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Northern California – winter safety zones



The US Coast Guard promulgated a temporary rule establishing, through 31 March 2019, safety zones in certain waters of Humboldt Bay, Eureka, and Crescent City to be enforced upon notice by radio broadcasts during periods of heavy weather. The rule enters into effect immediately. **83 Fed. Reg. 62256** (12/3/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-12-03/pdf/2018-26105.pdf>].

USCG – icebreaker returns from Arctic deployment



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that the icebreaker USCGC Healy has returned from its 129-day deployment in the Arctic where it undertook a wide variety of research projects. (11/30/18) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/21f520f>].

FMC – meeting on 7 December



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that the Commissioners will meet on 7 December in Washington, DC. Topics on the open agenda include the final report for Fact Finding No. 28 – Conditions and Practices Relating to Detention, Demurrage, and Free Time in International Oceanborne Commerce; and licensing, financial responsibility requirements, and general duties of ocean transportation intermediaries (ITOs). During the closed portion of the meeting, they will consider a briefing on alliance agreements and West Coast Marine Terminal Operator (MTO) monitoring requirements. [83 Fed. Reg. 62320](#) (12/3/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-12-03/pdf/2018-26314.pdf>].

FCC – fishing net buoys



The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued a notice stating that the marketing, sale, or use of fishing net buoys that use radio frequencies reserved for marine navigation safety communications is prohibited. [Enforcement Advisory 2018-04](#) (11/28/18) [<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-18-1211A1.pdf>]. *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Joe Hersey at [JoeCel Engineering & Consulting, LLC](#).*

Atlantic Ocean – seismic surveys authorized



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a [news release](#) stating that authorizations have been issued to companies proposing to conduct seismic geophysical surveys in support of hydrocarbon exploration in the Atlantic Ocean that might incidentally, but not intentionally, harass marine mammals. (11/30/18) [<https://www.noaa.gov/media-release/authorizations-issued-for-marine-mammal-impacts-from-atlantic-geophysical-surveys>].

Boundary Pass – hydrophone station



Transport Canada issued a [news release](#) stating that it will deploy an underwater hydrophone station in Boundary Pass, British Columbia to detect and measure vessel and ambient noises in an effort to support recovery of Southern Resident Killer Whales. (11/29/18) [<https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2018/11/government-of-canada-takes-additional-steps-to-support-recovery-of-the-southern-resident-killer-whales-in-the-salish-sea.html>].

Denmark – fight against piracy



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a [press release](#) announcing the Government's priorities in the fight against piracy and other types of maritime crime. (11/30/18) [<https://www.dma.dk/Presse/Nyheder/Sider/The-Danish-Government-continues-efforts-against-piracy-until-2022.aspx>].

Ireland – Kapa Silver mooring rope



The Irish Department of Transport, Tourism, and Sport issued a notice warning against use of Kapa Silver mooring rope. The rope could part during usage, potentially causing injury or death to crew members. [Marine Notice 43-2018](#) (11/30/18) [<http://www.dttas.ie/sites/default/files/43%20of%202018%20Item%20in%20R%20apex%20week%2042.pdf>].

Singapore – open-loop scrubber washwater discharges prohibited



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a brochure entitled [IMO 2020 – A Guide for Ships Calling to the Port of Singapore](#). It explains how MPA will enforce the low sulphur fuel requirements entering into effect that year. Among other things, among other things, open-loop scrubber washwater discharges will be prohibited. (11/30/18) [<https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/singapore-registry-of-ships/about-srs-and-what-new/IMO-2020-Fuel-Oil-Sulphur-Limit>].

Singapore & Malaysia – territorial disagreement



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular advising mariners that the Government of Singapore does not recognize a recent declaration by the Government of Malaysia purporting to alter the port limits for Johore Bahru Port. Owners and masters of vessels are reminded that Singapore's territorial waters extend westward of Singapore's current port limits around Tuas and vessels operating in this area are to continue to comply with applicable Singapore regulations. **Port Marine Circular 8-2018** (11/30/18) [<https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notice/detail/14644ffc-61ee-4b19-b416-439dfoafea5c>].

UK – Approved Doctor's Manual



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued its **Approved Doctor's Manual** discussing the procedures to be followed by approved doctors who carry out medical examinations on seafarers serving on board UK vessels. (11/30/18)
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/760780/November_2018_AD_Manual.pdf].

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