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USCG – marine protected areas



The US Coast Guard promulgated its updated internal instruction 'Coast Guard Operations and Federal Marine Protected Areas'. The instruction provides guidance to field units regarding coordination of their activities to support other federal agencies in the enforcement of applicable federal laws and regulations. **COMDTINST 16004.4A** (6/16/18)

[https://media.defense.gov/2018/Jun/28/2001937203/-1/-1/o/CI_16004_4A.PDF].

USCG – preparation for ICOC



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** reminding operators of foreign passenger vessels that the vessel must be fully ready for its Initial Certificate of Compliance (ICOC) by the time USCG inspectors arrive on board. (7/18/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/07/18/7-18-2018-foreign-flag-passenger-vessels-and-the-initial-certificate-of-compliance-exam/>].

Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal – RNA amended



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule amending the navigational and operational restrictions of the regulated navigation area (RNA) on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal (CSSC) near Romeoville and removing the redundant safety zone. The amendments enter into effect on 20 August. **83 Fed. Reg. 34042** (7/19/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-07-19/pdf/2018-15428.pdf>].

SSBAC – meeting on 22 August



The Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council (SSBAC), sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will meet in Long Island City on 22 August. **83 Fed. Reg. 34120** (7/19/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-07-19/pdf/2018-15452.pdf>].

USCRTF – meeting on 16 August



The US Coral Reef Task Force (USCRTF), sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will meet in Pago Pago, American Samoa on 16 August. **83 Fed. Reg. 341210** (7/19/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-07-19/pdf/2018-15453.pdf>].

DOJ – \$1 million fine for ORB violation



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that a ship management company has been sentenced to pay a fine of \$1 million and to serve two years' probation after being convicted for failure to maintain an accurate oil record book and making false statements concerning the illegal

dumping oil oily bilge water at sea. While on probation the company must implement a court-supervised environmental compliance program. (7/12/18) [<https://www.justice.gov/usao-hi/pr/singaporean-shipping-company-pay-1-million-fine-oil-tank-vessel-pollution>].

NTSB – excessive ice accumulation



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a safety alert concerning the stability dangers of excessive ice accumulation on vessels. **Safety Alert 2018-074** (6/20/18) [<https://www.ntsb.gov/safety/safety-alerts/Documents/SA-074.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re Nord Stream 2 pipeline



Representative Huffman (D-CA) introduced the **Countering Russian Power Plays Act** (H.R. 6384) to impose sanctions relating to persons operating the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, and for other purposes. Representative Huffman issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (16/7/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr6384ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr6384ih.pdf>].

ReCAAP – half-year report



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre issued its **Half-Year Report** regarding piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asian waters for the period January-June 2018. The total of 40 such incidents is the lowest among the 10-year reporting period of January-June of 2009-2018. (7/17/18) [<http://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/reports/half-year/ReCAAP%20ISC%20Half%20Yearly%202018%20Report.pdf>].

UK & Ireland – DGPS survey



The Commissioners of Irish Lights issued a **press release** stating that The General Lighthouse Authorities of the UK and Ireland are conducting, through 30 September, a survey to gauge current and future user requirements for their differential global positioning system (DGPS) service. (7/17/18) [<https://www.irishlights.ie/who-we-are/press-releases/differential-gps-user-survey.aspx>].

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