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USCG – electronic charts and publications



The US Coast Guard issued a notice announcing the availability of Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular 01-16 change 1. The NVIC provides that display of certain electronic charts and publications will meet – as an equivalency – the ‘marine charts’, ‘charts’, ‘maps’, or ‘publications’ carriage requirements and provides for an equivalency for position fixing and plotting. **82 Fed. Reg. 32851** (7/18/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-07-18/pdf/2017-15056.pdf>].

USCG – regulatory reform taskings



The US Coast Guard issued two notices announcing that two of its advisory committees are being tasked with helping the agency identify existing regulations, guidance, and collections of information for possible repeal. The advisory committees are: Lower Mississippi Waterway Safety Advisory Committee (LMWSAC), which will meet via teleconference on 2 August **82 Fed. Reg. 32780** (7/18/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-07-18/pdf/2017-15056.pdf>].

18/pdf/2017-14991.pdf] and the National Maritime Security Advisory Committee (NMSAC), which will meet via teleconference on 24 August **82 Fed. Reg. 32779** (7/14/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-07-18/pdf/2017-15046.pdf>].

Canada – Seaway agreement extension



Transport Canada issued a **news release** announcing a five-year extension to the Government's agreement with the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation to manage, maintain, and operate the Seaway. This extends the agreement until 31 March 2023. (7/14/17) [https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2017/07/minister_garneauannouncesextensionofthestlawrenceceawayagreement.html].

MREN – Salvage and marine firefighting



In the July 2017 edition of Maritime Reporter and Engineering News, you can find my article entitled "**Salvage and marine firefighting**". The article discusses the extensive efforts to develop a regulatory scheme under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) to address salvage and marine firefighting requirements and standards. The article suggests that there is still room of improvement, particularly with respect to who can best determine the adequacy of a resource provider and how planned response times are calculated. (7/17/17) [<http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/MREN/MREN170700.pdf>].

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