



# Marine Safety Newsletter



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## News

### ASTM Committee F25 Sponsors Seminar on Controlling Aquatic Nuisance Species

#### **Why should you be concerned about Aquatic Nuisance Species?**

Non-indigenous aquatic animals and plants have had a profound impact on the ecology of the marine and freshwater regions of the nation. Non-indigenous species have caused billions of dollars in damage and have greatly affected the use of our waterways and water supplies. The main method for marine and estuarine species introduction today is through a ship's discharge of ballast water. Ship operators, port facilities, and governments have not adequately addressed the environmental threat of non-indigenous species from ballast water discharge. A modern day cargo ship may take on enormous quantities of water to achieve proper buoyancy and trim, later discharging that water in another port, perhaps thousands of miles from its source. Ballast water can contain numerous species of phytoplankton, zooplankton, and the eggs, larvae, or adults of clams, crabs, shrimp, worms, and other marine species in great abundance, so that within a few hours, tens of millions of living exotic organisms may be discharged from a single ship. It is estimated that a new species is introduced into the San Francisco Bay and Delta every 24 weeks!

#### **What can you do to help?**

In response to the growing threat of non-indigenous aquatic nuisance species, several new regulations have been created to help control the problem. The Federal government prohibits ballast water introduction of exotic estuarine and freshwater organisms into the Hudson River and Great Lakes by requiring mid-ocean exchange of ballast water from foreign ports in a program implemented by the U.S. Coast Guard. For all other U.S. ports and vessels equipped with ballast water tanks, Congress has enacted the National Invasive Species Act of 1996 which requires the establishment of voluntary national guidelines for ballast water exchange. And because this is a worldwide problem, similar international requirements are being created. Find out the latest information on International and U.S. ballast exchange requirements and discuss other current and planned ballast water management methods!

**The Controlling Aquatic Nuisance Species (CANS) Seminar will be held in Seattle, Washington on May 19, 1999 at the Sheraton Seattle.** This one-day seminar will focus on solutions to the problem of non-indigenous aquatic nuisance species introduced by ship's ballast water. The seminar will be structured around four panels and the associated discussion. The four panels will be:

**Panel 1 – Defining the Problem: Biological Impacts of Invasive Species and the Technical and Safety Dilemmas of Designing Prevention Strategies.**

**Panel 2 – Laws, Regulations, and Current or Planned Ballast Management Programs.**

**Panel 3 – Where Do We Go From Here: What Are the Viable Discharge Protocols or Treatment Alternatives?**

**Panel 4 – Policy Considerations in Crafting Prevention Strategies.**

Speakers will include representatives from the United States Coast Guard, state governments, and members of industry. Don't miss out on this tremendous opportunity! This will be an excellent forum to share ideas and exchange information with experts from several specific areas of interest. **Please see the inside back cover for more information and registration.**

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## News (cont'd)

### MERPAC Working Group and Committee Meetings

The next meeting of the Coast Guard's Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 31, and Thursday, April 1, 1999. The March 31 meeting is a working group meeting and the April meeting is the official meeting of the full committee. Both meetings, which are open to the public. Both meetings will begin at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. The meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. MERPAC will meet both days in Room 2415 of Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd St., SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001. For further information, please call (202) 267-0229.

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### Eligibility Period for Veterans Benefits Extended for WWII Merchant Mariners

On Veteran's Day, 1998, President Clinton signed the Veterans Programs Enhancement Act of 1998, extending the eligibility period for WWII Merchant Mariners. A provision of this law states that sea-going service between August 15, 1945 and December 31, 1946 shall be considered active duty for the purpose of eligibility for certain limited veterans benefits. The law also requires that the Coast Guard collect a \$30 processing fee for each application that results in certification of time during this extended period. Mariners can apply by sending a DD Form 2168 application together with a check or money order, payable to the U.S. Treasury, to: WWII Merchant Mariner Qualification, Highland Community Bank, P.O. Box 804118, Chicago, IL 60601-4118.

For more information, contact the National Maritime Center at (703) 235-0018, or visit our web site at: [www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nmc/wwiimm.htm](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nmc/wwiimm.htm).

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### NMC Extending the Comment Period on Mariner Licensing and Documentation

The Coast Guard's National Maritime Center (NMC) is extending the comment period on the issue of Mariner Licensing and Documentation to allow the public more opportunity to comment on this subject. The original public notice, published September 21, 1998, requested comments on the feasibility of privatizing examinations for mariner licenses and merchant mariner documents in the Coast Guard's Mariner Licensing and Documentation (MLD) program. Comments must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before March 1, 1999.

You may mail comments to the Docket Management Facility (USCG-1998-4448), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), room PL-401, 400 7th St. SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, or deliver them to room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address during regular business hours. The telephone number is (202) 366-9329. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying. You may also access this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

For questions on this notice, contact Mr. Albert G. Kirchner, Jr., NMC, 4200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 510, Arlington, VA 22203-1804, telephone (703) 235-1950. For questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact: Dorothy Walker, Chief, Dockets, DOT, telephone (202) 366-9329.

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## **News (cont'd)**

### **TSAC Meeting to be Held in April**

The next meeting of the Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) will be held on April 28-29, 1999 in Room 2415 at Coast Guard Headquarters. Meetings of TSAC working groups will be held the first day from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and a public meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the second day. Members of the public are invited to attend and participate in both meetings. For further information contact: LT Lionel Mew, U.S. Coast Guard, Maritime Personnel Qualifications Division, telephone: (202) 267-0218, Fax: (202) 267-4570, E-mail: lmew@comdt.uscg.mil.

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### **Coast Guard Requests Comments on the Economic Impact of Regulations**

The Coast Guard requests comments on the economic impact of our regulation on small entities. As required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act and as published in the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Semi-Annual Regulatory Agenda, we are analyzing our first group of regulations during fiscal year 1999 to identify rules which may have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. At the end of this year of analysis, we will publish a list of those regulations that may have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities and seek public comment on how we can reduce the burden on small entities. Comments must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before April 19, 1999.

You may mail comments to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG-1999-4975), U.S. DOT, room PL-401, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, or deliver them to room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address during regular business hours. The telephone number is (202) 366-9329.

Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401 during regular business hours. You may also access this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

For questions on this document, contact: Ms. Christena Green, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law (G-LRA), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Room 3406, telephone (202) 267-0133. For questions or viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact: Dorothy Walker, Chief, Dockets, DOT, telephone (202) 366-9329.

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## **What's New on the World Wide Web**

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/gmhome.htm>

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/sip/siphome.htm> – Streamlined Inspection Program Home Page

[http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nvic/3\\_99/n3-99.pdf](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nvic/3_99/n3-99.pdf) – Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) and Emergency Position Indicating Radiobeacon (EPIRB) Equipment Requirements for Commercial Vessels

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/mor/default.html> – The Office of Response (G-MOR) coordinates and integrates field planning, preparedness and response operations for pollution incidents, natural disasters, marine accidents, terrorism, and other threats to public safety, the marine environment, or marine transportation/commerce.

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nmc/response/stats/aa.htm> – Pollution Incidents Compendium (a comprehensive report of spills in and around U.S. waters from 1969 through 1997). Materials include annual and cumulative statistics in both tabular and graphical formats.

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## IMO Corner



### Welcome to the International Maritime Organization Corner

The "IMO Corner" better informs the Maritime Community about the vital work conducted through this international organization.

The Corner will present highlights of recently completed meetings, a calendar of IMO meetings, as well as a listing of supporting U.S. SOLAS Working Group meetings.

