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Alaska – Cutter crew member death ashore



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that an investigation has been opened to determine the cause of death of a crew member of the USCGC Douglas Munro. The cutter was in Dutch Harbor and the 19-year-old seaman was on liberty. He was found unresponsive on Amaknak Island, across the bridge from Dutch Harbor. He was pronounced dead at the clinic. (1/29/19)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/22bae34>].

USCG – status of NMC & RECs



The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) issued a [bulletin](#) providing an update on the operating status of the NMC and the Regional

Examination Centers (RECs). (1/29/19)
[https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2019/nmc_status_update_20190129.pdf].

Florida – maritime security exercise



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that a full-scale multi-agency maritime security exercise will be conducted in Key West on 1 February. (1/29/19)
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/22b3f56>].

NTSB – impact of lapse in funding



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a **news release** concerning the impact on accident investigations, including marine accidents, of the 35-day partial government shutdown. (1/29/19)
[<https://www.nts.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/NR20190129.aspx>].

House – bill introduced re DHS law enforcement pay



Representative Kelly (R-MS) introduced a bill (H.R. 815) to provide, in the event of a Government shutdown during fiscal year 2019, continuing appropriations to members and employees of the Coast Guard and law enforcement officers and custom and border protection officers within the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (1/28/19).

CRS – LHWCA report



The Congressional Research Service (CRS) issued a report concerning the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA) with an overview of workers' compensation for certain private-sector maritime workers. **R41506** (1/23/19) [<https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41506.pdf>].

Sinking of MV Wilhelm Gustloff – 30 January 1945



The **MV Wilhelm Gustloff** was launched in 1937 as a German passenger vessel. Initially used for cruises in the Baltic, it was briefly converted to a hospital ship at the start of World War II and then used as a barracks ship in German-occupied Gdynia. With the Russian assault in early 1945, the ship was designated to evacuate troops, auxiliaries, and civilians back to Germany. It departed Gdynia early on the morning of 30 January 1945 with an estimated 10,000 persons onboard, including 5,000 children. Fearing a collision with a supposed Germany naval convoy that night, the master activated the ship's navigation lights. The lights were observed by a Russian submarine, which fired three torpedoes. All hit their mark and the ship sank quickly, with only a few hundred survivors. The loss of an estimated 9,300 persons makes it the largest loss of life resulting from the sinking of one vessel in maritime history.

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