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Gulf of Mexico – dock owner sought



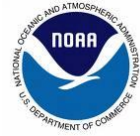
The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that it is seeking the owner of a dock and dock house found adrift in the Gulf of Mexico approximately 180 miles south of Grand Isle, Louisiana. (8/2/17)
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1ae70bo>].

COAC – meeting on 23 August



The Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC), sponsored by the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP), will meet in San Diego on 23 August. Topics on the agenda include: best practices that facilitate trade; the C-TPAT minimum security criteria; and the Post Departure Filing (PDF) proposal. [82 Fed. Reg. 36152](#) (8/3/17)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-08-03/pdf/2017-16360.pdf>].

Gulf of Mexico – record ‘dead zone’



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** stating that scientists have determined this year’s Gulf of Mexico ‘dead zone,’ an area of low oxygen that can kill fish and marine life, is 8,776 square miles, an area about the size of New Jersey. It is the largest measured since dead zone mapping began there in 1985. This large dead zone size shows that nutrient pollution, primarily from agriculture and developed land runoff in the Mississippi River watershed is continuing to affect the nation’s coastal resources and habitats in the Gulf. (8/2/17) [<http://www.noaa.gov/media-release/gulf-of-mexico-dead-zone-is-largest-ever-measured>].

Senate – bill introduced to lift Cuban trade embargo



Senator Wyden (D-OR) introduced a bill (S. 1699) to lift the trade embargo on Cuba, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (8/1/17).

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