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USCG – web sites



The US Coast Guard has one of the most extensive outreach programs of any federal agency. Not too long ago, it added new web sites for, among others, Operating & Environmental Standards ([CG-OES](#)); Design & Engineering Standards ([CG-ENG](#)); and the Marine Safety Center ([CG-MSC](#)). (2/20/18).

St. Lawrence Seaway – opening on 29 March



The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System issued a notice stating that the Seaway will open to navigation on 29 March. [Seaway Notice 1-2018](#) (2/20/18) [<http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/pdf/navigation/notice20180220.pdf>].

NAP – transporting hazardous liquids & gases



The National Academies Press (NAP) completed a new study titled “**Safely Transporting Hazardous Liquids and Gases in a Changing US Energy Landscape**”. It examines the transport of such items in the pipeline, rail, and water modes. (2/20/18)

[[https://www.nap.edu/download/24923?utm_source=NASEM+News+and+Publications&utm_campaign=27a8c11722-](https://www.nap.edu/download/24923?utm_source=NASEM+News+and+Publications&utm_campaign=27a8c11722-NAP_mail_new_2018_02_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_96101de015-27a8c11722-102060401&goal=0_96101de015-27a8c11722-102060401&mc_cid=27a8c11722&mc_eid=5629ef0b84)

[NAP_mail_new_2018_02_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_96101de015-27a8c11722-102060401&goal=0_96101de015-27a8c11722-102060401&mc_cid=27a8c11722&mc_eid=5629ef0b84](https://www.nap.edu/download/24923?utm_source=NASEM+News+and+Publications&utm_campaign=27a8c11722-NAP_mail_new_2018_02_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_96101de015-27a8c11722-102060401&goal=0_96101de015-27a8c11722-102060401&mc_cid=27a8c11722&mc_eid=5629ef0b84)].

Court – adequacy of PWC warnings



In a diversity of citizen case and applying South Carolina law, the US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit affirmed the district court’s entry of summary judgment in favor of defendant manufacturer of a personal water craft (PWC) and against the plaintiff who was seriously injured when she fell off the PWC being operated by a 14-year-old and on which she was the fourth passenger and wearing only a bikini. Defendant had included warnings on the PWC itself and in the operator’s manual that the craft should not be operated by persons under the age of sixteen, that no more than three person should ride the PWC at any time, and that all persons should wear a wet suit bottom or similar protective clothing. Plaintiff contended that the warnings were inadequate, but the warnings clearly complied with state law. **Hickerson v Yamaha Motor Corp.**, No. 17-1075 (4th Cir., February 20, 2018)

[<http://www.ca4.uscourts.gov/opinions/171075.P.pdf>].

ILO – SID Checklist



The International Labour Organization (ILO) published its Seafarer Identification Document Checklist (**SID Checklist**), providing guidance to member states on the preparation of these important documents. (February 2018) [http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_norm/---normes/documents/genericdocument/wcms_617300.pdf].

Panama Canal – maximum allowable draft



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory stating that, effective 19 March, the maximum allowable draft for vessels transiting the

Neopanamax locks will be reduced from 15.2 meters (50.0 feet) to 14.94 meters (49.0 feet) Tropical Fresh Water (TFW). **Advisory 06-2018** (2/19/18) [<https://www.pan Canal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2018/a-06-2018.pdf>].

UK – HMS Ocean sold to Brazil



The UK Ministry of Defence (MoD) issued a **news release** stating that the landing platform, helicopter ship HMS Ocean (L12), flagship of the Royal Navy, has been sold to the Brazilian Navy for around £84 million. (2/19/18) [<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-agrees-sale-of-hms-ocean-to-brazil>].

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