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## USCG – boating safety strategic plan



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that the Strategic Plan of the National Recreational Boating Safety Program 2017 to 2021 has been released. The plan includes three primary initiatives: improve and expand recreational boating education, training and outreach; update, leverage and enforce policies, regulations and standards; and improve and expand recreational boating data collection and research. (11/2/16) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2897346/>].

## New York Harbor – security zone proposal



The US Coast Guard requests public comments regarding a plan to restore navigational access to the waterway between Ellis Island and Liberty State Park in New York Harbor. Comments must be received by 3 January 2017. [81 Fed. Reg. 76545](#) (11/3/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-11-03/pdf/2016-26599.pdf>].

## OSTP – Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan



The Office of Science and Technology Policy issued a notice stating that the Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan has been approved for submittal to the National Ocean Council. [81 Fed. Reg. 76635](#) (11/3/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-11-03/pdf/2016-26623.pdf>].

## DOJ – National Shipbuilding Research Program



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a notice stating that Vigor Shipyards, Inc., Portland, Oregon has withdrawn as a member of the National Shipbuilding Research Program. [81 Fed. Reg. 76628](#) (11/3/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-11-03/pdf/2016-26548.pdf>].

## USN – Arctic Ocean operations



The US Navy issued a [news release](#) stating that it is studying the environmental changes in the Arctic to provide new tools for operation in the

once-inaccessible area. (11/1/16)  
[[http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=97469](http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=97469)].

### NASA – Arctic sea ice shrinking



The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) issued a **news release** stating that Arctic Ocean multi-year ice has either thinned or melted away at an increasing rate, leaving the sea ice cap more vulnerable to the warming ocean and atmosphere. (10/28/16)

[<http://www.nasa.gov/feature/goddard/2016/arctic-sea-ice-is-losing-its-bulwark-against-warming-summers>].

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