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USCG – cyber risk management for towing industry



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** highlighting the recently-published AWO publication: '**Cyber Risk Management: Best Practices for the Towing Industry, Version 1.0**'. (12/18/18)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/12/18/12-18-2018-cyber-risk-management-best-practices-for-the-towing-industry/>].

DHS OIG – TWIC program assessment



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) posted its report on the compliance by DHS and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) with the Transportation Worker

Identification Credential (TWIC) program assessment required by Public Law 114-278. The report found that DHS delayed the commissioning of a comprehensive assessment for more than a year after the statutory deadline. TSA completed four of the six required items, but only partially completed the two remaining items. **OIG-19-16** (12/14/18)
[<https://www.oig.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/assets/2018-12/OIG-19-16-Dec18.pdf>].

DOS – meeting on 9 January re NCSR 6



The Department of State (DOS) issued a notice stating that an open meeting will be held on 9 January 2019 in Arlington, Virginia in preparation for the upcoming session of the IMO Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communication, and Search & Rescue (NCSR 6). Topics on the agenda include routing measures, mandatory ship reporting systems, and guidelines on standardized modes of operation, S-mode. **83 Fed. Reg. 65197** (12/19/18)
[<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-12-19/pdf/2018-27419.pdf>].

USN – Maintaining Maritime Superiority



The US Navy released ‘**A Design for Maintaining Maritime Superiority, Version 2.0**’. The document is structured along four lines of effort (LOEs): (1) Strengthen Naval Power at and from the Sea; (2) Achieve High-Velocity Outcomes; (3) Strengthen Our Navy Team for the Future; and (4) Expand and Strengthen our Network of Partners. (12/18/18)
[https://www.navy.mil/navydata/people/cno/Richardson/Resource/Design_2.0.pdf].

NAP – transforming the MTS



The National Academies Press (NAP) published the conference proceedings entitled “**Transforming the Marine Transportation System through Multimodal Freight Analytics**”. (12/18/18)
[<https://www.nap.edu/download/25336>].

Senate – bill introduced re navigable waters



Senator Paul (R-KY) introduced a bill (S. 3760) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify the definition of navigable waters, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (12/17/18).

House – bill introduced re USCG Authorization Act



Representative Shuster (R-PA) introduced a bill (H.R. 7316) to make technical corrections to provisions of law enacted by the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018, and for other purposes. (12/17/18) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-115hr7316ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr7316ih.pdf>].

Singapore – vessels maneuvering in port



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular concerning amendment to reporting procedures for vessels maneuvering in port. **Port Marine Circular 10-2018** (12/18/18) [<https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/abf1552c-occ9-4f0f-8a62-c69681825c64>].

UK – Merchant Shipping (STCW) Regulations



The UK Department for Transport (DfT) issued amended **Merchant Shipping (STCW) Regulations** to enter into effect upon Britain's exit from the EU. (12/18/18) [<https://www.gov.uk/eu-withdrawal-act-2018-statutory-instruments/the-merchant-shipping-standards-of-training-certification-and-watchkeeping-amendment-eu-exit-regulations-2019>].

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