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## **USCG – icebreaker design contracts awarded**



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that five firm fixed-price contracts for heavy polar icebreaker design studies and analysis have been awarded. (2/22/17)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/188e8e4>].

*Note: This is a major first step in the rebuilding of the US polar icebreaker fleet.*

## **USCG – NVICs re STCW endorsements**



The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) issued a **notice** announcing updates to four Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circulars (NVICs) regarding guidelines on qualifications for certain STCW endorsements: (1) master/chief mate 3,000 GT or more; (2) master/chief mate 500 GT-3,000 GT;

(3) OICNW 500 GT or more: and (4) OICEW/DDE 750kW/1,000HP or more.  
(2/21/17)  
[[https://www.uscg.mil/nmc/announcements/pdfs/notice\\_of\\_changes\\_to\\_nvics.pdf](https://www.uscg.mil/nmc/announcements/pdfs/notice_of_changes_to_nvics.pdf)].

### USCG – eNOAD technical issues



The USCG National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC) issued a **notice** stating that, due to technical issues on Friday, 17 February, messages submitted via the web application/eNOAD between 1417 and 1830 EST may not have been received. Users should resubmit their notifications if they are uncertain.  
(2/21/17)  
[[http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/nvmc/\(S\(mjfpztb35gsxemi3qyv2a0g0\)\)/Default.aspx](http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/nvmc/(S(mjfpztb35gsxemi3qyv2a0g0))/Default.aspx)].

### New York – towing industry forum



The Maritime College of New York issued a **news release** stating that the 17th annual Towing Industry Forum will be held on March 15. (2/16/17)  
[<http://www.sunymaritime.edu/hotnews/towing-forum-returns-campus-march-15>].

### China – multinational spill response program



The Chinese Maritime Safety Administration (MSA) issued a **news release** stating that it hosted a multinational oil spill response program.  
(2/22/17)  
[<http://en.msa.gov.cn/index.php?m=content&c=index&a=show&catid=343&id=194>].

### Panama Canal – water conservation measures



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory announcing implementation of water conservation measures, including suspension of hydraulic assist procedures and maximization of use of cross-filling. **Advisory 07-2017** (2/21/17)  
[<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2017/a-07-2017.pdf>].

### UK – CERS workbook



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) posted the **Consolidated European Reporting System (CERS) Workbook**. The workbook should be used by Masters, shipping agents and port authorities to provide mandatory port call, dangerous and polluting goods (hazmat) information, waste information and security information to the MCA. (2/22/17)  
[<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-cers-workbook>].

### UK – ferry/launch collision in fog



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued the report of its investigation of the collision between the ro-ro freight ferry Petunia Seaways and the historic motor launch Peggotty in dense fog on the River Humber on 19 May 2016. The motor launch was severely damaged and began to take on water. As a result of Peggotty's skipper's mayday call, the crew of a local pilot launch was able to reach the stricken launch and remove the crew before it sank. There were no injuries and no significant pollution. Although Peggotty was visible on both VTS Humber and Petunia Seaways' radar displays, neither acquired nor plotted the target. The ro-ro ferry's bridge team was unaware of the collision until they had been informed by VTS Humber after they had left the river. Peggotty's skipper, an off-duty marine pilot, had not conducted the voyage in accordance with best maritime practice and the motor launch's seaworthiness was affected by a number of factors. **Report 4-2017** (2/22/17)  
[[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/58a1840fe5274a040d000006/MAIBInvReport04\\_2017.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/58a1840fe5274a040d000006/MAIBInvReport04_2017.pdf)].

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