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## **NTSB – meeting re El Faro casualty**



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) will meet in Washington, DC on 12 December to discuss the Marine Accident Report concerning loss of the cargo ship El Faro with 33 persons on board on 1 October 2015. **82 Fed. Reg. 55652** (11/22/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-22/pdf/2017-25417.pdf>].

## **USCG – meeting re lifeboat maintenance**



The US Coast Guard will hold a public town hall meeting in Washington, DC on 11 December to disseminate information related to the entry into force of international standards affecting the testing and maintenance of

lifeboats, rescue boats, and launching appliances and authorization of service providers. Written comments should be submitted by 18 December. **82 Fed. Reg. 55621** (11/22/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-22/pdf/2017-25225.pdf>].

### **USACE & EPA – ‘waters of the United States’**



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a proposal to delay the effective date of the 2015 rule defining ‘waters of the United States’ for two years. This amendment would give the agencies additional time to reconsider the definition. Comments on the proposal must be received by 13 December. **82 Fed. Reg. 55542** (11/22/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-22/pdf/2017-25321.pdf>].

### **USACE – Great Lakes-Mississippi River Interbasin Study**



The US Army Corps of Engineer (USACE) has extended until 8 December the period within which to submit comments on the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study-Brandon Road Draft Integrated Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement-Will County, Illinois. A public meeting will be held in New Orleans on 5 December. **82 Fed. Reg. 55595** (11/21/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-22/pdf/2017-25272.pdf>].

### **NOAA – Greater Farallones & Cordell Bank NMS**



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) proposes to amend its regulations that impact certain discharges from US Coast Guard vessels and aircraft into water of the expanded Greater Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries (GF & CB NMS). Public meetings will be held on Sausalito (5 December) and Gualala (13 December). Comments on the proposal must be received by 16 January 2018. **82 Fed. Reg. 55529** (11/21/17) [].

### **NMSAC – meeting on 14 December**



The National Maritime Security Advisory Committee (NMSAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on via teleconference on 14 December. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the draft Navigation and

Vessel Inspection Circular 05-17, Guidelines for Addressing Cyber Risks at Maritime Transportation Security Act Regulated Facilities. **82 Fed. Reg. 55000** (11/24/17) [].

### USCG – recreational boating safety projects



The US Coast Guard issued a notice regarding recreational boating safety projects, programs, and activities funded under provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act for fiscal year 2017. **82 Fed. Reg. 55000** (11/24/17) [].

### OFAC – sanctions re North Korea



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued a **bulletin** announcing one Chinese individual, four Chinese shipping companies, and a number of North Korean shipping companies and vessels have been placed on the Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) list. This means that individuals and companies subject to US jurisdiction may be penalized for economic activity with them. (11/21/17) [<https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/OFAC-Enforcement/Pages/20171121.aspx>].

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