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Hawaii – hurricane warnings raised



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that port condition Yankee has been set for the island of Hawaii and port condition X-ray has been set for the other main islands due to the approach of Hurricane Lane. (8/21/18) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/207a653>].

USCG – safety alert re gangways and ladders



The US Coast Guard issued a Safety Alert reminding stakeholders of the potential safety hazards relating to gangways and ladders. Links are provided to a number of published requirements and best practices to improve gangway safety. Alert 14-18 (8/21/18) [].

USCG – “Onboard BW Management System” guidance



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** providing guidance regarding completion of the “Onboard BW Management System” block on the National Ballast Information Clearinghouse (NBIC) Ballast Water Management Report. (8/21/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/08/21/8-21-2018-onboard-bw-management-system-do-you-know-which-option-to-select-on-nbics-ballast-water-management-report/>].

NOSAC – meeting on 10-11 September



The National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 10-11 September in Houston. Topics on the agenda include lessons learned; ballast water management for MODUs; and use of OSVs for restoration/recovery activities. **83 Fed. Reg. 42521** (8/22/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-08-22/pdf/2018-18070.pdf>].

USCG – shore leave survey



The US Coast Guard met with the Director of the Seamen’s Church Institute (SCI) Center for Seafarers’ Rights and received its **2018 Shore Leave Survey**. The annual survey is conducted at the Coast Guard’s request and assesses the ability of foreign seafarers to go on shore leave while their ships are making US port calls. The most recent survey revealed that 90.9% of foreign seafarers were allowed to go on shore leave, continuing a trend of gradual improvement. (8/16/18) [<https://seamenschurch.org/sites/default/files/Shore%20Leave%20Survey-2018%20.pdf>].

Eastern Pacific – USN sailor lost overboard



The US Navy issued a **news release** stating that it and the US Coast Guard are searching waters of the eastern Pacific for a Navy sailor who apparently fell overboard from the cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70). (8/20/18)

[http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=106794]. *Note: This is the second Navy sailor apparently lost overboard in the last two weeks.*

OFAC – six Russian vessels sanctioned



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued a **notice** listing individuals, entities, and vessels subject to US economic sanctions. The list includes six Russian-flag vessels for violation of the sanctions against North Korea. (8/21/18) [<https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/OFAC-Enforcement/Pages/20180821.aspx>].

Arctic – sea ice conditions



The National Snow and Ice Data Center (NSIDC) issued a **news release** summarizing current sea ice conditions in the Arctic. Sea ice coverage has been low this summer, but not to record-setting levels. While the Northern Sea Route is mostly ice-free, the Northwest Passage is relatively choked with ice. For the first year in recorded history, the sea ice normally fast to the shore of northern Greenland has deteriorated to the point that it has broken free. (8/15/18) [<http://nsidc.org/arcticseaicenews/>].

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