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### IMO Fire Protection Subcommittee's 43rd Session

The IMO Fire Protection Subcommittee held its 43rd session at IMO headquarters in London from January 11 - 15, 1999, under the chairmanship of Mr. K. Yoshida (Japan). Thirty-nine member states, one associate member, one intergovernmental organization, and twelve non-government organizations participated. Major accomplishments of FP 43 were:

- A. Agreement that there are no essential uses of perfluorocarbon (PFC) fire extinguishing systems on ships;
- B. Approval of interim guidelines on simplified evacuation analysis for roll-on/roll-off (ro-ro) passenger ships;
- C. Acceptance of a U.S. proposal on alternative design guidance as the basis for a new section of the revised chapter II-2 of the Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS);
- D. Approved guidelines for local application of fixed fire extinguishing systems in machinery spaces;
- E. Completed a set of draft amendments and interpretations of the fire safety aspects of the High Speed Craft (HSC) Code;
- F. Completed amendments to resolution MSC.40(64) on testing of fire restricting materials for high speed craft;
- G. Prepared a draft Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) circular on fire safety construction of modular cabins in accommodation spaces;
- H. Agreement to prohibit the installation of structural fire protection materials containing asbestos on new ships; and
- I. Approval of unified interpretations of chapter II-2 of the SOLAS convention.

More information, including some papers which can be downloaded, can be found on our World Wide Web site: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/mse4/stdimofp.htm>

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### Seafarers Memorial Trust Fund Reaches First US \$1 Million

Donations and pledges to the Seafarers Memorial Trust Fund have topped the US \$1 million mark. The Fund was established last year by IMO.

The Secretary-General of IMO, Mr. William A. O'Neil, said: "The purpose of the Trust Fund is to pay tribute to the seafarers on whom the shipping industry relies – and especially to recognize those seafarers who have lost their lives in what has always been one of the world's most dangerous professions. The response of the shipping industry has been extremely generous and we are now well on the way towards achieving our target of US \$10 million."

The Trust Fund was established last year by the IMO Council to mark the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the international treaty which led to the establishment of IMO. The aim of the Fund is to provide for:

- the erection of an International Memorial to Seafarers at IMO headquarters;
  - the establishment of a Chair on maritime safety and pollution prevention at the World Maritime University in Malmo, Sweden;
  - the provision of fellowships to students at certain maritime institutes around the world; and
  - any other activity related to the training of seafarers, as might be determined by the administrators of the Fund.
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## IMO Corner (cont'd)

### Program of IMO Meetings for 1999

February 22-26	Subcommittee on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers (DSC) – 4th session
March 8-12	Subcommittee on Ship Design and Equipment (DE) – 42nd session
March 22-26	Subcommittee on Flag State Implementation (FSI) – 7th session
April 12-16	Subcommittee on Bulk Liquids and Gases (BLG) – 4th session
April 19-23	Legal Committee – 79th session
April 26-30	IOPC Funds – 92 Fund Executive Committee, 71 Fund Executive Committee, 92 Fund Working Group
May 19-28	Maritime Safety Committee – 71st session
June 14-18	Council – 82nd session
June 17	Technical Cooperation Committee – 47th session
June 28 - July 2	Marine Environment Protection Committee - 43rd session
July 12-16	Subcommittee on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue (COMSAR) – 4th session
September 6-10	Facilitation Committee – 27th session
September 20-24	Subcommittee on Safety of Navigation (NAV) – 45th session
October 11-15	Legal Committee – 80th session
October 18-22	IOPC Funds – 92 Fund Assembly, 71 Fund Assembly, 92 Fund Executive Committee, 71 Fund Executive Committee
November 12*	Council – 20th extraordinary session
November 15-26*	Assembly – 21st session
November 26*	Council – 83rd session
December 6-10*	21st Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties to the London Convention 1972

### **Intersessional Meetings as Approved by the Council\*\***

March 1-5 DSC Subcommittee Editorial and Technical Group

### **Intersessional Meeting Convened Within the Framework of the London Convention 1972\*\***

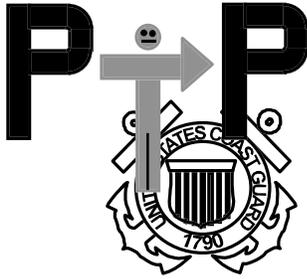
May 10-14 London Convention 1972 Scientific Group

In addition to the meetings listed above, the IMO/UNCTAD Conference on Arrest of Ships will take place March 1 to 12, 1999 in Geneva.

\* Tentative

\*\* Meetings held without interpretation and with documentation in original language only

## Prevention Through People



### 1999 Focus Plan

Four key activities have been selected for inclusion in the 1999 Prevention Through People (PTP) Focus Plan. These programs conform to the PTP principles, and will make great strides in focusing attention on the human element of safety. The National/International Maritime Safety Incident Reporting System (NMSIRS) has been extended in the Focus Plan for this year. Implementation of the Standards for Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping Convention (STCW) and Implementation of the International Safety Management Code (ISM), comprehensive programs that came into effect last year, are also being carried over from Focus Plan 98 to this year's plan. The new addition to the plan is applying PTP to the commercial fishing vessel industry. Here's the plan for 1999:

#### VISION

To achieve the world's safest, most environmentally sound and cost-effective marine operations, by emphasizing the role of people in preventing casualties and pollution.

#### PRINCIPLES

Honor the Mariner  
Take a Quality Approach  
Seek Non-Regulatory Solutions  
Share Commitment  
Manage Risk

#### GOALS

Know More  
Train More  
Do More  
Offer More  
Cooperate More

#### Contact us directly with your PTP story:

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**National/International Maritime Safety Incident Reporting System:** This system, designed to capture causal information and lessons-learned on maritime near-casualty (near-miss) events, will have its project blueprint finalized in February. Legislation for liability protections has been drafted and is in routing so that it will come before Congress in the Fall of 1999. An important module in this project is the data center that will house NMSIRS and its information. This center, as well as its funding, will be identified by the end of this year, 1999. More information can be found at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/moa/nearm.htm>.

**Implementation of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, as amended:** Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circulars (NVICs) will be published to provide guidance and information on STCW Regulation V/3 (a 1997 amendment to STCW) on special training requirements for personnel serving on passenger vessels other than Ro-Ro passenger vessels. This is in advance of the rulemaking which will be published in 2000. Another NVIC on qualification and training requirements for operators of fast rescue craft will also be issued in 1999. The STCW Implementation and Focus Team is considering Coast Guard and industry efforts to develop a plan that will specify the steps required for implementation, the sequence of steps, who is responsible for completing each step, and the proposed timeline for completion. The final plan is due in May 1999. A web page for STCW is under development and will be placed on the Coast Guard Marine Safety and Environmental Protection web site ([www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m)) this spring.

**Implementation of the International Safety Management Code:** ISM training for the port state control officers will be increased for 1999. The Senior Marine Inspector course includes ISM training as well as 2-day ISM enforcement policy training. An Office of Compliance Policy Letter 1-99 (in lieu of a change to NVIC 4-98) providing additional guidance on the ISM Code was sent to Coast Guard field units. The Coast Guard will be working on a study, to be delivered to Congress, on the implementation of the ISM Code. The USCG continues to share vessel detention information, as well as ISM detentions through the web page at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/psc/psc.htm>.

