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USCG – medical and physical evaluation guidelines



The US Coast Guard issued Change 2 to Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 04-08 entitled “Medical and Physical Evaluation Guidelines for Merchant Mariner Credentials”. The major changes include guidelines for issuance of separate medical certificates (implementing recent

changes to STCW); guidance for evaluation of applicants taking various medications; and guidance concerning the medical review process. **NVIC 04-08, Change 2** (25 April 2016) [http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvic/pdf/2008/NVIC_04-08_CH2.pdf].

DOT – Interim National Multimodal Freight Network



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a notice stating that it has established the Interim National Multimodal Freight Network in order to: (1) assist states in strategically directing resources toward improved system performance; (2) inform freight transportation planning; (3) assist in the prioritization of federal investment; and (4) assess and support federal investments. Comments on a Final National Multimodal Freight Network must be received by 6 September. **81 Fed. Reg. 36381** (6/6/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-06/pdf/2016-13261.pdf>].

DOS – meeting re implementation of IMO instruments



The Department of State (DOS) issued a notice stating that a meeting will be held on 14 July in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming session of the IMO Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III 3). Topics on the agenda include: consideration of reports on alleged inadequacy of port reception facilities; lessons learned from marine safety investigation reports; and measures to harmonize port state control (PSC) activities and procedures. **81 Fed. Reg. 36375** (6/6/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-06/pdf/2016-13162.pdf>].

Offshore New York – wind power lease



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a proposed sale notice (PSN) for the sale of one commercial wind energy lease on the outer continental shelf (OCS) offshore New York. Comments must be received by 5 August. **81 Fed. Reg. 36336** (6/6/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-06/pdf/2016-13164.pdf>].

Offshore New York – EA re wind power lease



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a notice announcing the availability of an environmental assessment (EA) for commercial wind energy lease on the Atlantic outer continental shelf (OCS) offshore New York. **81 Fed. Reg. 36334** (6/6/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-06/pdf/2016-13170.pdf>].

White House – National Oceans Month



President Obama issued a proclamation designating June as National Oceans Month, 2016. **81 Fed. Reg. 36135** (6/3/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-03/pdf/2016-13364.pdf>].

NOAA – Carolina and South Atlantic sturgeon



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) proposes to designate critical habitat for the endangered Carolina and South Atlantic distinct population segments of the Atlantic sturgeon. Public meetings will be held in Brunswick (20 June); Charleston (21 June); and Morehead City (23 June). Comments on the proposal must be received by 1 September. **81 Fed. Reg. 36078** (6/3/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-03/pdf/2016-12744.pdf>].

NOAA – Gulf of Maine, New York Bight, and Chesapeake Bay sturgeon



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) proposes to designate critical habitat for the endangered Gulf of Maine, New York Bight, and Chesapeake Bay distinct population segments of the Atlantic sturgeon. Public meetings will be held in Annapolis (13 July); Portland (18 July); and Gloucester (21 July). Comments on the proposal must be received by 1 September. **81 Fed. Reg. 35701** (6/3/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-03/pdf/2016-12743.pdf>].

NIST – Commission on Enhancing National Cybersecurity



The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) issued a notice stating that an open meeting of the Commission on Enhancing National Cybersecurity will be held on 21 June in Berkeley. **81 Fed. Reg. 35733** (6/3/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-03/pdf/2016-13096.pdf>].

NOAA – sites being considered as NMSs



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that four new sites have been added to Sanctuary Nomination Process inventory of possible areas for designation as new national marine sanctuaries (NMSs). **81 Fed. Reg. 35737** (6/3/16) [].

PHMSA – HMR amendments



The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) promulgated a final rule amending the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMRs) to make miscellaneous amendments in order to update and clarify certain regulatory requirements. The amendments enter into effect on 5 July. **81 Fed. Reg. 35484** (6/2/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-02/pdf/2016-12034.pdf>].

TSAC – teleconference on 22 June



The Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will hold a teleconference meeting on 22 June to receive two additional tasks: (1) implementation of Subchapter M, and (2) training requirements for firefighting equipment for inland towing vessels. **81 Fed. Reg. 35375** (6/2/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-02/pdf/2016-12963.pdf>].

USACE – reissuance of nationwide permits



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) proposes to reissue existing nationwide permits (NWP), general conditions, and definitions, with some modifications. Comments on the proposal must be submitted by 1 August. **81 Fed. Reg. 35186** (6/1/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-01/pdf/2016-12083.pdf>].

Ketchikan – cruise ship allision



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that the cruise ship Celebrity Infinity allided with the Ketchikan cruise ship dock. There were no reports of injury or pollution. The wind was gusting at 45 mph. The Coast Guard is investigating the incident. (6/3/16)

[<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2838278/>].

Lake Superior – bulk carrier refloated



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that a week after it grounded hard on Gros Cap Reef in Lake Superior the bulk carrier Roger Blough has been successfully lightened and refloated. It is now anchored in the Waiska Bay anchorage area. (6/4/16)

[<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2838402/>].

USCG – PSC annual report



The US Coast Guard posted the **2015 Annual Report** on Port State Control (PSC) in the United States. Detentions, which had been on a decline, rose for the second straight year. (6/3/16)

[https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgcvc/cvc2/psc/annual_report/annualrpt15.pdf].

Naval history



This week marks two historic naval events. The Battle of Midway was fought in the north central Pacific on 4-7 June 1942 between forces of the United States Navy and the Imperial Japanese Navy. Victory by the outnumbered US Navy forces has been called “the most stunning and decisive blow in the history of naval warfare” by the eminent historian John Keegan. The Allied invasion of Nazi-occupied France began with the D-Day landings in Normandy on 6 June 1944 and involved the largest armada in history. Many brave lives were lost during these events, and they deserve to be remembered and appreciated by those of us who came after.

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