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## **Gulf of Mexico – Tropical Storm Harvey**



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** advising owners and operators of vessels in the western Gulf of Mexico to take precautions in advance of arrival of Tropical Storm Harvey. (8/23/17)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1b2boa7>]. A **second news release** states that port condition Yankee has been set of virtually all ports in Texas and the Coast Guard is planning for wide-scale response efforts.

(8/24/17)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1b2f48a>].

### **USCG – hurricane contingency plans**



The **National Hurricane Center** reports that Tropical Storm Harvey is moving northwest in the Gulf of Mexico, forecast to make landfall near Corpus Christi early Saturday morning. This is a good time masters of ships and operators of facilities to review their emergency plans and to take note of the relevant US Coast Guard **hurricane contingency plans**. (8/24/17)

[[http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/HCP/HCP\\_170602.pdf](http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/HCP/HCP_170602.pdf)].

### **USCG – vessel fined \$5,000 for ballast water discharge**



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that the owners of the bulk carrier ANSAC Moon Bear have been fined \$5,000 for the vessel's unauthorized discharge of ballast water into waters of the Willamette River in Portland on 16 August. The discharge was revealed during a port state control examination. (8/22/17)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1b27ee4>].

### **USCG – USCG-AWO National Quality Steering Committee**



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that the USCG-American Waterways Operators National Quality Steering Committee met on 2 August to discuss safety issues and related topics affecting the towing industry. Among other things, a charter for a new quality action team to address towing industry cyber risk management was introduced. (8/23/17)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/08/23/8232017-coast-guard-american-waterways-operators-national-quality-steering-committee-meeting/>].

### **USCG – workshop on marine technology and standards**



The US Coast Guard issued a notice amending the recent announcement of the public workshop on marine technology and standards to correct the registration fee. **82 Fed. Reg. 40163** (8/24/17)

[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-08-24/pdf/2017-17889.pdf>].

## DHS – semi-annual regulatory agenda



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) posted its semi-annual regulatory agenda. Among the regulatory items of possible interest are: (1) USCG proposal for seafarers' access to maritime facilities; (2) USCG proposal re numbering of undocumented barges; (3) USCG proposal re outer continental shelf activities; (4) USCG proposal re commercial fishing vessels; and (5) CBP proposal re importer security filing and additional carrier requirements. **82 Fed. Reg. 40290** (8/24/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-08-24/pdf/2017-16921.pdf>].

## USN – search continues for missing sailors



The US Navy issued a **news release** stating that the search continues sailors missing after the collision between the guided-missile destroyer USS John S. McCain (DDG 56) and oil/chemical tanker Alnic MC. The incident is under investigation. (8/24/17) [[http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=102091](http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=102091)]. A **second news release** states that the search has been suspended and identifies the one deceased and nine missing sailors. (8/24/17) [[http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=102094](http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=102094)].

## USN – fleet commander relieved



The US Navy issued a **news release** stating that VADM Joseph Aucoin has been relieved of his duties as Commander, Seventh Fleet due to loss of confidence in his ability to command. (8/24/17) [[http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=102073](http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=102073)].

## USN – comprehensive review of surface fleet operations



The US Navy has directed a comprehensive review of recent surface fleet incidents in the Seventh Fleet Area of Responsibility (AOR). The review will consider surface fleet operations and incidents at sea within the AOR to inform improvements Navy-wide. **Memorandum** (8/24/17) [<http://navylive.dodlive.mil/files/2017/08/MEMO-FOR->

USFF\_COMPREHENSIVE-REVIEW-OF-RECENT-SURFACE-FLEET-INCIDENTS.pdf].

### DOJ – owner and operator of cargo ship indicted



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that the owner and operator of the cargo ship Marguerita have been indicted for failure to keep accurate pollution control records and falsifying records. (8/22/17) [<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/german-ship-management-company-and-corporate-vessel-owner-indicted-falsification-pollution>].

### St. Lawrence Seaway – critical areas



The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System issued a notice stating that vessel meets and passing in the critical areas of the Seaway (American Narrows, Brockville Narrows, and the Wiley Dondero Canal) will be at the discretion of the mariner. **Seaway Notice 22-2017** (8/23/17) [<http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/pdf/navigation/notice20170823.pdf>].

### Lake Ontario – reduced outflows



The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System issued a notice stating that, effective 26 August, outflows from Lake Ontario will be reduced to 9,620 cubic meters per second. **Seaway Notice 23-2017** (8/24/17) [<http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/pdf/navigation/notice20170824.pdf>].

### OFAC – \$518,063 settlement re Iran sanctions violations



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued a **notice** stating that a settlement agreement has been reached with Blue Sky Blue Sea, Inc., doing business as American Export Lines and International Shipping Company, providing for payment of \$518,063 for apparent violations of the Iran Transactions and Sanctions Regulations. (8/17/17) [[https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/OFAC-Enforcement/Pages/20170817\\_33.aspx](https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/OFAC-Enforcement/Pages/20170817_33.aspx)].

## OFAC – \$415,350 settlement re Iran sanctions violations



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued a **notice** stating that a settlement agreement has been reached with COSL Singapore Ltd for payment of \$415,350 for apparent violations of apparent violations of the Iran Transactions and Sanctions Regulations. (8/19/17)  
[<https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/OFAC-Enforcement/Pages/20170824.aspx>].

## Ireland – use of LPG on vessels



The Irish Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport issued a notice providing guidance on the use of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) installations on vessels. **Marine Notice 37-2017** (8/23/17)  
[<http://www.dttas.ie/sites/default/files/MN%2037%20of%202017%20LPG%20installations.pdf>].

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