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Texas – tank barge fire



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that a tank barge under tow off Port Aransas, Texas caught fire. Two crew members of the towing vessel are missing. Search and rescue efforts are underway, as are casualty and pollution response. Subsequently, a **second, third, fourth, and fifth** news releases were issued. Active search efforts have been suspended. (10/22/17).

USCG – BWMS type approval certificate issued



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that a ballast water management system (BWMS) type approval certificate has been issued to ERMA FIRST ESK Engineering Solutions SA. (10/18/17)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/10/18/10182017-marine-safety-center-issues-ballast-water-management-system-type-approval-certificate-to-erma-first-esk-engineering-solutions-s-a/>].

USCG – BWMS type approval certificate amended



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that an amended ballast water management system (BWMS) type approval certificate has been issued to TeamTec OceanSaver AS. (10/18/17)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/10/18/10182017-marine-safety-center-issues-amended-ballast-water-management-system-type-approval-certificate-to-teamtec-as/>].

USCG – CSNCOE newsletter



The **Fall 2017** edition of the USCG Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise (CSNCOE) has been issued. (10/19/17)

[<http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CSNCOE/Newsletters/Issue%2018%20Fall%202017%20Edition.pdf?ver=2017-10-18-151857-923>].

DOS – preparation for IMO sessions



The Department of State (DOS) issued a notice stating that a meeting will be held on 14 November in Washington, DC to prepare for the 29th Extraordinary Council Session (CES29), the 30th Assembly (A30), and the 119th Council Session (C119) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). **82 Fed. Reg. 49074** (10/23/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-10-23/pdf/2017-22856.pdf>].

Australia – rescue boat outboard motors



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice drawing attention to the importance of maintaining rescue boat outboard motors in good working order ready for immediate use. **Marine Notice 12/2017** (October 2017) [<https://apps.amsa.gov.au/MOReview/MarineNoticeExternal.html>].

UK – ECDIS abuse leads to grounding



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued the report of its investigation of the grounding of the bulk carrier Muros on Haisborough Sands on 3 December 2016. Investigation revealed that the second officer revised the passage plan without authority and then used ECDIS on a small-scale chart that did not identify unsafe areas while ignoring ECDIS alarms.

Report 22-2017 (10/19/17)

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/59e601e7ed915d6aadcdaf18/MAIBInvReport22_2017.pdf].

UK – marine casualty & marine incident reporting



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued guidance regarding the obligation to report marine casualties and marine incidents. **MGN 564 (M&F)** (September 2017)

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/651841/MGN_564.pdf].

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