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News

Recent Amendments to SOLAS and STCW

Passenger Information Required on All Passenger Ships

From January 1, 1999, details of passengers on board ships, including name and gender and whether adult, child or infant, must be recorded for search and rescue purposes.

The regulation is contained in Chapter III of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, one of the conventions of IMO.

The requirement to provide information on passengers was part of a package of amendments to SOLAS adopted in November 1995, based on proposals put forward by a Panel of Experts set up by IMO in December 1994 following the ro-ro ferry **Estonia** disaster of September 1994 in which more than 850 people died. The regulation on Information on passengers came into force on July 1, 1997, but the requirement to provide details of passengers took effect on January 1, 1999.

Requirement for Seafarers' Training on Passenger Ships

Also on January 1, 1999, amendments to the revised International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) and its related Code, concerning training for personnel on passenger ships, entered into force.

The amendments were adopted in June 1997 and concern STCW Chapter V: Special training requirements for personnel on certain types of ships, which includes requirements for the training and qualifications of personnel on board ro-ro passenger ships.

Crews on ro-ro passenger ships already have to receive training in technical aspects and also in crowd and crisis management and human behavior. The amendments basically clarify these requirements and extend them to crew on all passenger ships.

Emergency Towing Arrangements for Tankers Required

On January 1, 1999, all tankers (including oil tankers, chemical tankers and gas carriers) of not less than 20,000 tons deadweight must have an emergency towing arrangement fitted at both ends.

The requirement, in Chapter II-1 of SOLAS, came into force for new ships on January 1, 1996. Ships built before January 1, 1996 had to have the emergency towing arrangement fitted at the first scheduled dry docking after January 1, 1996 but not later than January 1, 1999. The aim of the regulation is to ensure a tanker involved in an incident can be easily towed.

Random Drug Testing Rate for Covered Crewmembers

The Coast Guard recently announced the minimum random drug testing rate for covered crewmembers for the calendar year 1999. Based on an evaluation of the 1997 Management Information System (MIS) data collection forms submitted by marine employers, the Coast Guard determined that random drug testing on covered crewmembers for the calendar year 1997 resulted in positive test results 1.59 percent of the time. Based on this percentage, the Coast Guard will maintain the minimum random drug testing rate at 50 percent of covered crewmembers for the calendar year 1999.

The Coast Guard published the announcement in the *Federal Register* on December 14, 1998 [63 FR 68816; docket USCG-1998-4860]. If you have questions regarding the announcement, please call LT Jennifer Williams at (202) 267-0686.

News (cont'd)

Public Meeting on Potential Cargo Securing Standards

On January 11, 1999 the U.S. Coast Guard published a notice to advise the public of a meeting to discuss potential cargo securing standards for vessels operating in U.S. waters carrying general cargo and hazardous materials (while engaged in international and/or U.S. domestic coastwise trade). Potential standards would reduce the risk of serious injury or death, vessel loss, property damage, and environmental damage caused by improperly secured cargo aboard a vessel.

The Coast Guard will hold this public meeting on February 3, 1999, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters Transpoint Building, room 2415, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001. This meeting may close early if all business is finished. The telephone number is (202) 267-1181.

The Coast Guard encourages interested parties to attend the meeting and submit comments for discussion during the meeting. In addition, the Coast Guard seeks written comments from any party who is unable to attend the meeting.

Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify the notice (USCG 1998-4951) and give the reason for each comment. Comments or material for discussion during the meeting must reach the Coast Guard on or before January 29, 1999. Other written comments must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before February 28, 1999. You may mail your comments to the Docket Management Facility (USCG-1998-4951), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. The telephone number is (202) 366-9329.

For questions on this notice, contact Mr. Bob Gauvin, Project Manager, Vessel and Facility Operating Standards Division (G-MSO-2), Coast Guard, telephone (202) 267-1053.

An electronic version of the notice is also available via the World Wide Web at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/su-docs/aces/aces140.html>.

Coast Guard Provides Information On T/B North Cape Claims

The U.S. Coast Guard National Pollution Funds Center (NPFC) recently announced the availability of information concerning the methodology that it is utilizing to adjudicate or measure lost profit claims from lobstermen that occurred from damages arising from the T/B NORTH CAPE oil spill of January 19, 1996. The information was handed out at a hearing held on December 10, 1998 by the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the U.S. Senate in Narragansett, Rhode Island.