**Applying PTP to the Commercial Fishing Vessel Industry:** This three-pronged approach to bring more PTP-related activities to the US fishing vessel industry is based on analysis, communication, and education. Human factors issues in the casualties or near misses can be isolated by analyzing fishing vessel casualties. From that, necessary actions to avoid similar incidents in the future can be identified. To bring this information to the commercial fishermen and fishing vessel examiners, a system will be developed encompassing lessons learned, safety alerts, education and training opportunities, safety publications and videos, and press releases. The examiners' course at RTC Yorktown will add PTP-related modules, including specifics on human factors, drills, and stability/damage control trainers.

For more about the 1999 Focus Plan, please visit the Prevention Through People web site at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nmc/ptp/index.htm>.

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## G-M Studies

The following is a list of G-M studies and reports under development, including their status, contact person and completion dates. The Marine Safety Newsletter will update this listing as new information is received.

Small business interests needing assistance in understanding the information, may telephone the contacts identified for the study or report.

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### **Research in Tanker Groundings**

This non-mandated study is being conducted by the Coast Guard to study the structural behavior of tankers during groundings.

**Status:** Research is being conducted at MIT. The first phase of the study is complete, and the second phase is underway. Availability of the study report will be announced through the Marine Safety Newsletter.

**Contact:** Mr. Sirkar, Tel.: (202) 267-6925.

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### **Edible Oil Report**

This report was required by the 1996 Coast Guard Authorization Act. It shows how the Coast Guard differentiates between fats, oils, and greases in issuing regulations and for other purposes. The report will be updated annually. The first report was published in April 1997, and the second was signed March 3, 1998.

**Contact:** Mr. Robert Spears, Tel.: (202) 267-1099.

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### **Port Access Routes Study; Strait of Juan de Fuca and Adjacent Waters**

The Coast Guard is conducting a study of port-access routes to evaluate the continued applicability of and the need for modifications to current vessel routing measures in and around the Strait of Juan de Fuca and adjacent waters, including Admiralty Inlet, Rosario Strait, Haro Strait, Boundary Pass, and the Strait of Georgia. The goal of the study is to help reduce the risk of marine casualties and increase vessel traffic management efficiency in the study area. The recommendations of the study may lead to future rulemaking or appropriate international agreements.

**Status:** Notice; request for comments [USCG-1999-4974] published on January 20, 1999 (64 FR 3145). Submit comments on or before April 20, 1999.

**Contact:** John Mikesell, Tel.: (206) 220-7272 or Barbara Marx, Tel.: (202) 267-0574.

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## G-M Regulatory Projects

The following is a list of G-M regulatory projects including their status and completion dates. The Marine Safety Newsletter will update this listing as new docketed projects develop. For more information on these and other marine safety rulemaking projects, visit the G-M Regulations home page at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/regs/reghome.html>.

If you are a small business interest needing assistance in understanding and complying with the regulatory requirements, please telephone the applicable contacts listed below. The Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and ten Regional Fairness Boards were established to receive comments from small businesses about federal agency enforcement actions. The Ombudsman will annually evaluate the enforcement activities and rate each agency's responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on the enforcement actions of the Coast Guard, call (888) REG-FAIR [(888) 734-3247].

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### **CGD 89-050 Vessel Identification System**

This rulemaking establishes a Vessel Identification System (VIS) and will prescribe the manner and form for participating States to make information available for VIS; establish guidelines for State vessel titling systems; and establish procedures for certifying compliance with those guidelines. On April 21, 1998 (63 FR 19657), the Coast Guard published a notice delaying the effective date of subpart D until April 24, 1999.

**Status:** IFR published in April 25, 1995 (60 FR 20310). The comment period on IFR reopened on October 20 and closed December 4, 1997. SNPRM being drafted.

**Contact:** ENS Brian Ly, Tel.: (202) 267-6989.

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## G-M Regulatory Projects (Cont'd)

**CGD 94-032  
Tank Vessel Response  
Plans: Hazardous  
Substances**

This rulemaking would require owners or operators of tank vessels carrying hazardous substances to submit a response plan for worst case discharges.  
**Status:** ANPRM published in 61 FR 20084. Comment period ended September 3, 1996. Proposed regulations are in clearance.  
**Contact:** LT Michael Roldan, Tel.: (202) 267-0756, Fax: (202) 267-4547.

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**CGD 94-048  
Facility Response  
Plans: Hazardous  
Substance**

This rulemaking would require owners or operators of onshore marine transportation-related facilities to submit a response plan for worst case discharges of hazardous substances.  
**Status:** ANPRM published in 61 FR 20084. Comment period ended September 3, 1996. Proposed regulations are in clearance.  
**Contact:** LT Michael Roldan, Tel.: (202) 267-0756, Fax: (202) 267-4547.

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**CGD 94-055  
Licensing and  
Manning for  
Operators of  
Towing Vessels**

This rulemaking would revise the requirements for licensing those individuals operating towing vessels. It would institute new licenses with levels of qualification and with enhanced training and operating experience. Further, it would require all towing vessels to be manned by officers holding licenses specifically authorizing such service. It is based on the investigation of a collision of a tug and barge with a railroad bridge, near Mobile, AL, in September 1993, which caused 47 deaths. The casualty prompted the Coast Guard's report, "Review of Marine Safety Issues Related to Uninspected Towing Vessels." Some of the recommendations contained in the review are incorporated into this rulemaking.  
**Status:** NPRM published on June 19, 1996 (61 FR 31332). SNPRM was published on October 27, 1997 (61 FR 31332). Four public meetings were held in February 1998. The comment period closed February 24, 1998. Interim Rule being drafted.  
**Contact:** LCDR Don Darcy, Tel.: (202) 267-0221.

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**USCG 1997-2799  
User Fees for  
Licenses,  
Certificates of  
Registry, and  
Merchant Mariner  
Documents**

This project would revise user fees for Coast Guard services relating to the issuance of merchant mariner licenses, certificates of registry, and merchant mariner documents. The proposed revisions are based on the most recent recalculation of program costs associated with mariner documentation services. This is the first proposed revision of these user fees since they were established in the final rule published on March 19, 1993 (59 FR 15228). That final rule became effective on April 19, 1993. The Coast Guard is also proposing to reformat the two CFR sections in which the fees are published from narrative text into a more user-friendly table.  
**Status:** NPRM published on April 1, 1998 (63 FR 16024). The comment period closed on September 28, 1998. Final rule being drafted.  
**Contact:** CDR Mark McEwen, Tel.: (202) 267-1409.

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**USCG 1997-3198  
Alternate  
Convention Tonnage**

The Coast Guard is considering developing alternate tonnage thresholds for certain vessels based on the measurement system established under the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969. Existing tonnage thresholds in domestic laws and regulations are based on the U.S. regulatory measurement system. Establishing the international convention tonnage as an option for applying domestic regulations may result in the building of safer, more efficient vessels and may enable designers and operators of U.S. vessels to be more competitive in the international market. The Coast Guard asks for comments on related issues and questions.  
**Status:** Notice, request for comments published on February 4, 1998 (63 FR 5767). Comment period closed on October 15, 1998. Reviewing comments.  
**Contact:** LT John G. White, Tel.: (202) 267-6885.

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## G-M Regulatory Projects (Cont'd)

### **USCG 1998-3350 Review of Cap Increases; Response Plans for Marine Transportation- Related (MTR) Facilities and Tank Vessels**

Vessel Response Plans require contracted levels of on-water recovery equipment (caps) to increase by 25% in February 1998 for both vessels and facilities. The prescheduled increases are set forth in Table 6 in Appendix B of 33 CFR 155. These regulations also require the Coast Guard to conduct a review of the caps to determine if they are "practicable" prior to their implementation. Since the review is ongoing, the 1993 equipment caps will remain in effect pending the outcome of the review. A "Request for Information" was published in the Federal Register on January 27, 1998, to gather pertinent facts. Findings will be published in the Federal Register and subject to public comment. Three public workshops were held by the Coast Guard to determine the practicability of implementing new caps and dispersant requirements.

