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Puget Sound – anchorages proposed



The US Coast Guard proposes the creation of several new anchorages and holding areas, as well as a non-anchorage area, the expansion of one existing general anchorage, and the establishment of new and clarification of existing regulations governing such anchorages and areas in Puget Sound. Comments must be received by 11 May. **82 Fed. Reg. 10313** (2/10/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-02-10/pdf/2017-02683.pdf>].

USCG – NOSAC members sought



The US Coast Guard has extended until 11 April, the period within which to submit applications for membership on the National Offshore Safety

Advisory Committee (NOSAC). [82 Fed. Reg. 10375](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-02-10/pdf/2017-02774.pdf) (2/10/17) [https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-02-10/pdf/2017-02774.pdf].

San Francisco – Pier 70 Detailed Project Report



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a notice stating that it seeks comments on the draft Detailed Project Report for the proposed Pier 70 Central Basin Continuing Authorities Program Section 107 Navigation Improvement Project in San Francisco. Comments must be submitted by 28 February. [82 Fed. Reg. 10346](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-02-10/pdf/2017-02780.pdf) (2/10/17) [https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-02-10/pdf/2017-02780.pdf].

COAC – meeting on 1 March



The Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC), sponsored by the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP), will meet in Washington, DC on 1 March. Topics on the agenda include: the supply chain security C-TPAT best practice framework and the C-TPAT minimum security criteria. [82 Fed. Reg. 10376](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-02-10/pdf/2017-02773.pdf) (2/10/17) [https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-02-10/pdf/2017-02773.pdf].

FMC – meeting on 15 February



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that the Commissioners will meet in open session on 15 February in Washington, DC. Topics to be considered are: briefing on the Competition Law in the Transport Sector Conference and update on Docket No. 16-05: Service Contracts and NVOCC Service Arrangements. [82 Fed. Reg. 10357](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-02-10/pdf/2017-02881.pdf) (2/10/17) [https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-02-10/pdf/2017-02881.pdf].

NTSB – shared waterway safety



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a **Marine Safety Recommendation** regarding safety of recreational and commercial vessels in shared waterways of the marine transportation system (MTS). The report recommends, among other things, that the US Coast Guard establish a process whereby, at regular intervals, all harbor safety committees identify the safety risks posed by the interaction of commercial and recreational vessels in their respective geographic areas and, when necessary, develop and implement

practices to mitigate those risks. (2/9/17)
[<https://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MSR1701.pdf>].

TSA – protecting bridges and tunnels



The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) issued a **news release** stating that it has completed and sent to each state's Homeland Security Advisor and Department of Transportation vulnerability assessments that can be used by bridge and tunnel owners and operators to better protect such structures. (2/8/17) [<https://www.tsa.gov/news/top-stories/2017/02/08/protecting-america-bridges-and-tunnels>].

Puget Sound – vessel traffic risk assessment



The Washington Department of Ecology issued a **news release** stating that the **Vessel Traffic Risk Assessment** has been updated to provide an in-depth look at commercial ship traffic through Puget Sound that could pose a threat to the environment in the event of a spill. (2/3/17)
[<http://ecology.wa.gov/blogspot.com/2017/02/updated-vessel-study-helps-washington.html>].

ReCAAP – January report



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre issued its **January 2017 report**. No incidents of piracy in Asian waters were reported during the month. There were six reported incidents of armed robbery against ships. Of concern was the continued occurrence of incidents involving the abduction of crew from ships while underway in the Sulu-Celebes Sea and waters off eastern Sabah. (2/9/17)
[http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=478&PortalId=0&TabId=78].

Sinking of SS Marine Electric – 12 February 1983



The SS Marine Electric sank during a storm in the North Atlantic on 12 February 1983. Of the 34 crew members on board, three survived, but only after enduring 90 minutes in extremely cold water. The ship had passed all required inspections and surveys, but the subsequent **USCG Marine Casualty Report** revealed the inspections and surveys to have been perfunctory. As a result, inspection standards were drastically improved. In addition, carriage of survival suits became mandatory for ships on winter routes

and the Coast Guard rescue swimmer program was initiated. The circumstances are detailed in Robert Frump's book "Until the Sea Shall Free Them".

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