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## MARAD – MSP Operating Agreement solicitation



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a notice requesting applications for eligible vessels to enroll in Maritime Security Program (MSP) Operating Agreements. Applications must be received by \_\_\_\_\_. **81 Fed. Reg. 68104** (10/3/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-10-03/pdf/2016-23823.pdf>].

## CBP – electronic drawback & duty deferral entry filings



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a notice stating that it has delayed until further notice the effective date for the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) becoming the sole CBP-authorized electronic data interchange (EDI) system for processing electronic drawback and duty deferral entry and entry summary filings. **81 Fed. Reg. 68023** (10/3/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-10-03/pdf/2016-23833.pdf>].

## DOT – GPS adjacent band compatibility assessment



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a notice stating that on 14 October it will host the GPS Adjacent Band Compatibility Assessment Workshop V Meeting in Washington, DC. **81 Fed. Reg. 68105** (10/3/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-10-03/pdf/2016-23791.pdf>].

## DOJ – proposed consent decree



The Department of Justice issued a notice stating that a proposed consent decree has been filed in the lawsuit entitled United States v. Kirby Inland Marine, LP. Comments must be received within 30 days. **81 Fed. Reg. 68061** (10/3/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-10-03/pdf/2016-23738.pdf>].

## CMTS – webinar on Panama Canal Expansion Project



The Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS) issued a **bulletin** stating that it will host a webinar on 12 October. Ms. Ilya Marotta, Executive Vice President of Engineering for the Panama Canal

Expansion Project will speak on the process of expanding the Panama Canal. (9/30/16) [<http://www.cmts.gov/Bulletin.aspx?id=1123>].

### USCG – DGPS operational assessments



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that it recently completed operational assessments of four Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) sites: New York, Corpus Christi, Puget Sound, and Tampa. (9/30/16) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/09/30/navcen-conducts-dgps-operational-assessments/>].

### USCG – recap of CGSIC meeting



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** recapping the 56th meeting of the Civil GPS Service Interface Committee (CGSIC). (9/30/16) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/09/30/recap-56th-meeting-civil-gps-service-interface-committee/>].

### Senate – 40th anniversary of USCGA women cadets



Senator Blumenthal (D-CT) introduced a resolution (**S.Res. 579**) recognizing the 40th anniversary of the first class of women admitted to the Coast Guard Academy. (9/26/16) [<https://www.congress.gov/114/bills/sres579/BILLS-114sres579is.pdf>].

### IMO – VGM enforcement



The IMO issued a **reminder** regarding the termination on 1 October of the “practical and pragmatic approach” toward enforcement of the verified gross mass (VGM) requirement for shipping containers prior to loading. (9/30/16) [<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/container/Pages/default.aspx>].

## India – VGM extension



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a **notice** announcing that it is extending until 30 November implementation of requirement that shippers provide the verified gross mass (VGM) of shipping containers to the master prior to loading. (9/30/16) [[http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201609300516519103505ms\\_notices\\_09of2016.pdf](http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201609300516519103505ms_notices_09of2016.pdf)].

## NOAA – weatherman killed during WWII to be honored



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** stating that Luther H. Brady, a Weather Bureau meteorologist, died on approximately 9 September 1942 when the **ocean weather ship, USCGC Muskeget**, on which he was serving sank after being struck by a torpedo fired by the German submarine U-755 in the North Atlantic. On 7 October 2016, he will be posthumously awarded the Purple Heart in his hometown of Atlanta, Georgia. (9/30/16) [<http://www.noaa.gov/media-advisory/weatherman-killed-on-world-war-ii-patrol-to-be-honored-in-atlanta>].

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