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## **USCG – FAQs re Subchapter M**



The US Coast Guard posted an updated compilation of its **Frequently Asked Questions** (FAQs) concerning Subchapter M, inspected towing vessels. (1/8/18). [<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/SubMFAQs/>]. A **bulletin** highlights recent changes/additions. (1/8/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/01/08/1-8-2018-updated-subchapter-m-faqs-now-available/>].

## Florida – vessels displaced by Hurricane Irma



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that it continues to work with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to mitigate pollution threats from vessels displaced by Hurricane Irma. To date, 2,376 displaced vessels have been removed from Florida waterways. (1/8/18) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1d17216>].

## NOAA – Southern DPS of Green Sturgeon



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it seeks comments on the draft Southern Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of Green Sturgeon Recovery Plan. Comments must be received by 12 March. [83 Fed. Reg. 1025](#) (1/9/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-01-09/pdf/2018-00208.pdf>].

## CBP – quarterly interest rates



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a notice advising that, for the quarter beginning on 1 January 2018, the interest rate for overpayments will be 3% for corporations and 4% for non-corporations, while the interest rate for underpayments will be 4% for both. [83 Fed. Reg. 1043](#) (1/9/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-01-09/pdf/2018-00176.pdf>].

## USN – downed C-2A Greyhound located



The US Navy issued a [news release](#) stating that the C-2A aircraft that crashed in the Philippine Sea on 22 November 2017 with the loss of all 11 crew and passengers has been located on the ocean floor at a depth of 18,500 feet. Eight personnel from the aircraft were recovered immediately after the crash. The three fallen Sailors may be still inside the wreck. Every effort will be made to recover the aircraft. (1/6/18) [[http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=103948](http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=103948)].

## East China Sea – search for missing mariners



The US Navy issued a **news release** stating that it has joined the search and rescue efforts for the missing crew members of the Iranian tanker Sanchi in the East China Sea. Sanchi collided with the Chinese cargo ship CF Crystal on 6 January and then burst into flames. (1/8/18) [[http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=103955](http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=103955)].

## CRS – Changes in the Arctic



The Congressional Research Service (CRS) issued a report entitled 'Changes in the Arctic'. It focuses on the impacts of climate change, including the diminishment of sea ice, which has brought about a dramatic increase in maritime traffic in that region, as well as more exploration for oil, gas, and minerals. **R41153** (1/4/18) [<https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41153.pdf>].

## Malta – 'parker' fined and banned from car park



Transport Malta issued a **news release** stating that a person acting as a 'Parker' in a public car park in Valletta has been fined €500 and forbade from accessing the area for a period of six months. He was posing as a parker and harassing people to pay him money. Parking in public car parks in Malta is actually free. (1/5/18) [<http://www.transport.gov.mt/news/05-january-2018-person-acting-as-a-parker-fined-and-barred-from-car-park>]. *Note: This item has no maritime connection, but is interesting nonetheless.*

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