**Status:** Request for comments was published in the Federal Register on January 27, 1998. Notice of Public Workshops was published on June 24, 1998. Workshops were held in Oakland, CA on July 24, 1998; Houston, TX on August 19, 1998; and Washington, DC on September 16, 1998.

**Contact:** LCDR John Caplis, Tel.: (202) 267-6922.

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### **USCG 1998-3417 Partial Suspension of Salvage and Firefighting Equip- ment Rule; Vessel Response Plans**

Vessel response plan regulations require owners and operators to identify and ensure the availability of salvage and marine firefighting resources. A public workshop held in August 1997 revealed considerable confusion regarding the correct interpretation of the phrase "equipment and expertise" and considerable debate over the realism of a 24 hour response time requirement. The 24-hour requirement has been suspended for (until February 12, 2001) in order to allow the Coast Guard time to reevaluate this issue. The Coast Guard will further define "expertise and equipment" and consider a tiered approach to equipment deployment times in lieu of the 24- hour requirement.

**Status:** Suspension published in the Federal Register on February 12, 1998.

**Contact:** LCDR Roger Laferriere, Tel.: (202) 267-0448.

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### **USCG 1998-3423 Implementation of the National Invasive Species Act of 1996 (NISA)**

This project would revise regulations to comply with the National Invasive Species Act of 1996 (NISA). The Coast Guard has proposed both regulations and voluntary guidelines to control the invasion of aquatic nuisance species (ANS). This rulemaking would amend existing regulations for the Great Lakes ecosystem, establish voluntary ballast water exchange guidelines for all other waters of the United States, and establish mandatory reporting and sampling procedures for nearly all vessels entering U.S. waters. Under this proposed rule, a self-policing program would be established where ballast water exchange is initially voluntary outside of the Great Lakes ecosystem. However, if the rate of compliance is found to be inadequate, or if vessel operators fail to submit mandatory ballast water reports to the U.S. Coast Guard, the voluntary guidelines will become mandatory and will carry civil and criminal penalties.

**Status:** NPRM published on April 10, 1998 (63 FR 17782). Correction Notice published June 16, 1998 (63 FR 32780). Comment period closed August 8, 1998.

**Contact:** LT Pat McKeown, Tel.: (202) 267-0500.

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### **USCG 1998-3786 Commercial Diving Operations**

The Coast Guard requests comments on the type and scope of needed revisions to the commercial diving operations regulations. The regulations are over 20 years old and do not include current safety and technology standards and industry practices. At this early stage of the rulemaking process we need information on current safety practices, diving technology, and industry standards to help us identify the scope of any necessary regulatory revisions.

**Status:** ANPRM published on June 26, 1998 (63 FR 34840). Comment period closed on November 9, 1998.

**Contact:** LT Diane Kalina, Tel.: (202) 267-1181.

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## **G-M Regulatory Projects (cont'd)**

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### **USCG 1998-3798 Numbering of Undocumented Barges**

The Coast Guard seeks public comments on establishing a statutorily required numbering system for operating undocumented barges more than 100 gross tons. The numbering of these barges would increase owner accountability and deter their abandonment, making fewer barges available for disposal of oil and hazardous substances.

**Status:** ANPRM published on July 6, 1998 (63 FR 36384). Comment period closed on November 3, 1998.

**Contact:** Mr. Thomas Willis, Director, National Vessel Documentation Center, Tel.: (304) 271-2506.

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### **USCG 1998-3824 Maritime Course Approval Proce- dures**

The Coast Guard issued a final rule revising the regulations that govern Maritime Course Approval Procedures. The rule streamlines the process by which courses are submitted to and reviewed by the Coast Guard. The rule also adds a mechanism to allow us to suspend or withdraw approvals for courses. Although the current regulations govern training schools with approved courses, only a methodology for course approval is provided. Revising the regulations to include suspension and withdrawal procedures will motivate schools to maintain a uniformly high standard, improve compliance with course approval regulations, and ultimately promote public safety.

**Status:** NPRM published May 13, 1998 (63 FR 26566). Comment period closed July 13, 1998. Final Rule published on February 2, 1999 (64 FR 4981).

**Contact:** Mr. James Cavo, Tel.: (703) 235-0010

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### **USCG 1998-4302 Handling of Class 1 (Explosive) Mate- rial or Other Dan- gerous Cargoes within or Contigu- ous to Waterfront Facilities**

This rulemaking will revise the regulations covering waterfront facilities handling dangerous cargoes. Current regulations would be updated to reflect improved safety procedures and modern transportation methods, such as the use of containers. This proposed rule would also update the requirements for the handling of these dangerous cargoes and incorporate industry standards.

**Status:** NPRM published on October 29, 1998 (63 FR 57964). Comment period extended until March 1, 1999.

**Contact:** LCDR John Farthing, Tel.: (202) 267-0567

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### **USCG 1998-4399 Automatic Identifica- tion System Carriage Requirement; Vessel Traffic Service Lower Mississippi River**

The Coast Guard held a public meeting in New Orleans to solicit comments on the establishment of a new Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) in the Lower Mississippi River area and a potential Automatic Identification System (AIS) carriage requirement for certain vessels operating in the new VTS area. We are currently reviewing public input to help develop a proposed rule.

**Status:** Public meeting held on October 28, 1998. Reviewing public comments.

**Contact:** Ms. Diane Schneider, Tel.: (202) 267-0352

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### **USCG-1998-4443 Emergency Control Measures for Tank Barges**

This interim rule implements measures for maintaining or regaining control of a tank barge that will reduce the likelihood of a tank barge's grounding and spilling its cargo. These measures are necessary because without them a tug that loses its tow lacks ready means for regaining control of it.

**Status:** Interim Rule (IR) with request for comment published on December 30, 1998 (63 FR 71754). The IR is effective March 30, 1999 except for 33 CFR 155.230(b)(1) and 46 CFR 32.15-15(e), which are effective on December 11, 2000.

**Contact:** Mr. Robert Spears, Tel.: (202) 257-1099; or Mr. Allen Penn, Tel.: (202) 267-2997.

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### **USCG-1998-4469 Management Information System (MIS) Requirements**

The Coast Guard proposes to change the Management Information System (MIS) annual reporting requirements for chemical drug testing. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has requested that the Coast Guard reduce its collection of information effort. The proposed rule would exempt certain marine employers from submitting the annual MIS report and would eliminate the requirement for all marine employers to notify the Coast Guard when a consortium or other party submits the employer's annual report.

**Status:** NPRM published on December 24, 1998 (63 FR 71257). Comment period closes on February 22, 1999.

**Contact:** LT Jennifer Ledbetter, Tel.: (202) 267-0684

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## G-M Regulatory Projects (cont'd)

### **USCG-1998-4501 Improvements to Marine Safety in Puget Sound-Area Waters**

The Coast Guard seeks public comment on potential rules that would improve marine safety in Puget Sound-area waters including Puget Sound, the Strait of Juan de Fuca, passages around and through the San Juan Islands, and the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. Based on a recent determination by the Secretary of Transportation regarding the status of marine safety in the Puget Sound-area, the Coast Guard will soon begin a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis to study the feasibility of implementing new safety measures, including extended tug escort requirements for certain vessels and a dedicated pre-positioned rescue vessel. Public input will help focus the cost-benefit analysis and help us develop any future proposed rules that may be necessary.

