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## **Gulf of Mexico – fatality on drillship**



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a **press release** stating that it and the US Coast Guard are responding to the report of a fatality on the drillship Petrobras 10,000 in the Gulf of Mexico. The deceased worker was participating in a pipe handling operation at the time. There have been no reports of other injuries or of pollution. (12/6/17) [<https://www.bsee.gov/newsroom/latest-news/statements-and-releases/press-releases/bsee-uscg-respond-to-rig-fatality-in-the>].

## Boston – ship breaks free of mooring



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that a container ship broke free of its mooring in Boston. The ship has been escorted to an anchorage. There were no reports of injury or pollution. The incident is under investigation. (12/6/17)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1ca2028>].

## USCG – Tug Safe decision aid



The USCG Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise (TVNCOE) announced development of **Tug Safe**, a decision aid designed to assist with preparation, completion and documentation of inspections and surveys of commercial towing vessels required to comply with 46 CFR Subchapter M. The decision aid will generate a custom requirement list for a specific commercial towing vessel using a computer, laptop, tablet or smart phone. (12/6/17)

[<http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/Traveling-Inspector-Staff-CG-5P-TI/Towing-Vessel-National-Center-of-Expertise/TugSafe/>].

## USCG – seeking maritime engineer



The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) issued a **bulletin** announcing that it has a permanent position available for someone with a shipboard engineer officer background to serve as a subject matter expert for development and revision of engine officer and rating examinations. (12/5/17)

[[http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2017/exams\\_engine\\_vacancy\\_notice.pdf](http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2017/exams_engine_vacancy_notice.pdf)].

## USCG – ballast water Q&A



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** summarizing the Q&A with Coast Guard panelists during a recent ballast water management technology conference. (12/5/17)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/12/05/1252017-summary-of-qa-with-uscg-panelists-during-bwmtechnology-north-america/>].

## Maryland – ending certification testing of BWMSs



The University of Maryland issued a [news release](#) stating that its Maritime Environment Resource Center (MERC) is ending certification testing of ballast water management systems (BWMS) due to flaws in the IMO and US regulations designed to minimize the risk of ballast water introductions of invasive species. (12/6/17) [<http://www.umces.edu/news/maritime-environmental-resource-center-ends-certification-testing-ballast-water-management>].

## Senate – bill introduced re incidental discharges



Senator Cantwell (D-WA) introduced a bill (S. 2194) to remove a limitation on a prohibition relating to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (12/5/17).

## Australia – collision during tug escort



The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) issued the report of its investigation of the collision between the tug Arafura Sea Delta and the cargo ship Thorco Crystal in Weipa Harbour on 24 June 2017 while the tug was escorting the ship into port. Hydrodynamic interaction forces generated by the flow of water around the ship's hull caused the tug's bow to make hard contact with the ship's port quarter, damaging both vessels. [MO-2017-005](#) (12/6/17) [[http://www.atsb.gov.au/publications/investigation\\_reports/2017/mair/332-mo-2017-005/](http://www.atsb.gov.au/publications/investigation_reports/2017/mair/332-mo-2017-005/)].

## Attack on Pearl Harbor – 7 December 1941



Today marks the 76th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, which directly caused the death of thousands of Americans and the sinking of a number of US Navy warships. It resulted in a major combat role for the US in World War II, which had commenced more than two years previously. Up until the attack, the US had limited its participation largely to supply and logistics. After the attack, it was all in. The war continued for almost another four years, with the loss of millions of lives and large-scale property destruction. A new

world order eventually emerged. With hard work, increased cooperation, good luck, and mature judgment, we can avoid such conflicts in the future.

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