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Great Lakes – CANUSLAK Plan updated



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that it and the Canadian Coast Guard reviewed and signed the annual update to the Great Lakes annex of the bilateral Joint Marine Pollution Contingency Plan (CANUSLAK Plan). The annex provides for a unified approach to responding to environmental incidents impacting the Great Lakes and connecting waterways and is tested frequently. (8/6/16)

[<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2872390/>].

FCC – submarine cable outage reporting



The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) promulgated a final rule requiring submarine cable licensees to report service outages through the network outage reporting systems (NORS). This rule will enter into effect after the Office of Management and Budget approves the information collection requirements. That date will be separately announced in the Federal Register. **81 Fed. Reg. 52354** (8/8/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-08/pdf/2016-18610.pdf>].

CBP – ACE protest filer account



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a notice announcing plans to modify the National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test concerning Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Portal Accounts to establish the ACE Protest Filer Account. **81 Fed. Reg. 52453** (8/8/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-08/pdf/2016-18757.pdf>].

Panama Canal – maximum allowable draft



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory announcing that, effective immediately, the maximum allowable draft for vessels transiting the Neopanamax locks is 13.41m (44.0 feet) TFW. **Advisory 41-2016** (8/5/16) [<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2016/a-41-2016.pdf>].

Panama Canal – operations update



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued a **press release** providing an update on Canal operations. (8/5/16) [<https://www.pancanal.com/eng/pr/press-releases/2016/08/05/pr604.html>].

Singapore – Transport Safety Investigation Bureau



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular announcing formation of the Transport Safety Investigation Bureau (TSIB) to independently investigate air and marine accidents and incidents. **Circular 20-2016** (8/5/16) [<http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of->

singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/3793953d-a645-4f68-ae8b-10c38c88652a].

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