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Guam – safety zone proposed



The US Coast Guard proposes to establish a permanent safety zone at Naval Wharf Kilo in Apra Outer harbor, Guam to provide a buffer between the explosives regularly handled at the wharf and the general public. Comments on the proposal must be received by 21 February. [82 Fed. Reg. 789](https://www.fdsys.gov/pkg/FR-2017-01-04/pdf/2016-31894.pdf) (1/4/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-01-04/pdf/2016-31894.pdf>].

USCG – heavy polar icebreaker study RFQ



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that it seeks a request for quote (RFQ) for industry studies to identify solutions for the heavy polar icebreaker that minimize cost, schedule, production, and technology risk. Deadline for submittal of responses is 20 January. (12/23/16) [<https://www.uscg.mil/acquisition/newsroom/updates/icebreaker122216.asp>].

USCG – Safety Alert



The US Coast Guard issued a Safety Alert reminding masters and crew members of the importance of following established safety procedures. Recently, a crewmember fell into the water and drowned. He was working over the side in a bosun's chair when the line parted. He was not wearing a life vest and the safety harness had not been tied off. **Alert 01-17** (1/3/17) [<https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/0117.pdf>].

USCG – civil penalty for laser strike



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that a \$9,500 civil penalty has been assessed against the individual found to have interfered with the safe operation of a Washington State Ferry by shining a high-powered laser at the vessel on 22 October 2015. (1/3/17) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2910038/>].

Louisville – eMSI system test bed



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** announcing that it and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) are developing an enhanced Marine Safety Information (eMSI) system being broadcast via AIS to transmit messages to vessels in the vicinity of Louisville regarding weather, bridge clearance, hazardous cargoes, safety and security zones, lock status, and aids to navigation (ATON). (1/3/17) [<http://coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/01/charting-the-course-ohio-river-test-bed-explores-future-of-navigation/>].

Singapore – shipping regulations amended



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular stating that the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea regulations and the Merchant Shipping regulations have been amended to incorporate recent IMO directives. **Shipping Circular 30-2016** (12/31/16) [<http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/2cf58dbd-32b2-4f45-87fc-ef73f918c8b9>].

Singapore – cadet training berths



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular concerning relief support for companies providing cadet training berths.

Shipping Circular 2-2017 (1/3/17)

[<http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/f3d689c3-f03b-4956-9f5b-580c952b6447>].

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