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USCG – crew member medically evacuated



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that an ill crew member on a vehicle carrier off the Washington coast was medically evacuated and transported to hospital. (1/11/19)
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/227a1c8>].

USCG – Dominican migrants interdicted



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that a vessel with 35 Dominican migrants and four kilograms of heroin was interdicted off Puerto

Rico. (1/10/19)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/227013f>].

Senate – bill introduced re harmful algal blooms



Senator Rubio (R-FL) introduced the **South Florida Clean Coastal Waters Act of 2019** (S. 10) to require the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia to develop a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in South Florida, and for other purposes. (1/3/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-116s10is/pdf/BILLS-116s10is.pdf>].

Senate – bill introduced re Gulf of Mexico drilling



Senator Rubio (R-FL) introduced the **Florida Shores Protection and Fairness Act** (S. 13) to include the State of Florida in the Gulf of Mexico outer Continental Shelf revenue sharing program, to extend the moratorium on oil and gas leasing in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico, and for other purposes. (1/3/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-116s13is/pdf/BILLS-116s13is.pdf>].

Senate – bill introduced re USCG pay



Senator Thune (R-SD) introduced the **Pay Our Coast Guard Act** (S.21) making continuing appropriations for Coast Guard pay in the event an appropriations act expires prior to the enactment of a new appropriations act. (1/3/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-116s21pcs/pdf/BILLS-116s21pcs.pdf>].

Senate – bill introduced re federal employee compensation



Senator Cardin (D-MD) introduced the **Government Employee Fair Treatment Act of 2019** (S. 24) to provide for the compensation of Federal and other government employees affected by lapses in appropriations. (1/3/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-116s24es/pdf/BILLS-116s24es.pdf>].

Senate – bill introduced re federal employees’ pay



Senator McCally (R-AZ) introduced a bill (S. 111) to make continuing appropriations for certain employees of the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice in the event of a shutdown of the Federal Government. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (1/10/19).

Senate – Commerce Committee reconfigured



The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation issued a **press release** stating that Senator Wicker (R-MS), Chairman has proposed that six reconfigured subcommittees be formed, including subcommittees on ‘transportation and safety’ and on science, oceans, fisheries, and weather. The subcommittees their chairs are subject to approval by the full committee.

(1/11/19)

[<https://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=DD6EB84F-3BCB-4A19-82B8-34E53893B8C5>].

BGS & NOAA – updating World Magnetic Map



The British Geological Survey issued a **report** stating that it and the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are updating that the World Magnetic Model (WMM) to take into account the recent rapid movement of the magnetic poles. Over the past 20 years, the north magnetic pole has moved with unprecedented speed from the Canadian Arctic toward the Russian Arctic. Since navigation in the polar regions and such mundane things as the compass function found in smart phones rely on knowing the current difference in location between the geographic pole and the magnetic pole, mapping the magnetic pole accurately is vital. (1/11/19)

[<http://britgeopeople.blogspot.com/2019/01/updating-world-magnetic-model-from.html>].

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance – donate now



The partial shutdown of the federal government continues, with no end in sight. Many federal employees are not being paid, whether they are considered vital and thus on the job or not considered vital and not allowed to work, even on a volunteer basis. US Coast Guard active duty members are all

considered vital and working, saving lives, facilitating maritime commerce, and protecting the marine environment every day, but without pay during the lapse in funding. We can help – by donating to **Coast Guard Mutual Assistance**. The organization provides grants and interest-free loans to deserving Coast Guard members and employees in time of need. The need is especially great now. Do your part, as they do their part to keep us all safe. (1/14/19)
[<http://www.cgmahq.org/>].

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