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USCG – Great Lakes Pilotage rates proposal



The US Coast Guard proposes new Great Lakes Pilotage base pilotage rates and surcharges for 2017 using the methodology instituted in 2016.

Comments on the proposal must be submitted by 19 December. **81 Fed. Reg. 72011** (10/19/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-10-19/pdf/2016-25254.pdf>].

USCG – BWMS type-approval update



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** stating that it is reviewing applications for USCG ballast water management system (BWMS type-approval from Optimarin, Alfa Laval, and OceanSaver. For each of these systems, additional information has been requested from the manufacturer and/or the independent laboratory. The Coast Guard will release information once final action is taken on an application. (10/18/16)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/10/18/update-bwms-type-approval-applications/>].

USCG – safety alert re Samsung smartphone



The US Coast Guard issued an updated Safety Alert reminding stakeholders of the recall of Samsung Galaxy Note 7 Smartphones. Bringing these phones on vessels is strongly discouraged and, if brought aboard, they are to be turned off and disconnected from any charging equipment. Maritime operators should review potential fire hazards related to the recall, especially for operations that include checked baggage or unattended vehicles, as on ferries.

Alert 15-16u (10/14/16) [<https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/1516u1.pdf>].

DOT – GPS Adjacent Band Compatibility



The Department of Transportation (DOT) hosted its fifth workshop on the Global Positioning System (GPS) Adjacent Band Compatibility Assessment effort on Friday, October 14, 2016 in Washington, DC. The workshop discussed the results from testing of various categories of GPS/Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) receivers to include aviation (non-certified), cellular, general location/navigation, high precision and networks, timing, and space-based receivers. The workshop also included a discussion on the development of use-case scenarios for these categories. DOT has now posted all presentations from the workshop. They can be found from a link on the GPS.gov website:

<http://www.gps.gov/spectrum/ABC/>. Scroll down the page to "October 2016 Workshop." (10/18/16).

Canada – tug grounding



Transport Canada issued a **news release** regarding the grounding of the tug Nathan E. Stewart in Seaforth Channel, British Columbia. Among other things, the exemption that allowed the tug and barge to operate in those waters without a pilot from the Pacific Pilotage Authority has been revoked. (10/17/16) [<http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?nid=1139189>]. The Transport Safety Board (TSB) issued a **notice** stating that it has opened an investigation into the grounding. (10/17/16) [<http://www.tsb.gc.ca/eng/medias-media/deploiement-deployment/marine/2016/20161017.asp>].

India – seafarer accommodation rules



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) posted, in both Hindi and English, the **Merchant Shipping (Seafarer Accommodation) Rules 2016**. (8/26/16) [http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201610180130537270816seafarer_accomodation_rule_26082016.pdf].

MREN – Let the BWM games begin



In the October 2016 edition of Maritime Reporter and Engineering News, you can find my article entitled **Let the BWM games begin**. The 2004 Ballast Water Management Convention finally received sufficient ratifications and will enter into force on 8 September 2017. The IMO is scrambling to amend the Convention to address known problems. Meanwhile, the US Coast Guard has finally received applications for ballast water management system (BWMS) type-approvals. Things have suddenly gotten very interesting. (10/18/16) [<http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/MREN/MREN161000.pdf>].

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