**Status:** ANPRM published November 24, 1998 (63 FR 64937). Submit comments before May 24, 1999.

Notice of the Secretary of Transportation's Determination and the Department's Next Steps on Marine Transportation Safety in Puget Sound-Area Waters published November 24, 1998 (63 FR 64983).

**Contact:** CDR Close, Project Manager, Tel.: (202) 267-2997.

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### **USCG 1998-4623 Limited Service Domestic Load Lines for River Barges on Lake Michigan**

This rulemaking incorporates into 46 CFR part 45 the present load line exemption routes that have been announced in Federal Register notices for unmanned dry cargo barges carrying nonhazardous cargoes on river barges operating on Lake Michigan between Chicago, IL and Milwaukee, WI; and Chicago and Muskegon, MI.

**Status:** The notices were published on September 21, 1992, (57 FR 43479), March 31, 1995 (60 FR 16693), September 28, 1995 (60 FR 50234), and August 26, 1996 (61 FR 43804). NPRM published on November 2, 1998 (63 FR 58679). Comment period extended on December 28, 1998 (63FR 71411). Comment period closes on March 4, 1999.

**Contact:** Mr. Thomas Jordan, Project Manager, Tel.: (202) 267-0142.

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#### **Please Note:**

- Due to a personnel transfer at Coast Guard Headquarters, our publication of the NFPA regulations will be suspended. Please check future issues as we will continue to provide these updated regulations as soon as a proper contact person is named.
- Thank you, to all our readers for the quick and positive response to our survey. The insight you have provided is invaluable. We would like to remind you that if you haven't sent your survey in it is never too late, we always look forward to your comments! Fax or mail your survey in today.

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## Calendar of Events

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**Please Note: Events without dates listed will no longer be published.**  
**Courses are not Coast Guard approved unless otherwise stated.**  
**\*U.S. Coast Guard Approved Course**

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### Radar Review & Recertification\*

**Sponsor:** Texas A&M Center for Marine Training and Safety  
**Date:** March 1-3; March 22-24; March 29-31, 1999  
**Location:** Galveston, TX  
**Contact:** Center for Marine Training and Safety, 8701 Teichman Rd., Galveston, TX 77554  
Tel.: (409) 740-4850, Fax: (409) 744-2890, E-mail: cmts@teexnet.tamu.edu

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### Original Radar\*

**Sponsor:** Pacific Northwest Radar School  
**Date:** March 1-5; 8-12; 29- April 2; 5-9; 26-30, 1999  
**Location:** Seattle, WA  
**Contact:** Gregg Trunnell, Tel.: (206) 441-2880, Fax: (206) 441-2995, E-mail: pnwradar@mates.org

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### Bridge Resource Management\*

**Sponsor:** Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies  
**Date:** March 1-5; 8-12; 29-April 2; 5-9; May 17-21; 24-28; June 7-11, 1999  
**Location:** MITAGS Campus, Linthicum Heights, MD  
**Contact:** Mary Matlock, Tel.: (410) 859-5700, Fax: (410) 859-5181, E-mail: admissions@mitags.org

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### Medical First Aid\*

**Sponsor:** Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies  
**Date:** March 1-5; 15-19; May 3-7; 17-21; June 7-11; 14-18, 1999  
**Location:** MITAGS Campus, Linthicum Heights, MD  
**Contact:** Mary Matlock, Tel.: (410) 859-5700, Fax: (410) 859-5181, E-mail: admissions@mitags.org

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### ARPA\*

**Sponsor:** USMMA Continuing Education  
**Date:** March 1-5; July 12-16, 1999  
**Location:** USMMA, Kings Point, NY  
**Contact:** John Hanus/Meredith Hobbs, Tel.: (516) 773-5162, Fax: (516) 773-5353, E-mail: hobbsm@usmma.edu

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### Port and Terminal Operations

**Sponsor:** USMMA Continuing Education  
**Date:** March 1-12, 1999  
**Location:** USMMA, Kings Point, NY  
**Contact:** John Hanus/Meredith Hobbs, Tel.: (516) 773-5162, Fax: (516) 773-5353, E-mail: hobbsm@usmma.edu

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### GMDSS\*

**Sponsor:** Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies  
**Date:** March 1-12; 15-26; 29-April 9; 12-23; May 3-14; 17-28, 1999  
**Location:** MITAGS Campus, Linthicum Heights, MD  
**Contact:** Mary Matlock, Tel.: (410) 859-5700, Fax: (410) 859-5181, E-mail: admissions@mitags.org

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### GMDSS\*

**Sponsor:** Pacific Northwest Radar School  
**Date:** March 1-12; 29-April 9; 26-May 7; 17-28; June 21-July 2, 1999  
**Location:** Seattle, WA  
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### Permit Required Confined Space Entry

**Sponsor:** IMS Environmental Services  
**Dates:** March 2, 1999  
**Locations:** IMS Environmental Services Training Center, Chesapeake, VA  
**Contact:** Phil Biedenbender/Steve May, Tel.: (757) 436-3000, Fax: (757) 549-0990, E-mail: IMStrain@aol.com

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### OPA 90 Qualified Individual Training

**Sponsor:** Alaska Pacific Response Group L.L.C  
**Date:** March 3-5, 1999  
**Location:** Seattle, WA  
**Contact:** Phil McCrudden, Tel.: (888) 909-APRG Fax: (206) 780-5823, E-mail: mma@seanet.com

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### OPA 90 NIIMS based Incident Command System (ICS) training for Spill Management Team positions

**Sponsor:** Alaska Pacific Response Group L.L.C  
**Date:** March 3-5, 1999  
**Location:** Seattle, WA  
**Contact:** Phil McCrudden, Tel.: (888) 909-APRG Fax: (206) 780-5823, E-mail: mma@seanet.com

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### Virginia Department of Transportation Flagger Certification

**Sponsor:** IMS Environmental Services  
**Dates:** May 7, 1999  
**Locations:** IMS Environmental Services Training Center, Chesapeake, VA  
**Contact:** Phil Biedenbender/Steve May, Tel.: (757) 436-3000, Fax: (757) 549-0990, E-mail: IMStrain@aol.com

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### Advanced Ships Medicine: Person in Charge

**Sponsor:** Maine Maritime Academy - The Ocean Institute  
**Date:** March 7-12, 1999  
**Location:** Maine Maritime Academy, Castine, ME  
**Contact:** Verge Forbes/Virginia Comiciotto, Tel.: (207) 326-2211, Fax: (207) 326-2218, E-mail: vcomo@bell.mma.edu

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### HAZWOPER Eight Hour Refresher

**Sponsor:** IMS Environmental Services  
**Dates:** March 8, 9, 10, 1999  
**Locations:** IMS Environmental Services Training Center, Chesapeake, VA  
**Contact:** Phil Biedenbender/Steve May, Tel.: (757) 436-3000, Fax: (757) 549-0990, E-mail: IMStrain@aol.com

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### Radar Recertification\*

**Sponsor:** RTM Star Center  
**Date:** March 8; April 12; May 24; June 21, 1999  
**Location:** RTM Star Center, 2 W. Dixie Hwy., Dania, FL 33004  
**Contact:** RTM Star Center, Tel.: (800) 445-4522, Fax: (954) 920-4268, Website: www.star-center.com

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### OSHA Hazwoper - 1 Day

**Sponsor:** Center for Marine Environmental Protection and Safety  
**Date:** March 8; June 7; July 12; Oct. 11; Nov. 8, 1999  
**Location:** 101 Academy Drive, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532  
**Contact:** Jane Joska, Tel.: (508) 830-5098, Fax: (508) 830-5018, E-mail: jjoska@mma.mass.edu

