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## **USCG – convictions in oil dumping case**



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that the owner, operator, and two engineers of the freighter Gallia Graeca were convicted by a federal jury of twelve felony counts related to the dumping of oily water at sea while the ship was on a voyage to Seattle. Sentencing is scheduled for 16 September. (6/20/16) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2857046/>].

## USCG – FAQ re Subchapter M



The USCG Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise (TVNCOE) issued a **notice** containing a set of frequently asked questions (FAQ) regarding the new Subchapter M – inspection of towing vessels. (6/20/16)  
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/06/20/6202016-subchapter-m-resources-frequently-asked-questions/>].

## USCG – submittal of documents to MSC



The USCG Marine Safety Center (MSC) issued a bulletin explaining the process for submittal of documents to the MSC for review in accordance with the new Subchapter M – inspection of towing vessels. **Bulletin 04-16** (6/20/16)  
[[http://www.uscg.mil/hq/msc/docs/MSCIB\\_04-16.pdf](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/msc/docs/MSCIB_04-16.pdf)].

## USCG – commercial fishing vessels proposal



The US Coast Guard proposes to amend its commercial fishing vessel regulations to align them with mandatory provisions of 2010 and 2012 legislation that took effect upon enactment. Comments on the proposal must be submitted by 19 September. **81 Fed. Reg. 40437** (6/21/16)  
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-21/pdf/2016-14399.pdf>].

## USCG – commercial fishing vessels withdrawal



The US Coast Guard is withdrawing its advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) of 31 March 2008 affecting commercial fishing, fish processing, and fish tender vessels in light of the 2010 and 2012 legislation regarding these vessels. **81 Fed. Reg. 40235** (6/21/16)  
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-21/pdf/2016-14400.pdf>].

## Lower Niagara River – safety zone proposed



The US Coast Guard proposes to establish a safety zone on US waters of the Lower Niagara River considered not navigable as listed in the US Coast Pilot Book 6. Comments on the proposal must be received by 19 September. **81**

**Fed. Reg. 40226** (6/21/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-21/pdf/2016-14620.pdf>].

### APHIS – use of ACE for submittals



The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) issued a final rule, effective immediately, providing the flexibility to allow the use of the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) system for submittal of information regarding the importation of exportation of covered animals and animal products and plants and plant products. **81 Fed. Reg. 40149** (6/21/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-21/pdf/2016-14616.pdf>].

### Alaska – subsea cable-laying



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it issued an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to Quintillion Subsea Operations to take, by harassment, small numbers of marine mammals incidental to a subsea cable-laying operation in state and federal waters of the Bering, Chukchi, and Beaufort Seas. **81 Fed. Reg. 40274** (6/21/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-21/pdf/2016-14585.pdf>].

### EU Council – conclusions on the Arctic



The Council of the European Union issued a **press release** stating that it has developed Council conclusions on the Arctic, seeking to contribute to enhancing socio-economic resilience in the Arctic region. (6/20/16) [<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2016/06/20-fac-conclusions-arctic/>].

### New Zealand – port fined for stevedore injury



Maritime New Zealand issued a **media release** stating that Port of Auckland Ltd has been fined \$49,980 and ordered to pay \$12,000 in reparations after a stevedore employed by the company fell nearly three meters off the unguarded edge of a ship's hatch lid, leaving him temporarily unconscious and fracturing his elbow. (6/20/16) [<http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/news/media-releases-2016/20160620a.asp>].

## MREN – NOT keeping the watch



In the June 2016 edition of Maritime Reporter and Engineering News, you can find my article entitled "**NOT keeping the watch**". In the article, I discuss how keeping a proper watch is commonplace, but that mariners sometimes fail to keep a proper watch due to various circumstances. The most common reasons for failure to keep a proper watch include: lack of skill; lack of training and knowledge; and lack of attention to detail. The most frequent causes of lack of attention to detail include: health; drug abuse; alcohol abuse; stress; fatigue; distraction; and complacency. The sea is unforgiving. (6/20/16).

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