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USCG – Video of the Year



The US Coast Guard is conducting its annual **Video of the Year** competition. Vote for your favorite video by 5 January. (1/1/17) [<http://coastguard.dodlive.mil/>].

DOI – Columbia River System Operations EIS



The Department of the Interior (DOI) issued a notice stating that the period within which to submit comments on its intent to prepare the Columbia River System Operations Environmental Impact Statement has been extended to 7 February. **82 Fed. Reg. 137** (1/3/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-01-03/pdf/2016-31621.pdf>].

IMO – Polar Code reminder



The IMO issued a **news release** reminding stakeholders that the non-STCW provisions of the Polar Code have entered into effect. (1/1/17) [<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/02-Polar-Code.aspx>].

IMO – IGF Code reminder



The IMO issued a **news release** reminding stakeholders that the International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-Flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code) has entered into effect. (1/1/17) [<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/01-IGF.aspx>].

COSPAS-SARSAT – MEOSAR update



COSPAS-SARSAT issued a **letter** providing an update on development of the Medium-altitude-Earth-Orbit Search-and-Rescue (MEOSAR) system. The system is intended to provide global real-time coverage for the relay and location of distress beacons. (12/20/16) [http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/COSPAS-SARSAT_161220.pdf].
Note: This item was brought to my attention by Kate Duffy of the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM).

GLA – DGPS service



The Commissioners of Irish Lights issued a **notice** reminding stakeholders that the General Lighthouse Authorities (GLA) provide a MF Radio Beacon Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) service on the coasts of Great Britain and Ireland. (1/1/17) [<http://www.irishlights.ie/safety-navigation/notices-to-mariners/2017-02-gla-dgps-transmissions.aspx>].

Singapore – MFM system use becomes mandatory



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular reminding stakeholders that, with effect from 1 January 2017, it is mandatory to use an MPA-approved mass flow metering (MFM) system for all marine fuel oil bunker deliveries in the Port of Singapore. **Port Marine Circular 18-2016**

(12/30/16) [<http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/14010683-5d88-47c7-bf15-299409a0ofd1>].

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