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USCG – hearing re marine navigation system



The US Coast Guard posted a **notice** stating that, on 7 September, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy Rear Admiral Paul Thomas will

testify before a congressional hearing focused on modernizing the marine navigation system. (9/6/16)
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/09/06/congressional-hearing-alert-federal-maritime-navigation-problems-paul-thomas/>].

USCG – Hudson River anchorage grounds



The US Coast Guard has extended, until 6 December, the period within which to submit comments on the proposal to establish anchorage grounds on the Hudson River between Yonkers and Kingston. **81 Fed. Reg. 61639** (9/7/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-09-07/pdf/2016-21371.pdf>].

CFSAC – meeting on 27-29 September



The Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee (CFSAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 27-29 September in Savannah. Topics on the agenda include safety and risk-reduction-related projects and the Enhanced Oversight Program. **81 Fed. Reg. 61706** (9/7/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-09-07/pdf/2016-21479.pdf>].

BSEE – oil and gas production safety systems



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) promulgated a final rule amending and updating regulations regarding oil and natural gas production safety on the outer continental shelf (OCS) by addressing issues such as safety and pollution prevention equipment design and maintenance and production safety systems. The rulemaking enters into effect on 7 November. **81 Fed. Reg. 61833** (9/7/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-09-07/pdf/2016-20967.pdf>].

PHMSA – HMR amendments proposed



The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) proposes to amend the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) to maintain consistency with international regulations, including the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Codes. Comments on the proposal must be received by 7 November. **81 Fed. Reg. 61741** (9/7/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-09-07/pdf/2016-20580.pdf>].

Shipping Act, 1916 – enacted 7 September 1916



One hundred years ago today, the **Shipping Act, 1916** was enacted into law. While amended various times and codified, it is largely in force today. Among other things, it included citizenship requirements for ownership of US vessels and established the United States Shipping Board, which was later split into what are today the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) and the Maritime Administration (MARAD). (September 7, 1916) [http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/039_Stat_728.pdf].

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