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USCG – Safety Alert re inflatable life jackets

The US Coast Guard issued a safety alert reminding mariners of the importance of performing periodic maintenance on the inflatable life jackets. Alert 13-16 (9/12/16) [https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/1316.pdf].

USCG – National Harbor Safety Conference

The US Coast Guard issued a news release stating that the 2016 National Harbor Safety Conference will be held on 13-15 September in Portland, Oregon. The event enables professionals to discuss policy and regulatory issues, engage with government regulators, and develop partnerships that support the maritime industry. The keynote address will be delivered by the USCG Commandant, Admiral Paul Zukunft. (9/12/16) [http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2882134/].

SLSDC – Advisory Board meeting on 30 September

The Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC) will meet on 30 September in Washington, DC. 81 Fed. Reg. 62973 (9/13/16) [https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-09-13/pdf/2016-21915.pdf].

India – vessel age restriction issues

The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a Shipping Development Circular raising concerns about Indian oil companies imposing age restrictions on the chartering of Indian ships. Circular 06-2016 (9/9/16) [http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/2016091211440950391 31dgs_cir_06_2016_sd_branch.pdf].

Panama Canal – August operations

The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory summarizing Canal operations during August. It also includes the schedule of locks maintenance outages for the remainder of the fiscal year. Advisory 47-2016 (9/9/16) [https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2016/a-47-2016.pdf].

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