



# G-M Regulatory Projects

The G-M regulatory projects including their status and point of contact information and other marine safety rulemaking projects can be found on the G-M Regulations home page at: [www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/regs/reghome.html](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 contact 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 (734-3247).

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## Marine Safety Newsletter, G-M Regulatory Projects, and G-M Studies Suspended Until Further Notice

Dear Subscriber,

For the past 10 years, the *Marine Safety Newsletter* and its predecessor, *OPA-90 Newsletter*, have been published to keep you abreast of the United States Coast Guard's regulatory agenda, IMO initiatives and other major news affecting mariners and the marine industry. With the rapidly evolving use of the Internet, and in concert with the continuous review of our business practices here at the National Maritime Center, we are attempting to repackage the information we disseminate in a more streamlined and useful fashion.

To accomplish this, we are suspending the publication of the *Marine Safety Newsletter* on a trial basis. Instead, we will post its more time-sensitive contents on our Web site and then, move most of the remaining information to our magazine, *Proceedings of the Marine Safety Council*, which is available through the mail as well as on our worldwide Web site.

For you, our subscriber, I believe these changes will still meet your needs for timely information, and at the same time, broaden the appeal of our *Proceedings* magazine. For those of us at the National Maritime Center, this is an opportunity to focus our efforts better, reduce costs and eliminate redundancy. We will finalize our decision on the future of the *Marine Safety Newsletter* in October, 2001. In the meantime, please fill out the enclosed form if you do not already receive our *Proceedings* magazine and wish to subscribe. Finally, I am attaching an NMC Web Guide to help you navigate through our worldwide Web site to quickly locate the information you may need.

Sincerely,

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