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USCG – HALLTS system under development



The US Coast Guard posted a **bulletin** stating that it's Research and Development Center (RDC) is developing a Hailing Acoustic Laser Light Tactical System (HALLTS) to better attract boaters' attention and communicate with them. Its long-range directional speaker is capable of projecting a warning tone more than 3,500 yards and its eye-safe laser can project a dazzling light. (4/10/18) [<http://coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/04/rdte-spotlight-laser-light-communication-system-cg-hallts/>].

USCG – CG-FAC 2017 Annual Report



The USCG Office of Port and Facility Compliance (CG-FAC) posted its **2017 Annual Report**. This report highlights the efforts of CG-FAC and its partners to ensure US port communities are a safe and secure place to do business. (4/10/18) [<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/CG-FAC/Documents/Year%20in%20Review/YearInReview2017.pdf?ver=2018-04-04-072205-503>].

USCG – NAVCEN Year in Review



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** summarizing the Navigation Center (NAVCEN) developments during 2017 and providing access to its Year in Review. (4/10/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/04/10/4-10-2018-navigation-center-2017-year-in-review/>].

DHS – GPS WN rollover event



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a **Memorandum** for US owners and operators using GPS to obtain UTC time. The next GPS Week Number (WN) rollover event will occur on 6 April 2019. Some older GPS devices may not correctly interpret the WN rollover event resulting in potentially inaccurate UTC time. (4/10/18) [https://ics-cert.us-cert.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Memorandum_on_GPS_2019.pdf].

MARAD – GPS interference near Port Said



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) posted an **Alert** reporting GPS interference in the vicinity of Port Said, Egypt. Caution should be exercised when transiting this area. (4/10/18) [<https://www.marad.dot.gov/msci/alert/2018/2018-004b-gps-interference-port-said-egypt/>].

Offshore Massachusetts – proposed lease sale



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a Proposed Sale Notice (PSN) for the sale of wind energy leases on the outer continental shelf offshore Massachusetts. Comments should be submitted by 11 June. **83 Fed. Reg. 15618** (4/11/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-04-11/pdf/2018-07379.pdf>].

New York Bight – call for information & nominations



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a notice calling for information and nominations for commercial leasing for wind power on the outer continental shelf in the New York Bight. Responses must be received by 29 May. **83 Fed. Reg. 15602** (4/11/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-04-11/pdf/2018-07445.pdf>].

Court – crew member personal injury



In an unpublished decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit affirmed the district court ruling in a crew member personal injury claim. Plaintiff failed to contact defendant's medical representative and elected to utilize outside medical services. **Jackson v NCL America**, No. 17-10399 (11th Cir., April 10, 2018) [<http://media.ca11.uscourts.gov/opinions/unpub/files/201710399.pdf>].

Ireland – Safe Seas-Connected Coasts



The Commissioners of Irish Lights (CIL) issued a **news release** announcing publication of Safe Seas – Connected Coasts, its five-year plan for enhancing marine aids to navigation. (4/10/18) [<http://www.irishlights.ie/who-we-are/press-releases/safe-seas-connected-coasts.aspx>].

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