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USCG – 2018 random drug testing rate 25%



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that the calendar year 2018 minimum random drug testing rate is 25% of covered crewmembers. [83 Fed. Reg. 2813](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-01-19/pdf/2018-00884.pdf) (1/19/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-01-19/pdf/2018-00884.pdf>].

USCG – delivery of marine safety information



The US Coast Guard issued a [bulletin](http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/01/18/1-18-2018-coast-guard-testing-new-delivery-method-for-marine-safety-information/) announcing that it is testing a new delivery method for marine safety information. Initially, the test involves the Mid-Atlantic region (CCGD5). Free subscription information is provided. (1/18/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/01/18/1-18-2018-coast-guard-testing-new-delivery-method-for-marine-safety-information/>].

USCG – implementation of lifejacket standards



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** announcing that it will participate in a WebEx teleconference hosted by the Lifejacket Association on 24 January to provide an update on the status of the US and Canadian implementation of new requirements for personal floatation devices. (1/18/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/01/18/1-18-2018-coast-guard-to-provide-update-on-implementation-of-new-lifejacket-standards/>].

St. Lawrence Seaway – 1% toll increase for 2018



The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System issued a **news release** announcing a toll rate increase of 1% for the 2018 navigation season. (1/18/18) [<http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/news/customer-advisories/advisories/ca20180115.html>].

NTSB – bulker grounding in Columbia River



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued the report of its investigation of the 19 November 2016 grounding of the bulk carrier *Nenita* in the Columbia River when the vessel suffered an engine failure impacting its ability to maneuver. The vessel subsequently ran aground at Three Tree Point on the Washington State side of the river, damaging its bulbous bow and hull. After the grounding, the vessel was towed to Longview, Washington, for temporary repairs. Two weeks later, the vessel resumed the voyage to its original destination. There were no injuries or reported pollution as a result of the accident. The probable cause of the grounding was the failure of a main engine cylinder cooling jacket that initiated an automatic reduction in engine speed, resulting in the eventual loss of steerageway. Contributing to the accident was the lack of information relayed from shipboard personnel to the pilot about the status of the main engine, which prevented him from taking effective corrective action following the engine casualty. **MAB 18-01** (1/18/18) [<https://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MAB1801.pdf>].

FMC – hearings on Petition P4-16



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that it held hearings on 16 and 17 January to explore issues related to detention, demurrage, and per diem charges raised in a petition filed by the

Coalition for Fair Port Practices (Petition P4-16). Those hearing were live-streamed and are now available on YouTube. (1/18/18)
[https://www.fmc.gov/p4_16hearings.aspx].

India – safety fairway approaches to Mumbai



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a notice stating that it has extended until 1 April 2018 the entry into force of the revision to safety fairway at approaches to Mumbai (off Mumbai High). **Shipping Notice 3-2018** (1/17/18)
[http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201801181206467367270ms_notice_no03of2018.pdf].

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