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USCG – RFI re icebreaker SLEP



The US Coast Guard published a **Request for Information (RFI)** regarding a Service Life Extension Project (SLEP) for the icebreaker USCGC Polar Star. Responses must be received by 3 August. (7/18/18)
[https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=52edcd8e24452192b96b49eb2c3f9f63&tab=core&_cview=0].

Table Rock Lake – duck boat salvage completed



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that salvage of the duck boat Stretch Duck 7 from Table Rock Lake has been completed and the safety zone is no longer in effect. (7/23/18)
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/200ac51>].

USCG – Proceedings magazine



The US Coast Guard posted the **Fall 2018** issue of the Proceedings of the Marine Safety & Security Council. The focus of this edition is Safeguarding America's Waterways. (7/3/18) [<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/Proceedings-Magazine/>].

Hawaii – false killer whale



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) promulgated a final rule designating a critical habitat for the Main Hawaiian Islands Insular False Killer Whale Distinct Population Segment. The rule enters into effect on 23 August. **83 Fed. Reg. 35062** (7/24/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-07-24/pdf/2018-15500.pdf>].

PNT Board – teleconference on 6 August



The National Space-Based Positioning, Navigation, and Timing Advisory Board (PNT Board), sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), will meet via teleconference on 6 August. **83 Fed. Reg. 35028** (7/24/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-07-24/pdf/2018-15753.pdf>].

House – hearing on USCG acquisition programs



The Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation of the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure will meet on 24 July to receive testimony regarding an Update on Coast Guard Acquisition Programs and Mission Balance and Effectiveness. Witnesses include: VADM Daniel Abel; ADM Michael McAllister; and Ms. Marie A. Mak, GAO.

Eastland sinking – 24 July 1915



On 24 July 1915, the passenger vessel **EASTLAND** capsized and sank at its dock on Lake Michigan in Chicago. Of the approximately 2,600 persons on board, 844 drowned. It remains the largest loss of life from a single shipwreck in the history of the Great Lakes. The ship was launched in 1903 and

immediately acquired a reputation for being tender. It was top-heavy, with the center of gravity being too high, particularly when a large number of passengers congregated on the top deck. On the fatal date, the Western Electric Company had chartered the EASTLAND and two other passenger vessels to take employees and their families to a picnic in Michigan City. Legislation resulting from the Titanic disaster had recently been enacted requiring the EASTLAND and other passenger ships to install new (and heavier) lifeboats, further exacerbating its listing problem. At about 7:15 in the morning, shortly before the ship was due to get underway, it began to list to port. Despite desperate efforts by the crew to ballast the vessel, it lurched onto its side and sank at the pier. The company president and three senior company officers were indicted for manslaughter, but never tried. Legislation was later adopted mandating improvements to vessel stability.

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