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USCG – advance copy of Subchapter M



The US Coast Guard has posted for inspection an **advance copy** of its final rule concerning inspection of towing vessels (better known as Subchapter M). The official version is scheduled for publication in the Federal Register on 20 June. (6/10/16) [<https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2016-12857.pdf>].

Alaska – long-range medevac



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that a cadet suffering from pneumonia and respiratory complications was medically evacuated from the cargo ship Maunawili in the Gulf of Alaska 230 miles south of Cold Bay, Alaska. The Coast Guard utilized two MH-60 Jayhawk helicopters and an HC-130 Hercules to accomplish the long-range medevac. (6/10/16) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2842294/>].

USCG – VCS policy letter



The US Coast Guard issued a policy letter providing guidance on the implementation and interpretation of the final rule for the design and operation of new and existing marine vapor control systems (VCSs) designed and installed in accordance with 33 CFR part 154, subpart P. Specifically, this policy letter interprets requirements for the line size expansion, liquid seals, and anti-flashback burner compliance. **CG-ENG Policy Letter 02-16** (6/2/16) [http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/CG-ENG_POL_02-16.pdf].

NTSB – ill-advised meeting leads to collision



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a Marine Accident Brief concerning the collision between the tows of the towing vessels Capt. Shorty and Jackie on 20 July 2015 in the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway at Port Bolivar, Texas. There were no injuries or water pollution, but three of the barges sustained damages including one that caught fire. The probable cause of the casualty was the operators' attempt to meet in a location known for strong currents and shoaling, which was contrary to published guidance for that waterway. **MAB-16-05** (6/10/16) [<http://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MAB1605.pdf>].

DOJ – USN Rear Admiral pleads guilty



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that a US Navy Rear Admiral pleaded guilty in federal court to charges that he lied to federal investigators to conceal his illicit years-long relationship with a foreign

defense contractor at the center of a massive bribery and fraud scandal. (6/9/16 [<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/us-navy-admiral-pleads-guilty-lying-federal-investigators-about-his-relationship-foreign>]).

USCG – Arctic Coast Guard Forum



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that heads of the eight coast guard agencies of the Arctic nations signed a joint statement in Boston establishing the framework for the Arctic Coast Guard Forum's multi-year strategic plan. The Forum membership includes Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, the Russian Federation, and the United States. The framework addresses avenues to share information, highlight best practices, identify training exercises, and conduct on-the-water combined operations to achieve safe, secure, and environmentally responsible maritime activity in the Arctic. (6/10/16) [<http://coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/06/arctic-stakeholders-gain-momentum-through-historic-forum/>].

Jacksonville – RNA proposed



The US Coast Guard proposes to establish a regulated navigation area (RNA) covering the St. Mary's Entrance Channel, portions of the Cumberland Sound, and the Atlantic Ocean that will be in effect whenever any Navy submarine (foreign or domestic) is being escorted by the Coast Guard and operating within the jurisdictional limits of Sector Jacksonville Captain of the Port (COTP) Zone. Comments on this proposal must be received by 13 July. **81 Fed. Reg. 38119** (6/13/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-13/pdf/2016-13861.pdf>].

FMC – optional method of filing agreements



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice confirming that its direct final rule of 27 April relating to an optional method of filing ocean common carrier and marine terminal operator agreements will become effective on 13 June. **81 Fed. Reg. 38109** (6/13/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-13/pdf/2016-13889.pdf>].

Oregon – Portland Harbor Superfund Site



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a **news release** announcing that it has prepared a Proposed Plan to clean up the in-water portion of the Portland (Oregon) Harbor Superfund Site, an industrial waterway covering approximately ten miles of the Lower Willamette River. The EPA proposes to dredge and cap the most contaminated sediment throughout this stretch. Public meetings will be held in Portland on 24 June, 29 June, 11 July, and 20 July. Written comments must be postmarked by 8 August. (6/9/16) [<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/proposed-epa-cleanup-plan-will-make-portland-harbor-safer-and-healthier-all>].

House – hearing on Coast Guard mission requirements



The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee issued a **press release** stating that, on 14 June, the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation will hold a hearing on Coast Guard mission requirements. (6/10/16) [<http://transportation.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=400421>].

House – bill introduced re HMTF spending



Representative Reichert (R-WA) introduced the **Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Reform Act of 2016** (H.R. 5417) to require full spending of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, provide for expanded uses of the Fund, and prevent cargo diversion, and for other purposes. (6/9/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr5417ih/pdf/BILLS-114hr5417ih.pdf>].

IMO – “At Sea for All”



The IMO posted a video of Secretary-General Kitack Lim’s Day of the Seafarer 2016 message. The theme for this year’s commemoration, which occurs on 26 June, is “**At Sea for All**”, emphasizing that seafarers serve at sea not just for the shipping industry or for their own career purposes, but for all. (6/10/16) [<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/Multimedia/Video/Pages/Default.aspx?p>

layerUrl=X1ekMG33nZ8&autoplay=true&title=IMO%20Secretary%20General%20-%20Day%20of%20the%20Seafarer%202016].

IMO – cyber risk management for ships



The US Coast Guard posted **draft IMO guidelines** on cyber risk management for ships. The final guidelines should be available in the near future. (6/10/16)

[http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg521/docs/Draft_IMO_Guidelines_Cyber_Risk_Management.pdf].

Australia – VGM implementation



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **media release** stating that from 1 July it will implement changes to regulations for container weight verifications in the shipping industry, requiring shippers to provide a verified gross mass (VGM) for containers prior to loading on ships. (6/10/16)

[http://www.amsa.gov.au/media/documents/10062016_Media_Release_Containerweightrulesforsafeandcleanseas.pdf].

Singapore – inspection of Yemeni shipments



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular reminding stakeholders of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 2216 (2015) providing for inspection of shipments intended for Yemeni ports. **Shipping Circular 13-2016** (6/10/16)

[<http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/af34a511-c085-4a6d-a951-3db477f18274>].

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