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## **USCG – Kidde fire extinguisher recall**



The US Coast Guard distributed internal guidance for enforcement, examination, and inspection procedures for the Kidde fire extinguisher recall.

**ACN 013/18** (2/9/18)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1d9a568>].

## USCG – TPO approval for Subchapter M



The US Coast Guard posted a **bulletin** stating that Meridian Global Consulting LLC has been approved as a third party organization (TPO) to carry out certain functions in accordance with Subchapter M. (2/6/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/02/06/2-6-2018-meridian-global-consulting-llc-approved-as-third-party-organization-under-subchapter-m/>].

## USCG – icebreaker Polar Star completes mission



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that, despite flooding and an engine failure, the icebreaker Polar Star has completed its mission in support of the National Science Foundation after cutting a resupply channel through 15 miles of Antarctic ice in the Ross Sea and escorting and escorting supply vessels to the continent. (2/6/18) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1d8d9de>].

## USCG – TSAC members sought



The US Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC). Applications should be submitted by 10 April. **83 Fed. Reg. 6041** (2/12/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-02-12/pdf/2018-02696.pdf>].

## FMC – meeting in closed session on 14 February



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that the Commissioners will meet in closed session on 14 February to discuss the Petition of the Coalition for Fair Port Practices for Rulemaking (P4-16). **83 Fed. Reg. 5771** (2/9/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-02-09/pdf/2018-02822.pdf>].

## USACE – beneficial use of dredged material



Section 1122 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2016 requires the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) establish a pilot program to recommend ten projects for the beneficial use of dredged material. The USACE is requesting proposals for beneficial use of dredged material projects. Proposals must be received by 12 March. **83 Fed. Reg. 5763** (2/9/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-02-09/pdf/2018-02613.pdf>].

## CIPAC – Critical Infrastructure Summit on 1 March



The Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council (CIPAC), sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), will convene the Critical Infrastructure Summit on 1 March in Arlington, Virginia. All 16 critical infrastructure sectors will be represented. **83 Fed. Reg. 6047** (2/12/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-02-12/pdf/2018-02817.pdf>].

## Court – lack of personal jurisdiction



The US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled that sending an email to a US entity is insufficient to establish personal jurisdiction over a foreign entity, even where the purpose of the email is to interfere with the employment contract of a vessel master. **Sangha v Navig8 Shipmanagement**, No. 17-20093 (5th Cir., February 5, 2018) [<http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/17/17-20093-CVo.pdf>].

## IMO – ban of high sulphur fuel



The Danish Maritime Administration (DMA) issued a **news release** stating that the IMO Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response adopted a measure to ban the carriage, as fuel, of petroleum with a sulphur content above 0.5% effective March 2020. Ships with qualifying scrubbers are exempted. (2/9/18) [[https://www.dma.dk/Presse/Nyheder/Sider/One\\_step\\_closer\\_to\\_effective\\_enforcement\\_of\\_new\\_sulphur\\_regulations.aspx](https://www.dma.dk/Presse/Nyheder/Sider/One_step_closer_to_effective_enforcement_of_new_sulphur_regulations.aspx)].

## Panama Canal – Container Summary for All Vessels



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory announcing the availability of the new version of ‘Container Summary for All Vessels’, Form 4510. Previous versions will no longer be accepted. **Advisory 03-2018** (2/2/18)

[<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2018/a-03-2018.pdf>].

## Panama Canal – January operations



The Panama Canal Authority (APC) issued an advisory summarizing Canal operations during January. **Advisory 04-2018** (2/8/18)  
[<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2018/a-04-2018.pdf>].

## UK – MoD censured for unsafe system of work



The UK Health & Safety Executive (HSE) issued a **news release** stating that the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has been issued a Crown Censure after a Royal Navy engineering technician was killed during lift maintenance work on board HMS Bulwark, which is alongside in Devonport. Investigation found that the MoD failed to ensure there was a safe system of work to control the risks associated with lift maintenance. (2/9/18)

[<http://press.hse.gov.uk/2018/mod-receives-crown-censure-following-royal-navy-technician-death/>].

## Sinking of SS Marine Electric – 12 February 1983



The SS Marine Electric sank during a storm in the North Atlantic on 12 February 1983. Of the 34 crew members on board, three survived, but only after enduring 90 minutes in extremely cold water. The ship had passed all required inspections and surveys, but the subsequent **USCG Marine Casualty Report** revealed the inspections and surveys to have been perfunctory. As a result, inspection standards were drastically improved. In addition, carriage of survival suits became mandatory for ships on winter routes and the Coast Guard rescue swimmer program was initiated. The circumstances are detailed in Robert Frump’s book “Until the Sea Shall Free Them”.

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