The NPFC is also providing information concerning the impact of the three-year statute of limitations on potential claimants that were damaged by the oil spill.

Copies of both documents are available on NPFC's web site at <http://www.useg.mil/hq/npfc/npfc.htm>.

Both documents are provided in an effort to address questions which have arisen concerning these issues. For additional information concerning the documents please contact, Ms. Linda Burdette, Chief, Claims Adjudication Division, National Pollution Funds Center, (703)-235-4801.

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Great Lakes Pilotage Rates

The Coast Guard published a notice in the *Federal Register* on December 14, 1998 [63 FR 68697; docket USCG-1998-4874] announcing the results of the required annual review of Great Lakes pilotage rates. Based on the results of this review, the Coast Guard concluded that no changes were necessary to the Great Lakes pilotage rates for the 1998 navigation season.

The Coast Guard is interested in comments on the 1998 Rate Review. Comments must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before February 12, 1999. If you have questions regarding the 1998 Rate Review, please call John Bennett at (202) 366-8986.

Advance Notice of Arrival: Vessels Bound for Ports and Places in the United States

In conjunction with the upcoming implementation of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code regulations, the Coast Guard, on December 11, 1997 amended its rules to require certain vessels to notify the Coast Guard of their ISM Code certification status when they enter U.S. waters and ports. The rule requires these vessels to include their ISM Code status in notice of arrival messages that are routinely sent to the Coast Guard Captain of the Port. This rule will allow the Coast Guard to monitor vessel compliance with ISM Code certification requirements.

What's New on the World Wide Web

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

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

World War II merchant mariner veterans' benefits qualification website

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/regs/reghome.html>

USCG 1998-4819, Vessel and Port Control Measures to Address Year 2000, Request for Comments

USCG 1998-4469, Management Information System (MIS) Requirements, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

<http://www.uscg.mil/systems/library/y2k.htm>

This index contains Year 2000 (Y2K) documents published by Commandant G-SI/Y2K

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Quick Reference Phone List

Marine Safety Alert Operations Center	(800) 323-7233
National Response Center	(800) 424-8802 / Fax (202) 267-2165
Marine Safety Center	(202) 366-6480
National Vessel Documentation Center	(800) 799-8362
National Strike Force Center	(919) 331-6000
Gulf Strike Team	(334) 441-6601
Pacific Strike Team	(415) 883-3311
Atlantic Strike Team	(609) 724-0008
National Pollution Funds Center	(703) 235-4700
Marine Safety Manual	(703) 235-1605
NVICs	(703) 235-1605
Marine Safety Newsletter	(703) 235-1574
Proceedings Magazine	(703) 235-1865
Pollution Response	(202) 267-0518
Casualty Investigation	(202) 267-1430
OSRO Guidelines & Listings	(202) 267-0448
Boating Safety	(800) 368-5647
G-M World Wide Web	(703) 235-8453

The Marine Safety & Environmental Protection (G-M) Telephone Directory can be found on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nmc/gendoc/phone.htm>.

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.

IMO Report of the 70th Session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC)

The MSC of IMO held its 70th session at IMO headquarters in London from December 7th to 11th 1998 under the Chairmanship of Dr. G. Pattofatto (Italy). Eighty-six member states, two associate members, three United Nations specialized agencies, six intergovernmental organizations and thirty-one non-government organizations participated. All U.S. objectives were achieved. Major accomplishments of MSC 70 were:

