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Miami – anchorage area proposal



The US Coast Guard proposes to revise the Miami Anchorage by dividing it into two separate anchorages. This action should reduce the risk of damage to threatened coral in the vicinity. Comments on the proposal must be received by 11 July. **81 Fed. Reg. 28788** [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-10/pdf/2016-10850.pdf>] (5/10/16).

FAA – waiver of ship protection requirement



The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued a notice stating that it has granted a waiver to Space Exploration Technologies Corp. (SpaceX)

waiving the requirements that a space launch operator ensure the probability of impact (Pi) with debris capable of causing a casualty for waterborne vessels does not exceed 1×10^{-5} . **81 Fed. Reg. 28930** [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-10/pdf/2016-09685.pdf>] (5/10/16). *Note: Watch the skies!*

USCG & BSEE – OTC opening remarks



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** posting the opening remarks of Mr. Brian Salerno, Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) and Rear Admiral Paul Thomas, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, USCG, at the 2016 Offshore Technology Conference (OTC). (5/9/16) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/05/09/592016-2016-offshore-technology-conference-senior-regulator-opening-remarks/>].

Australia – wasps almost bring down aircraft



The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) issued the report of its investigation of the air data system failure involving a commercial airliner near Brisbane Airport on 21 November 2013. After arriving from Singapore two hours earlier, the aircraft was pushed back from the gate for the return flight. The captain rejected the initial take-off attempt after observing an airspeed indication failure on his display. Trouble-shooting was carried out before the aircraft was released back into service. An airspeed discrepancy was noted during takeoff. The crew declared a Mayday and returned to the airport. Close inspection revealed that the pilot's pitot probe was almost totally obstructed by an insect nest, consistent with mud-dauber wasp residue. The pitot probe obstruction had occurred during the two-hour period that the aircraft was on the ground in Brisbane and had not been detected during flight preparation or during the trouble-shooting after the initial rejected take-off. **AO-2013-212** (5/9/16) [http://www.atsb.gov.au/media/5770344/ao2013212-final_report.pdf]. *Note: This is obviously not a maritime incident, but it illustrates the wide range of potential problems that can occur in any transportation sector and the importance of vigilance as systems become increasingly complex.*

China – Northwest Passage guidance



The Chinese Maritime Safety Administration (MSA) issued a **news release** stating that the “Guidances on Arctic Navigation in the Northwest Route” has been issued. It provides hydrographic, meteorological, obstacle, waterway navigation, navigation facility, salvage services, port services, and other security guarantees information on the Arctic geographical environment and northwest

route. (5/9/16)

[<http://en.msa.gov.cn/index.php?m=content&c=index&a=show&catid=343&id=184>].

India – grant of licence to foreign-flag vessels



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) posted **draft amendments** to the Guidelines for Grant of Licence to Foreign-Flag Vessels. (5/9/16)

[http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201605090442335563659amendment_sd_cir2_2002.pdf].

New Zealand – national maritime emergency exercise



Maritime New Zealand issued a **media release** stating that a national maritime emergency exercise will be conducted on 9-11 May that will involve a 'collision' between two ships off the coast of Taranaki. (5/6/16)

[<http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/news/media-releases-2016/20160506a.asp>].

New Zealand – Port & Harbour Marine Safety Code



Maritime New Zealand posted the **Port and Harbour Marine Safety Code 2016**. (5/9/16) [<http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/Publications-and-forms/Commercial-operations/Ports-and-harbours/NZ-port-harbour-marine-safety-code.pdf>].

Panama Canal – April operations



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory summarizing Canal operations during April. It also includes the schedule of locks maintenance outages for the remainder of the fiscal year and further information regarding the Canal expansion. **Advisory 24-2016** (5/5/16)

[<https://www.panacanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2016/a-24-2016.pdf>].

UK – former HMS Illustrious to be recycled



The UK Disposal Services Authority (DSA) issued a **notice** stating that it invites expressions of interest for the potential sale of CVS aircraft carrier, the former HMS Illustrious. (5/6/16)

[<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sale-of-the-former-hms-illustrious-aircraft-carrier>]. *Note: Until it was decommissioned in 2014, HMS Illustrious was the Royal Navy's only operational aircraft carrier. Two new aircraft carriers are currently under construction.*

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