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USCG – cruise ship security regulations



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule eliminating outdated regulations that imposed unnecessary screening requirements on cruise ships and cruise ship terminals. The amendments enter into effect on 18 April. **83 Fed. Reg. 12086** (3/19/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-03-19/pdf/2018-05394.pdf>].

USCG – marine casualty reporting property damage thresholds



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule amending the monetary threshold amounts for reporting a marine casualty and a serious marine incident. The amendments enter into effect on 18 April. **83 Fed. Reg.**

11889 (3/19/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-03-19/pdf/2018-05467.pdf>].

DOS – meeting re IMO LEG 105



The Department of State (DOS) issued a notice stating that it will conduct a meeting on 16 April in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming session of the IMO Legal Committee (LEG 105). Topics on the agenda include provision of financial security in case of abandonment of seafarers and with respect to claims for personal injury or death and fair treatment of seafarers in the event of a maritime accident. **83 Fed. Reg. 12070** (3/19/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-03-19/pdf/2018-05480.pdf>].

USCG – study of Western Rivers System



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that it seeks input from mariners for a study of navigation requirements for the entire Western Rivers System. Comments should be submitted by 1 July. (3/16/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/03/16/3-16-2018-coast-guard-seeks-mariner-input-for-western-rivers-study/>].

USCG – summary of CTAC meeting



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** summarizing the recent meeting of the Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). (3/16/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/03/16/3-16-2018-summary-of-latest-chemical-transportation-advisory-committee-meeting/>].

USCG – Proceedings



The **Spring 2018 edition** of the Proceedings of the Coast Guard Journal of Safety & Security at Sea has been posted. The focus of this edition is Marine Protected Areas. (3/16/18) [[http://digitaleditions.walsworthprintgroup.com/publication/?m=44587&l=1#{\"issue_id\":479100,\"page\":0}}](http://digitaleditions.walsworthprintgroup.com/publication/?m=44587&l=1#{\)].

UK – ship-barge collision in heavy weather



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued the report of its investigation of the collision of the general cargo ship Saga Sky and the rock carrying barge Stema Barge II on 20 November 2016 off the south coast of the UK. The barge was anchored prior to the collision. The cargo vessel dropped its anchor at about time of the collision. Heavy weather caused both anchors to drag, severing two subsea power cables. The cargo vessel was found to have deficiencies with its weather forecast reception facilities and the barge should not have been allowed to anchor so near the subsea cables. **Report 3-2018 (3/16/18)** [<https://www.gov.uk/maib-reports/collision-between-general-cargo-ship-saga-sky-and-barge-stema-barge-ii-resulting-in-subsea-power-cables-damage>].

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