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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 Northern New England plan that a Coast Guard friend brought to my attention. Please advise if you become aware of new or revised contingency plans that should be included in the compilation. (8/23/16) [http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/HCP/HCP_160823.pdf].

Bering Strait – Exercise Arctic Chinook



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that Exercise Arctic Chinook is a multi-day maritime search and rescue exercise being conducted in the vicinity of the Bering Strait. Participants include the US Coast Guard, the Alaska Command, the Alaska National Guard, State of Alaska agencies, Alaska Native organizations, and Canadian Forces. The exercise simulates an adventure-class ship traveling through the Bering Strait with approximately 250 passengers and crew that experiences an incident that degrades to become a catastrophic event. The program will exercise elements of the Arctic Council's Search and Rescue Agreement. (8/23/16) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2877050/>].

ACSCC – webinar meeting on 7 September



The Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness (ACSCC), sponsored by the Department of Commerce (DOC), will hold a webinar meeting on 7 September to deliberate and vote on maritime container cargo data elements that US shippers, supply chains, and other seaport users and stakeholders need to be able to have and share in advance of vessel arrival. **81 Fed. Reg. 57886** (8/24/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-24/pdf/2016-20154.pdf>].

FMC – petition from APL



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that it received a petition from APL Co. Pte Ltd and American President Lines Ltd for an exemption from the rule requiring individual service contract amendments

and the rule prohibiting duplicative tariffs. Comments on the petition must be received by 1 September. **81 Fed. Reg. 57908** (8/24/16)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-24/pdf/2016-20220.pdf>].

NOAA – Hawaiian spinner dolphin



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) proposes to prohibit swimming with and approaching the Hawaiian spinner dolphin. Public meetings will be held in Kealahou (7 September); Kailua Kona (8 September); Lihue (21 September); Kihei (22 September); Honolulu (27 September); and Waianae (28 September). Written comments must be received by 23 October. **81 Fed. Reg. 57854** (8/24/16)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-24/pdf/2016-20324.pdf>].

India – improper VGM levies



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a notice stating that the levy of charges by certain Indian ports for weighing containers for which a verified gross mass (VGM) has already been provided and the levy of charges for minor variations in container weights by terminals and intermediaries is inconsistent with the IMO requirement for VGM and the implementing DGS provisions. **Notice 08-2016** (8/23/16)
[http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201608230350163897896ms_notice8_2016_nautical.pdf].

Panama Canal – transits of Neopanamax passenger vessels



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory stating that booking requests from Neopanamax passenger vessels are now being accepted for transit dates beginning 1 April 2017. **Advisory 45-2016** (8/22/16)
[<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2016/a-45-2016.pdf>].

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