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## IOOS Advisory Committee – webinar on 23 June



The Integrated Ocean observing System (IOOS) Advisory Committee, sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will conduct a webinar on 23 June. The webinar will focus on review of draft recommendations on how the IOOS Program Office could improve the Ocean Technology Transition (OTT) Program. [81 Fed. Reg. 33467](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-26/pdf/2016-12475.pdf) (5/26/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-26/pdf/2016-12475.pdf>].

## North Carolina – dinner and a rescue



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that a pier collapse in Beaufort, North Carolina dumped five senior citizens into the waters of Taylor Creek. Fortunately, an off-duty Coast Guardsman, FN James D. Sanders, Jr., was having dinner with his girlfriend at an adjacent waterside restaurant. He immediately jumped in the water, while calling for onlookers to pass flotation

devices. He kept the senior citizens calm and, with assistance, got them to a nearby dock where they were able to get out of the water. Sanders, who has been in the Coast Guard for only eight months, hopes to become an aviation maintenance technician. (5/25/16)

[<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2832646/>].

### CRS – USCG polar icebreaker modernization



The Congressional Research Service (CRS) issued an updated report entitled “Coast Guard Polar Icebreaker Modernization”. The report provides an overview of the proposal to build a new polar icebreaker. **RL34391** (4/15/16) [<http://fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RL34391.pdf>].

### CRS – USCG cutter procurement



The Congressional Research Service (CRS) issued an updated report entitled “Coast Guard Cutter Procurement”. The report provides an overview of procurement issues related to three classes of cutters, with emphasis on the planned Offshore Patrol Cutters (OPCs). **R42567** (4/15/16) [<http://fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/R42567.pdf>].

### Panama Canal – third draft restriction suspended



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory stating that, with the arrival of the rainy season, it is suspending the third draft restriction. The maximum authorized transit draft will remain at 11.74m (38.5 feet) until further notice. **Advisory 28-2016** (5/25/16) [<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2016/a-28-2016.pdf>]. *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Bryan Bittner of **Eagle Bulk Shipping**.*

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