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India – 2010 STCW amendments;  
Panama Canal – Green Connection Environmental Recognition Program;  
DHS – leap second; and  
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## **USCG – seeking commercial vessel safety specialist**



The US Coast Guard posted a [job announcement](#) stating that it seeks a commercial vessel safety specialist (GS-1801-13) in the Vessel Response Team at USCG Headquarters. Applications must be received by 9 January 2017. (12/29/16) [<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/461055300>].

## **FMC – Miami Marine Terminal Conference Agreement**



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a [news release](#) stating that the Miami Marine Terminal Conference Agreement will go into force on 31 December. (12/29/16) [<http://www.fmc.gov/NR16-29/>].

## India – 2010 STCW amendments



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a **circular** stating that enforcement of the 2010 STCW amendments relating to certificates of competency for seafarers will not be enforced until 1 July 2017. (12/29/16) [[http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201612291256046783796engg\\_circular\\_eac\\_brachh\\_03of2016\\_291216.pdf](http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201612291256046783796engg_circular_eac_brachh_03of2016_291216.pdf)].

## Panama Canal – Green Connection Environmental Recognition Program



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory announcing the availability of an online application and user's manual for the Green Connection Environmental Recognition Program. **Advisory 63-2016** (12/28/16) [<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2016/a-63-2016.pdf>].

## DHS – leap second



Just when you thought that this horrid year was about to end, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) posted a **reminder** that 2016 will be extended by a leap second at midnight (UTC) on 31 December. Enough already! (12/30/16) [<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/gps/BestPracticesForLeapSecond12312016.pdf>].

## Out with the known, in with the unknown



Just when we were getting adjusted to significant fluctuations in ship values, charter rates, and fuel costs, we are now face to face with 2017. There is a reason that the ancient Romans named the upcoming month January, in honor of their deity **Janus**, the god of gates, doorways, and beginnings. The image of Janus is usually portrayed as looking both forward and backward. Either way, have a safe New Year's Eve and a prosperous New Year – and may your apparent cliffs turn out to be low ledges.

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