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## **Cape Canaveral – safety zone**



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that a safety zone has been established in waters off Cape Canaveral after a SpaceX Falcon 9 landed in the water. (12/5/18)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/2206c5d>].

*Note: It appears that, after a successful launch of an ISS resupply mission, the first stage separated and landed in the ocean after losing control.*

## **USCG – MERPAC members sought**



The US Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the Merchant Mariner Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC). Applications should be submitted by 4 February 2019. [83 Fed. Reg. 62876](#) (12/6/18)

[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-12-06/pdf/2018-26420.pdf>].

## USCG – MEDMAC members sought



The US Coast Guard seeks applications from interested individuals for membership on the Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee (MEDMAC). Applications should be submitted by 4 February 2019. **83 Fed. Reg. 62844** (12/6/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-12-06/pdf/2018-26499.pdf>].

## USCG – inland tender fleet replacement



The US Coast Guard is in the early stages of a **replacement program** for its inland tender fleet of 35 cutters that support the service's aids to navigation (ATON) mission in federal inland waterways. The inland tenders can also perform missions such as search and rescue (SAR); ports, waterways, and coastal security: marine safety; and marine environmental protection. [<https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Acquisitions-CG-9/Programs/Surface-Programs/WCC/>].

## EMSA – transport cybersecurity conference



The European Maritime Safety Administration (EMSA) issued a **press release** stating that the 1<sup>st</sup> Transport Cybersecurity Conference will be held in Lisbon on 23 January 2019. (12/5/18) [<http://www.emsa.europa.eu/emsa-homepage/2-news-a-press-centre/news/3418-1st-transport-cyber-security-conference.html>].

## New Zealand – \$400 fine for passengers with pests



Biosecurity New Zealand issued a **media release** announcing that cruise ship passengers who bring ashore foods or other items that could carry dangerous pests or diseases are now subject to a fine of \$400. (12/4/18) [<https://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/news-and-resources/media-releases/cruise-ship-fines-start/>].

## SS Mont Blanc explosion in Halifax – 6 December 1917



The freighter **SS Mont Blanc** exploded in the Halifax Narrows on 6 December 1917, following its collision with the *SS Imo*. The freighter was

carrying military explosives and ammunition from New York to France. The crew abandoned ship after the collision, but a fire caused by the collision detonated 20 minutes later. The entire crew survived, except for one individual killed by falling debris. The explosion, though, was so powerful that it destroyed major parts of the nearby buildings and houses, killing approximately 2,000 residents in Halifax and Dartmouth. The incident is explored in depth in the book Curse of the Narrows by Laura MacDonald.

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