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USCG – Subchapter M outreach forum



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that an outreach forum was held in Lemont, Illinois to better acquaint vessel operators with the new requirements relating to the inspection of towing vessels, commonly referred to as Subchapter M. (11/9/16)

[<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2899002/>].

USCG – TSAC meeting recap



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** summarizing the Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) meeting held on 26-27 October. (11/9/16)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/11/09/towing-safety-advisory-committee-meeting-recap/>].

USCG – NOSAC meeting recap



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** summarizing the National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC) meeting held on 1-2 November. (11/9/16)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/11/09/national-offshore-safety-advisory-committee-meeting-recap/>].

USCG – ACS summit



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that it recently met with representatives from each of the Authorized Classification Societies (ACSs) to discuss statutory surveys and audits performed on behalf of the Coast Guard. (11/9/16)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/11/09/1192016-coast-guard-authorized-classification-society-acs-summit/>].

IWUB – meeting on 13 December



The Inland Waterways Users Board (IWUB), sponsored by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), will meet on 13 December in Linthicum

Heights, Maryland. Topics on the agenda include: the status of FY2017 funding; the Benefit-Cost Ratios for projects funded by the Inland Waterways Trust Fund; and project updates. **81 Fed. Reg. 78998** (11/10/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-11-10/pdf/2016-27162.pdf>].

DOE – LNG export application



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Lake Charles LNG Export Company, LLC for authorization to export domestically produced LNG. Comments must be received by 9 January 2017. **81 Fed. Reg. 79007** (11/10/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-11-10/pdf/2016-27175.pdf>].

DOE – LNG export application



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Lake Charles Exports, LLC for authorization to export domestically produced LNG. Comments must be received by 9 January 2017. **81 Fed. Reg. 79005** (11/10/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-11-10/pdf/2016-27180.pdf>].

Great Lakes – draft information system correction



The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System issued a notice advising mariners of vessels equipped with an approved and operational Draft Information System (DIS) that a correction to the dynamic squat equation for traditional laker vessels in a shallow lake must be made before the beginning of the 2017 navigation season. **Notice 10-2016** (11/9/16) [<http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/pdf/navigation/notice20161109.pdf>].

Mediterranean – Operation Sea Guardian



NATO issued a **news release** stating that Operation Sea Guardian has begun in the central Mediterranean. The exercise, involving three frigates, two submarines, and various aircraft will address maritime situational awareness, counter-terrorism, and capacity building. (11/9/16) [<http://www.shape.nato.int/2016/nato-operation-sea-guardian-kicks-off-in-the-mediterranean>].

Australia – magnetic compasses



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice on the maintenance and adjustment of magnetic compasses. **Marine Notice 19/2016** (11/9/16)
[<https://apps.amsa.gov.au/MOREview/MarineNoticeExternal.html>].

SS Edmund Fitzgerald – 10 November 1975



On 10 November 1975, the laker **Edmund Fitzgerald** sank in Lake Superior with a loss of all 29 hands. It was one of the largest ships on the Great Lakes, carrying over 26,000 tons of taconite ore between Duluth/Superior and the steel mills to the south. The “Fitz” had departed on 9 November in tandem with another laker, but sailed directly into an early winter storm. It sank suddenly, without making a distress call, at about 7:30 p.m., in heavy snow with winds gusting to hurricane force and seas exceeding 30 feet in height. Gordon Lightfoot memorialized the casualty in his hit song “**The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald**”.

Veterans Day/Remembrance Day/Armistice Day



Friday, November 11, will be marked as the 98th anniversary of the signing of the armistice ending World War I - the war to end all wars, as it was proclaimed at the time. The day is commemorated as **Veterans Day** in the United States; as **Remembrance Day** in the Commonwealth nations; and as **Armistice Day** in France and Belgium. On this day, we also should remember the sacrifices of our military personnel, as well as those of the merchant marine who deliver vital supplies across dangerous seas in time of war.

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