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Puerto Rico – 66 migrants interdicted in 72 hours



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that 66 migrants have been interdicted in waters near Puerto Rico in the previous 72 hours.

(1/14/19)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/2282f2a>].

DHS – GPS Week Number rollover



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released the memorandum '**US Owners and Operators Using GPS to Obtain Time**'. The document is intended to provide an understanding of the possible effects of the April 6, 2019 GPS Week Number Rollover on Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) derived from GPS devices. GPS users should review this memorandum and be aware of the potential impacts to their equipment when the GPS Week Number

rolls over to 0 on April 6, 2019 / April 7, 2019. Questions about how particular equipment may be impacted by the GPS Week Number rollover, it is recommended that the equipment manufacturer be contacted. [https://ics-cert.us-cert.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Memorandum_on_GPS_2019.pdf].

Australia – 2019 National Plan



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued the 2019 National Plan for maritime environmental emergencies. (1/14/19) [<https://www.amsa.gov.au/news-community/news-and-media-releases/2019-edition-national-plan>].

Ireland – undue reliance on outdated forecast



The Irish Marine Casualty Investigation Board (MCIB) issued the report of its investigation of the heavy weather incident involving the ro-ro passenger ferry Epsilon on passage from Cherbourg to Dublin on 8 February 2016. The weather forecast available on the bridge was not automatically updating, unbeknownst to the master, who concluded that the voyage could be completed before the weather worsened. The cargo had been secured in accordance with the company's manual, but the manual was not in accord with IMO cargo securing requirements. As the weather worsened, a significant amount of cargo broke loose and was damaged. **Report 6-2018** [http://www.mcib.ie/_fileupload/Documents/reports/mcib-258-mv-epsilon/2018-11-29-02-56-Epsilon%207-18_Redacted%20%20for%20the%20website%2028%20Nov.pdf].

Ireland – Brexit preparedness reminder



The Irish Department of Transport, Tourism, and Sport issued a notice reminding stakeholders of the European Commission (EC) Brexit Preparedness Notices. **Marine Notice 01-2019** (1/14/19) [<http://www.dttas.ie/sites/default/files/MN%2001%20of%202019%20%20Brexit%20Notice.pdf>].

Malta – collision due to mutual inattention



Transport Malta issued the report of its investigation of the 13 January 2018 collision between a bulk carrier and a fishing vessel in the East China Sea. The probable cause of the collision was the failure of officers of the watch on both vessels to monitor the developing situation. **Report 01-2019** (1/14/19)

[https://mtip.gov.mt/en/msiu/Documents/MV%20Doris_Final%20Safety%20Investigation%20Report.pdf].

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