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USCG & NOAA – US Coast Pilot



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** announcing that the first edition of NOAA's US Coast Pilot containing both the Navigation Rules and the COLREGs is now available for free download. (7/26/18)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/07/26/7-26-2018-first-edition-of-noaas-u-s-coast-pilot-containing-navigation-rules-and-72-colregs-now-available/>].

EC – French support for tidal energy project



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** stating that it has approved French support for the tidal energy demonstration plant at Raz Blanchard. (7/26/18) [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-4685_en.htm].

Australia – float-free EPIRBs to become mandatory



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **news release** stating that, effective 1 January 2021, vessels of 12 meters or greater (other than recreational vessels) must be equipped with float-free EPIRBs. (7/26/18) [<https://www.amsa.gov.au/news-community/news-and-media-releases/float-free-epirbs-mandatory-january-2021>].

New Zealand – blind passage leads to grounding



The New Zealand Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) issued the report of its investigation of the grounding of the passenger vessel L'Astral on 9 February 2017 in Milford Sound, Fiordland. It was dark and there were no external visual aids to navigation. The bridge team relied solely on the ship's electronic navigation systems to conduct the pilotage. While making a turn, the pilot lost awareness of exactly where the ship was, the direction in which it was heading, and the effects of wind and tide. Well off the planned track, the ship struck a charted stony bank. The hull was not breached and there were no injuries. The other bridge team members had noticed that the ship was off its planned track but did not bring this to the pilot's attention until it was too late. In addition, the bridge team was not making full use of the ship's electronic navigation systems to ensure the ship remained on track. **MO-2017-202** (7/26/18) [<https://taic.org.nz/sites/default/files/inquiry/documents/17-202%20Final.pdf>].

New Zealand – safety requirements for large recreational vessels



Maritime New Zealand issued a **media release** stating that, in light of the fatal yachting accident in 2016, it plans to institute further measures to improve the safety of large recreational vessels departing New Zealand for overseas transits. (7/26/18) [<https://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/public/news/media-releases-2018/20180726a.asp>].

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