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USCG – safety alert re PFDs



The US Coast Guard issued a Safety Alert to raise awareness of a potentially dangerous circumstance involving Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs). During several inspections involving different vessels, Coast Guard personnel discovered a significant number (>100) of unwearable type 1 PFDs that would have presented a problem for users if needed in an emergency. During recent PFD inspections, inspectors discovered that the securing strap was secured at its bitter end, and was also fused to the side of the PFD by what appeared to be the shell coating or color-matching material. As a result, a user is unable to separate the halves of the PFD to open the gap and place over the head to wear. Based on the number of problematic PFDs discovered, the Coast Guard is strongly recommending that owners and operators using this type of PFD inspect each one for this condition. If problematic PFDs are discovered, owners and operators are encouraged to report their findings to the Coast Guard. **Alert 11-18 (6/18/18)** [<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/INV/Alerts/1118.pdf?ver=2018-06-18-155008-357>].

USCG – IMO 2020 Sulphur Cap



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** on the agency's perspective on the IMO 2020 Sulphur Cap. (6/18/18)
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/06/18/6-18-2018-posidonia-2018-coast-guard-perspective-on-imo-2020-sulphur-cap/>].

USN – rescue and transfer



The US Navy issued a **news release** stating that the expeditionary fast transport USNS Trenton (T-EPF 5) conducted a passenger transport of 41 individuals to ships of the Italian Coast Guard off the island of Lampedusa. The individuals had been rescued by Trenton off the coast of Libya. (6/17/18)
[http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=106030].

SLSDC – Advisory Board meeting on 23 July



The Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC) will meet via teleconference on 23 July. **83 Fed. Reg. 28488** (6/19/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-06-19/pdf/2018-13131.pdf>].

Court – maintenance award



In an unpublished decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled in favor of a seafarer who sought a maintenance award at a higher rate than the actual cost of food and lodging aboard ship. **Sabow v American Seafoods Company**, No. 16-35521 (9th Cir., June 15, 2018)
[<https://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/memoranda/2018/06/15/16-35521.pdf>].

UK – marine equipment type approval



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued an updated version of its guidance on obtaining type approval of marine equipment. **MSN**

1874 (M&F) (6/18/18) [<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/msn-1874mf-amendment-2-marine-equipment-directive-other-approval-standards>].

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