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USCG – Certificate of Documentation services



The US Coast Guard issued an advisory warning that the USCG National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC) is the only entity authorized to issue Certificates of Documentation (CODs) for US vessels. The Coast Guard does not endorse any commercial entities that offer to manage the certification and renewal process and these companies are not authorized to issue any form of vessel documentation. **Advisory 01-17** (5/16/17)
[<https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/Adv0117.pdf>].

USCG – Prevent, Prepare, Respond & Restore



The US Coast Guard posted a **bulletin** summarizing the remarks on Mr. Dana Tulis, USCG Director of Incident Management and Preparedness on the topic of 'Prevent, Prepare, Respond & Restore', delivered at the recent

International Oil Spill Conference in Long Beach, CA. (5/16/17)
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/05/16/51617-iosc-2017-opening-plenary-session-prevent-prepare-respond-restore/>].

USCG – seeking lead auditor at TVNCOE



The US Coast Guard is seeking applications from qualified persons interested in working as a civilian employee at the Coast Guard Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise (TVNCOE) located in Paducah, KY. From the job announcement, “The primary purpose for this position is to serve as a lead auditor, audit team member, marine inspector (MI) and as an associate resident instructor for student MIs.” The position is being advertised under two different announcements on the USAJOBS website. To apply under the merit promotion procedures (open to **Status Candidates** and other eligibles) see job announcement number is 17-1050-HQ-RM-M-R1 at <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/469780400> . This announcement closes on May 21, 2017. To apply under the delegated examining procedures (open to all U.S. Citizens) see job announcement number is 17-1050-HQ-RM-D-R1 at <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/469781400> . This announcement closes on May 28, 2017. (5/16/17).

Senate – bill introduced re GOM drilling



Senator Rubio (R-FL) introduced the **Florida Shores Protection and Fairness Act** (S. 1041) to include the State of Florida in the Gulf of Mexico outer Continental Shelf revenue sharing program, to extend the moratorium on oil and gas leasing in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico, and for other purposes. Senator Rubio issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (5/4/17)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s1041is/pdf/BILLS-115s1041is.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re offshore wind tax credit



Representative Langevin (D-RI) introduced the **Offshore Wind Incentives for New Development Act** (H.R. 2413) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an investment tax credit related to the production of electricity from offshore wind. (5/11/17)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr2413ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr2413ih.pdf>].

Senate – FMC authorization bill introduced



Senator Fischer (R-NE) introduced a bill (S. 1119) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 for the Federal Maritime Commission, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (5/15/17).

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