- A. Adoption of a U.S. proposed mandatory ship reporting (MSR) system to protect the endangered northern Right Whale;
- B. Agreement with the U.S. recommendation that the criteria used in adopting the MSR for the U.S. would be applied in reviewing future mandatory Ship Reporting System proposals to protect single marine species;
- C. Approval of amendments to the International Convention for the Safety Of Life At Sea (SOLAS), revising the requirements to manage, operate and finance the North Atlantic Ice Patrol Services provided by the U.S. and Canada;
- D. Unanimous adoption of amendments to the International Standards for Training, Certification and Watch-keeping (STCW) Code;
- E. Agreement on a number of important procedures to implement the STCW Convention;
- F. Approval of an MSC circular on Interim Measures for Combating Unsafe Practices Associated with the Trafficking or Transport of Migrants by Sea;
- G. Approval of an MSC Circular on Navigational Warnings Endangering the Safety of Navigation;
- H. Modest progress on Safety and Environmental Protection Measures of Navigation Through the Turkish Straits;
- I. Approval of an MSC Circular on Recommendations on Helicopter Landing Areas on RO/RO Passenger Ships;
- J. Approval of a MSC Circular on Implementation of The International Safety Management Code;
- K. Approval of a MSC Circular for Bulk Carrier Safety;
- L. Adoption of Performance Standards for Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems to Include Raster Chart Display System;
- M. Approval of a MSC Circular on Flag State Performance Assessment; and
- N. Consideration of the reports of five subcommittees.

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IMO Corner (cont'd)

Program of IMO Meetings for 1999

January 25-29	Subcommittee on Standards of Training and Watchkeeping (STW) – 30th session
February 1-5	IOPC Funds – 92 Fund Executive Committee, 71 Fund Executive Committee
February 8-12	Subcommittee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety (SLF) – 42nd session
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**

January 4-8	Joint FAO/ILO/IMO Working Group on Revision of the Document for Guidance on Fishermen's Training and Certification
March 1-5	DSC Subcommittee Editorial and Technical Group

Intersessional, Meeting Convened Within the Framework of the London Convention 1972**

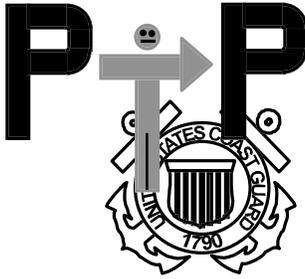
May 10-14	London Convention 1972 Scientific Group
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In addition to the meetings listed above, the IMO/UNCTAD Conference on Arrest of Ships will take place March 1 to 12, 1999 in Geneva.

* Tentative

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

Prevention Through People



PTP's Focus Plan 1998 Highlights

PTP's Focus Plan is now a year old. Updated annually, this plan helps PTP managers prioritize and direct PTP efforts. To be included as an item in this plan, a PTP objective must adhere closely to the PTP Principles and have a completion timeline within two years. Five objectives were selected from the PTP implementation plan for inclusion in Focus Plan 1998 (<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nmc/ptp/projects.htm>). Here is a brief snapshot of what happened with them in 1998:

Development of a National/International Maritime Safety Incident Reporting System (NMSIRS)

This maritime incident reporting system (still in its design phase) obtained the support of more than 440 individuals and companies for design, development, and implementation assistance. Also, a development working group, established under the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers Human Factors and Manning Panel O-38, was formed to provide a framework for industry to lead the project and address design, development, and implementation issues. Finally, a legislation change proposal to Congress addressing liability issues was drafted and is in inter-departmental routing.

Implementation of the Standards for Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping Convention (STCW)

To further previous STCW implementation efforts, the Coast Guard published guidance in 1998 for various STCW requirements through four Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circulars (NVIC 2-98, 3-98, 6-98, and 7-98). The Coast Guard is working with the Maritime Administration (MARAD) to align maritime academy curricula with STCW requirements and also helped develop simulation model courses for the maritime academies. Finally, the Coast Guard established an STCW Implementation Focus and Coordination Team to monitor and coordinate implementation.

Implementation of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code

The ISM final rule entered into effect on January 23, 1998. NVIC 4-98 was published in March to provide guidance for foreign vessel examinations. Also, the Coast Guard established a "pre-enforcement" program from December 97 to July 98 to assess the ISM implementation status on applicable foreign vessels. The Coast Guard also developed an IMO-approved program equivalent to the ISM Code for certain Subchapter T vessels. In early 1999, look for a NVIC providing guidance for domestic vessels that would like to voluntarily comply with ISM, as well as Change-1 to NVIC 4-98.

Implementation of the Streamlined Inspection Program (SIP)

The Coast Guard's SIP final rule took effect September 17, 1998. Information on the program, as well as field guidance and policy, is available through the Director of Field Activities, Office of Compliance (POC: LT Paul Arnett at (202) 267-0498); start-up training and implementation assistance is available through the Quality Assurance and Traveling Inspection Staff (POC: CDR Marc Cruder at (202) 267-6190). The Director of Field Activities Quality Assurance Staff has been providing start-up training and implementation assistance (for more information on these services, please contact CDR Marc Cruder at (202) 267-1080). A guidance NVIC is due for publication soon and will be available on the internet. In addition to guidance on SIP policy, this NVIC will provide templates for the various forms necessary for Vessel Action Plan development.

