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## **Houston – SAR operations continue**



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that urban search and rescue efforts continue in the greater Houston area. Air crews have rescued approximately 300 individuals and USCG Flood Punt Teams have rescued approximately 1200 individuals. USCG personnel and assets from around the nation are being deployed to the area. (8/28/17)  
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1b39bfb>].

## **North Carolina & Virginia – potential tropical storm**



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that Port Condition X-ray has been set for the seaports of North Carolina due to the approach of a potential tropical storm. (8/28/17)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1b39d76>]. **S second news release** states that Port Condition Whiskey has been set for Hampton Roads. (8/28/17) []].

### **USCG – Maple completes NW Passage transit**



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that the buoy tender Maple completed its historic transit of the Northwest Passage and has arrived at the Coast Guard Yard in Baltimore. (8/28/17)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1b3a29c>].

### **USCG – buoy mooring systems**



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it intends to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with American Underwater Contractors, Inc. to develop, demonstrate, evaluate, and document the use of environmentally friendly buoy mooring systems (line and anchor) attached to a navigational buoy to determine the feasibility and practicality of the Coast Guard using both helix (screw) anchors and elastic mooring lines in environmentally sensitive areas. Comments must be submitted by 27 September. **82 Fed. Reg. 41038** (8/29/17)

[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-08-29/pdf/2017-18294.pdf>].

### **Canada – Arctic coast and waters protection**



Transport Canada issued a **news release** stating that it will be investing millions of dollars under the Oceans Protection Plan to protect Canada's Arctic coast and waters. Investments will be made in safety equipment and basic marine infrastructure in northern communities, while low impact shipping corridors will be identified in coastal waters. (8/27/17)

[[https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2017/08/investments\\_undertheoceansprotectionplantoprotectcanadasarcticco.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2017/08/investments_undertheoceansprotectionplantoprotectcanadasarcticco.html)].

### **Marshall Islands – BWM guidance**



The Republic of the Marshall Islands issued a **Technical Circular** providing guidance regarding compliance with recent amendments to the Ballast Water Management Convention. (8/16/17) [<http://www.register-iri.com/forms/upload/TechCirc-25.pdf>].

## Panama Canal – Neopanamax locks maximum allowable draft



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory stating that, effective 1 September, the maximum allowable draft for vessels transiting the Neopanamax locks will be increased to 14.02 meters (46.0 feet) Tropical Fresh Water (TFW). **Advisory 30-2017** (8/25/17)  
[<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2017/a-30-2017.pdf>].

## Singapore & Japan – LNG-fueled car carrier study



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** stating that Singapore and Japan will conduct a joint feasibility study for operation of liquefied natural gas (LNG) fuel car carriers to operate between the two nations. (8/28/17)  
[<http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/5fa28987-8da4-40b9-b7ac-8bdf474240f3>].

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