. Reg. 27104** [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-05/pdf/2016-10532.pdf>] (5/5/16).

## OAS – marine salvage workshop



The Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS), in partnership with the American Salvage Association (ASA), will be holding a **workshop** with senior Port Authority officials from the 34 member countries, ASA members, and CIP staff in Miami on 13-15 June to discuss marine salvage, firefighting, environmental response, and casualty management. (5/4/16) [<http://www.americansalvage.org/events/downloads/CIP-ASA-training-agenda.pdf>].

## Australia – vessel-helicopter operations



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice reminding the maritime industry, helicopter operators, and pilots of recently adopted regulations that impact vessel-helicopter operations in Australian waters. [Marine Notice 9-2016](#) (5/5/16)  
[<https://apps.amsa.gov.au/MOREview/MarineNoticeExternal.html>].

## Australia – two-ship breakaway



The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) issued the report of its investigation of the break way of Grand Pioneer and AAL Fremantle in Fremantle on 17 August 2014. The two ships broke away from their berths when a thunderstorm passed across the Port of Fremantle. A bollard on the wharf holding both ships' stern lines failed, most likely after *Grand Pioneer's* vehicle ramp contacted it. *AAL Fremantle* contacted a ship at an adjacent berth, and parts of the Fremantle Rail Bridge nearby. [MO-2014-009](#) (5/5/16)  
[<http://www.atsb.gov.au/media/5770320/mo-2014-009-final.pdf>].

## UK – FAQ on VGM



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) posted the 23-page [UK National FAQ](#) on verified gross mass (VGM). (5/3/16)  
[[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/520931/FAQ\\_22\\_Mar\\_2016\\_final\\_\\_V7\\_.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/520931/FAQ_22_Mar_2016_final__V7_.pdf)].

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