Development and Implementation of PTP Communications Plan

The need for a systematic, program-wide approach to PTP communications resulted in various goal-specific projects. One tool, an outreach package with "PTP 101" information, was developed to help those knowledgeable with the program present PTP to others. To disseminate others' experiences with PTP issues, a "Lessons Learned" section was added to the PTP web site. The "Guide to Improving Communications," a booklet which describes informal ways to improve PTP communications within the Coast Guard, is being printed for distribution in February 1999. This guide includes supplemental job aids and data bases.

Please check out next month's article for an overview of PTP Focus Plan 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

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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.

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.

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.

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 10 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).

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.

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.

G-M Regulatory Projects (Cont'd)

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.

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.

USCG 1997-2799 User Fees for Licenses, Certifi- cates 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.

USCG 1997-3198 Alternate Conven- tion 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.

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.

G-M Regulatory Projects (Cont'd)

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.

USCG 1998-3423 Implementation of the National Inva- sive 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.

USCG 1998-3473 Emergency Re- sponse Plans for Passenger Vessels

The Coast Guard seeks public comments on potential rules to require owners or operators of U.S. flag inspected passenger vessels, including small passenger vessels, operating in domestic service to develop and exercise emergency response plans. These plans would establish ways of mitigating the consequences of collisions, allisions, groundings, fires, and other emergencies. The plans' elements would address possible emergencies, passengers' evacuation, crews' training, and available emergency response and rescue resources both on vessels and in their operating areas.

Status: ANPRM published February 26, 1998 (63 PR 9916). Comment period closed on June 26, 1998.

Contact: LT Kevin Burke, Tel.: (202) 267-0751.

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.

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.

G-M Regulatory Projects (cont'd)

USCG 1998-3824 Maritime Course Approval Proce- dures

The Coast Guard proposes to revise the regulations that govern Maritime Course Approval Procedures, by streamlining the process by which courses are submitted to and reviewed by the Coast Guard. We also propose to add a mechanism to allow us to suspend or revoke approvals for courses. Currently only a methodology for course approval is provided. Revising the regulations to include a mechanism for withdrawal of approval 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 in clearance.

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

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 closes on December 28, 1998.

Contact: LCDR John Farthing, Tel.: (202) 267-6451

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

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.

USCG-1998-4469 Management Infor- mation 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

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. Please submit comments relating to the cost-benefit analysis as soon as possible, preferably by December 24, 1998.

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.

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.

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.

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Calendar of Events

Please Note: Classes without dates listed will no longer be published. Courses are not Coast Guard approved unless otherwise stated.

***U.S. Coast Guard Approved Course**

STCW Safety Modules*

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

Original Radar*

Sponsor: Pacific Northwest Radar School
Date: Feb. 1-5; 15-19; 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

Computer Operating Systems

Sponsor: Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies
Date: Feb. 1-5; 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

Heavy Weather Avoidance Course*

Sponsor: Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies
Date: Feb. 1-5; May 3-7; June 7-11; Aug. 2-6, 1999
Location: MITAGS Campus, Linthicum Heights, MD
Contact: Mary Matlock, Tel.: (410) 859-5700, Fax: (410) 859-5181, E-mail: admissions@mitags.org

GMDSS*

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

GMDSS*

Sponsor: Pacific Northwest Radar School
Date: Feb. 1-12; March 1-12; 29-April 9; 26-May 7; 17-28; June 21-July 2, 1999
Location: Seattle, WA
Contact: Gregg Trunnell, Tel.: (206) 441-2880, Fax: (206) 441-2995, E-mail: pnwradar@mates.org

Shiphandling Simulator Course*

Sponsor: Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies
Date: Feb. 1-12; 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

Shipboard Medical Care*

Sponsor: Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies
Date: Feb. 1-26; March 29-April 23, 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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Permit Required Confined Space Entry

Sponsor: IMS Environmental Services
Dates: Feb. 2; 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

