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USCG – small unmanned aircraft system



The US Coast Guard posted a **draft request for proposal** (RFP) for procurement of small unmanned aircraft system (sUAS) capability for the national security cutters (NSOs). Industry sources are invited to submit questions, comments, and feedback not later than 15 May. (3/28/17) [https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=2f1256d59c3c9a6635c8ab262af793b0&tab=core&_cview=0]. *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Norm Paulhus.*

USCG – TWIC reader rule update



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** to clarify application of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) reader rule of 23 August 2016 for those facilities that are considered Risk Group A under 33 CFR 105.253(a). (3/31/17)
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/03/31/3312017-twic-reader-rule-update/>].

USCG – Vessel Information Verification Service



The USCG Navigation Center (NAVCEN) has developed its **Vessel Information Verification Service** (VIVS). The service contains vessel specific information derived from a variety of approved sources. The information contained in VIVS represents a **daily** (excluding weekends and holidays) snapshot of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) data on U.S. flag vessels and foreign vessels operating in U.S. waters. (3/31/17)
[<https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=aisVesselSearch>]. *Note. An interesting site. The data appears to be delayed by 24-48 hours.*

USCG – shipboard cybersecurity risk management



The US Coast Guard posted a **bulletin** containing remarks delivered by Rear Admiral Paul Thomas at the recent Connection Maritime Association session concerning shipboard cybersecurity risk management. (3/31/17)
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/03/31/3312017-connecticut-maritime-associations-2017-shipping-conference-remarks-from-rear-admiral-paul-thomas/>].

Hawaii – temporary lava safety zone



The US Coast Guard promulgated a temporary rule establishing a safety zone on waters of the Pacific Ocean adjacent to the Kilauea Lava Flow Ocean Entry on the island of Hawaii. **82 Fed. Reg. 16109** (4/3/17)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-04-03/pdf/2017-06473.pdf>].

Hawaii – lava safety zone proposal



The US Coast Guard proposes to establish a permanent safety zone on waters of the Pacific Ocean adjacent to the Kilauea Lava Flow Ocean Entry on the

island of Hawaii. Comments on the proposal must be received by 2 June. **82 Fed. Reg. 16142** (4/3/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-04-03/pdf/2017-06474.pdf>].

DOE – authority to import & export LNG



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice of recent orders granting authority to import and export LNG. **82 Fed. Reg. 16172** (4/3/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-04-03/pdf/2017-06544.pdf>].

DOJ – fishing vessel owner convicted of pollution



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that a fishing vessel owner has been convicted of repeatedly discharging oily waste into US waters. (3/30/17) [<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/fishing-vessel-owner-convicted-discharging-oily-waste-coastal-waters-united-states-washington>].

DOJ – aggravated identity theft



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that the former master of a dinner cruise vessel in Houston was convicted after pleading guilty to aggravated identity theft and making false statements. (3/30/17) [<https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/dinner-cruise-ship-captain-convicted-using-stolen-identity>].

Greenwich – better red than dead



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a **news release** stating that, in an effort to track the flow and dispersion of wastewater discharging from the Greenwich Connecticut Water Pollution Control Facility, a fluorescent Rhodamine WT dye will be released into Greenwich Harbor on 4 April. As a result, the waters there may turn reddish for a time. (3/31/17) [<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/dye-study-greenwich-conn-harbor-april-3-7-2017>].

House – bill introduced re heavy icebreaker procurement



Representative Young (R-AK) introduced a bill (H.R. 1816) to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to enter into a contract for the procurement of heavy icebreakers. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (3/30/17).

ReCAAP – abducting of crew from ships



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre posted a special report on abducting of crew from ships. (3/31/17) [<http://www.recaap.org/>].

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