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## **USCG – changes re renewed CODs**



The USCG National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC) issued a **notice** regarding direct mail and change of address for renewed Certificates of Documentation (CODs). As of 1 September, all renewed CODs will be mailed directly to the Managing Owner of record. Additionally, change of address requests will no longer be accepted via the pay.gov payment website. No third party requests for receipts, notice, or proof that the COD has been issued will be acknowledged. (8/15/17)

[[https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/USDHSCG/2017/08/15/file\\_attachments/863581/COD.pdf](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/USDHSCG/2017/08/15/file_attachments/863581/COD.pdf)].

## USCG – Subchapter M TPO guidance



The US Coast Guard issued a policy letter providing guidance on Subchapter M third party organizations (TPOs) under the Towing Safety Management System. **CG-CVC Policy Letter 17-04** (8/11/17) [<http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/CG-CVC/Policy%20Letters/2017/CVCPL1704.pdf?ver=2017-08-15-111323-820>].

## DOJ – shipbuilder to pay \$9.2 million in settlement



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that Huntington Ingalls Industries Inc. has agreed to a \$9.2 million settlement of allegations that it violated the False Claims Act by knowingly overbilling the government for labor on US Navy and Coast Guard ships at its shipyards in Pascagoula. (8/15/17) [<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/defense-contractor-agrees-pay-92-million-settle-false-billing-allegations>].

## House – bill introduced re C-TPAT



Representative McSally (R-AZ) introduced a bill (**H.R. 3551**) to amend the Security and Accountability for Every Port Act of 2006 to reauthorize the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism Program, and for other purposes. Representative McSally issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (7/28/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr3551ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr3551ih.pdf>].

## California – new biofouling regulations



The California State Lands Commission (SLC) sent a **Final Letter** to interested parties the new biofouling regulations become effective on 1 October 2017. These regulations adopt a new annual vessel reporting form and require development of a biofouling management plan and related recordkeeping. (8/15/17) [[http://www.slc.ca.gov/Programs/MISP/4-8\\_FinalLetter\\_15Aug2017.pdf](http://www.slc.ca.gov/Programs/MISP/4-8_FinalLetter_15Aug2017.pdf)].

## ReCAAP – July report



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre posted its **July report**, showing that two incidents of piracy or armed robbery against ships were reported, compared with five such reports in July 2016. (8/15/17) [[http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core\\_Download&EntryId=545&PortalId=0&TabId=78](http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=545&PortalId=0&TabId=78)].

## Singapore – bunker craft operator license revoked



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** stating that the bunker craft operator license of Panoil Petroleum Pte has been revoked due to unauthorized alterations on board five bunker tankers operated by the company. The alterations allowed bunker fuel that had been measured as delivered to be siphoned out, undermining the accuracy of the flow meters. (8/14/17) [<http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/b9ebe892-9ae5-4462-90d9-5396eb79b3df>].

## Letter of regret



The “**Letter of regret**” is a classic piece of dry humor that has been kicking around the maritime community for a long time. I remember reading it for the first time about 30 years ago. We could all use a little more humor in our lives. Consider this contribution.

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