Internal Auditor training for the ISM Code and ISO 9002

Sponsor: ABS Marine Services
Date: Feb. 2-4, 1999
Location: California Maritime Academy, Vallejo, CA
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

Tankerman – PIC (Barge) Dangerous Liquids Original

Sponsor: Two Rivers Marine Training & Consulting, Inc.
Date: Feb. 3-7; 24-28, March 24-28, 1999
Location: Port Arthur, TX
Contact: Summer Posey, Tel.: (409) 736-2993, Fax: (409) 736-1628

Powered Industrial Trucks Fundamentals and Operations

Sponsor: IMS Environmental Services
Dates: Feb. 4; April 1, 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

Coatings for the Marine Surveyor

Sponsor: ABS Marine Services
Date: Feb. 5, 1999
Location: California Maritime Academy, Vallejo, CA
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

Tank Barge Fire Fighting

Sponsor: Two Rivers Marine Training & Consulting, Inc.
Date: Feb. 8-9; 15-16; 22-23; March 10-11; 22-23, 1999
Location: Port Arthur, TX
Contact: Summer Posey, Tel. (409) 736-2993, Fax (409) 736-1628

Auxiliary Systems for Engineers

Sponsor: USMMA Continuing Education
Date: Feb. 8-12, 1999
Location: USMMA, Kings Point, NY
Contact: John Hanus/Meredith Hobbs, Tel.: (516) 773-5162, Fax: (516) 773-5353, E-mail: hobbsm@usmma.edu

Maritime Auditor/Lead Auditor Course

Sponsor: ABS Marine Services
Date: Feb. 8-12, 1999
Location: California Maritime Academy, Vallejo, CA
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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STCW Basic Safety Training*

Sponsor: Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies
Date: Feb. 8-12; 22-26; 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

ARPA*

Sponsor: Pacific Northwest Radar School
Date: Feb. 8-12; 22-26; 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

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

Sponsor: Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies
Date: Feb. 8-12; 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

Basic Safety Training Program*

Sponsor: RTM Star Center
Date: Feb. 8-12; 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

Tankerman PIC*

Sponsor: RTM Star Center
Date: Feb. 8-12; 15-19; 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

Virginia Department of Transportation Flagger Certification

Sponsor: IMS Environmental Services
Dates: Feb. 9; 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

Hazardous Material Training (Transportation by Vessel)

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

International Workshop on Corrosion Control for Marine Structures and Pipelines

Sponsor: Colorado School of Mines, U.S. Minerals Management Service, American Bureau of Shipping
Date: Feb. 9-11, 1999
Location: San Luis Resort and Conference Center, Galveston, TX
Contact: Dr. David Olson, Tel.: (303) 273-3955, Fax: (303) 384-2189, E-mail: space@mines.edu

Tanker Operations Course

Sponsor: ABS Marine Services
Date: Feb. 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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Flashing Light

Sponsor: Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies
Date: Feb. 10; 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

Tankerman – PIC (Barge) Dangerous Liquids Renewal

Sponsor: Two Rivers Marine Training & Consulting, Inc.
Date: Feb. 10-11; 17-18; March 8-9; 20-21, 1999
Location: Port Arthur, TX
Contact: Summer Posey, Tel.: (409) 736-2993, Fax: (409) 736-1628

Oil Spill Control and Recovery (OSCAR) –Land Based Spills

Sponsor: IMS Environmental Services
Dates: Feb. 10-12; Oct. 11-13, 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 (Barge) Liquefied Gas Original

Sponsor: Two Rivers Marine Training & Consulting, Inc.
Date: Feb. 10-14, 1999
Location: Port Arthur, TX
Contact: Summer Posey, Tel.: (409) 736-2993, Fax: (409) 736-1628

Radar Recertification*

Sponsor: RTM Star Center
Date: Feb. 15; 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

Charter Parties, Laytime and Demurrage

Sponsor: ABS Marine Services
Date: Feb. 15-17, 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

“Total Ability Assessment” of Damaged Passenger/RO-RO Vessels

Sponsor: Ship Stability Research Center, Dept. of Ship & Marine Technology, Royal Institution of Naval Architects
Date: Feb. 15-18, 1999
Location: University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK
Contact: Nicola Brotherton, 10 Upper Belgrave St, London SW1X 8BQ, Tel.: +44 171 201 2401, Fax: +44 171 259 5912