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### Tankerman - PIC ( Barge) Dangerous Liquids Renewal

**Sponsor:** Two Rivers Marine Training & Consulting, Inc.  
**Date:** March 8-9; 20-21, 1999  
**Location:** Port Arthur, TX  
**Contact:** Summer Posey, Tel.: (409) 736-2993, Fax: (409) 736-1628

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### 1999 International Oil Spill Conference, *Beyond 2000: Balancing Perspectives*

**Sponsor:** USCG, USEPA, API, IPIECA, IMO  
**Date:** March 8-11, 1999  
**Location:** Washington State Convention & Trade Center, Seattle WA  
**Contact:** Susan Hahn, API, 1220 L St., NW, Washington, DC, 20005, Tel.: (202) 682-8118, Fax: (202) 682-8115

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### Tank Barge: Dangerous Liquids\*

**Sponsor:** Texas A&M Center for Marine Training and Safety  
**Date:** March 8-11, 1999  
**Location:** Galveston, TX  
**Contact:** Center for Marine Training and Safety, 8701 Teichman Rd, Galveston, TX 77554  
Tel.: (409) 740-4850, Fax: (409) 744-2890, E-mail: cmts@teexnet.tamu.edu

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### HAZWOPER (e) – Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup

**Sponsor:** IMS Environmental Services  
**Dates:** March 8-12, 1999  
**Location:** IMS Environmental Services Training Center, Chesapeake, VA  
**Contact:** Phil Biedenbender/Steve May, Tel.: (757) 436-3000, Fax: (757) 549-0990, E-mail: IMStrain@aol.com

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### Automatic Radar Plotting Aids (ARPA) Certification\*

**Sponsor:** Texas A&M Center for Marine Training and Safety  
**Date:** March 8-12, 1999  
**Location:** Galveston, TX  
**Contact:** Center for Marine Training and Safety, 8701 Teichman Rd, Galveston, TX 77554  
Tel.: (409) 740-4850, Fax: (409) 744-2890, E-mail: cmts@teexnet.tamu.edu

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### Maritime Safety Training Seminar

**Sponsor:** ABS Marine Services  
**Date:** March 8-12, 1999  
**Location:** Houston, TX  
**Contact:** ABS Integrated Services, Inc. 16855 Northchase Drive, Houston, TX 77060-6008, Tel: (281) 877-6457, Fax: (281) 877-6356, E-mail: mburkhalter@eagle.org, Attn.: Misty Burkhalter

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### Coastal Oil Spill Control

**Sponsor:** Texas A&M Center for Marine Training and Safety  
**Date:** March 8-12; March 22-26; March 29 - April 2, 1999  
**Location:** Galveston, TX  
**Contact:** Center for Marine Training and Safety, 8701 Teichman Rd, Galveston, TX 77554  
Tel.: (409) 740-4850, Fax: (409) 744-2890, E-mail: cmts@teexnet.tamu.edu

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### STCW Basic Safety Training\*

**Sponsor:** Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies  
**Date:** March 8-12; 22-26; April 5-9; 19-23; May 3-7; 10-14; June 7-11; 21-25, 1999  
**Location:** MITAGS Campus, Linthicum Heights, MD  
**Contact:** Mary Matlock, Tel.: (410) 859-5700, Fax: (410) 859-5181, E-mail: admissions@mitags.org

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### Computer Operating Systems

**Sponsor:** Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies  
**Date:** March 8-12, April 5-9, May 10-14; June 7-11, 1999  
**Location:** MITAGS Campus, Linthicum Heights, MD  
**Contact:** Mary Matlock, Tel.: (410) 859-5700, Fax: (410) 859-5181, E-mail: admissions@mitags.org

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### Radar Observer Renewal, Rivers, Inland, and Unlimited Original Courses\*

**Sponsor:** Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies  
**Date:** March 8-12; April 5-9; May 10-14; June 7-11, 1999  
**Location:** MITAGS Campus, Linthicum Heights, MD  
**Contact:** Mary Matlock, Tel.: (410) 859-5700, Fax: (410) 859-5181, E-mail: admissions@mitags.org

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### Train the Trainer Course

**Sponsor:** RTM Star Center  
**Date:** March 8-12; April 12-16; May 3-7; 24-28, 1999  
**Location:** RTM Star Center, 2 W. Dixie Hwy., Dania, FL 33004  
**Contact:** RTM Star Center, Tel.: (800) 445-4522, Fax: (954) 920-4268, Website: www.star-center.com

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### ARPA Certification\*

**Sponsor:** RTM Star Center  
**Date:** March 8-12; April 12-16; May 24-28; June 22-25, 1999  
**Location:** RTM Star Center, 2 W. Dixie Hwy., Dania, FL 33004  
**Contact:** RTM Star Center, Tel.: (800) 445-4522, Fax: (954) 920-4268, Website: www.star-center.com

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### OSHA Hazwoper - 5 Days

**Sponsor:** Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Center for Marine Environmental Protection and Safety  
**Date:** March 8-12; June 7-11; July 12-16; Oct. 11-15; Nov. 18-19, 1999  
**Location:** 101 Academy Drive, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532  
**Contact:** Jane Joska, Tel.: (508) 830-5098, Fax: (508) 830-5018, E-mail: jjoska@mma.mass.edu

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### GMDSS\*

**Sponsor:** USMMA Continuing Education  
**Date:** March 8-19; July 19-30, 1999  
**Location:** USMMA, Kings Point, NY  
**Contact:** John Hanus/Meredith Hobbs, Tel.: (516) 773-5162, Fax: (516) 773-5353, E-mail: hobbsm@usmma.edu

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### Marine Custody Transfer Petroleum Measurement & Loss Control Course

**Sponsor:** ABS Marine Services  
**Date:** March 9-12, 1999  
**Location:** Houston, TX  
**Contact:** ABS Integrated Services, Inc. 16855 Northchase Drive, Houston, TX 77060-6008, Tel: (281) 877-6457, Fax: (281) 877-6356, E-mail: mburkhalter@eagle.org, Attn.: Misty Burkhalter

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### Hazardous Material Training (Transportation by Vessel)

**Sponsor:** National Cargo Bureau, Inc.  
**Date/Location:** March 9-10, San Francisco, CA; March 9-10, Seattle, WA; March 10-11, Charleston, SC; March 16-17; Honolulu, HI; March 16-17; Houston, TX; March 23-25, New York, NY;  
**Contact:** National Cargo Bureau, Inc., 30 Vesey St. New York, NY 10007-2914, Tel.: (212) 571-5000

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### Tank Barge Fire Fighting

**Sponsor:** Two Rivers Marine Training & Consulting, Inc.  
**Date:** March 10-11; 22-23, 1999  
**Location:** Port Arthur, TX  
**Contact:** Summer Posey, Tel. (409) 736-2993, Fax (409) 736-1628

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### Hazardous Material Training (Container)

**Sponsor:** National Cargo Bureau, Inc.  
**Date/Location:** March 12, New York, NY; March 17, 18, San Francisco, CA; March 17, 18, Seattle, WA  
**Contact:** National Cargo Bureau, Inc., 30 Vesey St. New York, NY 10007-2914, Tel.: (212) 571-5000

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### Tankerman – PIC (Barge) Liquefied Gas Renewal

