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USCG – Hawaii & SE Atlantic coast



The US Coast Guard has set port conditions in preparation for the passage of Tropical Storm Madeline in Hawaii and Tropical Storm Hermine in the southeast United States. Exercise caution. (9/1/16).

USCG – credentials lost due to Louisiana flooding



The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) issued a **bulletin** announcing that duplicate merchant mariner credentials (MMCs) may be issued free of charge to mariners whose credentials were lost or destroyed as a result of recent flooding in Louisiana and neighboring states. (8/31/16)
[https://www.uscg.mil/nmc/announcements/pdfs/request_duplicate_mmc_due_to_loss.pdf].

DOL – LHWCA compensation limits



The Department of Labor (DOL) proposes to implement maximum and minimum compensation limits for compensation under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA). Comments on the proposal must be received by 25 October. **81 Fed. Reg. 58879** (8/26/16)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-26/pdf/2016-20467.pdf>]. *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Tom Langan of **Weeks Marine**.*

NTSB – towing vessel collision



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) posted the report of its investigation of the collision between the towing vessel William E. Strait and the Margaret Ann tow on 14 December 2015 on the Mississippi River near Memphis. The probable cause of the collision was the inability of the pilot of the towing vessel William E. Strait to hold his vessel in position along the left descending bank, as had been agreed, to allow the safe and unimpeded passage of the Margaret Ann. **MAB 16-13** (8/12/16)
[<http://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MAB1613.pdf>].

NOAA – IOOS Director sought



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **job announcement** stating that it seeks a qualified person for the position of Director, Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS). Applications must be received by 19 September. (8/4/16) [<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/446758800/>]. *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Wayne Becker of Salutary Technology.*

DOE – \$20 million for wave and tidal energy projects



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a **news release** announcing that more than \$20 million has been awarded to organizations for new research, development, and demonstration projects that advance and monitor marine and hydrokinetic energy systems, which generate electricity from ocean waves and tidal currents. (8/30/16) [<http://www.energy.gov/eere/articles/energy-department-awards-more-20-million-wave-and-tidal-energy-projects>].

Carrington Event – 1-2 September 1859



The **Carrington Event** was a massive solar storm that occurred on 1-2 September 1859. The largest geomagnetic storm on record was the result of a solar coronal mass ejection colliding with the Earth's magnetosphere. The associated white light flare on the surface of the sun was observed and recorded by the English astronomer Richard Carrington. A similar event occurring today would have major repercussions, disrupting satellite communication systems and satellite-based positioning, navigation, and timing systems such as GPS. Solar coronal mass ejections are not rare. This one, though, was particularly strong and just happened to cross the orbit of the Earth exactly when and where the Earth was passing. Bloody bad timing.

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