Bridge Resource Management*

Sponsor: Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies
Date: Feb. 15-19; 22-26; 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

ARPA*

Sponsor: Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies
Date: Feb. 15-19; 22-26; March 15-19; 29-April 2, 12-16; 19-23; May 17-21, 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: Feb. 15-19; 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

OPA-90 Qualified Individual Training Program - 5 Days

Sponsor: Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Center for Marine Environmental Protection and Safety
Dates: Feb. 15-19; April 19-23; May 10-14; June 21-25; Sept. 20-24; Nov. 15-19, 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

OSHA 30 Hour Construction Course

Sponsor: IMS Environmental Services
Dates: Feb. 15-19; Oct. 25-29, 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

Harbor Safety Committees for the 21st Century

Sponsor: U. S. Coast Guard, Maritime Association Port of New York & New Jersey
Date: Feb. 16-17, 1999
Location: Windows on the World, World Trade Center, New York City, NY
Contact: 251 Riverside Ave., Westport, CT 068880, Tel.: (800) 237-7203, Fax: (203) 454-3241

2001: Dangerous Goods—A Global Challenge

Sponsor: COSTHA
Date: Feb. 16-17, 1999
Location: Hotel Royal Plaza, Orlando, FL
Contact: COSTHA, Tel.: (703) 451-4031, Fax: (703) 451-4207, Web: www.costha.com

Medical Training for Mariners-Advanced

Sponsor: RTM Star Center
Date: Feb. 16-26; 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

Hazardous Material Training (Container)

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

Coastal Ships and Inland Waterways

Sponsor: The Royal Institution of Naval Architects, The International Navigation Association
Date: Feb. 17-18, 1999
Location: Weir Lecture Hall, RINA HQ, London SW1X 8BQ
Contact: RINA LTD, 10 Upper Belgrave St., London SW1X 8BQ, Tel.: 44 171 235 4622, Fax.: 44 171 245 6959

Advanced Tanker Operations Course

Sponsor: ABS Marine Services
Date: Feb. 17-19, 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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Safe Passage, Safe Harbor

Sponsor: Marine Log and BIMCO
Dates: Feb. 18-19, 1999
Location: Washington, DC
Contact: Jane Poterala, Director, Tel.: (202) 620-7209, Stacy O'Connor, Asst., (212) 620-7208, Fax: (212) 633-1165

OPA-90 Qualified Individual Annual Refresher - 2 Days

Sponsor: Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Center for Marine Environmental Protection and Safety
Dates: Feb. 18-19, April 22-23; May 13-14; June 24-25; Sept. 23-24; 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

Liquefied Gas Cargo Operations

Sponsor: ABS Marine Services
Date: Feb. 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

OSHA General Industry Compliance - Train the Trainer Course

Sponsor: Environmental & Safety Services, Inc.
Date: Feb. 22-26, 1999
Location: Holiday Inn Market Center, Dallas, TX (214) 747-9551
Contact: ESS Environmental & Safety Services, Inc., Eric Gislason, P.O. Box 3394, Wilmington, NC 28406, Tel.: (910) 763-6999, Fax: (910) 763-8709

Fundamentals of Pump Design and Construction

Sponsor: USMMA Continuing Education
Date: Feb. 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

Advanced Fire Fighting*

Sponsor: Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies
Date: Feb. 22-26; 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

Fast Rescue Boat Proficiency Course *

Sponsor: RTM Star Center
Date: Feb. 22-26; 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

Global Maritime Distress & Safety System (GMDSS)*

Sponsor: RTM Star Center
Date: Feb. 22-March 5; April 5-16; May 31-June 11, 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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Work Boat World, Asia '99

Sponsor: Baird Publications
Date: Feb. 23-25, 1999
Location: World Trade Center, Singapore
Contact: Baird Publications, 4A Carmelite St., London EC4Y 0BN, UK, Tel.: +44 171 353 1085, Fax: +44 171 353 1084, E-mail: marinfo@baird.cp.uk

Bridge Resource Management for Pilots II - 2 days

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

Chemical Tanker Operations

Sponsor: ABS Marine Services
Date: Feb. 24-26, 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

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

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

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

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

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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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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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

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

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

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