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USCG – safety alert re fuel spray fires



The US Coast Guard issued a **Safety Alert** regarding the dangers of a fuel spray fire and actions that can be taken to reduce the risk of such an occurrence on your vessel. (6/6/17)

[<https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/0617.pdf>].

USCG – CSNCOE newsletter



The USCG Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise (CSNCOE) posted the **Spring 2017 edition** of its newsletter, which provides information concerning national and international policies and best practices. (6/6/17)

[<https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/csncoe/docs/newsletters/Issue%2017%20Spring%202017%20Edition.pdf>].

DOS – meeting re TCC 67 and C 118



The Department of State (DOS) issued a notice stating that an open meeting will be held on 12 July in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming sessions of the IMO Technical Cooperation Committee (TCC 67) and the IMO Council (C 118). Topics on the agenda include protection of vital sea lanes and sustainable development. **82 Fed. Reg. 26565** (6/7/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-07/pdf/2017-11811.pdf>].

NOAA – periodic review of regulations



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice announcing that it is reviewing its existing regulations to determine if they have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. Comments must be received by 7 July. **82 Fed. Reg. 26419** (6/7/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-07/pdf/2017-11815.pdf>].

DOJ – proposed consent decree



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a notice stating that has lodged a proposed Consent Decree in federal court proposing the settle the claims of the United States and Puerto Rico for injury to, destruction of, loss of, and loss of use of natural resources under the Oil Pollution Act in the amount of \$550,000. The claim arises from the 27 October 2009 grounding of the T/V Port Stewart on the coral reef near the entrance to Yabucoa Channel in the Caribbean Sea. Comments must be received within 30 days. **82 Fed. Reg. 26518** (6/7/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-07/pdf/2017-11783.pdf>].

House – hearing on USCG capabilities



The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure issued a **bulletin** stating that, on 7 June, the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation will conduct a hearing entitled “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Coast Guard Sea, Land, and Air Capabilities”. The scheduled witnesses are: VADM Charles W. Ray; VADM Sandra L. Stosz; Ms.

Marie A. Mak, GAO; and Mr. John Acton, Navy League. (6/6/17)
[<https://transportation.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=401479>].

GAO – protest of contract award



The Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued its decision in the protest by TOTE Services of the award by the Military Sealift Command (MSC) of a contract to US Marine Management, Inc. for operation and management of the agency's Sea Band X-Based Radar (SBX-1) vessel. The GAO sustained the protest in part and denied it in part, finding that the agency's evaluation of past technical performance was flawed. **Matter of TOTE Services, Inc**, B-414295; B-414295.2 (4/25/17)
[<http://www.gao.gov/assets/690/685064.pdf>].

Anniversary



This last week, my bride and I went away to celebrate the 49th anniversary of our wedding. (I will leave it to you to do the math.) I don't know whether the luckiest day of my life was when we got married or today, when she continues to put up with me. Our love continues to grow and mature.

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