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USCG – Alert re compliance with SOLAS & USCG regs



The US Coast Guard issued a Safety Alert addressing lessons learned from the SS El Faro casualty concerning compliance with SOLAS and USCG regulations for operation of main propulsion and essential auxiliary machinery.

Alert 04-18 (4/3/18)

[<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/INV/Alerts/0418.pdf?ver=2018-04-03-145509-853>].

USCG – fire protection, detection & extinguishing equipment



The US Coast Guard issued a policy letter providing guidance on implementation of new standards for fire protection, detection, and extinguishing equipment used on inspected and uninspected vessels, OCS facilities, deepwater ports, and mobile offshore drilling units. **CG-CVC Policy Letter 18-04** (4/3/18) [https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/CG-CVC/Policy%20Letters/2018/CG-CVC_pol18-04.pdf].

NBSAC – meeting on 8-10 May



The National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 8-10 May in Portland, OR. Topics on the agenda include alternatives to pyrotechnic visual distress signals and paddlesports issues. **83 Fed. Reg. 14467** (4/4/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-04-04/pdf/2018-06865.pdf>].

USCG – NMSAC members sought



The US Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the National Maritime Security Advisory Committee (NMSAC). Applications should be submitted by 3 May. **83 Fed. Reg. 14282** (4/3/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-04-03/pdf/2018-06745.pdf>].

USCG – hydrocarbons and reservoirs



The USCG Drill Down publication in this edition focuses on **Basic Primer on Hydrocarbons and Reservoirs**. (4/3/18) [<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/OCS%20NCOE/Drill%20Downs/DRILL%20DOWN%20-%20Hydrocarbons%20&%20Reservoirs%204.3.2018.pdf>].

FMC – demurrage, detention & free time practices



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that it has ordered ocean common carriers (OCCs) to provide information and documents explaining port demurrage, detention, and free time practices. A

similar effort with respect to container terminals at major US ports. (4/2/18)
[https://www.fmc.gov/fmc_issues_information_demands_in_detention_demurrage_investigation/].

FMC – notice of request for additional information



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice of request for additional information regarding two related agreements: Tacoma Marine Terminal Operator Conference Agreement and Tacoma Marine Terminal Operator Cooperative Working Agreement. Interested parties may file comments within 15 days. **83 Fed. Reg. 14461** (4/4/18)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-04-04/pdf/2018-06889.pdf>].

Miami – PORTS improves safety



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** stating that its Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System (PORTS) is making transits of large ships through the Port of Miami safer. (4/3/18) [<http://www.noaa.gov/media-release/noaa-joins-with-portmiami-to-let-larger-cargo-ships-safely-enter-seaport>].

St Lawrence Seaway – maximum allowable draft



The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System (GLSLSS) issued a **news release** stating that the maximum allowable draft in the Montreal to Lake Ontario section has been increased to 80.8 dm (26' 06"). Vessels with an approved and operational draft information system will be permitted to transit at a draft up to 7 cm (3") above the maximum allowable draft. (4/3/18)
[<http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/pdf/navigation/notice20180403.pdf>].

UK – Safety Digest



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued its **Safety Digest 1/2018**. The focus of this edition is avoidable accidents. (4/3/18)
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/694802/2018_-_SD1_-_MAIB_Safety_Digest.pdf].

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