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## **DHS – GPS best practices guide**



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) posted a **Best Practices Guide** entitled “Improving the Operation and Development of Global Positioning System (GPS) Equipment Used by Critical Infrastructure”. It is intended to provide stakeholders with information to improve the security and resilience of positioning, navigation, and timing (PNT) equipment across the spectrum of equipment development, deployment, and use. (1/9/17)

[<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/gps/Best%20Practices%20for%20Improving%20the%20Operation%20and%20Development%20of%20GPS%20Equipment.pdf>].

## USCG – Polar Code & MARPOL reminder



The US Coast Guard released a **bulletin** reminding stakeholders that the MARPOL portions of the IMO Polar Code entered into full effect on 1 January. (1/9/17) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/01/09/polar-code-marpol-applicability/>].

## USCG – good marine practices for CFVs



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** announcing release of the **Voluntary Safety Initiatives and Good Marine Practices for Commercial Fishing Vessels** (CFVs). The safety measures and practices should be focused primarily toward fishing vessels 50 feet or greater in length, operating beyond three nautical miles from shore, and that are more than 25 years of age. However, the practices should be considered for all commercial fishing vessels where reasonable and practicable. (1/9/17) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/01/09/completed-voluntary-safety-initiatives-good-marine-practices-commercial-fishing-vessels/>].

## Marina del Rey Harbor – anchorage regulations



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule amending the shape and reducing the size of the special anchorage area in Marina del Rey Harbor. The amendments enter into effect on 9 February. **82 Fed. Reg. 2893** (1/10/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-01-10/pdf/2016-31996.pdf>].

## USCG – draft APC National Guidelines



The US Coast Guard has reopened, until 10 April, the period within which to submit comments on the draft Alternative Planning Criteria (APC) National Guidelines. **82 Fed. Reg. 3016** (1/10/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-01-10/pdf/2017-00319.pdf>].

## NOAA – Cook Inlet beluga whale



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it has adopted an Endangered Species Recovery Plan for the Cook Inlet beluga whale distinct population segment. **82 Fed. Reg. 1325** (1/5/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-01-05/pdf/2016-31877.pdf>].

## IMO – regional emissions trading systems



The IMO issued a **news release** stating that Secretary-General Kitack Lim has written to senior European officials expressing his concern that including shipping in the European Union's Emission Trading System (EU-ETS) could undermine efforts to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from shipping on a global basis. (1/9/17) [<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/3-SG-emissions.aspx>].

## UK – digital nautical publications



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) posted a **notice** concerning its equivalency letters for electronic charts and publications meeting regulation requirements for use on a ship as digital nautical publications. (1/9/17) [<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/mca-approval-letters-for-digital-nautical-publications>].

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