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## **USCG – Light List (2018)**



The US Coast Guard **Light List (2018)** has been posted. (1/11/18)  
[<https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=lightLists>].

## **USCG – Benkert Environmental Protection Award**



The US Coast Guard deadline for the **2018 Biennial Rear Admiral William M. Benkert Environmental Protection Award for Excellence** has been extended two weeks. Applications will be accepted until 26 January 2018.  
(1/11/18)

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

## USCG – IGF and Polar Codes implementation update



The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) issued a **bulletin** reminding stakeholders that it will continue to evaluate training courses for merchant mariners to ensure compliance with requirements of the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or Other Low Flash-point Fuels (IGH Code) and the International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code). (1/10/18)

[[http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2018/polar\\_igf\\_bulletin\\_01102018.pdf](http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2018/polar_igf_bulletin_01102018.pdf)].

## DHS – semiannual regulatory agenda



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued its semiannual regulatory agenda. Items of interest include financial responsibility for tank vessels; seafarers' access to maritime facilities; outer continental shelf activities; and commercial fishing vessels. The timelines mentioned in the agenda are aspirational. **83 Fed. Reg. 1872** (1/12/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-01-12/pdf/2017-28212.pdf>].

## Access Board – semiannual regulatory agenda



The Architectural and Transport Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) issued its semiannual regulatory agenda. An item of interest concerns accessibility guidelines for passenger vessels. **83 Fed. Reg. 1928** (1/12/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-01-12/pdf/2017-28233.pdf>].

## Coral Reef Task Force – meeting on 22 February



The Coral Reef Task Force, sponsored by the Department of the Interior (DOI), will meet on 22 February in Washington, DC. **83 Fed. Reg. 1625** (1/12/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-01-12/pdf/2018-00398.pdf>].

## Senate – bill introduced re drilling off Florida coast



Senator Nelson (D-FL) introduced a bill (S. 2292) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and gas preleasing, leasing, and related activities in certain areas of the Outer Continental Shelf off the coast of Florida, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Nelson issued a [news release](#) explaining the measure. (1/10/18)  
[<https://www.billnelson.senate.gov/newsroom/news/sen-nelson-calls-drilling-agreement-a-stunt-seeks-permanent-ban>].

## Florida – no new oil or gas platforms



Florida Governor Scott (R) issued a [news release](#) stating that Secretary of the Interior Zinke has removed Florida from consideration for any new [offshore] oil or gas platforms. (1/9/18)  
[<https://www.flgov.com/2018/01/09/gov-scott-fought-to-protect-floridas-coastline/>].

## Ireland – Port Areas



The Irish Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport issued a notice updating the list of Port Areas of ‘smooth’ and ‘partially smooth’ waters where vessels may operate without being considered to be at sea. [Marine Notice 01-2018](#) (1/10/18)  
[[http://www.dttas.ie/sites/default/files/MN%2001%20of%202018\\_Port%20and%20Sea%20Areas.pdf](http://www.dttas.ie/sites/default/files/MN%2001%20of%202018_Port%20and%20Sea%20Areas.pdf)].

## Panama Canal – December operations



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory summarizing Canal operations for December 2017. It also includes the schedule of locks maintenance outages for the remainder of the fiscal year. [Advisory 01-2018](#) (1/8/18)  
[<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2018/a-01-2018.pdf>].

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