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USCG – expiration of MMC extensions



The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) issued a **bulletin** reminding US merchant mariners the extensions of national endorsements for Merchant Mariner Credentials (MMCs) that expired on or after 1 December 2016 expires on 30 September 2017. Impacted mariners are encouraged to apply for renewal of their MMCs as soon as possible. (7/20/17)

[http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2017/national_extension_deadline_reminder.pdf?].

USCG – Subchapter M reminder



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** reminding stakeholders of the implementation schedule for vessels covered by Subchapter M of Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations (i.e., towboats) (7/20/17)
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/07/20/7202017-july-20-significant-date-for-subchapter-m-implementation/>].

USCG – Safety Alert re CO2 systems



The US Coast Guard has issued a **Safety Alert** that addresses hazards and safety recommendations when inspecting and testing CO2 systems. Alert 07-17 (7/20/17) [<https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/0717.pdf>].

USCG – Waves on the Waterfront



The US Coast Guard posted the July 2017 edition of **Waves on the Waterfront**. This edition includes advances in cyber policy development and Facility Security Officer training. (7/21/17)
[<http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/CG-FAC/WoW/July%202017%20Waves%20On%20The%20Waterfront.pdf?ver=2017-07-21-160114-947>].

FAA – UAS for SAR



The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued a notice stating that it received a petition from CSA Ocean Sciences seeking an exemption to allow commercial operation of small unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) for aerial imaging, inspections, search and rescue, and education purposes beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS) near shore and over water. Comments on the petition must be received by 10 August. **82 Fed. Reg. 33941** (7/21/17) [].

FERC – Freeport LNG expansion



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that it received an application seeking authorization to site, construct, and operate additional natural gas liquefaction facilities at Freeport LNG Development's Quintana Island Terminal. Comments must be received by 4

August. **82 Fed. Reg. 33494** (7/20/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-07-20/pdf/2017-15245.pdf>].

USACE – regulatory reform



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) seeks input on its existing regulations that may be appropriate for repeal, replacement, or modification. Comments should be submitted by 18 September. **82 Fed. Reg. 33470** (7/20/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-07-20/pdf/2017-15231.pdf>].

NTSB – marine investigator sought



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) posted a **job announcement** stating that it seeks qualified applicants for the position of Marine Accident Investigator (Nautical). Applications must be received by 10 August. (7/20/17) [<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/474940500>].

Australia – automatic VHF channel switching



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice providing information on how automatic VHF channel switching may interfere with the safe operation of vessel communications. **Marine Notice 10/2017** (7/24/17) [<https://apps.amsa.gov.au/MOReview/MarineNoticeExternal.html>].

Australia – biofouling



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice providing guidance on the control biofouling and conducting in-water cleaning in Australian waters. **Marine Notice 9/2017** (7/21/17) [<https://apps.amsa.gov.au/MOReview/MarineNoticeExternal.html>].

Andrea Doria/Stockholm collision – 25 July 1956



Before



After

The Swedish passenger ship *Stockholm* and the Italian passenger ship *Andrea Doria* collided on the edge of a heavy fog bank off Nantucket on 25 July 1956. The *Andrea Doria* sank several hours after the collision, but not before 1,660 passengers and crew were rescued. There were 46 deaths. While the exact cause of the casualty has never been determined, it appears to have been a “radar-assisted” collision, with the officers of the watch on both vessels misinterpreting the radar images and taking the wrong actions. The wreck of the *Andrea Doria* has become a popular, though notorious, destination for deep-sea divers. The *Stockholm* was rebuilt following the collision. It has gone through a number of owners and names and sailed for many years as the cruise ship *MV Athena*. On 3 December 2008, it was attacked by pirates while transiting the Gulf of Aden, but was able to evade the attempted boarding. It is now owned by a UK company and sails as the *MV Astoria*.

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