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USCG – safety alert re fixed CO2 systems



The US Coast Guard issued a Safety Alert advising that the large CO2 cylinders in fixed fire extinguishing systems should be checked periodically to ensure that the cylinders have not rotated excessively so as to put strain on the hoses connecting the cylinders to the manifold. Such strain may prevent the system from operating properly. **Alert 13-17** (12/19/17)
[<http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/INV/Alerts/1317.pdf>].

USCG – conditions of entry re Cote d’Ivoire



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it is modifying the conditions of entry for vessels arriving to the United States from Cote d’Ivoire by adding an exemption for two facilities: Carena Shipyard and Terminal A Containers, Abidjan. These modifications enter into effect on 3 January 2018. **82 Fed. Reg. 60409** (12/20/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-12-20/pdf/2017-27402.pdf>].

Hawaii – Kilauea Lava Flow



The US Coast Guard proposes to amend its regulation establishing a safety zone in waters of the Pacific Ocean adjacent to the Kilauea Lava Flow Ocean Entry on the southeast side of the Island of Hawaii. Comments must be received by 20 February 2018. **82 Fed. Reg. 60341** (12/20/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-12-20/pdf/2017-27297.pdf>].

USCG – NMC seeks physician



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** stating that it seeks a qualified physician to serve in the National Maritime Center (NMC) Medical Evaluation Division. Applications must be received by 15 January 2018. (12/18/17) [http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2017/medical_program_manager_vacancy_notice.pdf].

USCG – sea turtle hooked on cocaine



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that the crew of the Cutter Thetis rescued a sea turtle that was hooked on cocaine. On patrol in the Eastern Pacific, the cutter came across a debris field. Examination revealed that it was a large stash of cocaine in bundles that had been tied together. The stash was apparently jettisoned by smugglers fearing apprehension. A sea turtle had gotten entangled in the debris field. The crew members carefully cut the lines, freeing the sea turtle, which swam away. The cocaine was seized. (12/17/17) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1cce926>].

EPA – Clean Diesel project awards



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a **news release** stating that \$3.1 million has been awarded to New England states for Clean Diesel projects, including marine engine repowering. (12/19/17) [<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-funding-will-help-clean-diesel-projects-new-england-states>].

House – bill introduced re incidental discharges



Representative Herrera Beutler (R-WA) introduced the **Fishing and Small Vessel Relief Act** (H.R. 4656) to extend a prohibition relating to permits for discharges incidental to the normal operation of certain vessels. (12/14/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr4656ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr4656ih.pdf>].

Court – factual dispute precludes summary judgment



The US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit reversed an order of summary judgment in favor of a bareboat charterer in a limitation of liability action. The appellate court found that there was a factual dispute with regard to the duty to warn of hidden dangers. **In re Manson Gulf**, No. 17-30007 (5th Cir., December 18, 2017) [<http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/17/17-30007-CVo.pdf>].

India – electronic issuance of statutory certificates



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a circular authorizing recognized organizations to electronically issue statutory certificates. **Engineering Circular 7-2017** (12/18/17) [http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201712190356141008236Dgs_cir7_2017_Engg.pdf].

Seychelles – piracy charges



The EU NAVFOR issued a [press release](#) stating that six Somali nationals initially detained by an EU warship for attacks in November in the Southern Somali Basin have been charged with piracy by the Seychelles Attorney General. (12/19/17) [<http://eunavfor.eu/somali-pirates-detained-by-eu-navfor-charged-in-the-seychelles/>].

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