**Sponsor:** Two Rivers Marine Training & Consulting, Inc.  
**Date:** March 12-13, 1999  
**Location:** Port Arthur, TX  
**Contact:** Summer Posey, Tel.: (409) 736-2993, Fax: (409) 736-1628

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### Advanced Course Petroleum Loss Claims & Recovery

**Sponsor:** ABS Marine Services  
**Date:** March 15-18, 1999  
**Location:** Houston, TX  
**Contact:** ABS Integrated Services, Inc., 16855 Northchase Drive, Houston, TX 77060-6008, Tel: (281) 877-6457, Fax: (281) 877-6356, E-mail: mburkhalter@eagle.org, Attn.: Misty Burkhalter

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### Basic Safety Training Program\*

**Sponsor:** RTM Star Center  
**Date:** March 15-18; April 19-22; May 17-20; June 14-17, 1999  
**Location:** RTM Star Center, 2 W. Dixie Hwy., Dania, FL 33004  
**Contact:** RTM Star Center, Tel.: (800) 445-4522, Fax: (954) 920-4268, Website: www.star-center.com

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### Tank Ship: Dangerous Liquids {Tankerman-PIC (DL)}\*

**Sponsor:** Texas A&M Center for Marine Training and Safety  
**Date:** March 15-19, 1999  
**Location:** Galveston, TX  
**Contact:** Center for Marine Training and Safety, 8701 Teichman Rd, Galveston, TX 77554  
Tel.: (409) 740-4850, Fax: (409) 744-2890, E-mail: cmts@teexnet.tamu.edu

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### International School of Inspectors of Petroleum

**Sponsor:** ABS Marine Services  
**Date:** March 15-19, 1999  
**Location:** Houston, TX  
**Contact:** ABS Integrated Services, Inc. 16855 Northchase Drive, Houston, TX 77060-6008, Tel: (281) 877-6457, Fax: (281) 877-6356, E-mail: mburkhalter@eagle.org, Attn.: Misty Burkhalter

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### ARPA\*

**Sponsor:** Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies  
**Date:** March 15-19; 29-April 2; 12-16; 19-23; May 17-21; June 14-18; 21-25; Aug. 16-20, 1999  
**Location:** MITAGS Campus, Linthicum Heights, MD  
**Contact:** Mary Matlock, Tel.: (410) 859-5700, Fax: (410) 859-5181, E-mail: admissions@mitags.org

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### Industrial Fire Brigade Leadership (Incident Command System)

**Sponsor:** Lamar University - The Center for Industrial Fire and Hazardous Materials Training  
**Date:** March 15-19; 22-26; May 3-7; July 12-16; 19-23; Sept. 13-17; Nov. 1-5; 15-19, 1999  
**Location:** Beaumont, TX  
**Contact:** Lamar University - Industrial Fire Training, P.O. Box 10008, Beaumont, TX 77701, Tel.: (409) 832-5881, Fax: (409) 838-7029, E-mail: hubacjc@lub002.lamar.edu

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### ARPA\*

**Sponsor:** Pacific Northwest Radar School  
**Date:** March 15-19; April 12-16; May 3-7; 24-28; June 14-18; 21-25, 1999  
**Location:** Seattle, WA  
**Contact:** Gregg Trunnell, Tel.: (206) 441-2880, Fax: (206) 441-2995, E-mail: pnwradar@mates.org

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### Shiphandling Simulator Course\*

**Sponsor:** Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies  
**Date:** March 15-26; April 12-23; May 3-14; June 14-25, 1999  
**Location:** MITAGS Campus, Linthicum Heights, MD  
**Contact:** Mary Matlock, Tel.: (410) 859-5700, Fax: (410) 859-5181, E-mail: admissions@mitags.org

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### Internal Auditor training for the ISM Code and ISO 9002

**Sponsor:** ABS Marine Services  
**Date:** March 16-18; April 6-8, 1999  
**Location:** U.S. Merchant Marine Academy – Kings Point, NY  
**Contact:** ABS Integrated Services, Inc. 16855 Northchase Drive, Houston, TX 77060-6008, Tel: (281) 877-6457, Fax: (281) 877-6356, E-mail: mburkhalter@eagle.org, Attn.: Misty Burkhalter

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### Bridge Resource Management\*

**Sponsor:** RTM Star Center  
**Date:** March 16-18; May 18-20, 1999  
**Location:** RTM Star Center, 2 W. Dixie Hwy., Dania, FL 33004  
**Contact:** RTM Star Center, Tel.: (800) 445-4522, Fax: (954) 920-4268, Website: www.star-center.com

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### OSHA 10 Hour Construction Course

**Sponsor:** IMS Environmental Services  
**Dates:** March 17-18, 1999  
**Locations:** IMS Environmental Services Training Center, Chesapeake, VA  
**Contact:** Phil Biedenbender/Steve May, Tel.: (757) 436-3000, Fax: (757) 549-0990, E-mail: IMStrain@aol.com

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### Flashing Light

**Sponsor:** Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies  
**Date:** March 17; 29-April 26; May 19; June 16, 1999  
**Location:** MITAGS Campus, Linthicum Heights, MD  
**Contact:** Mary Matlock, Tel.: (410) 859-5700, Fax: (410) 859-5181, E-mail: admissions@mitags.org

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### Personal Safety & Social Responsibility\*

**Sponsor:** Texas A&M Center for Marine Training and Safety  
**Date:** March 18-19, 1999  
**Location:** Galveston, TX  
**Contact:** Center for Marine Training and Safety, 8701 Teichman Rd, Galveston, TX 77554  
Tel.: (409) 740-4850, Fax: (409) 744-2890, E-mail: cmts@teexnet.tamu.edu

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### Partners in Prevention: A Decade of Progress in Prince William Sound Symposium

**Sponsor:** Prince William Sound Community College, U.S. Coast Guard, Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation,  
**Date:** March 21-22, 1999  
**Location:** Valdez, AK  
**Contact:** Debbie Linn, Tel.: (907) 834-1640, E-mail: vndjc@uaa.alaska.edu

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### Advanced Course Petroleum Loss Claims & Recovery

**Sponsor:** ABS Marine Services  
**Date:** March 22-24, 1999  
**Location:** Houston, TX  
**Contact:** ABS Integrated Services, Inc., 16855 Northchase Drive, Houston, TX 77060-6008, Tel: (281) 877-6457, Fax: (281) 877-6356, E-mail: mburkhalter@eagle.org, Attn.: Misty Burkhalter

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### Connecticut Maritime Association Annual Conference and Trade Show: Millennium Trends

**Sponsor:** Connecticut Maritime Association  
**Date:** March 22-24, 1999  
**Location:** Stamford, CT  
**Contact:** Helen Simpson, Tel.: (203) 406-0106, Fax: (203) 406-0110

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### Oil Tanker Safety & Familiarization\*

**Sponsor:** Texas A&M Center for Marine Training and Safety  
**Date:** March 22-25, 1999  
**Location:** Galveston, TX  
**Contact:** Center for Marine Training and Safety, 8701 Teichman Rd, Galveston, TX 77554  
Tel.: (409) 740-4850, Fax: (409) 744-2890, E-mail: cmts@teexnet.tamu.edu

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### OSHA General Industry Compliance - Train the Trainer Course

**Sponsor:** Environmental & Safety Services, Inc.  
**Date:** March 22-26, 1999  
**Location:** Residence Inn, Hilton Head, SC, Tel.: (843) 686-5700  
**Contact:** ESS Environmental & Safety Services, Inc., Eric Gislason, P.O. Box 3394, Wilmington, NC 28406,  
Tel.: (910) 763-6999, Fax: (910) 763-8709

