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Chicago – rescue in heavy fog



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that a call was received by a passenger on a yacht with 49 persons onboard reporting that the vessel was lost in heavy fog in Lake Michigan off Navy Pier. A response boat was dispatched, found the vessel, and escorted it into port. The vessel had no operating navigation or radio systems. The master was issued citations for negligent operations and for operating without required navigation lights. (6/12/18)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1f696a9>].

Senate – bill introduced re transportation infrastructure assessment



Senator Rounds (R-SD) introduced a bill (S. 3043) to require USTRANSCOM assessments of transportation infrastructure. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (6/11/18).

EC – €6.14 billion fund proposed for maritime economy



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** stating that it is proposing a new €6.14 billion fund for European fisheries and the maritime economy. (6/12/18) [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-4104_en.htm].

Indian Ocean – counter-piracy exercise



EUNAVFOR issued a press release stating that a combined counter-piracy exercise was conducted on 6-8 June in waters around the Horn of Africa and the Gulf of Aden. (6/12/18) [].

UK – OSRO accreditation



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued the **National Standard for Marine Oil Spill Response Organisations**. Certain UK ports, harbors, oil-handling facilities, and offshore facilities are required to prepare and submit oil pollution preparedness, response, and cooperation (OPRC) plans. From 10 September 2018, guidelines will require that each plan must include a contract with an accredited third-party Tier 2 oil spill response organization (OSRO). (6/8/18) [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/715009/UK_National_Standard_for_Marine_Oil_Spill_Response_Organisations.pdf].

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