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USCG – Subchapter M Update sessions



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** stating that two Subchapter M Update sessions will be held on 6 December at the Seaman's Church Institute in Paducah. (11/16/16) [http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/TVNCOE_161206.pdf].

Washington, DC – security zone



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule establishing a series of security zones on specified waters of the Potomac River, Anacostia River, and adjacent water for activation during increased security events. The regulations enter into effect on 19 December. **81 Fed. Reg. 81003** (11/17/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-11-17/pdf/2016-27628.pdf>].

BSEE – civil penalty inflation adjustment



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) promulgated a final rule adjusting the level of civil monetary penalties for inflation. The changes enter into effect immediately. **81 Fed. Reg. 80994** (11/17/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-11-17/pdf/2016-27503.pdf>].

NTSB – mechanical failure on amphibious vehicle



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a **news release** stating that the mechanical failure of the left front axle of an amphibious passenger vehicle is the probable cause of a fatal 2015 collision involving the amphibious vehicle, a motorcoach, and three passenger vehicles on the Aurora Bridge in Seattle. (11/16/16) [<http://www.nts.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/PR20161115a.aspx>].

USN – New Zealand earthquake response assistance



The US Navy issued a **news release** stating that the destroyer USS Sampson (DDG 102), with its embarked helicopters, is being deployed to New Zealand to assist in the response to the recent earthquake that that struck the

South Island. It joins a maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft already on scene. (11/16/16) [http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=97701].

DHS – securing the Internet of Things



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a **news release** announcing strategic principles for securing the Internet of Things (IoT). The IoT involves equipment and technology that is tied together such that computer malware inserted into one device may adversely impact other devices. The strategic principles are intended to reduce the risks of that adverse impact. (11/15/16) [<https://www.dhs.gov/news/2016/11/15/dhs-releases-strategic-principles-securing-internet-things>].

DOE – wave energy prize



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a **news release** stating that AquaHarmonics has been awarded the Department's Wave Energy Prize, which comes with a \$1.5 million grant, for its development of wave energy converters. (11/16/16) [<http://www.energy.gov/articles/aquaharmonics-wins-energy-department-s-wave-energy-prize>].

DOJ – Navy Captain pleads guilty



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that a retired US Navy Captain pleaded guilty in federal court for his role in a massive bribery and fraud scheme involving a foreign defense contractor. (11/15/16) [<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/navy-officer-pleads-guilty-massive-fraud-and-corruption-scandal>].

Panama Canal – locks lane outage



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory stating that the east lane of Gatun Locks will be out of service from 2000, Friday, 18 November until 0800, Saturday, 19 November to perform scheduled repairs. Transit Reservation System Condition 1.a for the Panamax Locks will be in effect on 19 November. **Advisory 60-2016** (11/15/16) [<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2016/a-60-2016.pdf>].

Suez Canal opened to shipping – 17 November 1869



The **Suez Canal** opened to shipping on 17 November 1869. Excavation of the Canal had taken ten years, using forced labor and rudimentary mechanical equipment. Construction had been opposed by British interests, who feared competition in trade with India. Once the Canal opened and proved successful, British interests acquired a majority ownership. The Canal was closed to shipping during the Suez Crises of 1956-57 and during the Arab-Israeli Wars of 1967 and 1973. In 2008, over 21,000 ships transited the Canal, earning the Government of Egypt over \$5 billion in tolls. Recently, a second lane to the Canal has been completed and placed into service.

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