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posting, even though it contains a number of individual items. When I was young, I thought nap time was punishment; now I consider it a mini-vacation.

### **USCG – COD e-renewal program suspended**



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** stating that it has temporarily suspended the automated e-billing/e-renewal program for Certificate of Documentation (COD) renewals issued by the National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC). (11/4/16)

[<https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvdc/news/erenewal.pdf>].

### **USCG – mariner application submittals**



The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) issued a **bulletin** stating that it is experiencing a higher than average volume of applications, particularly through REC Miami and REC Charleston. Until further notice, mariners are highly encouraged to submit their applications to RECs other than Miami and Charleston. In addition, mariners should submit their applications in a timely manner. (11/4/16)

[[https://www.uscg.mil/nmc/announcements/pdfs/mmc\\_processing\\_delays.pdf](https://www.uscg.mil/nmc/announcements/pdfs/mmc_processing_delays.pdf)]

### **USCG – Marine Transportation Specialist sought**



The US Coast Guard issued a **job announcement** stating that it seeks qualified applicants for the position of Marine Transportation Specialist, GS-2101-12 at the National Maritime Center (NMC) in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Applications must be received by 24 January 2017. (11/4/16)

[<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/448663200/>].

### **USCG – cyber risk management**



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** concerning the practical implementation of cyber risk management (CRM) onboard commercial vessels. (11/3/16)

[[http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/11/03/shipboard-application-cyber-risk-management/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+MaritimeCommons+%28Maritime+Commons%29](http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/11/03/shipboard-application-cyber-risk-management/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MaritimeCommons+%28Maritime+Commons%29)].

## USCG – voluntary safety initiatives for CFIVs



The US Coast Guard posted **Voluntary Safety Initiatives and Good Marine Practices** for Commercial Fishing Industry Vessels (CFIVs). (10/25/16) [[https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgcvc/cvc3/news\\_and\\_activities/VoluntarySafetyInitiativesGoodMarinePracticesForCFVs\\_10-25-16.pdf](https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgcvc/cvc3/news_and_activities/VoluntarySafetyInitiativesGoodMarinePracticesForCFVs_10-25-16.pdf)].

## CMTS – reducing air pollution at ports



The Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS) issued a **bulletin** reminding stakeholders that the EPA's webinar on reducing air pollution and greenhouse gases at US ports will be held on 22 November. (11/2/16) [<http://www.cmts.gov/Bulletin.aspx?id=3124>].

## USN – Arctic Ocean research



The US Navy issued a **news release** stating that, as sea ice diminishes in the Arctic Ocean, research is being conducted into tools to help the Navy operate in those waters. (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 the multi-year Arctic sea ice is shrinking in coverage and thinning. (10/28/16) [<http://www.nasa.gov/feature/goddard/2016/arctic-sea-ice-is-losing-its-bulwark-against-warming-summers>].

## DOJ – National Shipbuilding Research Program



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a notice stating that Vigor Shipyards, Inc., Portland, Oregon has withdrawn from 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>].

## OSTP – Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Action Plan



The Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) 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>].

## Court – marine salvage award



The US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit reversed the district court in a marine salvage case, holding that a salvor is entitled to a salvage award despite a failure of the salvor to show that its services were necessary to the rescue of the vessel. **Girard v. MV Blacksheep**, No. 15-15803 (11th Cir., November 3, 2016) [<http://media.ca11.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/files/201515803.pdf>].

## Indian Ocean – suspected Somali pirate attack



The EU Naval Force issued a **press release** stating that suspected Somali pirates attacked the chemical tanker CPO Korea on 22 October in the Indian Ocean 330 nautical miles east of Somalia. Shots were exchanged between the six individuals on the fast-moving skiff and the armed security team on the tanker. (11/4/16) [<http://eunavfor.eu/eu-naval-force-operation-commander-reinforces-need-for-vigilance-at-sea-as-chemical-tanker-attacked-by-suspected-somali-pirates/>].

## Canada – Oceans Protection Plan



The Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, issued a **news release** announcing the **Oceans Protection Plan** that meets or exceeds international standards and is supported by commitments to indigenous co-management, environmental protections, and science-based goals. (11/7/16) [<http://pm.gc.ca/eng/news/2016/11/07/prime-minister-canada-announces-national-oceans-protection-plan>].

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