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The US Coast Guard issued a Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) providing guidance on qualification for and renewal of STCW endorsements for service as Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch (OICNW) on vessels of less than 500 GT that are valid in all waters. **NVIC 02-18** (8/6/18) [[https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/5ps/NVIC/2018/NVIC-02\\_18.pdf](https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/5ps/NVIC/2018/NVIC-02_18.pdf)].

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### USCG – recap of meeting with AWO



The US Coast Guard posted a **bulletin** providing a recap of the Coast Guard-American Waterways Operators (AWO) steering committee meeting of 31 July, which focused on concerns of the partnership and industry. (8/9/18)  
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/08/09/8-9-2018-recap-of-coast-guard-american-waterways-operators-steering-committee-meeting/>].

### MARAD – meeting on 12 September re DWP



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a notice stating that a public scoping meeting will be held on 12 September in Corpus Christi in connection with the Texas Gulf Terminals, Inc. deepwater port (DWP) license application. Written comments on the application must be received by 14 September. **83 Fed. Reg. 39813** (8/10/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-08-10/pdf/2018-17108.pdf>].

### IWUB – meeting rescheduled to 28 August



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a notice stating that the meeting of the Inland Waterways Users Board (IWUB), originally scheduled for 30 August, has been rescheduled to 28 August. **83 Fed. Reg. 39734** (8/10/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-08-10/pdf/2018-17157.pdf>].

### NOAA – lower than normal hurricane season



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** stating that it is now forecasting a lower than normal hurricane season in the North Atlantic for 2018. (8/9/18)  
[<http://www.noaa.gov/media-release/noaa-forecasters-lower-atlantic-hurricane-season-prediction>].

## Panama Canal – July operations



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory summarizing Canal operations during July. It also includes the schedule of locks maintenance outages for the remainder of the year. **Advisory 27-2018** (8/8/18) [<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2018/a-27-2018.pdf>].

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