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## **USCG & USN – heavy polar icebreaker RFP**



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** announcing that the US Navy, in collaboration with the Coast Guard under an integrated program office, released a request for proposals (RFP) for the advance procurement and detail design for the Coast Guard's heavy polar icebreaker, with options for detail design and construction for up to three heavy polar icebreakers. (3/6/18) [<http://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Acquisitions-CG-9/Programs/Surface-Programs/Polar-Icebreaker/>].

## **USCG – Area Contingency Planning survey**



The US Coast Guard issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) announcing that the National Response Team (NRT) is seeking feedback through an online survey regarding the current state and future direction of area contingency planning nationwide. The survey will continue through 30 April.

**MSIB 02-18** (3/5/18)

[[http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/MSIB/2018/MSIB\\_002\\_18.pdf](http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/MSIB/2018/MSIB_002_18.pdf)].

### USCG & NOAA – navigation rules in US Coast Pilot



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that it and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) have teamed up to incorporate the amalgamated International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (72 COREGS) and the Inland Navigation Rules into NOAA's US Coast Pilot publications. (3/6/18)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1dffc4c>].

### CMTS – marine-related webinars in March



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that the US Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS) will host two webinars in March on marine-related topics. The first, on 12 March, will concern the USCG Merchant Mariner Medical Certification program. The second, on March 14, will address the Federal, State, and local resources that can assist employers in finding, hiring, and training veterans in the maritime transportation industry. (3/6/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/03/06/3-6-2018-webinars-hosted-by-u-s-committee-on-maritime-transportation-system/>].

### House – hearing on implementation of USCG programs



The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure issued a **news release** stating that, on 7 March, the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation will conduct a hearing on implementation of Coast Guard programs. (3/5/18)

[<https://transportation.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=402223>].

### India – adequacy of port reception facilities



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a **notice** establishing a standard procedure for assessment of adequacy of a port reception facility. Indian ports will be audited annually. (3/6/18)

[[http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201803060508415240698sop\\_eng\\_port\\_reception\\_facility\\_2018.pdf](http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201803060508415240698sop_eng_port_reception_facility_2018.pdf)].

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