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South Carolina – safety zones due to high water



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that safety zones have been established on virtually all waters of northeast South Carolina due to high water. (9/24/18)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/2of9c4d>].

USCG – GOM AMSC security exercise



The US Coast Guard posted a [bulletin](http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/09/24/9-24-2018-gulf-of-mexico-area-maritime-security-committee-annual-security-exercise/) summarizing the recent Gulf of Mexico Area Maritime Security Committee annual security exercise held in Galveston. (9/24/18) [http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/09/24/9-24-2018-gulf-of-mexico-area-maritime-security-committee-annual-security-exercise/].

USCG – CRADA re AIS/DMB



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it intends to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with Astronics DME to investigate adding/substituting an AIS component into the RB-100 series data marker buoy (DMB). Comments must be received by 25 October. [83 Fed. Reg. 48451](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-25/pdf/2018-20834.pdf) (9/25/18) [https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-25/pdf/2018-20834.pdf].

FMC – Dole Ocean Cargo Express



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that it received a petition from Dole Ocean Cargo Express Inc for relief from the requirement to file individual service contract amendments due to an internal corporate restructuring. Comments must be received by 2 October. [83 Fed. Reg. 48424](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-25/pdf/2018-20523.pdf) (9/25/18) [https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-25/pdf/2018-20523.pdf].

ANSTF – meeting on 15 October



The Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force (ANSTF), sponsored by the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), will meet via teleconference/web on 15 October to discuss the next ANSTF Strategic Plan. [83 Fed. Reg. 47000](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-25/pdf/2018-20523.pdf) (9/25/18) [].

CMTS – 2017-2018 annual report



The Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS) issued a **bulletin** announcing that the 2017-2018 annual report has been completed. (9/18/18) [<https://www.cmts.gov/posts/2d67a778-2dbe-44a1-ad2b-2fo449e4b4e9>].

Court – tug owner is operator of barge



The US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled that the, under the Oil Pollution Act (OPA 90), the owner of a tug is ‘operating’ an oil barge that the tug was moving at the time of a collision that resulted in an oil spill. **United States v Nature’s Way Marine**, No. 17-60698 (5th Cir., September 21, 2018) [<http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/17/17-60698-CVO.pdf>]. *Note: This is a case of first impression in an appellate court.*

Indian Ocean – two solo yachtsmen rescued



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **news release** stating that it coordinated the successful rescue of two solo yachtsmen in the middle of the Indian Ocean whose yachts were rolled and dismantled in rough weather. (9/25/18) [<https://www.amsa.gov.au/news-community/news-and-media-releases/update-rescue-solo-yachtsman-abhliash-tomy-indian-ocean>].

Panama Canal – escort tug requirements



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory stating that full container vessels transiting with displacements of 130,000 metric tons or more and dry bulk carriers and tankers with displacements of 120,000 metric tons or more require one escort tug through Gatun Lake, in addition to the standard tugs required through Gaillard Cut and at the locks. **Advisory 34-2018** (9/21/18) [<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2018/a-34-2018.pdf>].

Singapore – increased SOMS cooperation



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** stating that more than 180 participants from around 80 maritime

administrations and organizations, as well as embassies in Singapore, reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen cooperation in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS). (9/24/18)

[<https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/9a4439d1-0c6a-4bfc-9135-bdddfbfdco03>].

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