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USCG – cargo securing manuals



The US Coast Guard promulgated an interim rule requiring US and foreign self-propelled cargo vessels of 500 gross tons or more, traveling on international voyages and carrying cargo that is other than solid or liquid bulk cargo, to have cargo securing manuals (CSMs) on board. The Coast Guard seeks comment on its intention to extend, in a subsequent final rule, the CSM requirement to self-propelled cargo vessels of less than 500 gross tons carrying dangerous goods in packaged form on international voyages. The interim rule enters into effect on 8 June. Comments must be received by 8 August. **81 Fed. Reg. 27992** [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-09/pdf/2016-10725.pdf>] (5/9/16).

OMB – Commercial Fishing Vessel NPRM cleared



The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has cleared the draft proposed rulemaking for the project entitled “**Commercial Fishing Vessels – Implementation of 2010 and 2012 Legislation**”. The document has been returned to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the US Coast Guard for final preparation in advance of publication in the Federal Register. (5/5/16) [<http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaViewRule?pubId=201510&RIN=1625-AB85>].

CMTS – Arctic infrastructure needs



The Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS) posted its report on **Infrastructure Needs in the US Arctic**. The report provides a ten-year prioritization of the framework necessary to address Arctic marine transportation infrastructure gaps. The 43 recommendations cover the five core MTS components and, if integrated over time, support the establishment of a stronger, more resilient US Arctic MTS. (4/15/16) [http://www.cmts.gov/downloads/NSAR_1.1.2_10-Year_MTS_Investment_Framework_Final_5_4_16.pdf].

BSEE & USCG – information sharing and joint operations



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a **press release** BSEE Director Brian Salerno and US Coast Guard Rear Admiral Paul Thomas participated in a luncheon panel discussion at the offshore Technology Conference in Houston. They discussed their coordinated approach to joint investigations and incident investigations, as well as their handling of worst case discharge scenarios. (5/5/16) [<http://www.bsee.gov/BSEE-Newsroom/Press-Releases/2016/BSEE-Director-Salerno-and-USCG-Rear-Admiral-Thomas-Discuss-Information-Sharing-and-Joint-Operations-at-OTC/>].

ORAP – meeting on 31 May-1 June



The Ocean Research Advisory Panel (ORAP), sponsored by the US Navy, will meet in Arlington, Virginia on 31 May-1 June. The meeting will include discussions on ocean research, resource management, and other current issues. **81 Fed. Reg. 28054** [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-09/pdf/2016-10857.pdf>] (5/9/16).

House – bill introduced re navigational servitude in Valdez



Representative Young (R-AK) introduced a bill (**H.R. 5087**) to remove the Federal claim to navigational servitude for a tract of land developed due to dredging disposal from a harbor project in Valdez, Alaska, and for other purposes. (4/27/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr5087ih/pdf/BILLS-114hr5087ih.pdf>].

Senate – bill introduced re Asia-Pacific maritime domains



Senator Cardin (D-MD) introduced the **Asia-Pacific Maritime Security Initiative Act of 2016** (S. 2865) to promote stability and security in the Asia-Pacific maritime domains, and for other purposes. (4/27/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114s2865is/pdf/BILLS-114s2865is.pdf>].

ReCAAP – April report



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre issued its **Report for April 2016**. A total of ten incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships were reported in Asia during the month. This is half the number reported in the same month in 2015. While there were no reports of hijacking of tankers, there were two incidents of the abduction of crews from tug boats. (5/6/16) [http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=440&PortalId=0&TabId=78].

Canada – bottom contact by ferry



The Canadian Transport Safety Board (TSB) issued the report of its investigation of the bottom contact incurred by the ro-ro passenger ferry Grace Sparkes at Burnside, Newfoundland and Labrador on 21 January 2015. The ferry made contact with a charted rock while entering the harbor. Investigation revealed that the master was both steering the ferry and navigating. The bridge team failed to notice that the ferry had deviated from its charted course. **M15A0009** (5/5/16) [<http://www.tsb.gc.ca/eng/rapports-reports/marine/2015/M15A0009/M15A0009.pdf>].

Ireland – possible fraudulent seafarer certificates



The Irish Department of Transport, Tourism, and Sport issued a notice stating that it has become aware of a small number of possible fraudulent Irish seafarer certificates, and an associated fraudulent website, which purports to verify such fraudulent seafarer certificates. Stakeholders seeking to verify Irish seafarer certificates should only do so with the Irish Maritime Administration.

Marine Notice 19-2016 (5/5/16)

[http://www.dttas.ie/sites/default/files/19%20of%202016_o.pdf].

Singapore – ferry evacuation exercise



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** stating that a multi-agency ferry evacuation exercise has been conducted to test the readiness to respond to potential ferry mishaps in the Port of Singapore. (5/6/16) [<http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/7811469c-ae14-42b1-8a17-eb07c67d1db9>].

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