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White House – cyber incident coordination



President Obama issued Presidential Policy Directive (**PPD- 41**) on United States Cyber Incident Coordination. The directive is intended to create mechanisms to coordinate the federal government's response to significant cyber

incidents and ensuring that US cyber responses are consistent and integrated with broader national preparedness and incident response policies. (7/26/16) [<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/07/26/presidential-policy-directive-united-states-cyber-incident>]

Aleutian Islands – fishing vessel crew rescued



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that the 46 crew members of the fishing vessel Alaska Juris are safe after they activated their EPIRB and abandoned ship off Kiska Island, 690 miles west of Dutch Harbor. A USCG cutter and two aircraft were diverted and an urgent marine information broadcast was issued. The bulk carrier Spar Canis and the container ship Vienna Express responded and rescued the crew. (7/26/16) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2869286/>].

USCG – ATB policy letter



The US Coast Guard issued a policy letter providing guidance on the circumstances under which personnel may conditionally occupy an unmanned barge that forms part of an Articulated Tug Barge (ATB) combination. **CG-CVC Policy Letter 16-04** (7/26/16) [https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgcvc/cvc/policy/policy_letters/CVC/CG-CVC_pol16-04.pdf].

USCG – overboard detection technology



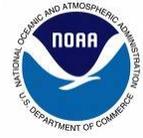
The US Coast Guard is soliciting information on the status and availability of technology for immediately detecting cruise vessel passengers who have fallen overboard. Comments must be submitted by 25 October. **81 Fed. Reg. 49234** (7/27/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-07-27/pdf/2016-17775.pdf>].

Barataria Bay – crude oil discharge



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that an estimated 4,200 gallons of crude oil has reportedly been released from an out-of-service flow line near Lake Grande Ecaille, part of Barataria Bay. Response efforts are underway. The cause of the incident is under investigation. (7/26/16) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2869034/>].

NOAA – new species of beaked whale



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** stating that marine scientists have identified a previously unknown species of beaked whale. This species resembles the more familiar Baird's beaked whale, but is only about two-thirds the size (about 25 feet in length) and darker in color. Only eight specimens have been found to date. Its habitat seems to extend from waters off northern Japan to the Bering Sea. (7/22/16) [<https://swfsc.noaa.gov/news.aspx?ParentMenuId=147&id=22004>].

Polar regions – GPS issues



The USCG Navigation Center issued a **notice** stating that users of the Global Positioning System (GPS) in an area extending to the Northeast from Fort Collinson and Ulukhaktok to the Northeaster tip of Victoria Island in the Beaufort Sea and in an area of the Antarctic Coast to the Southeast of the South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands may experience short periods of high HDOP/PDOP (HDOP >6) at various times between 291123Z and 291131Z July 2016 due to satellite maintenance. (7/26/16) [http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=HDOP_Event_July2016].

Alaska – cold water survivors



The Alaska Office of Boating Safety produced the video **Cold Water Survivors** focusing on teens and addressing the topics of cold water immersion and the importance of wearing life jackets when boating on cold water. (7/26/16) [<https://vimeo.com/98757977>].

Court – maritime punitive damages



The Louisiana Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit affirmed a maritime punitive damage award of \$23 million in a case where the compensatory damages were \$125,000. **Warren v. Shelter Mutual Insurance**, No. 15-354 (La 3rd Cir, Jun 29, 2016) [<http://www.la3circuit.org/Opinions/2016/06/062916/15-0354opi.pdf>]. One judge filed a separate opinion, concurring in part and dissenting in part. **Warren v. Shelter Mutual Insurance**, No. 15-838 (La 3rd Cir, June 29, 2016) [<http://www.la3circuit.org/Opinions/2016/06/062916/15-0838opi.pdf>]. *Note: This item was first brought to my attention by my good friend Marion McDaniel, Jr.*

Panama Canal – transit by LNG carrier



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued a **press release** stating that Maran Gas Apollonia became the first LNG carrier to transit the expanded Panama Canal. The ship is on a voyage from the Sabine Pass LNG terminal to Asia. (7/26/16) [<https://www.pancanal.com/eng/pr/press-releases/2016/07/26/pr602.html>].

UK – guidance re CoC application



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued **guidance** for individuals seeking to apply for or revalidate a Certificate of Competency (CoC) for deck and engine officers working on merchant vessels and yachts. The MCA also apologized for the six week delay between the receipt of applications and the issuance of Deck Notices of Eligibilities, which allows the scheduling of oral exams at the local MCA marine office. (7/26/16) [<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-uk-seafarer-coc-deck-and-engineer-officers>].

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