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Louisiana – rescue efforts continue



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that rescue continues of persons in distress due to severe flooding in the Baton Rouge area. (8/16/16) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2875230/>].

USCG – NPREP FAQs re SMFF & GIUEs



The US Coast Guard posted a Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) answering frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding the new 2016 National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (NPREP) guidelines as they pertain to Salvage and Marine Fire Fighting (SMFF) exercises and Government Initiated Unannounced Exercises (GIUEs). **MER-MSIB 12-16** (8/15/16) [https://www.uscg.mil/msib/docs/012_16_8-15-2016.pdf]. *Note: That is certainly a lot of acronyms.*

USCG – auto-pilot induced casualties



The US Coast Guard issued an alert reminding mariners of the dangers of over-reliance on auto-pilot systems. **Safety Alert 10-16** (8/16/16) [<https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/1016.pdf>].

NTSB – El Faro VDR recovery



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a **press release** with links to video and photos of the El Faro voyage data recorder (VDR) recovery. (8/12/16) [<http://www.nts.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/pr20160812.aspx>].

Offshore California – wind energy RFI



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a **press release** stating that the Department of the Interior (DOI) is issuing a Request for Interest (RFI) in a potential wind energy lease site on the US outer continental shelf (OCS) offshore California. (8/16/16) [<http://www.boem.gov/press08162016a/>].

DOJ – engineering officers plead guilty



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that two senior engineering officers of the tanker Cielo di Milano pleaded guilty in federal court to criminal charges involving the concealment of the improper discharge of oily waste at sea through a so-called magic pipe and falsification of the ship's oil record book (ORB). (8/11/16) [<https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/senior-officers-italian-oil-tanker-admit-concealing-discharge-oily-waste-sea>].

CBP – importation of marine engines



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the Department of the Treasury propose to amend regulations relating to the importation of certain vehicles and engines (including marine engines) subject to federal antipollution emission standards under the Clean Air Act (CAA). Comments on the proposal must be received by 16 September. **81 Fed. Reg. 54763** (8/17/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-17/pdf/2016-18761.pdf>].

Panama Canal – anniversary and milestone



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued a **press release** noting the 102nd anniversary of the opening of the original Canal and the 100th transit of a neopanamax vessel through the Expanded Canal. (8/15/16) [<https://www.pancanal.com/eng/pr/press-releases/2016/08/15/pr606.html>].

UK – cyber security for ports



The UK Department for Transport (DfT) posted the **Cyber Security Code of Practice** for ports and port systems. The document provides actionable advice regarding development of a cyber security assessment and governance structures, as well as guidance on handling security breaches. (8/16/16) [<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ports-and-port-systems-cyber-security-code-of-practice>].

MREN – Artificial stupidity



My article “**Artificial stupidity**” may be found in the August 2016 edition of Maritime Reporter & Engineering News. In the article, I discuss how the transition to increased use of artificial intelligence on ocean-going vessels will not be as fast, smooth, and inexpensive as many contend. In addition, this transition will allow failures to occur in wholly unique ways. (8/16/16) [<http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/MREN/MREN160800.pdf>].

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