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USCG – LPG spills on water



The US Coast Guard posted the report from Sandia National Laboratories entitled “Guidance on Hazard and Safety Analyses of LPG Spills on Water”. **SAND2018-10338** (April 2018)

[https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/5ps/Operating%20and%20Environmental%20Standards/OES-2/Policy%20Letters/SAND2018_10338.pdf?ver=2018-12-17-143422-730].

USCG – recreational vessel CODs



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that the newly-enacted Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 includes a provision providing for recreational boaters to have their Certificates of Documentation (COD) to be

valid for five years. The automated systems at the National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC) are being updated to accommodate this change. (12/17/18)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/2228fc5>].

USCG – draft Merchant Mariner Medical Manual



The US Coast Guard has extended, until 13 February 2019, the period within which to submit comments on the draft **Merchant Mariner Medical Manual**, COMDTINST M16721,48. **83 Fed. Reg. 64807** (12/18/18) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-12-18/pdf/2018-27330.pdf>].

FMC – revised user fees



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** reminding stakeholders that its revised user fees enter into effect on 19 December. (12/17/18)

[https://www.fmc.gov/user_fees_revised_effective_12_19_2018/].

IMO – Shaping Maritime Safety and Security



The IMO posted an 8-minute safety video entitled **Shaping Maritime Safety and Security**. (12/10/18) [<https://youtu.be/QieBWO2JTDA>].

Equasis – world merchant fleet



Equasis posted its publication “**World Merchant Fleet in 2017**”. The report shows that there are over 90,000 ships of 100 gt or greater, with a total gross tonnage in excess of 1 billion. (12/14/18)

[<http://www.equasis.org/Fichiers/Statistique/MOA/Documents%20availables%20on%20statistics%20of%20Equasis/Equasis%20Statistics%20-%20The%20world%20fleet%202017.pdf>].

Singapore – ships operating in polar waters



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular reminding stakeholders of the training and certification requirements for ships

operating in polar waters. [Shipping Circular 17-2018](#) (12/17/18)
[<https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/447565cc-40b4-41d6-8f12-c799a2366476>].

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