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USCG – VRP alternative planning criteria



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that most accepted alternative planning criteria in vessel response plans (VRPs) will expire on 30 June. It is recommended that new alternatives, or those submitted for renewal, follow the updated alternative planning criteria national guidelines, found at [CG-MER Policy Letter 1-17](#). Plan preparers should allow 180 days for review and potential acceptance. (4/11/18) [http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/APC_in_VRPs_180411.pdf].

USCG – proposed change to Navstar GPS control segment



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** advising that the GPS Directorate will propose a change to the Navstar GPS Control Segment to the User Support Community Interfaces (ICD-GPS-870), Interface Control Documents that will remove Section One from the GPS Operational Advisory. User of the Operational Advisory message, or the Section One information, are requested to submit a comment using the 'Contact Us' link on the USCG Navigation Center website to help the NAVCEN understand how the loss of this information would impact operations. The CGSIC will compile responses from the community and provide them to the GPS Directorate in advance of the next GPS Public Interface Control Working Group. (4/11/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/04/11/4-11-2018-gps-directorate-proposes-change-to-navstar-gps-control-segment/>].

MARAD – MTSNAC members sought



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) seeks nominations for membership on the US Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee (MTSNAC). Nominations must be received by 29 May. **83 Fed. Reg. 15896** (4/12/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-04-12/pdf/2018-07565.pdf>].

Australia – vessel garbage management survey



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **news release** stating that, through 18 May, it is conducting vessel garbage management survey. (4/11/18) [<https://www.amsa.gov.au/news-community/news-and-media-releases/vessel-garbage-management-survey>].

Australia – Port State Control Report 2017



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) posted its **Port State Control Report 2017**. (4/6/18) [<https://www.amsa.gov.au/vessels-operators/port-state-control/port-state-control-report-2017>].

India – mandatory use of electronic trade documents



The Indian Ministry of Shipping issued an **Order** stating that, with effect from 2 April 2108, stakeholders in the maritime trade are to use e-Invoice, e-Payment, and e-Delivery. (3/27/18)
[<http://shipping.nic.in/showfile.php?lid=2691>].

US & Japan – East China Sea navigational maneuvers



The US Navy issued a **news release** stating that USN and Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) assets conducted navigational maneuvers in the East China Sea. (4/11/18)
[http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=105096].

UK – Royal Navy warships deployed to NE Asia



The UK Ministry of Defence (MoD) issued a **news release** stating that three Royal Navy warships have been deployed to North East Asia to safeguard free trade and support UN sanctions against North Korea. (4/11/18)
[<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/royal-navy-ships-fulfil-international-duty-in-asia-pacific>].

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