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USCG – hurricane & heavy weather contingency plans



My compilation of USCG **Hurricane & Heavy Weather Contingency Plans** has been updated to include the revised Miami plan that a long-suffering reader brought to my attention. Please advise if you become aware of new or revised contingency plans that should be included in the compilation. (8/17/16)

[http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/HCP/HCP_160817.pdf].

Puerto Rico – response continues



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that the Unified Command continues to respond to the grounded passenger/cargo vessel Caribbean Fantasy off Punta Salinas, Puerto Rico. All 511 persons that were on board have been accounted for. A salvage plan is being developed. (8/18/16) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2875982/>].

USCG – merchant mariner examination review



The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) issued a **bulletin** announcing that it is commissioning a working group to review existing and new merchant mariner examination questions for accuracy, availability of examination references, length of examinations, and the use of standard technologies in administering, scoring, and analyzing examinations. Applications must be received by 15 October. (8/16/16) [https://www.uscg.mil/nmc/announcements/pdfs/section_315_working_group_website_solicitation.pdf].

USCG – Subchapter M outreach



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that it is conducting an outreach program to familiarize the towing industry with the Subchapter M regulations. (8/18/16) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2876178/>].

USCG – CFSAC members sought



The US Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee (CFSAC). Applications should be received by 18 October. **81 Fed. Reg. 55469** (8/19/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-19/pdf/2016-19805.pdf>].

CDC – fees for vessel sanitation inspections



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a notice announcing new fees for vessel sanitation inspections for FY 2017. **81 Fed. Reg. 55460** (8/19/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-19/pdf/2016-19785.pdf>].

Australia – STCW certificate reminder



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **media release** reminding seafarers to check the validity of their STCW certificates as many qualifications are set to expire on 31 December. (8/18/16) [http://www.amsa.gov.au/media/documents/17082016_AMSA_Seafarer_Cert_Expiry.pdf].

UK – seafarer career information



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) posted updated **guidance** regarding seafarer careers, with information regarding training and examinations. (8/18/16) [<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-seafarer-careers-training-provision-and-information>].

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