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USCG – further expanded limits to CGMA loans



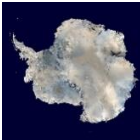
The US Coast Guard issued a Commandant Notice announcing further expanded limits to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) loans during the current lapse in appropriations. **ALCOAST 013/19** (1/18/19) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/2293964>].

USCG – commercial vessel documentation



Due to the lapse in appropriations, the USCG **National Vessel Documentation Center** (NVDC) is not able to process commercial vessel documentation matters. (1/18/19) [<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Deputy-for-Operations-Policy-and-Capabilities-DCO-D/National-Vessel-Documents-Center/>]. *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my friend Mark Remijan of **APL Maritime**. While the Coast Guard continues to keep in operation as many of its important functions as legally possible, not everything it does meets the legal definition of an activity that qualifies for continuance during this lapse in appropriations and many civilian employees and all civilian contractors are not on the job. In addition, no one is being paid.*

Antarctica – USCGC Polar Star arrives



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that USCGC Polar Star, the nation's only operational heavy icebreaker, arrived in Antarctica to participate in Operation Deep Freeze – a joint military service mission to resupply US interests in the region. (1/17/19) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/227b3aa>].

Senate – Pay Our Coast Guard Act



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 has been read a second time and placed on the Senate calendar. (1/4/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-116s21pcs/pdf/BILLS-116s21pcs.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re offshore CA drilling



Representative Carbajal (D-CA) introduced the **California Clean Coast Act of 2019** (H.R. 279) to permanently prohibit oil and gas leasing off the coast of the State of California, and for other purposes. (1/8/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-116hr279ih/pdf/BILLS-116hr279ih.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re offshore FL drilling



Representative Castor (D-FL) introduced the **Florida Coastal Protection Act** (H.R. 286) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and gas preleasing, leasing, and related activities in certain areas of the Outer Continental Shelf off the coast of Florida, and for other purposes. Representative Castor issued a **news release** explaining the measure. (1/8/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-116hr286ih/pdf/BILLS-116hr286ih.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re drilling offshore New England



Representative Cicilline (D-RI) introduced the **New England Coastal Protection Act** (H.R. 287) to prohibit oil and gas leasing on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of New England. (1/8/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-116hr287ih/pdf/BILLS-116hr287ih.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re waters of the United States



Representative Herrera Beutler (R-WA) introduced a bill (H.R. 667) to repeal the Waters of the United States rule and amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act definition of navigable waters, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (1/17/19).

IMO – sulphur limit implementation plan



The IMO issued guidance on development of a ship implementation plan for implementation of the 0.50% sulphur limit under MARPOL Annex VI, which enters into effect on 1 January 2010. **MEPC.1/Circ. 878** (11/6/18) [<http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/MEPC-Circ878.pdf>].

IMO – e-nav strategy implementation plan



The IMO issued updated guidance on the e-navigation strategy implementation plan. [MSC.1/Circ.1595](http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/MSC-Circ1595.pdf) (525/18) [<http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/MSC-Circ1595.pdf>].

UK – radio communication requirements



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a Marine Safety Note (MSN) providing guidance on radio communication requirements for SOLAS and non-SOLAS vessels. [MSN 1810 \(M+F\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/msn-1810-radio-communications-solas-and-non-solas-vessels) (1/18/19) [<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/msn-1810-radio-communications-solas-and-non-solas-vessels>].

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