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USCG – COIs under Subchapter M TSMS option



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that it will begin issuing Certificates of Inspection (COIs) to vessels using the Towing Safety Management System (TSMS) option to comply with the requirements of 46 CFR Subchapter M. (1/16/18)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/01/16/1-16-2018-coast-guard-to-start-issuing-cois-under-subchapter-m-tsms-option/>].

USCG – timely maintenance and repairs



The US Coast Guard issued an alert reminding stakeholders of the importance of recognizing risks and ensuring proper maintenance and repairs are made in a timely manner. **Safety Alert 01-18** (1/16/18) [<http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/INV/Alerts/0118.pdf>].

USCG – screening for semi-synthetic opiates



The US Coast Guard issued an advisory stating that the Department of Transportation (DOT) Drug Testing requirements have been changed to include semi-synthetic opiates, effective 1 January 2018. **Safety Advisory 01-18** (1/16/18) [<http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/INV/Alerts/advisory%2001-18.pdf?ver=2018-01-16-132539-277>].

BOEM – draft National OCS Program



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a **bulletin** announcing that it is initiating a process to develop a new National OCS Program for 2019-2024. Comments on the Draft Proposed Program or Programmatic EIS should be submitted by 9 March. (1/16/17) [<https://www.boem.gov/National-Program/>].

FWS – northern sea otter



The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) seeks comments on its draft stock assessment report on the northern sea otter in Washington State. Comments must be submitted by 17 April. **83 Fed. Reg. 2461** (1/17/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-01-17/pdf/2018-00672.pdf>].

St. Lawrence Seaway – tonnage up 9%



The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System issued a **news release** stating that tonnage passing through the Seaway was up 9% during the 2017 navigation season as compared to the previous year. (1/16/18) [<http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/news/press-releases/pr20180116.html>].

House – hearing on US flag maritime industry



The Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee issued a **notice** stating that, on 17 January, it will conduct a hearing titled “The State of the U.S. Flag Maritime Industry”. (1/16/18)

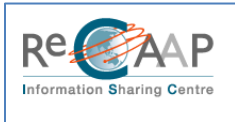
[<https://transportation.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=402105>].

Court – federal law trumps state law



The US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit found enforceable the arbitration clauses in a marine insurance policy, despite the fact that the law of the forum state (Montana) made the provisions unenforceable. **Galilea, LLC v. AGCS Marine Insurance Company**, No. 16-35474 (9th Cir., January 16, 2018) [<http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2018/01/16/16-35474.pdf>].

ReCAAP – 2017 Annual Report



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre posted its **2017 Annual Report**. A total of 101 incidents were reported in 2017 compared to 85 incidents in 2016. This accounts for a 19% increase in the number of incidents reported in 2017 compared to 2016. (1/16/18)

[http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=605&PortalId=0&TabId=78].

Canada – speeding ticket



Transport Canada issued a **news release** stating that it assessed a fine for non-respect of the speed restriction in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. (1/15/18)

[https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2018/01/transport_canadaissuesanotherfinefornon-respectofthespeedrestric.html].

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