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Florida – Hurricane Irma



Hurricane Irma is battering the state of Florida. While the worst weather has been along the Gulf coast, no part of the state is exempt. Vessels and facilities should heed the warnings of the US Coast Guard, the National Weather Service, and state and local officials. (9/11/17).

DHS – Jones Act waiver



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a **notice** waiving the requirement for use of coastwise qualified vessels for the transport of refined petroleum products from New York, Pennsylvania, Texas. And Louisiana

to South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Puerto Rico for the next seven days. (9/8/17) [<https://www.dhs.gov/publication/september-8-2017-jones-act-waiver>].

MERPAC – meeting cancelled



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that the meeting of the Merchant Mariner Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) scheduled for 14-15 September has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date. **82 Fed. Reg. 42688** (9/11/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-09-11/pdf/2017-19328.pdf>].

MEDMAC – meeting cancelled



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that the meeting of the Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee (MEDMAC) scheduled for 12-13 September has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date. **82 Fed. Reg. 42688** (9/11/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-09-11/pdf/2017-19329.pdf>].

NOAA – deep seabed mining



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it has approved two five-year extensions of deep seabed hard mineral exploration licenses. **82 Fed. Reg. 42327** (9/7/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-09-07/pdf/2017-18994.pdf>].

USACE – Columbia River dredging



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a notice stating that it intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed continued maintenance of the 43-foot deep Lower Columbia River Federal Navigation Channel. Public meetings will be held in Longview (2 October); Vancouver (5 October); Portland (6 October); St. Helens (16 October); Astoria (17 October); and Cathlamet (19 October). Written comments must be received by 16 November. **82 Fed. Reg. 42548** (9/8/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-09-08/pdf/2017-18988.pdf>].

USCG – cyber risks at regulated facilities



The US Coast Guard has extended, until 11 October, the period within which to submit comments on its draft Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 05-17 entitled Guidelines for Addressing Cyber Risks at Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) Regulated Facilities. **82 Fed. Reg. 42560** (9/8/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-09-08/pdf/2017-19037.pdf>].

GLPAC – meeting on 26-27 September



The Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee (GLPAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 26-27 September in Martinsburg, West Virginia. **82 Fed. Reg. 42561** (9/8/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-09-08/pdf/2017-19054.pdf>].

Glenn J. Winuk – A Fallen American Hero



Today marks the sixteenth anniversary of the horrific terrorist attacks in Manhattan, the Pentagon, and Pennsylvania. Approximately 3,000 people died as a result of those attacks. Most were dedicated firefighters and police in New York City and many were innocent victims who happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. One, though, was a maritime lawyer who worked several blocks away from the World Trade Center. After the planes hit the Twin Towers and people started fleeing the area, **Glenn J. Winuk**, a volunteer firefighter in his hometown on Long Island, grabbed a response kit from a parked fire truck and went to the South Tower to render assistance to persons in need. His remains were identified months later through DNA analysis. He represents all that is good and true in Americans and deserves to be long-remembered. (9/11/17).

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