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# Bryant's Maritime News

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## **USCG – engineers injured in lifeboat fail**



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that the enclosed lifeboat on a tanker 70 miles off the Virginia coast unexpectedly released while being serviced by two engineers. The engineers were severely injured. The tanker requested Coast Guard assistance. The cutter Reliance was 20 miles away and was diverted to the scene while a Coast Guard helicopter was launched. A Navy patrol plane overheard the conversations and diverted to provide communications support and air cover for the helicopter. The cutter recovered the two engineers, who were then evacuated to hospital ashore. (2/7/19) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/22daa7b>].

## USCG – tank vessel response plans for HAZSUB spills



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it is withdrawing its previous proposal regarding tank vessel response plans for hazardous substance spills. **84 Fed. Reg. 2800** (2/8/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-08/pdf/2019-01593.pdf>].

## USCG – facility response plans for HAZSUB spills



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it is withdrawing its previous proposal regarding marine transportation-related facility response plans for hazardous substance spills. **84 Fed. Reg. 2799** (2/8/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-08/pdf/2019-01591.pdf>].

## CCG & USCG – North American Ice Service



The **North American Ice Service** (NAIC), operated jointly by the Canadian and US Coast Guards, provides year-round maritime safety information on iceberg and sea ice conditions along the northeast coast of North America. (2/7/19) [<https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=iipProducts>].

## USCG – International Ice Patrol



The USCG International Ice Patrol (IIP) issued a **news release** stating that daily iceberg warning products are being generated from February through August, when icebergs pose the greatest threat to transatlantic shipping. The announcement provides information on sending iceberg sighting reports and receiving iceberg warnings. (2/7/19) [[https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/iip/Announcement\\_of\\_Services\\_2019.pdf](https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/iip/Announcement_of_Services_2019.pdf)].

## NSIDC – Arctic sea ice well below average



The National Snow and Ice Data Center (NSIDC) issued a **news release** stating that the Arctic sea ice extent remained well below average, but temperatures in the far north in January were closer to average than recent years. (2/5/19) [<https://nsidc.org/arcticseaicenews/>].

## USN – map of ocean floor



The US Navy issued a [news release](#) announcing that the scientist who, conducting research sponsored by the Office of Naval Research, was able to develop a detailed map of the ocean floor worldwide was presented with the Charles A. Whitten Medal by the American Geophysical Union. (2/7/19) [[https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=108543](https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=108543)].

## BOEM – Vineyard Wind draft EIS



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a notice stating that the period within which to submit comments on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Vineyard Wind Energy Facility offshore Massachusetts has been reopened until 22 February. Public meetings will be held in Nantucket (February 11), Vineyard Haven (February 12); Hyannis (February 13); New Bedford (February 14); and Narragansett (February 15). [84 Fed. Reg. 2925](#) (2/8/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-08/pdf/2019-01705.pdf>].

## Senate – bill introduced re invasive species



Senator Barrasso (R-WY) introduced the [Wildlife Innovation and Longevity Driver Act](#) (S. 268) to reauthorize the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and certain wildlife conservation funds, to establish prize competitions relating to the prevention of wildlife poaching and trafficking, wildlife conservation, the management of invasive species, and the protection of endangered species, to amend the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 to modify the protections provided by that Act, and for other purposes. (1/29/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-116s268is/pdf/BILLS-116s268is.pdf>].

## House – bill introduced to study ocean acidification



Representative Posey (R-FL) introduced a bill (H.R. 988) to provide for a study by the Ocean Studies Board of the National Academies of Science examining the impact of ocean acidification and other stressors in estuarine environments. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (2/6/19).

## House – bill introduced to amend OCSLA



Resident Commissioner Gonzalez-Colon (R-PR) introduced a bill (H.R. 1014) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to apply to territories of the United States, to establish offshore wind lease sale requirements, to provide dedicated funding for coral reef conservation, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (2/6/19).

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