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### Train the STCW Safety & Training Officer

**Sponsor:** ABS Marine Services  
**Date:** March 22-26, 1999  
**Location:** Houston, TX  
**Contact:** ABS Integrated Services, Inc. 16855 Northchase Drive, Houston, TX 77060-6008, Tel: (281) 877-6457,  
Fax: (281) 877-6356, E-mail: mburkhalter@eagle.org, Attn.: Misty Burkhalter

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### Bridge Resource Management\*

**Sponsor:** Texas A&M Center for Marine Training and Safety  
**Date:** March 22-26, 1999  
**Location:** Galveston, TX  
**Contact:** Center for Marine Training and Safety, 8701 Teichman Rd, Galveston, TX 77554  
Tel.: (409) 740-4850, Fax: (409) 744-2890, E-mail: cmts@teexnet.tamu.edu

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### Tankship/Barge Dangerous Liquid Cargo\*

**Sponsor:** USMMA Continuing Education  
**Date:** March 22-26, 1999  
**Location:** USMMA, Kings Point, NY  
**Contact:** John Hanus/Meredith Hobbs, Tel.: (516) 773-5162, Fax: (516) 773-5353, E-mail: hobbsm@usmma.edu

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### Basic/Intermediate Marine Electrical Training

**Sponsor:** ABS Marine Services  
**Date:** March 22-26, 1999  
**Location:** Houston, TX  
**Contact:** ABS Integrated Services, Inc., 16855 Northchase Drive, Houston, TX 77060-6008, Tel: (281) 877-6457,  
Fax: (281) 877-6356, E-mail: mburkhalter@eagle.org, Attn.: Misty Burkhalter

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### Advanced Fire Fighting\*

**Sponsor:** Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies  
**Date:** March 22-26; April 19-23; May 24-28, 1999  
**Location:** MITAGS Campus, Linthicum Heights, MD  
**Contact:** Mary Matlock, Tel.: (410) 859-5700, Fax: (410) 859-5181, E-mail: admissions@mitags.org

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### Fast Rescue Boat Proficiency Course \*

**Sponsor:** RTM Star Center  
**Date:** March 22-26; April 26-30; May 31-June 4; 28-July 2, 1999  
**Location:** RTM Star Center, 2 W. Dixie Hwy., Dania, FL 33004  
**Contact:** RTM Star Center, Tel.: (800) 445-4522, Fax: (954) 920-4268, Website: www.star-center.com

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### GMDSS Operator Course

**Sponsor:** Maine Maritime Academy - The Ocean Institute  
**Date:** March 22-April 1, 1999  
**Location:** Maine Maritime Academy, Castine, ME  
**Contact:** Verge Forbes/Virginia Comiciotto, Tel.: (207) 326-2211, Fax: (207) 326-2218, E-mail: vcomo@bell.mma.edu

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### Inland Waterways Conference

**Sponsor:** U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Army Corps  
**Dates:** March 23-24, 1999  
**Locations:** The Galt House Hotel, Louisville, KY  
**Contact:** Mae Bower, 140 N. Fourth Ave., Louisville, KY 40202, Tel.: (800) 626-1814, Fax: (502) 589-3444

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### National Safety Council First Aid/CPR Certification

**Sponsor:** IMS Environmental Services  
**Dates:** March 23-24, 1999  
**Locations:** IMS Environmental Services Training Center, Chesapeake, VA  
**Contact:** Phil Biedenbender/Steve May, Tel.: (757) 436-3000, Fax: (757) 549-0990, E-mail: IMStrain@aol.com

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### Medical Training for Mariners-Advanced

**Sponsor:** RTM Star Center  
**Date:** March 23-April 2; 20-30; May 25-June 4; 22-July 2, 1999  
**Location:** RTM Star Center, 2 W. Dixie Hwy., Dania, FL 33004  
**Contact:** RTM Star Center, Tel.: (800) 445-4522, Fax: (954) 920-4268, Website: www.star-center.com

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### Design & Operation of Container Ships

**Sponsor:** The Royal Institution of Naval Architects  
**Date:** March 24-25, 1999  
**Location:** Weir Lecture Hall, Rina HQ, London SW1  
**Contact:** RINA LTD, 10 Upper Belgrave St., London SW1X 8BQ, Tel.: 44 171 235 4622, Fax: 44 171 245 6959

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### Bridge Resource Management for Pilots II - 2 days

**Sponsor:** Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS)  
**Date:** March 24-25; April 12-13; May 26-27, 1999  
**Location:** MITAGS Campus, Linthicum Heights, MD  
**Contact:** Mike Wein, Tel.: (410) 859-5700, Fax: (410) 859-5181, E-mail: mwein@mitags.org

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### Tankerman – PIC (Barge) Dangerous Liquids Original

**Sponsor:** Two Rivers Marine Training & Consulting, Inc.  
**Date:** March 24-28, 1999  
**Location:** Port Arthur, TX  
**Contact:** Summer Posey, Tel.: (409) 736-2993, Fax: (409) 736-1628

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### Coatings for the Marine Surveyor

**Sponsor:** ABS Marine Services  
**Date:** March 25; April 21, 1999  
**Location:** U.S. Merchant Marine Academy – Kings Point, NY  
**Contact:** ABS Integrated Services, Inc., 16855 Northchase Drive, Houston, TX 77060-6008, Tel: (281) 877-6457, Fax: (281) 877-6356, E-mail: mburkhalter@eagle.org, Attn.: Misty Burkhalter

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### Safe Transportation of Hazardous Materials (HM126F/181)

**Sponsor:** IMS Environmental Services  
**Dates:** March 29, 1999  
**Locations:** IMS Environmental Services Training Center, Chesapeake, VA  
**Contact:** Phil Biedenbender/Steve May, Tel.: (757) 436-3000, Fax: (757) 549-0990, E-mail: IMStrain@aol.com

### Tankerman PIC\*

**Sponsor:** RTM Star Center  
**Date:** March 29-April 2; 19-23; May 10-14; June 7-11; 14-18, 1999  
**Location:** RTM Star Center, 2 W. Dixie Hwy., Dania, FL 33004  
**Contact:** RTM Star Center, Tel.: (800) 445-4522, Fax: (954) 920-4268, Website: www.star-center.com

### Hazardous Materials Course

**Sponsor:** Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies  
**Date:** March 29-April 2; Aug. 2-6; Oct. 25-29, 1999  
**Location:** MITAGS Campus, Linthicum Heights, MD  
**Contact:** Mary Matlock, Tel.: (410) 859-5700, Fax: (410) 859-5181, E-mail: admissions@mitags.org

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## Calendar of Events Submissions

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## Deadlines

- ⌚ The Marine Safety Newsletter is published monthly on the 5th of each month.
- ⌚ The deadline for articles, calendar events, and regulatory information is on the 25th of the previous month.
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## F25 COMMITTEE MEETINGS – MAY 18-20, 1999 AND F25 SEMINAR ON CONTROLLING AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES – MAY 19, 1999 SHERATON HOTEL – SEATTLE, WA

**IMPORTANT!** This form does not reserve your room accommodations! Please make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel. Sheraton Seattle Hotel: Phone (206) 621-9000, Fax (206) 447-5555

**Instructions: Members & Officers:** Fill out Section #1 / **Non-Members:** Fill out Sections #1 & #2  
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Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure: \_\_\_\_\_

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All fees indicated below reflect charges for registration forms postmarked on or before April 30, 1999. **After this date, an additional \$25.00 will be charged.**

	Seminar charge
Speaker/moderator	_____ \$0.00
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