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Louisiana – oil platform explosion



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that a search is underway for a missing man following an explosion on an oil platform in Lake Pontchartrain. The other seven men on the platform have been brought ashore.

(10/15/17)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1bdbf5b>].

USCG – Alternative Planning Criteria



The US Coast Guard issued a notice announcing the availability of the updated alternative planning criteria national guidelines for vessel response plans (VRPs). These national guidelines provide the maritime industry with updated information on developing and submitting alternative planning criteria (alternatives). Furthermore, they facilitate consistency in the Coast Guard's review of proposed alternatives. [82 Fed. Reg. 46518](#) (10/16/17)

[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-10-16/pdf/2017-22333.pdf>].

NAVSAC – meeting on 1-2 November



The Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (NAVSAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 1-2 November in Arlington, Virginia. Topics on the agenda include: the Vessel Traffic Service Study and AIS aids to navigation. [82 Fed. Reg. 48106](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-10-16/pdf/2017-22291.pdf) (10/16/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-10-16/pdf/2017-22291.pdf>].

USCG – CGSIC meeting recap



The US Coast Guard issued a [bulletin](#) providing a recap of the 57th meeting of US Civil GPS Service Interface Committee held on 25-26 September in Portland, Oregon. (10/11/17)
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/10/11/10112017-recap-of-the-57th-meeting-of-the-u-s-civil-gps-service-interface-committee/>].

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