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Northern California – safety zones established



The US Coast Guard promulgated a temporary interim rule establishing safety zones in the navigable waters of the Humboldt Bay Entrance Channel; Noyo River Entrance Channel; and Crescent City Harbor Entrance Channel. These safety zones will be enforced when on scene conditions are hazardous and unsafe for vessel transits, typically expected to be 20-foot breaking seas. The rule enters into effect immediately. **82 Fed. Reg. 53418** (11/16/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-16/pdf/2017-24842.pdf>].

USCG – managing owner change of address



The USCG National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC) issued a **bulletin** reminding stakeholders that changes of address of managing owner of a US documented vessel must be reported to the NVDC within ten (10) days.

(11/15/17)

[https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/USDHSCG/2017/11/15/file_attachments/913792/MO%2Baddress%2Bchange.pdf].

USCG – RADM Benkert Environmental Award



The US Coast Guard is accepting nominations for the **2018 RADM William M. Benkert Environmental Award**. Nominations must be received by 12 January 2018. (11/14/17)

[<https://homeport.uscg.mil/Lists/Content/DispForm.aspx?&ID=406&Source=https://homeport.uscg.mil/missions/environmental/outreach-programs/awards>].

USCG – evolution of the OSV



The current edition of the USCG Outer Continental Shelf National Center of Expertise (OCS NCOE) '**Drill Down**' focuses on the evolution of the offshore supply vessel (OSV). (11/15/17)

[<http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/OCS%20NCOE/Drill%20Downs/DRILL%20DOWN%20-%20Evolution%20of%20the%20OSV%2011.15.2017.pdf?ver=2017-11-15-104100-417>].

Marinette – restricted area expanded



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has expanded the existing restricted area on waters of the Menominee River adjacent to the Marinette Marine Corporation Shipyard. The change enters into effect on 18 December. **82 Fed. Reg. 53422** (11/16/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-16/pdf/2017-24890.pdf>].

Baltimore – restricted area proposed



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) proposes to establish a permanent restricted area in waters of Curtis Creek and Arundel Cove in Baltimore adjacent to the US Coast Guard Yard. Comments on the proposal must be submitted by 18 December. **82 Fed. Reg. 53438** (11/16/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-16/pdf/2017-24888.pdf>].

Biloxi – restricted area proposed



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) proposes to establish a no anchorage restricted area within waters of the Back Bay of the Biloxi shoreline of Keesler Air Force Base. Comments on the proposal must be received by 18 December. **82 Fed. Reg. 53440** (11/16/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-16/pdf/2017-24892.pdf>].

Senate – bill introduced re port cybersecurity



Senator Harris (D-CA) introduced the **Strengthening Cybersecurity Information Sharing and Coordination in Our Ports Act of 2017** (S. 2083) to enhance cybersecurity information sharing and coordination at ports in the United States, and for other purposes. Senator Harris issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (11/7/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s2083is/pdf/BILLS-115s2083is.pdf>].

Court – maritime attachment denied



The US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit ruled that an attachment under the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims may not be used purely for the purpose of obtaining security except as an adjunct to obtaining jurisdiction. Plaintiff sought an order requiring the posting of security in aid of a pending international arbitration in London, but the defendant was present in the district. **SCL Basilisk AG v. Agribusiness United Savannah Logistics LLC**, No. 16-15535 (11th Cir., November 14, 2017) [<http://media.ca11.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/files/201615535.pdf>].

MREN – back to basics



In the November edition of Maritime Reporter and Engineering News (MREN) you can find my article “**Back to basics**”. The article discusses the importance of training and adequate rest for proper performance of duties by US Navy personnel in light of the recent series of marine casualties involving naval warships. In this regard, Navy personnel are no different than merchant mariners and the Navy should look to the merchant marine for examples of how the issue can be addressed. (11/15/17) [<http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/MREN/MREN171100.pdf>].

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