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Puget Sound – proposed anchorages



The US Coast Guard extended, through 9 August, the period within which to submit comments on its proposed rulemaking regarding anchorages in Puget Sound. **82 Fed. Reg. 22448** (5/16/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-05-16/pdf/2017-09884.pdf>].

USCG – ETO and ETR endorsements



The US Coast Guard issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) concerning Electro-Technical Officer (ETO) and Electro-Technical Rating (ETR) endorsements for crew members on US-flag vessels. **MSIB 06-17** (5/12/17) [https://www.uscg.mil/msib/docs/006_17_5-12-2017.pdf].

Senate – bill introduced re marine hydrokinetic energy



Senator Wyden (D-OR) introduced the **Marine Energy Act** (S. 1036) to promote research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, and for other purposes. Senator Wyden issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (5/3/17)

[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s1036is/pdf/BILLS-115s1036is.pdf>].

Senate – bill introduced re USCG commemorative coin



Senator Murphy (D-CT) introduced the **United States Coast Guard Commemorative Coin Act of 2017** (S. 1021) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the United States Coast Guard. Senator Murphy issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (5/3/17)

[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s1021is/pdf/BILLS-115s1021is.pdf>].

Note: The erroneous link in yesterday's newsletter has been corrected. My bad.

Court – pre-existing conditions



The US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled that a defendant may be liable to all of the injuries incurred by a plaintiff, even though the plaintiff had pre-existing conditions that made him more likely to suffer those injuries to the extent manifested. In the instant case, plaintiff foreman fell in a darkened stairwell on defendant's ship. He suffered spinal and nerve injuries that exacerbated certain pre-existing conditions. The court determined that defendants take their plaintiffs as they find them. **Koch v. United States**, No. 15-30811 (5th Cir., May 12, 2017)

[<http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/15/15-30811-CVo.pdf>].

UK – fatigue study on dredgers



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) posted the **report** of an investigation of the 8-hours on/8-hours off seafarer watchkeeping system on dredging vessels. The study concluded that the 8/8 system was superior to the 6/6 system in terms of quantity and quality of sleep obtained. (5/15/17)

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/612588/Fatigue_Research_8on_8off.pdf].

UK – fatigue study on tugs



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) posted the **report** of an investigation of the effects of working various hours of work and rest patterns commonly found in use by UK Merchant Navy watchkeepers. The study concluded that the most effective 2-watch system is the Royal Navy “dog-watch” system, with the highest risk of falling asleep being the 12/12 system. (5/15/17) [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/613099/Fatigue_Research_workload_modelling.pdf].

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